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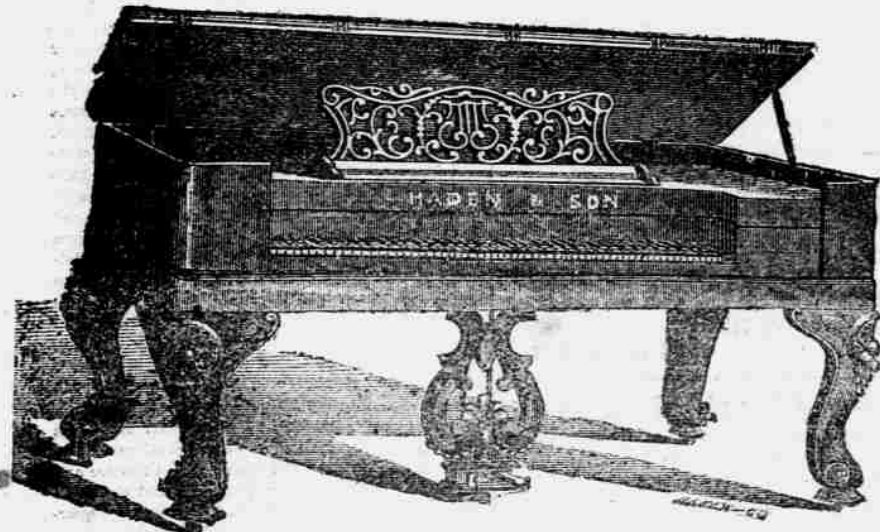
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FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 20, 1882.

A Department of Agriculture.

The farmers of the country should demand the immediate establishment of a Department of Agriculture whose minister shall be a member of the cabinet.

With an army of less than 30,000 men there is a war Department; with a navy that is a navy only in name there is a Department of the Navy. There is also a Secretary of the Interior, of the Post Office Department, of the Treasury, and of the State—but although Agriculture embraces interests greater than all these others combined, there is no Department of Agriculture.

Of the 50,000,000 of inhabitants in the United States, 25,000,000 are engaged in agriculture pursuits. Of the 900,000,000 of domestic merchandise exported last year over 700,000,000 was supplied by agriculture. This country is essentially an agricultural country. Vast as its present products are the nation is only in its infancy, for only about one-seventh of its arable land has been cultivated.

It is the money that is spent every year in the War and Navy Departments were spent in improving and developing the agricultural interests it would be vastly better for the country. There are a thousand ways in which agriculture can be benefited by a liberal expenditure of money. There are experiments to be made with seeds, with crops, with farm machinery, with transportation that farmers cannot afford to make on their individual account. But if they were made by the government and the results published to the world every farmer could profit by them.

Let farmers see to it every where that Congressmen are elected who will support the idea of establishing and sustaining a Department of Agriculture on a scale that shall put it to the front as the most important and influential branch of the government.

Grading Castor Beans.

At the meeting of the St. Louis Merchants Exchange on the 21st inst., the following rules were adopted in reference to the grading of castor beans, viz: For the inspecting of castor beans in bulk \$1 per car; for inspecting castor beans in bags, the bags to be opened and refastened as before, two cents per bag; for inspecting castor beans at warehouses, mills or elevators, when bulked or otherwise fifty cents per car.

When castor beans, upon inspection, show over 7 per cent of impurities, then it shall be optional with the buyer to reject such beans, or to deduct one quarter of one cent per bushel for each one per cent or fraction thereof of impurities over 7 per cent. All castor beans containing over 15 per cent or more of impurities shall be inspected "rejected".

All castor beans bought or sold under the rules of the St. Louis Merchant Exchange, (unless otherwise agreed upon at time of sale) shall be bought or sold upon a pure basis; that is, free from dirt and foreign substances and must grade prime, or No. 2, to fill contracts.

Prime beans are such as are injured by frost or rain, and weigh not less than 42 pounds to the measured bushel when cleaned.

No. 2 beans are such as are uninjured by rain or frost, and weigh not less than 38 pounds to the measured bushel when cleaned, and shall be valued at 24 per cent for each pound below 42 pounds, less than the value of prime beans.

Rejected beans are such as are damaged by rain or frost, or weigh less than 38 pounds to the measured bushel when cleaned, and such beans cannot be delivered by contract, but must be sold on their merits, by special agreement or by sample.

Texas Beef.

[Boston, New England, Farmer.]

A party of gentlemen, representing large cattle-raising and financial interests in southwestern Texas, are in this city examining cold-storage warehouses and systems of refrigerator cars for the transportation of dressed meat, with a view to establishing the practice of sending dressed meat from the grazing plains of Texas to northern markets. These gentlemen have been long accustomed to drive their cattle long distances on foot, to railroad stations for shipment to Chicago, but the continued sale of lots of the public domain north to cattle-raisers will soon be gathered when the plants are in bloom, and just as the bloom is beginning to fade is the best time in which to gather them.

on private property. These gentlemen also say that the shipment of cattle on the hoof reduces its weight and quality one-half before it arrives in Chicago, besides which they have to pay the same rate for horns, hoofs, intestines, etc., as for the valuable portions of the carcass. In consequence of these drawbacks, it is urged that Texas beef has been compelled to rank low in the market. They expect to be able to manufacture their own ice, on a large scale and at a comparatively insignificant cost for the supply of their cool storage-houses and refrigerator cars. If they decide to adopt the plan on which they seem at present resolved, Eastern consumers will certainly be able to buy beef at a lower rate than for the past few months.

A southern agricultural paper advises that an agricultural machinery is new in the South, great caution should be exercised in the use thereof, and laments that many sad accidents have already occurred. This was true in northern States on the first introduction of farm machinery there. But machinery is no more to be rejected on account of an occasional accident than is the plow, or the axe, for accidents and deaths have often attended the use of both.

The latest report from the Agricultural Department as to the wheat crop of 1882, says: "The aggregate of winter wheat, as indicated by the September returns, is about 330,000,000 bushels, spring wheat about 140,000,000, or 520,000,000 bushels in all. The threshing test may slightly modify these figures. The first threshing generally exceeded expectations; later thrashing has, in many sections, been disappointing. It is quite certain that the perceptible supply of wheat will not be quite as large as in 1879 or 1880.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

REMAINDERS OF PIE CRUST.—When you have a little pie left do not throw it away; roll it thin, cut it in small squares and bake. Just before tea put a teaspoonful of raspberry jelly on each square.

BANANA PIE.—Slice raw bananas' add butter, sugar, allspice and vinegar, or boiled cider, or diluted jelly; bake with two crusts. In the South they use the cold boiled sweet potatoes in this way, and regard the pie as choice.

When boiled oatmeal is left over from breakfast spread it about half an inch thick on a well-bottomed tin and place it in a hot oven to brown. Oatmeal cooked in this way can be eaten by persons who find ordinary boiled oatmeal too exciting to their digestion organs.

BOILED TONGUE.—Wash clean and put in a kettle of boiling water. Skim well at first and place it where it will slowly but constantly boil. Too rapid boiling hardens the fiber and renders the meat hard and tasteless, without really hastening the process of cooking. A pod of red pepper will prevent the unpleasant odor of boiling from filling the room. Add half a pint of salt and keep the tongue covered with water till done. Boil until it can be easily pierced with a fork, take out and if needed for present use take off the skin and set away to cool; if it be kept for some days do not peel until wanted for table.

DELICIOUS little cakes, that also have the charm of novelty, can be made by making a rich jumble paste, rolling out in any desired shape; cut some paste in thin, narrow strips and lay around your cakes so as to form a deep, cup-like edge; place on a well buttered tin and bake. When done fill with iced fruit prepared as follows: Take rich ripe peaches (canned ones will do if fine and well drained from all juice), cut in halves, plums, strawberries, pineapple cut in squares or small triangles, or any other available fruit, and dip in the white of an egg that has been slightly beaten and then in pulverized sugar, and lay in the center of your cakes.—Indianapolis Journal.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

The largest combined dairy factory in the world, it is said, is at Fremont, Neb.

A Brownsville, Saline county, Mo., firm has brought 10,000 bushels of corn for December delivery at 40 cents a bushel.

Over 600 car loads of grain from the west were shipped from Hannibal, Mo., to Toledo, O., via the Wabash railroad, on the 17th inst.

Herbs for winter use should be gathered when the plants are in bloom, and just as the bloom is beginning to fade is the best time in which to gather them.

One house in Sedalia, Pettis county, Mo., up to September 5, had shipped 340 cars, about 136,000 bushels of wheat and expects to ship 200,000 bushels during the season.

It is said that sweet or olive oil, strongly scented with oil of pennyroyal, and rubbed on the face, neck and hands, will effectually prevent annoyance from mosquitos, gnats etc.

The quantity of milk annually consumed in Boston is estimated at 12,076,600 gallons, which, at six cents a quart, costs \$2,893,158 to the consumers. The large amount of cream sold, it is said, would swell the sum to \$3,000,000.

A leading dealer in dairy products in New York, informs the Dairyman that the introduction of oleomargarine has increased the sale of good butter. It has also increased the quantity of good butter by driving the inferior qualities out of the markets.

The *Priarie Farmer* doubts if five bushels of corn to the acre will be harvested in the corn belt from middle Ohio to central Nebraska, 1000 miles long by 150 wide. That will perhaps be news to most of the farmers in the domain indicated.

A Maine correspondent of the *American Grange Bulletin* thinks that insects are so multiplying in the older cultivated regions that "persons must even have a place among farm supplies. That may be, but newly cultivated regions of the West have been devastated by grasshoppers, Colorado beetles, chinchbugs and army worms.

A Colorado potato bug has just created a sensation in England. It was discovered on an American vessel. The fact was telegraphed to the Lords of Privy Council; they telegraphed that it should be killed and forwarded for inspection. All of which was done within the past month.

A Correspondent of the *New York Tribune*, has experimented with stable manure, plowing it under, and scattering it on the surface after plowing and planting has been done, and gives the preference to the surface method. He calls on his brother farmers to give both plans a test, believing that they will agree with him that the surface mode is the better.

Heretofore cotton seed oil has been the product of large establishments in the hands of capitalists. Now small machinery is being employed, run in connection with steam gins, which will afford a market for cotton seed on plantations too remote from the large mills, so that in time cotton seed oil will be a product of almost every neighborhood in the cotton growing regions.

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