

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

Cream of tartar will clean kid shoes or gloves nicely.

If you have a garden, do not throw away the soapuds from the laundry; keep it to use as a fertilizer for your flower beds.

A violet disease has broken out in France. A white spot appears on the flower, and it withers at once. It is caused by a very minute insect.

It is not generally known that a few sprigs of cedar bush mixed with hay or any kind of litter for hens' nests, will keep them entirely free from hen-lice.

Cotswold sheep have large, handsome frames, well covered with flesh, and a great propensity to fatten. Their mutton is apt to be rather coarse grained.

Sorrel generally finds its way into fields which have a thin or poor soil, and one of the best remedies is to enrich the soil with manure, and a small portion of lime is often useful.

To insure paste from molding put into it a proportion of alum and resin. A few drops of any essential oil will preserve leather from mold, and a single clove put into a bottle of ink will have the same effect upon it.

The character of the food will affect the quality of the manure even more than the character of the animal. A diet of corn fodder and straw, for instance, can yield only a poor manure, because these foods contain very little nitrogen or phosphates.

To prevent choking, break an egg into a cup and give it to the bird, choking to swallow. The white of the egg seems to catch around the obstacle and remove it. If one egg does not answer the purpose, try another. The white is all that is necessary.

The outlook for Western cattle growers is reported as exceedingly flattering. The average loss of cattle during the winter was four per cent, against nine per cent. last year, and the condition of cattle is twenty per cent. better than usual. Grass is more forward, especially in the southwest. The shipments will be ten per cent. more than last year. Prices average \$4.25 per head more than last year. There is no disease anywhere.

It is said that an acre of wheat will sustain three and a half individuals for a year. An acre of potatoes will sustain ten persons for a year. In Ireland the introduction of the potato has been followed by a decline of every Irish industry excepting agriculture. The small amount of labor required for obtaining sustenance from the potato is taken as the measure of necessary labor, and the time gained is profitably spent in developing other industries, but is apt to be passed in idleness. It is so the world over, where the earth yields of its abundance almost without toil.

Rats in Poultry Yards.

An Illinois correspondent of the Poultry Yard writes on this subject: Procure an old eighteen-gallon beer or any other cask, "not smaller," which will hold water; knock one end out and cut a piece of board of the shape of the cask to lodge on the top standing end wise. Then cut a nine-inch diamond-shape, with a key-hole saw, out of the center of the piece lodged on, and balance it properly with two stout darning-needles at each side of the diamond, which will work up and down freely if correctly done, and make a level top, then bend a piece of stiff wire in an arch about one foot high, directly over the diamond and suspend in the center of it the bait out of the rats' way so that they can see and smell it well. Also place four gallons of water in the cask, and grease the sides, and in the center, place a brick or stone only sufficient for one rat to sit on with comfort half an inch above the level of the water. The first rat landed, finding itself like Robinson Crusoe on an island, commences squeaking, and draws all his friends and relations. The strongest rat lives the longest, as they all fight for this position as they drop one by one into the tub, and drown each other. The rats should be fed for a few days on the top of the cask to give them confidence, and the balance made firm for that period. I have seen as many as a dozen caught in one night by this wholesale drop. As a rule, where poultry are over fed there are plenty of rats.

Neater Farm Houses.

It is the general complaint that when a man sells his farm he never gets pay for the improvements. It is generally the case when a man buys a farm he wants such improvements, neat, appropriate and useful. Nearly all farm houses are built without regard to artistic taste or the least aim at modern improvements. They may be large, but inconvenient, ungainly, low stories and probably located in just the wrong place. No wonder a man of refinement never takes into consideration the cost of such a house. It is really of no value. A small, neat cottage, built with taste and judgment, well painted, suitably located for aesthetic taste, and surrounded by a few chosen evergreen trees, instead of its never being paid for, it will aid more than double its cost in selling the farm. In building a second house farmers generally build too large, without the convenient arrangements which modern science has invented. A small house, with more architectural taste and every thing clean, cozy and comfortable, the owner will stand ten chances of selling at a profit, than where the house is a large, unpainted, shambling concern, with dilapidated out-houses and tumble down barns. A man with money wants something of use to him and ornamental to the premises. We plead for a neater class of farm houses.—Louis State Register.

Advice.

When you want to keep a secret confide it to half a dozen friends. They'll keep it—going the rounds.

If a man wrongs you and apologizes, always accept the apology, unless you are morally certain that you can thrash him in three-quarters of a second.

Never give money to a charitable cause. Always draw a check. If you give money people may never find out where the "charitable" contribution came from.

When you send out invitations to your wedding, for gracious sake don't have printed on them "no presents received." Some of your friends may think you're in earnest and come empty-handed.

If you happen to get one dollar and fifty cents ahead, and it burns in your pocket, invest it in an Alaska diamond worth ninety-five cents; give the change to a small boy to remunerate him for beating out your brains with a roll of cotton batting.

When presenting a friend with a brace of ducks be sure and inform him that you are afraid they will spoil on your hands and he might as well have them. Of course he'll be gratified to realize what a warm interest you take in saving your ducks from spoiling.

When you are partaking of soup at a public dinner drink it out of the plate. Using a spoon is proper, of course, but awful slow work. And, besides, you must show the public that you have an original style of your own and are a part and parcel of a progressive generation. Old fogys in the soup line must be crushed out, no matter what the cost may be.—Kokuk Gate City.

Mr. James S. Ray, of this county, is the owner of a gander which he says was sixty years old when Dr. W. H. Watkins was born. We do not know the doctor's age, but suppose it to be about fifty, which would make the gander 110 years old. Charley Furlow has his gandership and says that his gander drag the ground. How much of the ground they drag he does not state, but says the gander walks half a mile down to Bushy Creek every day to get water.—Franklin, (Ga.) News.

Lungs, Liver and Kidneys.

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Bone fertilizers for grass are said by cheese manufacturers to produce the milk which will make the most curd. Strange that this whey to "cheese it" hadn't occurred to them before.—Lowell Courier.

LAWRENCE J. AVERY, of Liberty, Ind., writes: "It was my misfortune to become afflicted, several years ago, with a severe attack of rheumatism in connection with dyspepsia and symptoms of lung and kidney disease. It seemed no medicine would reach my case, for I had tried this and that. My wife was using Dr. Guyssot's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla, and persuaded me to try it. I did so, and used spirits of turpentine at the same time as a liniment. It effected a complete cure."

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"Well," says the canvasser, "I must keep walking and talking. That's the way I get my living, and that's the way I got my wife. But she has done all the talking ever since. Good day!"—Tulsa American.

New York has an association called the "Ichthyophagous Club," which meets once a year and partakes of a fish banquet. Fish has the reputation of creating brain, and perhaps the parties composing this club, after two or three dozen banquets, will have brain enough to change the title of their organization to a name that can be pronounced by a member after looking upon a codfish that bieth like a bladder—or somehow that way.

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It isn't the beefsteak which people look at when they pound it. The idea is to inform the neighbors that they have made a raise for breakfast.—Detroit Free Press.

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An English surgeon says the time is coming when a man's stomach can be repaired and replaced without serious difficulty. It will simply keep him home part of the time.

MARRIED MEN, according to statistics, live longer than single ones. Foggy, the villain, wonders why in the inscrutable wisdom of Providence the married man's suffering should be so unnecessarily lengthened.—Boston Transcript.

"A BABE," says a writer, "is a mother's anchor." We have often heard that the first thing she does is to weigh it.

A VIRGINIA negro found a loaded Parrot-shell and wanted to see how it looked inside. His wife found the ax, but her husband is mysteriously missing.

KING THEBAW can kill his wife, two of her sisters and a score of their relatives with a sword and impunity, but in this country a man can't shoot a dog without raising a howl—provided the first shot is not fatal.—Vermont Herald.

A CAT when pursued by a ferocious dog may not be feeling quite as well as usual, but nevertheless, she presents a fur-straight appearance.

If a Chicago man can guzzle \$30 worth of liquor in three days and remain sober, St. Louis might as well abandon the contest at once. It must be in the climate.—Courier Journal.

St. CRISPIN was a martyr. He probably had corns. That must have been the martyr with him.

An Ohio man was choked to death recently while trying to drink from a two-gallon jug. They can't swallow everything in that State.—Detroit Free Press.

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