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COTTAGE GROVE FLOUR MILLS



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The greatest fuel economy in the kitchen stove which consumes soft coal can be had with frequent replenishing and in small amount.

France keeps fifteen times as many sheep as the United States, and this fact has without doubt much to do with the thrift and wealth of the French people.

A piece of farm machinery left out in all kinds of weather will do well if it lasts five years. Its term of usefulness may be trebled if it is housed properly when not being used.

The feeding of beef steers appears to be a good deal less of a speculation with corn at 30 cents and heaves about worth 7 cents than it was with corn at 60 cents and steers at 10 cents.

A Minnesota lad of the name of Vernon Adams raised an acre of corn the past year which yielded 113.5 bushels, and this in spite of the fact that Minnesota is not in the corn belt.

Give old Biddy two or three weeks of fine weather most any time during the winter and she'll do more to smash a corner in the egg market than any anti-monopoly legislation that could be adopted.

A sprig of parsley, rooted and started in a pot and given a place with the other house plants, not only makes an attractive foliage, but will furnish garnishing for the salads and cooked dishes during the winter.

While the donor is not a member of the party which elected Governor Wilson as president, William Galloway, the big Waterloo (Ia.) manufacturer, has announced that he will give a \$5,000 cow to President Wilson to supply his household with pure milk.

Not only the furniture of the home, but the hands and faces of its inmates, will be in better condition for keeping a dish of water simmering on the hard coal stove or a pair of it suspended from the furnace register. The kettle on the kitchen stove answers the purpose there.

A scientist, Professor Granger, who has been making geological explorations in Wyoming, has discovered the remains of what he claims is the largest bird that ever frequented the American continent. The bird is supposed to have inhabited the country some time about 3,000,000 years ago.

Invariably a flock of hens will seek that spot in their yard during cold weather which is sheltered from north winds and which is also exposed to the sun. These are the chief advantages of the scratching shed and are practically a necessity if one is to get eggs during the winter months.

A full grown rat will consume a dollar's worth of grain and vegetables in the course of a year and oftentimes destroy or ruin in the same period property of many times the amount mentioned. It is because of this fact that the rat campaign is a vital and important one and that every one who can should have a hand in it.

Somebody has predicted the early collapse of the corner on eggs and that by Feb. 1 they will be retailing at 10 cents per dozen. Of course this is some consumer's pipe dream, but the unloading of a slather of cold storage eggs in Chicago the other day at a loss of 2 cents per dozen from the purchase price would seem to indicate that the business has been overdone and that by the date mentioned the storage fellows will be running for cover.

The making of milk from hay by what is called the synthetic process has not been developed to the point where the person who has laid by a little savings fund would be justified in buying stock in any company purporting to manufacture the new product. Fellows who are engaged in the selling of such stock are not half so much interested in making milk out of hay as they are in getting hard cash out of blue sky and gullible suckers. Better steer shy of them.

There should be charcoal before the hogs all the time. The supply may be made from corn cobs. These may be burned in a pit which should be three or four feet long, three feet deep and eight or ten feet long. A load of cobs should be put in the pit and set afire. As soon as they are well ablaze the pit should be covered with strips of sheet iron and the cracks covered with earth so as to exclude the air. In a day or two the pit may be uncovered and a supply of charcoal will be ready for use.

THE "CREAMERY PROMOTER."

Reports from the dairy commissioners of Kentucky, Tennessee and some other southern states seem to indicate that within the past two or three years dozens of co-operative creameries have been built under the influence of the professional "creamery promoter" in localities where the conditions did not warrant the establishment of such a plant. These promoted creameries cost the stockholders all the way from \$4,500 to \$6,000 and in most cases were later sold at auction for one-third of the original cost. The promoter, who was looking out for No. 1 chiefly, got a rakeoff of \$2,000 from each one of the creameries built. The experience with the above class of southern creameries should not be construed as an argument against establishing creameries in new territory, but it ought to serve as a most emphatic warning for farmers who are interested in establishing the dairy business to give the professional creamery promoter a wide berth. He is not in the business for his health, and his victims are always painfully aware of this fact before they get free from his hook. If the responsible farmers of any locality make up their minds that they really want to start a creamery the wise thing to do is to ask the state dairy department to send a representative into their midst, with whom they may confer. In addition to getting disinterested advice from him it would be well to pay the car fare and hotel bills of some thoroughly practicable and reliable man who is managing a creamery under conditions that would likely prevail in the new place. If this plan is followed out not only will creameries not be started where they ought not to be started, but if it is decided after thorough investigation that the circumstances justify starting one the plant when completed will cost less than half what it would if built under the advice and direction of a promoter.

IMPORTED POTATOES.

They have a good joke on a large class of fashionable hotel and restaurant proprietors in New York city. It seems that for several years past these folks have been persuaded to pay a fancy price for what German importers called a special "salad potato," which was of a rather small size and supposed to possess especially good quality for making salads. Recently several thousand bags of these salad potatoes were seized and condemned by the government for being shipped in violation of the new plant disease quarantine. On notifying the German exporters that the potatoes were held subject to their order the government officials received word that the spuds were not worth shipping back to the fatherland, being small culls that were not salable there. It appears from this that the New York consumers were worked as suckers to make a market for a worthless German hyproduct.

A CO-OPERATIVE LAUNDRY.

At Chatfield, in Fillmore county, Minn., there was recently put into operation the first farmers' co-operative laundry ever established in this country. It was built in connection with the co-operative creamery, and the officers of the creamery are its managers. The power plant of the creamery is utilized for the operation of the laundering machinery, while the waste steam from the boiler is sufficient to heat the water needed in the washing operations. It would seem that a laundry organized on a basis such as that outlined ought to succeed, while if there is any class of women that are entitled to relief from the work connected with weekly washing it is those who live on the farms. The experiment at Chatfield will be watched with interest. It is to be hoped that it may be duplicated in other communities which have operative creameries.

TO MAKE GRAFTING WAX.

An excellent grafting wax is made by combining three parts rosin, two parts beeswax and one part tallow. The three ingredients should be melted together carefully, but the mixture should not be allowed to boil. The hot liquid should then be poured into a pail of cold water. With greased hands the wax should be spread out flat, so that it will cool evenly. It should be allowed to cool until it is tough, but not brittle. The wax should then be taken from the water and pulled like taffy until it is fine grained. It may be molded into balls or twisted into skeins and put away in a cool place. When needed for orchard work the wax should be warmed in water or with the hands.

A FINNISH CHEESE.

The following is the recipe for making the "egg cheese" which is a popular article of food in Finland: Boil up six quarts of new milk and seven fresh eggs (beaten) and add one and a third quarts of sour milk, which acts as a starter and separates the curd. Boil five minutes and then remove boiler from fire. The curd is then carefully dipped over into a clean wooden bowl or trough, where it is kneaded with salt, after which it is placed in a mold lined with a cloth. Here it is pressed first with the hands and later subjected to the heavy pressure of a stone weight for a period of six hours. The cheese may be eaten at once, but if shipped is usually toasted a little in a hot oven.

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The pockets held plate holders, focus cloth, chamois skin, record book, etc. One upper pocket was lined with chamois skin for the shutter, with bulb and tubing which needed special protection. All pockets closed with a snap at the top, and the whole was folded completely when not in use.

For a man this might be made without drawstrings at the top, and it could be folded and carried by shawl straps.

What Man Understands Woman?

The query, "What woman understands man?" is not proving half so popular as Hughes le Roux's query, "Qui est l'homme qui comprend les femmes?" ("Who is the man who understands women?"), the answers to which are filling the columns of Le Matin of Paris.

Says one wise woman, "A man may understand any woman except the one whom he loves at the age of eighteen." Mme. Saint-Malo says, "The man who understands us is the man who can admire everything in a woman, even her defects."

Another well known authoress asserts, "The man who can understand us is the man who can be our confessor."

One who signs herself Emilie, says: "The man who understands us is the simpleton. He is the man who will recite poetry in our salons and not know how ridiculous he makes himself."

New Peacock Tail Embroidery.

Peacock embroidery has come much to the fore of late, and with some designers it is almost a fetish to introduce the "eye" of a peacock's tail feather into every scheme. There are attractive cushion covers in coarse holland crash, the peacock's tail design being worked in green, blue and gold, which is most effective, while oblongs and squares of this embroidery make charming trays, the bottom being covered with glass. Instead of investing a special tray for this purpose, an excellent plan is that of fitting the embroidery like a photograph into an ordinary plain, molded picture frame and fixing two handles on either side, while the back is finished with Japanese silk.

Cooking Hints.

Orange peel dried and grated makes a very fine yellow powder that is delicious flavoring for cakes and puddings. Heat a lemon thoroughly before squeezing it and you will obtain nearly double the quantity of juice that would be obtained if it were not heated.

Rice boiled in milk instead of water has a much richer taste. It must be watched closely while cooking, as it burns quicker when cooked in the milk.

If you rinse a plate with cold water before breaking the eggs on it, add to them a pinch of salt and then stand the eggs where there is a strong current of air you will have no difficulty in beating them to a froth.

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