

So far this winter has been what may be termed in this section an "open" one, and every advantage should be taken of the opportunity to plow the ground for corn. Any work done in January and February will greatly lessen spring operations. No better way of destroying cut worms can be adopted than that of plowing the ground, so as to let the rain go down, the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil not only destroying cut worms but reducing clods also.

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The best quality of maple sap comes from the north side of a tree, but the flow is not so large as when the tree is tapped on the south side.

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WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA" AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" AS OUR TRADE MARK.  
I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.  
March 8, 1897: Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

**Do Not Be Deceived.**  
Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.  
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Some men are at home everywhere, others at home nowhere.—E. P. Day. He is happiest, be he king or peasant who finds happiness in his home. There is something in that little word "home" which lifts the heart into the throat and ever excites intense emotion.—R. Bickersteth. There is a magic in that little word home. It is a mystic circle that surrounds comforts or virtues never known beyond its hallowed limits.

**Freddie's father** had just been struggling with an old fashioned bureau and, retiring disheartened from an unsuccessful effort to open one of its compartments, he moved to the window and to looking out upon the lowering sky he exclaimed: its mighty strange that the weather bureau can't give us a change of weather. "Maybe," shyly interposed Freddie, "they can't open the bureau drawers."

The Boston Globe offers these suggestions for wives and some of the things they should remember:

That you should not run up bills without his knowledge.  
That "a baby in the house is a well-spring of pleasure."  
That she who puts on the gloves should know how to spar.  
That he is not in love with every woman he glances at.  
That it is policy to let him believe he is "lord and master."  
That your relationship is closer to him than to your mother.  
That a prompt and pointed answer does not turn away wrath.  
That he does not get sleepy the same moment that you do.  
That there are letter drop-boxes on the nearest corners.  
That you should not expect him to light the fire in the morning.  
That you can't keep books, and there is no use of your trying.  
That he expects you to look your best when you go out with him.  
That it does not improve his razor to use it for chiropodial purposes.  
That horse hunting is not reckoned by the average man as a pastime.  
That 8 p. m. to 9 minutes past 7 o'clock, not 15 minutes to 9.

A Georgia editor describes a defaulter who had skipped out "as six feet tall and \$10,000 short."

**Never Content.**  
Some people are never content with anything. They will not rest exactly until they want even in heaven. If they have some one there ahead of them, for instance, some are great sufferers from neuritis. Friends have told them what is best and certain to cure them. Not content with what is said, they suffer on. Pain ravages and devastates the system, and leaves it a barren waste. St. Jacobs Oil has cured thousands. Just try it.

At a sale held in London the other day R. M. Brandt's "A Jewess," with the engraving after it, brought \$1,374, and Van D. Ke's "The Infant Christ," \$525.

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**Piso's Cure for Consumption** is the only genuine medicine used in my house.—D. O. Albright, Millington, Pa., Dec. 11, '83.

Berlin has found commercial travelers who go their rounds on tricycles, to which are attached their boxes of samples.

**AGRICULTURAL NEWS**

**THINGS PERTAINING TO THE FARM AND HOME.**

**Money Can Be Made by Boarding City Horses.** The Use and Abuse of Windbreaks—How to Renovate a Prairie Pasture—Brief Farm Hints.

**Wintering Horses.**  
Farmers within fifteen to twenty miles of the city will find it a profitable business to winter city horses. The usual charge is \$6 per month for horses altered up, and \$8 per month when kept in box-stalls. Those having plenty of straw, fodder and hay will find this method of disposing of it much more profitable than hauling it to the city. A large quantity of manure is made, and this should be hauled and spread as fast as made, over the timothy meadows. The manure, if properly handled, will pay for the feed and care of the horses, and the money received for their board will be clear gain. The Lancaster County farmers, who fatten beef cattle for market, say they are satisfied if they can get market price for the corn and hay fed to the cattle, and the manure pays for the labor. Wintering horses is much better than feeding cattle, as there is no money outlay. It requires a cash capital of \$200 to \$300 to purchase and feed twenty to twenty-five head of cattle, as they must be heavily grain-fed from the time they are put up to fatten, until sold to market. In selecting horses for wintering, care must be taken to get only healthy ones. The boarding horses should not be put into the same stable with the farm horses.—Baltimore American.

**Use and Abuse of Windbreaks.**  
The best use of windbreaks is to plant them around dwellings and other farm buildings. There can be no doubt that they are great alleviators of the cold winds, whose force is broken and whose cold is moderated by contact with living trees. Some warmth comes from the trees even in the coldest weather, as is evident from the thawing away of snow around tree-trunks. But there are places where the windbreak may cause an increase of cold even while breaking the force of the wind. When there is only a slight breeze blowing, it often comes from a warmer atmosphere, and may thus when unchecked prevent severe freezing. When the sky is unclouded the cold of the upper atmosphere settles in valleys and behind windbreaks, while it is moderated on hills or other places where the wind has free course.

**Renovating a Prairie Pasture.**  
On a falling prairie pasture, reported upon from Kansas station, the seeds of several tame grasses were sown after cultivating the surface with a disk harrow. The tame grasses were crowded out by the prairie grass, and it was concluded that the proper way to renovate native pastures is to take off the stock, harrow the surface early in the spring and leave the pasture to itself.

**Sorghum for Cows.**  
My wife and I have been milking a small herd of Jerseys for ten or twelve years, making from 2,000 to 2,500 pounds of butter a year, selling most of it to private families in the city of Richmond, at 25 cents the year round. We use a portable creamery and swing churn. For two years past, we have raised sorghum to tide our cows over the dry fall months, and if the drought does not come, it carries them into the winter. Last year we fed it until the middle of February. For two months past we have fed our cows a bushel of chipped sorghum and four quarts of bran at a feed twice a day. They seem to be doing well on it, though they get very little grass and will not eat clover hay to do any good. I do not know how well balanced the ration we are feeding is, but I do know that cattle and horses eat sorghum better than any other forage I ever fed. We are now adding one-fourth bulk of corn meal. I drill the sorghum with a wheat drill, using one and one-half bushels of seed to the acre. As long as I keep cows I shall raise sorghum as one of the foods.—Hoard's Dairyman.

**Cutting Hay for Sheep.**  
While it is true that sheep have so good digestion that it is not necessary to grind grain for them, it is better that the hay they eat should be cut into small pieces, not to help digestion, but that they may eat it without waste. The sheep is very delicate about its food. It will pick at long hay, pull it about and get more or less of it under its feet. Then it will almost starve rather than touch what has been soiled. There is enough of saving of the hay to make this worth while. If it is clover hay, what the sheep does not eat readily may be fed to cows, putting a little salt or meal on it, to give it better relish. Set the cutter so as to cut 12 inch lengths. The sheep with a deep feed-bag trough will not waste any, and will do as well with half the weight of hay as is usually fed uncut.

**Live on Calves and Ticks on Sheep.**  
When putting stock up for the winter every animal should be examined, and what vermin is found on it should be destroyed. During the summer, while stock is at pasture, the animals will relieve themselves by rubbing their bodies on bare soil wherever they can find it. There is no cheaper insect exterminator than road dust. Wherever stock has access to the public highway it will lie in the road and roll, so as to expose all parts of the body to the dust. Sheep in summer will lie in the furrows, as we have often seen them when put in pasture down a field that is being plowed. This destroys most but not all the ticks. In barns and stables there is no chance for stock to rid itself of vermin. Most of the lice and

**Ground for Onions.**  
If the frost does not prevent so doing plow the plot of ground for onions and leave it rough, so that the frost can penetrate it. When a warm day comes spread the manure, and plenty of it, on the plot and work it well into the soil with a harrow. As onions are put into the ground very early in the year one cannot prepare for the crop too soon. The main points are to have the land worked deep and fine and to use decomposed manure that is free from stalks straw or other litter.

**Value of Drainage.**  
When the land is well drained the water in the soil goes down and the frost penetrates deeper, thus assisting in pulverizing it. When the spring comes the air gets down and the soil becomes warmer and better fitted for plants. An undrained field is always cold, and is a loss to the farmer, as wet soils will not give satisfactory crops.

**More illiterate hog-carriers reach the top of the ladder than men with college educations.**

The common saint is an uncommon stranger to himself. He is well balanced that will take advice against inclination. Christ taught to teach; not to win admiration or applause. Aggressiveness without control, is the animal turned loose. The gospel and the long face do not travel well together. The man who loves his neighbor as himself, cannot be a hermit.

**Feeding Skim Milk.**  
There is just as much nourishment in a pound of skim milk at a temperature of zero as there is in a pound of milk at 90 degrees, but the calf or the pig will fall to get the same amount out of the frozen milk as it will out of the warm milk, simply because its digestive apparatus is not built for the purpose of getting nourishment out of ice. Now, why not turn over a new leaf and feed the skim milk so as to get all out of it that there is in it? What is the use of letting anything go to waste that can be avoided, even if wheat is a dollar? Save all we can. If we had a hole in our trousers' pocket, and every day a penny dropped out, how long would it be before we had that hole sewed up? There are dozens of holes on the farm that leak out more than a penny, but only because we cannot see the pennies roll out we go composedly along the even tenor of our way as if we had pennies to burn. Let us recollect that every time we feed cold milk to other pigs, chickens or calves we are losing pennies, and forthwith resolve we will do so no more. It is a good plan to occasionally look over the farm and see if there are any unseen pennies going to waste.—Stockman and Farmer.

**Corn and Cob Meal.**  
Corn meal is very heavy feed, and unless cut hay or straw is given with it the meal is apt to cake in the stomach. Not even the animals with strong digestion are able to digest whole corn meal, especially given uncooked, as it usually is. Cooking swells the meal, and if cooked dry it is filled with air spaces, which keep the meal from massing together in the stomach. When corn is ground on the cob, the cob being lighter, also prevents the massing. There is also some nutriment in the cob and its superior digestibility makes it better for feeding to animals that chew the cud, and are thus enabled to eat more and less digestible food. Thus corn and cob meal mixed with cut feed is better for fattening cattle than is whole corn meal. But horses cannot get enough nutriment in their feed if the cob is used. Corn and oats ground together are better. Hogs, also, should have corn and oats. Sheep are ruminant animals, but they have such strong digestion that they do better with grain not ground, adding some wheat bran or whole oats to make the feed lighter, and also to supply some other than the carbonaceous nutrition in which corn meal abounds.—American Cultivator.

**Mixed Feed for Horses.**  
The Dairy Commissioner of the Dominion of Canada says: "I have found the best results to be obtained from using such grains as a mixture of peas, oats, barley and corn, or a mixture of peas, corn and beans ground fine, and soaked for not less than thirty hours before they are fed. I think hogs should be kept so as to permit, and even to cause, them to take a good deal of exercise until after they weigh more than 100 pounds each. In the growing of young pigs it is important that they should receive a daily allowance of skim milk for six weeks or two months after they are weaned. Skim milk is the great flesh-forming or muscle and bone-forming food; and if the young pigs are stunted in these regards at that time they cannot be developed into the best class of hogs, no matter what breed they may be of. In my judgment it is highly important that the quality of Canadian hogs, in regard to proportion of lean flesh and firmness, should be maintained and improved, if the best customers for hog products are to be secured and retained."—Ontario Farmer.

**Potatoes as Food.**  
It is surprising that now when potatoes are dear, as compared with what they were the past two years, that they should continue to be as largely used as ever. The nutrition in the potato is nearly pure starch, and it contains very little of the strength-giving nutrition that people require to do any kind of work. Even of starch there is only 15 to 18 per cent, the remainder being water. It is a profitable crop for the farmer to grow, for in no other can he sell so much water in generally so good a price. Starch is also difficult to digest, and its excessive use in potatoes, bread and cakes is more often the cause of indigestion than any other cause that can be named. The fact, however, that much salt is used on potatoes makes them probably more easily digested than starch in other forms.

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