

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

Kind words and a gentle patting on the head will go much further in taming a timid heifer than a score of milk-stools.

The Rural New Yorker says sunflower seed is not good for horses or cattle, but it can be fed in small quantities to poultry.

Tomatoes raised on a poor, light soil will have less growth than those raised on rich soil, but they will ripen a week or ten days sooner.

Caution is necessary in using commercial fertilizers in the garden, that it is not brought in direct contact with the seed.

A Western paper advises adding salicylic acid to cider to prevent fermentation. Any drug that will arrest fermentations will be effectually prevented digestion, and should be shunned by all who have regard to their health.

Fireplace Curtains: Fireplace curtains can be hung upon invisible wires, or if preferred upon visible brass rods beneath the mantelpiece, and made to draw before the grate.

Very handsome wall pockets to hold papers are made of plush. Two boards are required for this. The one intended for the back must be a size larger than for the front.

To one ever so little handy with a pencil it is a comfort and a saving of time to measure the garden plot and plan the planting of everything beforehand.

A Canadian correspondent of Field's Monthly grows excellent radishes in this way. He selects a piece of ground in the corner of his garden and keeps it especially for this purpose.

Economizing Land.

Concerning the differences in the methods of farming between this country and certain parts of the old world there are more striking to the traveler than in the economizing of land.

This difference is mainly due, however, not so much to the principle of economy adopted for private sake, as to the necessity of the case.

No doubt the cheapness of land with us and the wide areas in different parts of the Union that still lie unoccupied, have given rise to loose and wasteful methods of farming.

An idea seems to prevail with a large class of people in this country that farming consists mainly in spreading out over a vast number of acres, with but little reference to the real question, how to make the most of the soil.

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Unwholesome Feeding.

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But worse yet remains to be told as regards the use of unwholesome food. Recent investigations of biologists go to show that the almost infinite variety of fungi, both visible and invisible, excepting by the aid of the most powerful microscopes, are the most active agents in the destruction of living matter, as well as of dead organic substances.

Last week in conversation with a legislator who has large experience and great comprehension of practical life, in speaking of the qualifications of a certain man for office, he said the candidate had demonstrated his qualifications for any position.

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"Availability."

The Republicans have an easy campaign before them if they are wise; that is, if they trust themselves fearlessly to the choice of a good man for President, and do not let themselves be led away by the foolish cry of "availability," which is usually apt to result in the selection of a second rate man.

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State Sovereignty Run Mad.

One of the signs of orthodox Democracy that might have been referred to by the experts who were recently called upon in Iowa to give the tests of real Democracy is the doctrine of State Sovereignty.

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where European cattle are being imported, portending the loss, if unchecked, of millions alike to the owners of cattle and the consumers of meat.

Senator Bayard, who does not find anything out of the way in the use of the sovereign powers of taxation of the Federal Government for the enrichment of the Wilmington Match Company, can only shriek State rights when it is proposed to use those same powers of taxation to protect the food of a Nation.

It would seem as if the late unpleasantness was too short. It ought to have lasted one campaign longer. The war proved nothing if it did not demonstrate that the Government of this country was a real National Government that could do anything that was demanded by the general welfare.

The Road to Ruin.

Danger lies ahead of the Republican party. The opening of the year disclosed a pathway to victory. The Democratic party, torn by dissension and weakened by lack of principle, presented no barrier.

Personal issues will weaken and demoralize. The one grand object—the success of Republican principles—has been almost forgotten in the zeal with which the claim of this or that candidate is upheld.

We can conceive of no greater lack of judgment than that displayed by some Republican newspapers in the fervor with which they support one single candidate. Knowing that the great State of New York will hold the balance of power, that it is almost absolutely necessary to carry it if we would win it is amazing that this fact is overlooked by those who should be first to recognize it.

At such a time, with a great body of Independent Republicans hesitating as to the position, and reproaching the personalities of the contest, the cry is for a strong man, for a candidate who is not seeking but is sought.

It is time to drop personal issues if the party is to enter untriedly and in solid column into a close and vigorous contest. The Democracy is closing up their ranks. Quiet but effective work is being done in this capital, as it is going on day by day, and even night by night.

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Temperance Reading.

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

With tottering step, and frenzied eye, The set inebriate hurries by.

The victim enters—grasps the cup, And quaffs the demon nectar up.

Without thy censure, taunt and frown, His sins and woes have borne him down.

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THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

No economical question has come to the front more resolutely of late than the question how to deal with the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Thirty-two years ago the original "Maine law" for the suppression of tippling-houses was enacted in a State whose population were mainly total abstainers from alcoholic beverages.

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These facts seem to point clearly to the rightfulness and expediency of one method of dealing with the dram-shop, and that is the method of local control.

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do not aid in the enforcement of this experimental legislation. If it works well, it may be a stepping stone toward the more complete abatement of a colossal evil.

"After enjoying good skating until it becomes a tri-c in notorious to them, a party of youths on a large pond at Clinton, Staten Is., introduced a novelty with which to make the pastime more exciting.

The "whizzer" was made by cutting a hole in the ice, placing an upright pole through the hole, and attaching two horizontal bars to the pole. The bars were about fifteen feet long, and on opposite sides of the upright pole.

The excitement of the sport consisted in watching the gyrations of those who let go. One had loosened his grip on the bar, was hurled forward about fifty feet, and after sliding most of the distance on the ice went home with the entire left side of his face almost devoid of skin and bleeding profusely.

This circumstance has brought to mind another kind of "whizzer," which is in active operation both summer and winter, and which consists of several long "bars," which revolve around the rum-bottle.

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