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It is all right to eat mushrooms if one is dead sure they are mushrooms, but it doesn't pay to take any risks considering their rather limited food value.

The vacuum cleaner is said to have proved the best flea eradicator yet discovered for the use of the scratchy dog. The suggestion would seem to be worth a trial.

Statistics show that there are consumed the world over in a year 1,500,000,000,000 matches. Folks living in the United States scratch over one-half of this number.

About the only thing to stop the depredations of the cat that has acquired a taste for young spring chickens is to give it a dose of chloroform or hit it on the head with a club.

Watch the small boy closely and see what he does with his spare time and spare money. This will be a pretty fair indication of what he will develop into when he gets to be a man.

Succulent and appetizing messes of string beans may be had the latter part of September and early in October if the seed is planted in July. We have tried this and find it well worth the trouble.

Experience with ground grain in feeding tests seems to indicate that with animals that are provided with good teeth the advantage of grinding is just about offset by the cost of the operation.

It is little wonder that alfalfa laughs at dry weather when once it gets well rooted, for in some sections of the west its roots have been found to penetrate to as great a depth as thirty feet in alluvial soils.

An effective spray for the protection of garden truck from the attacks of plant lice may be made by boiling one pound of tobacco stems or any cheap tobacco in a gallon of water, straining and diluting with cold water to two gallons.

It's a pretty stinky old codger that has the nerve to take any of his wife's poultry money for tobacco after she has sat up nights with incubators and trotted around in the rain to keep the chickens from drowning during a heavy rainstorm.

Next to the birds that frequent the

garden, the best friends its owner has in the capacity of insect destroyers are the toads that make headquarters in it. The little chaps are not handsome to look upon, but they should be protected in every way possible.

It is a matter of congratulation that so far this season practically no damage has been reported as a result of forest fires. Things may get dry as tinder between now and October, but present weather indications do not seem to point in that direction.

A New Jersey man who has lived to be 100 years old advises those who desire long life "to be optimists, not pessimists, not to worry, to take plenty of exercise, drink lots of buttermilk and get plenty of fresh air." The recipe seems to be a good one.

Pigs cannot be raised with profit without a good pasture. Clover makes a first class pasture, and so does orchard grass. An orchard makes an ideal pasture for pigs. The shade is absolutely necessary to protect the young pigs from the blistering sun.

It is doubtful if there is any article of food that is so good as milk as a ration for rundown folk. It is readily digested and assimilated and acts directly along the line of enriching the blood and strengthening the system. Milk is worth all it costs from the standpoint of food value and is far cheaper than medicine.

Tasmania, a little island to the south of eastern Australia, last year exported 745,104 bushel cases of apples and pears, most of them being shipped to the United Kingdom. These shipments are sure to increase, and in preparation for this, markets are already being sought by the Tasmanian producers in Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

The South Dakota Agricultural college at Brookings has a Holstein cow that recently completed a thirty day milk and butter test in which she produced 3,358 pounds of milk testing 3.34 and yielding 116 pounds of butter fat, the equivalent of 145 pounds of butter. This record has been surpassed by but one cow in the world, Lady Korndyke 92700, that produced 125 pounds of butter fat in the same period.

THE EGG LAYING CONTEST.

At the close of the thirty-fourth week of the international egg laying contest, which is being held at the Storrs Agricultural college in Connecticut and in which some 500 pullets and hens are taking part, the pen of five White Leghorns owned by Mr. Yost, an American, had laid 722 eggs as against 702 eggs laid by the pen of English hens, which were in the lead up to a few weeks ago. The third place is held by an American pen of White Wyandottes with a score of 678 eggs, while the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth places are held by as many pens of White Leghorns. The best laying pullet of the entire lot is a Buff Orpington belonging to Mr. Wilson, an American, which has 107 eggs to her credit in eight months. The second best individual hen is a White Orpington that has 178 eggs on her score card, and the third is a White Leghorn that has laid 164 eggs.

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APPLE CULTIVATION.

With conditions prevailing in the northern states—and this holds especially of the country north of latitude 42 degrees—which result in a growing season that barely permits the proper maturing of the new growth of apple trees, it is well to cease cultivation shortly after the middle of July and sow a cover crop. This may be cowpeas in the more southerly portion and vetch, buckwheat or oats in the northerly portion. By absorbing surplus moisture in the soil a condition results that tends to check further growth and hasten the maturity of new wood, thus tending to lessen the likelihood of winter killing. The cover crop thus produced should be left on the ground as a catch for the snow and may be plowed under next spring.

SUMMER PRUNING.

If any readers of this department have family or commercial orchards that have been doing a big business along the line of leaf and shoot production, but not much in way of fruit, now is the proper time to do summer pruning—a process that will tend to check wood growth and form fruit buds for next season. In a general way the type of pruning followed should be akin to that used earlier in the season. It should include the removal of cross limbs or others out of place, the cutting back of limbs that are too long and spindly and, if necessary, the thinning out of quite a good deal of the wood in the head of the tree, a great majority of which have the brush pile tendency all too pronounced.

THE STRAWBERRY BED.

In territory east of the Rocky mountains in which the rainfall is thirty inches per annum more the spring is the best time in which to set out a strawberry bed, as the usually frequent rains make it possible for the plants to get well established before dry weather sets in. The plants may be set in the fall, but seldom do as well. However, if tried, one should aim to set vigorous plants, taking up as much earth with the roots as possible and having as little time as possible elapse between taking up and setting. If the conditions obtaining during September and October are favorable, the bed will get a good start and will bear considerable fruit next season.

A SOIL RENOVATOR.

The soy bean, the value of which as a producer of forage and as a soil renovator is being more fully recognized as time passes, is a native of Japan, where it is extensively grown and furnishes a nitrogenous ration which serves to balance the extensive rice diet. It grows with a branching, tree-like stalk to a height of two or

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