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## FARM NOTES.

Hens require green food in winter.  
Don't starve the cats. Kill the surplus.  
Poultry houses should face the south or south-east.  
Turkeys and guineas are great foragers for insects.  
A good range means every thing for the growing stock.  
Get all the poultry to roost in the houses from this on.  
It will not help growing chickens to be out in the rains this month.  
Pullets rarely make good mothers. Save some of the old hens for hatching.  
A warm stable and a good blanket will save grain and give horses more "get up."  
If horse owners would discontinue the use of blind bridles there would be fewer skittish horses.  
A veterinary surgeon tells that silage is not a fit food for horses, though excellent for other stock.  
Take pains to destroy all the caterpillars' nests you see, whether on your own grounds or by the roadside.  
It is estimated by good authority that good average comb will yield from sixty to eighty per cent. pure bees wax.  
Fowls that are healthy and thrifty are always early risers and should be fed as soon as they fly down from the roosts.  
If the hens are expected to lay regularly during the winter the quarters must be so warm that water will not freeze.  
Put away your surplus bee supplies where moths will not destroy empty combs—and they should be kept in a dry place.  
Farmers who are breeding stock for market should remember that it is the high grades and not the scrubs that gain remunerative returns.  
The best kind of charcoal for fowls is parched corn. Roast until it is a dark brown, but do not burn it black. Feed once a week in winter.  
Tansy water is recommended as a destroyer of the cabbage worm. Where tansy grows in large quantities it will not cost much to try the remedy.  
Green fodder corn laid between layers of straw will keep well and impart of its good qualities to the straw, so that cattle eat it in winter with greediness, straw and all.  
Turpentine and sulphur given in the poultry food when the weather is damp is one of the cheapest and best preventives of gapes. Keep the fowls dry after giving sulphur.  
When the butter is gathered in the churn in the form of granules it is never overchurned. Gather it, wash it and salt it there with brine and the most fastidious customer will be pleased.  
The best floor for dairy houses is of ce-

ment, because there are no cracks in which milk can be secreted and become tainted. When cracks come, through accident or other causes, they can easily be repaired.

Apples that are packed in buckwheat chaff for winter use keep longer, do not lose their flavor and are less inclined to rot, and if a few are affected the chaff absorbs the juices, which prevents them from affecting the rest.

Though not as large as the Shropshire or the Oxford, the Southdown sheep holds the highest position among the mutton breeds for quality of flesh. It is also a very hardy and active breed, subsisting where many of the larger breeds could not thrive.

Shoots growing around the trunks of young trees rob the trees of nourishment. They never should be allowed to start. If kept back for a year they will cease to appear. Grass around the trunks will be more servicable to the tree if the sod is cut and inverted.

The excellence of the Lima bean is not confined to its use in summer. If the vines produce more than be used green, they can be gathered and kept in a dry state, having, when properly cooked, much of the rich nutty taste which makes them so popular in their proper season.

Without doubt every insect pest has its parasite, and one of the most important things for a farmer to know is what are the parasites of his insect pests, and also what insects feed on other insects. Thus a large part of the insect world will be found to be the friend and not the enemy of the farmer.

Many trees would bear fruit if they had about one-half of the limbs and branches cut out, so as to allow the sun to act on the leaves and assist in preventing mildew. Too much top and too many branches draw from the soil the nourishment that should be used for fewer branches.

Wheat will grow for many years after it has been threshed, if carefully kept, so as not to heat or mold. The dryness of last year's wheat makes it often better than that of the present season's growth, especially if it was harvested when in the milky stage of growth. Unless more thoroughly dried out than is often the case, wheat a year old will come up more quickly and make a stronger growth in the fall.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

An electric type-setting machine is coming.  
Brussels, Belgium, will build an elevated cable road.  
The pulse beats considerably faster in women than men.  
Electricity is now used in heating flat-irons used in tailor shops.  
More than half the inhabitants of England have dark brown hair.  
Eight and a half minutes is the time that light takes to travel from the sun to the earth.  
Russia is experimenting very extensively with the idea of using metal sleepers upon the railroads in that country.  
A temperature of 230 degrees below zero has been produced by a bath of carbon bisulphide and liquid nitrous acid.  
Papier mache oil cans which are now being made are very durable and impervious to any spirit or oil likely to be used in a machine room.  
Cattle breeders of the western plains have decided to prevent the growth of horns by killing the bulbs with caustic potash when the calves are three days old.  
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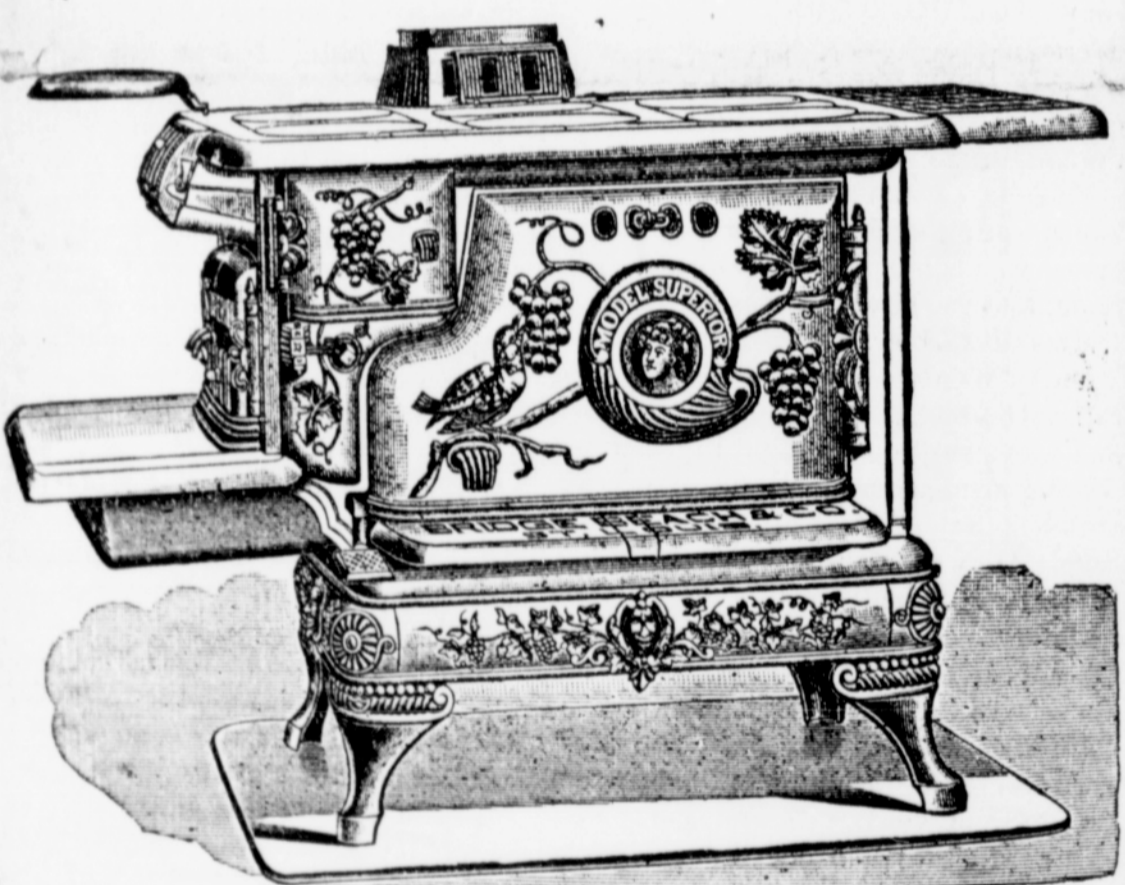
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