

FOR THE FARM AND HOME.

The Best Weight for Market Pigs.

The style of market pig has undergone a great change within a few years. The large 400 or 500 pound hog is now seldom found. The overgrown hog is no longer sought after, and pig feeding has been more carefully studied of late years.

The Cabbage Worm.

A great number of remedies have been proposed or used for this formidable insect, commonly known as the "green worm." Some of them have obtained credit by using where the worms were few in numbers.

Apple Tree Borer.

The apple tree borer, known as the round-headed borer, in its perfect state is a beetle three-fourths of an inch long, with two broad whitish stripes running the whole length of its back.

end of June. This insect attacks the pear, quince, mountain-ash, and thorn. The flat-headed borer is half an inch long, more or less, of a shining greenish black color.

Farm Horse Points.

In the first place, what kind of a horse is best for the farm and road, for we want one that will answer both purposes equally well?

A Remedy for Melon Bugs, Flea-Beetles, etc.

Prof. Riley, entomologist, says: There is probably no more satisfactory general remedy for the striped cucumber beetle, and the different flea-beetles that so seriously affect cucurbitaceous plants, especially when they are small, than that so successfully employed by Mr. Quinn.

"I would mention a simple contrivance which I have made and used with perfect success in exterminating bugs on melon and cucumber vines. I took old oyster and fruit cans (tin) and filled them with a strong decoction of tobacco stems and water; I poured it on the stems hot and allowed it to cool; I set one can on each hill and placed therein a woolen string (in thickness about the size of a wheat straw) thoroughly wet it, and allowed it to hang down to the plants.

Forked Fruit Trees.

Crotched or forked fruit trees of any kind, says an exchange, can be kept from splitting down by twisting together one twig from each of the main branches. These twigs thus twisted together will in five years grow into a solid branch that cannot be broken.

securely waxing it. Twigs from the size of a lead pencil to a half an inch in diameter can be used for this purpose.

Recipes.

Green Tomato Sauce.—Take full grown tomatoes while yet green, cut out the stems and stew until tender; press through a sieve; season highly with cayenne pepper, salt, ground cloves, allspice and nutmeg; boil the pulp until thick. Worcestershire sauce may be added if liked.

Potato Soup.—Take a quart of milk, six large potatoes, a stalk of celery, an onion and a tablespoonful of butter. Put milk to boil with onions and celery. Pare potatoes and boil thirty minutes. Turn off the water and mash fine and light; add the boiling milk and the butter, and pepper and salt to taste. Rub through a strainer and serve immediately. A cupful of whipped cream added when in the tureen is a great improvement. This soup must not be allowed to stand, even if kept hot. Serve as soon as ready.

Pickled Cabbage.—Remove the outer leaves and the tough parts of the stalks from four large heads of firm white cabbage, shave it; and put it into an earthen jar or a wooden tub, sprinkling about half a pint of salt through it and let it stand overnight; the next day draw off the brine, put the cabbage over the fire, with four onions peeled and chopped, four ounces of mustard seed, two ounces each of ground mustard, celery seed and turmeric, one ounce each of whole mace, cloves, allspice and pepper, two pounds of brown sugar and enough vinegar to cover the cabbage; boil all these ingredients together until the stalks of the cabbage are tender; then cool the pickle and put it in air-tight jars.

Apple Custard.—Peel and core nine apples, and boil until mushy; mash smooth and add one grated lemon, the yolks of three eggs, sugar to taste; bake, and add frosting as for lemon custard.

Apple Cheese.—Pulp any amount of apples, and to every pound of pulp add a pound of powdered sugar, the grated rind and juice of four small lemons and four well-beaten eggs. When the ingredients are well mixed put them into a stewpan in which butter is melted in the proportion of one ounce to every pound of mixture. Stir it over a moderate fire until all the butter is thoroughly absorbed, then pour into pots or moulds. If tied down like jam and kept in a dry but not a hot place it will keep for many weeks.

Household Hints.

Wormwood or pennyroyal will drive out ants.

Salts of lemon will take stains from ivory knives.

Camphor will prevent moths; the gum near your silver will keep it bright.

When wall paper is discolored by the hair of people rub carefully with stale bread.

Use white oil cloth, bound with red, back of kitchen table, wash stands, and under hooks to hang tin.

If you wet the upper crust of a pie with milk just before putting it into the oven it will be a rich and yet delicate brown without baking until the crust crumbles.

To make paper adhere to tin is sometimes a housekeeper's wish, and affliction also; it may be done by making a paste of gum tragacanth and water—to which add a few drops of oil of vitrol. The druggist of whom you purchase the material will direct you in regard to quantity.

The Beast Tamer's Peril.

A very sensational incident happened at the Cafe Menagerie, while it was exhibiting at St. Etienne, in France. Agop, the tamer, had scarcely entered the cage of one of the tigers when the ferocious brute sprang on him and began worrying him tooth and claw. Agop, however, kept quite cool, and, in spite of some fearful lacerations and loss of blood, fought with such determination that he finally overcame the tiger, which crouched down at his feet. He then forced the animal to go through its usual performance, as also a lioness who had once killed a man. He entered the cage totally unarmed and succeeded in putting the lioness through her usual jumps.

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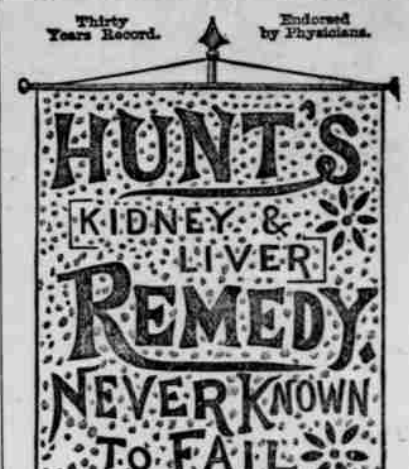
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