

The Home Circle.

Edited by Mrs. Harriet T. Clarke.

TRUE LOVE.

There is true love, and yet you may have lingering doubts about it; I'll tell the truth and simply say...

MY GRAVE.

In some obscure and lonely place No matter if it be, So that you put a flower there...

And place there, too, some humble shrub, Not large enough to keep The sunshine off, but where the birds...

So with the flowers and with the birds Under the warm bright sun, I would in quiet lie at rest...

POULTRY RAISING AS PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN.

It is to be hoped that the Home Circle may be excused for being so zealous in proposing employment for girls and women. When a woman has once enjoyed the comfort of owning a little pocket money...

It does seem that poultry raising must pay, if only conducted like any other business, with care and proper arrangements, that is good houses and yards. There is in this, like every other business, many things to contend with...

In raising chickens there ought to be good coops that can be closed tight at night, so that the hen can be confined and keep the little chicks from being dragged about in the grass and wet...

One pound of green copperas dissolved in one quart of boiling water will destroy foul smells. Powdered borax scattered in their haunts will disperse cockroaches.

We have eaten bread for the method of making this very excellent delicate cake. It is easily made after a little experience. It is just as economical as any other cake if gold cake is made of the yolks of the eggs...

much of ours, but we do not put it on the market in as good shape. Farmers must learn that unless produce is put up in an attractive way it will not command first class prices.

But we are wandering from the subject. We believe that poultry raising can be made profitable; but there is work about it. In the first place the chickens when hatched must be cared for, else they will die and money will be lost...

FARMER'S WIFE.

CANNED CURRANTS—Seven pounds currants, one pound raisins, three pounds sugar. Cook raisins in a little water till tender, then add the rest. Boil and seal as usual.

FRENCH ROLLS—Beat two eggs and mix with them a half pint of milk and a tablespoonful of yeast. Knead well and let it stand till morning. Then work in one ounce of butter. Mould into small rolls and bake at once.

TO CLEAN SILK—To clean and renew black silk, use one quart of soft water and an old kid glove. Boil down to one pint and then sponge the goods with a piece of soft flannel, and iron on the wrong side while it is damp...

INDIAN CORN MUFFINS—Beat one egg thoroughly; put in a coffee-cup; add one tablespoon brown sugar, one tablespoon thick cream or butter, fill with buttermilk or sour milk, two handfuls corn meal, one small handful wheat flour, one half teaspoon soda, rubbed into the flour. Bake in muffin rings on a griddle.

LEMON CHEESE CAKES—Put half pound butter into a basin and beat it up until it is a cream, add the yolks of two eggs, the rind of two lemons grated, the juice of one and a tablespoonful of castor sugar. Mix these thoroughly. Line a dish or patty pans with puff paste and pour in the mixture and bake in a moderately quick oven.

POTATO CAKE—Mash cold boiled potatoes with pepper and salt, mix in a very small proportion of flour and a little yeast; mix this into the proper consistency with thin cream or milk, roll out to the thickness of an inch, and cut it to the size of the frying-pan; grease this, lay in the cake and cover with a plate. When one side is cooked turn it over and fry till done.

Spirits of ammonia, diluted with water, if applied with a sponge or flannel to discolored spots of the carpets or garments, will often restore the color.

Raw starch, applied with a little water, as a paste, will generally remove all stains from bed-ticking.

To clean metal plates, keyholes of doors, etc., also stair rods, use sapollo, or, if brass, rottenstone.

Silver in constant use is best kept nice and bright by washing it every day in warm soap-suds and drying it with old linen.

Burns and scalds are immediately relieved by an application of dry soda covered with a wet cloth, moist enough to dissolve it.

To clean irons use a lump of beeswax tied in a rag; rub the irons with it when hot, and then scour with a paper of cloth, sprinkling with salt.

To remove spots from furniture, take four ounces of vinegar, two ounces of sweet oil, one ounce of turpentine. Mix and apply with a flannel cloth.

Soft falling on the carpet from open chimneys or carelessly handled stove-pipes, if thickly covered with salt, can be brushed up without injury to the carpet.

For The Children.

For the Willamette Farmer. THEN AND NOW.

BY ROSETTA LEST SUTTON.

The breezes through the locust trees With pleasant murmurs run, And all about the wheat fields lie With their bronzed faces to the sun.

You little spots of stubble land Glow as they were aflame, Whence yesterday from silver drifts Of rye the reaper's music came.

White, shining clouds float lazily About the placid sky, And peace seems written on every leaf Asleep in sweet tranquility.

It reminds me of a year ago, When o'er the browning wheat The sunshine lay as bright as now, The air as quiet was and sweet.

And walking where the ripe sheaves lay In gathered glory on the plain, We marked how wondrous beautiful The world had grown again.

Alas! that all the beauty Of the harvest's golden glow, Fails to restore the old delight It gave to us a year ago.

Yet, not alas—God's perfect love Illumes thy fairer clime; Thou art a gathered sheaf, but I— I still must wait the harvest time.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Only two letters this week for this column, but both are so good and long, that they count for more.

J. H. has taken great pains to write well; also, care is shown in spelling and punctuation. These very necessary points in the writing of a good letter are not so often observed as they should be.

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Horticultural.

Apples for Evaporating and Feeding. WASHINGTON, W. T., Jan. 9, 1883.

The apple has been so long and universally cultivated in our country that it would seem a waste of time to write or print anything about it, but when one looks over the orchards of the country, and notes the result of different methods of cultivation and pruning, or the lack of one or both, it will be seen that there is something wrong with a majority of the orchards, and that there is still something to be said and learned about apples.

The raising of apples as a profitable branch of farming is yet in its infancy. It is not yet ten years since the drying of apples was brought to such perfection as to produce an article almost equal to green fruit for making sauce and pies.

The varieties which should be planted will depend largely upon the purpose for which they are planted, and somewhat upon the location. If planting with the intention of marketing the fruit, there should be such varieties as will extend the marketing season from that of Red Astrachan to Yellow Newtown Pippin.

Alternating clover with the wheat crop is another means of increasing production. The clover crop is esteemed in England as the best preparation of the land for wheat, and a good clover sod as best fertilizer.

Several times during the fall our attention was called to the havoc some sort of an insect was making with the apples in this city. We enquired of farmers and others living in the country, but do not find that the insect has made its appearance outside of the city.

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Facts About Wheat.

Mr. J. T. Rothrock, Professor of Botany in the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, says that it was long ago noticed that wheat from France, when cultivated in Canada, yielded to be acclimated before it would yield a good crop.

Climate also has an important influence on the proportion of gluten and starch found in wheat. That grown in a warm climate has more gluten in proportion to starch than in a cold climate. The gluten contains a large quantity of nitrogen, which serves to build up the muscular portion of the system. Starch contains a large quantity of carbon, which, with oxygen, is a generator of heat, and is especially needed by man in a cold climate.

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