A First-Class Market Apple.

Wherever the Baldwin, Northern Spy and similar varieties of apples can be grown successfully, the Fameuse, shown in the illustration, should have a place, for it is one of the most desirable varieties for commercial purposes. In quality it is one of the best, and its attractive skin, highly colored and tender, makes it a sort easy to sell to consumers. The flesh is white, with generally red streaks and of good quality. The trees are productive, come into bearing quite early, and, with proper care, bear consecutive seasons. In season it is a late fall or early winter sort and is a good keeper and a good shipper, if care is used in packing, so that the rather delicate and thin skin is not bruised. All things considered the Fameuse may be classed among the very few really desirable sorts for market use.—Indianapolis News.

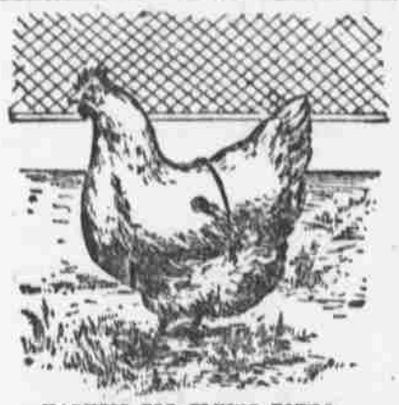
THE FAMEUSE APPLE.

How Should a Cow Be Milked?

Opinions differ very much as to the manner in which the operator should proceed in milking a cow. Some contend that the proper plan is to draw the near fore and the off hind teats simultaneously, and then the off fore and the near hind teats; while others argue that both the hind teats should be first drawn; and still others contend that the whole of one side of the udder should be drawn ere the other side is touched. We are not aware that there is really very much in it either way, but it is suggestive to learn that in an investigation conducted some time ago by Prof. Babcock, the well-known dairy expert, it was found that the order in which the teats were milked exercised considerable influence on the quality of the milk obtained. It was found that the teat that was drawn second in order almost invariably yielded the richest milk; then came the teat that was first milked, and next in order the third and fourth, the last one drawn invariably giving the poorest milk. From these results Prof. Babcock argues that milk is pretty largely formed during the act of milking, and that it does not accumulate to any extent in the ready-made condition of the udder.—American Cultivator.

Subduing Flying Fowls.

When fowls are kept confined they get uneasy and long for freedom; this is particularly the case with the smaller breeds, says an exchange. The common method of prevention is to clip the wings of the birds, not a desirable thing to do if they happen to be high-class fowls. A better plan is to attach the little arrangement here described. Take a stout cord and tie around the points of the feathers on the wings mainly used in flying. Tie one wing in this manner, then pass the cord over the back and tie the other wing. Be careful not to draw the cord too tight, but leave it so that the fowl can carry the wings in a natural position and it will do no harm, yet the bird will not be able to fly any distance.



HARNESS FOR FLYING FOWLS.

Contracted Hoof.

Take off the shoes and apply the following around the coronets: Mix two drams cantharides with one ounce lard. Let it remain on for twenty-four hours, wash off and apply a little lard, then turn the horse out to pasture for a few months.—American Agriculturist.

Care of Lambs.

A lamb once allowed to get poor will not make money for either the grower or feeder. The thrifty lamb is the money maker. A scattering, uneven fleece is indicative of either poor health or very poor care.

As to Fruit Growing.

At the regular meeting of the Western New York Fruit Growers, an association of practical men widely known for ability not only as growers of fruit, but as business men, the suggestion was made that it was time fruit growers got together and employed a salesman in each of the large city markets to represent them in the sale of choice fruits. A city apple dealer threw cold water on the plan by the emphatic statement that "there is not enough first-class fruit put up to make it a standard commodity." Think of such a statement, and it went undisputed because truthful, in a great State honeycombed with cities and large towns. The same state of affairs obtains, beyond doubt, in other States, and yet fruit growers are complaining of the hard work and the poor return for the capital invested.

It is a safe assertion to make that whenever a grower of first-class fruit has made an honest and fair test of marketing his first class product, attractively packed, the returns have much more than paid for any extra labor and material involved. Naturally, it would not pay to attempt to market choice fruit in quantity in a small town, where, perhaps, the majority of the consumers were people of small income. Use intelligence in such marketing, however, and it pays.

Lettuce.

Lettuce is a salad plant, a salable greens, extensively forced in greenhouses during the winter, and in hotbeds and cold frames in early spring. It can be sown from spring till fall, and is remarkable for being able to stand quite severe frosts. Lettuce thrives best in clay loam soil well treated with well-rotted barnyard manure. In early spring the seed is sown in rows a foot apart and thinned to stand about six inches apart in the row. For the very early and very late crops, the loose-growing varieties best for the reason that they mat the quickest. For early summer and fall crops, the larger head lettuces are the finest. In order to have crisp, tender lettuce, the crops must be sown rapidly. To secure a quick growth, the soil must be very rich. Nitrate of soda scattered broadcast along the rows and well raked in, will generally give a quick growth. It can be used at the rate of 200 to 300 pounds to the acre.

Cutting Potatoes for Seed.

In cutting seed potatoes, Farm and Home says, take the potato in the left hand with the stem end toward you. If it is large cut off a good sized piece with two or three eyes. Revolve the potato to the right and keep cutting off about the same size pieces, finishing the potato by splitting the seed end. Cut potatoes as you want to use them and after they are cut never expose to the sun or air to dry out.

CUTTING POTATOES.

If you cannot use them immediately pour out on damp ground in the shade of trees or building and cover with a blanket. Seed the least bit dry comes up slower, blights easily, and yields lighter, just in proportion as it is dried out.

Two Spraying in One.

Recent tests at the Geneva (N. Y.) experiment station suggest that the thorough spraying of scale-infested trees with a sulphur wash may take the place of the first one of the combined treatment with bordeaux mixture and paris green for scale and scab. It is found that the sulphur washes kill many other insects besides the scale and result in considerable benefit to the tree. On the other hand, it was noticed that in spraying old orchards some of the buds were killed on the lower branches by the large quantity of the spray which they received. The effect was to thin the fruit and decrease its number, while improving the size and quality. The lime and sulphur washes proved efficient scale destroyers on all treated trees.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

General Farm Notes.

It is well to mark the eggs on which the hen is placed for hatching purposes.

A dog that worries the fowls should be broken of the habit without delay, for a hen will not do her best while such nuisances exist.

If you find that the young chicks are disappearing, keep an eye on the family cat. It may develop that this animal is doing the damage.

Dampness will cause more troubles in the brood than any other condition in the poultry house. Dry floors are as necessary as proper food.

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Effects of Prosperity.

In the six years of the country's greatest prosperity, from 1897 to 1903, average prices of breadstuffs advanced 65 per cent, meats 23.1 per cent, dairy and garden products 50.1 per cent., and clothing 24.1. All these were products of the farmer and stockman, who profited more than any other class of the community by these advances. The miner benefitted 42.1 per cent, by that advance in the average price of metals. The only decrease in the average prices of commodities in that period was in railway freight rates, which decreased from .798 per ton-mile in 1897, to .763 in 1903, a loss of 4.4 per cent. The report of the Interstate Commerce commission shows that the average increase in the pay of railroad employes in that period was a trifle above 8.5 per cent.

Key to the Situation.

The sheriff was standing on the corner with a large brass key in his hand.

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Good Advice.

Sylvia—I'm invited to the Upperton's ball next week, but I really can't decide what to wear. What would you advise?

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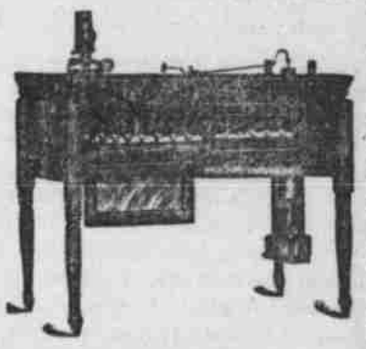

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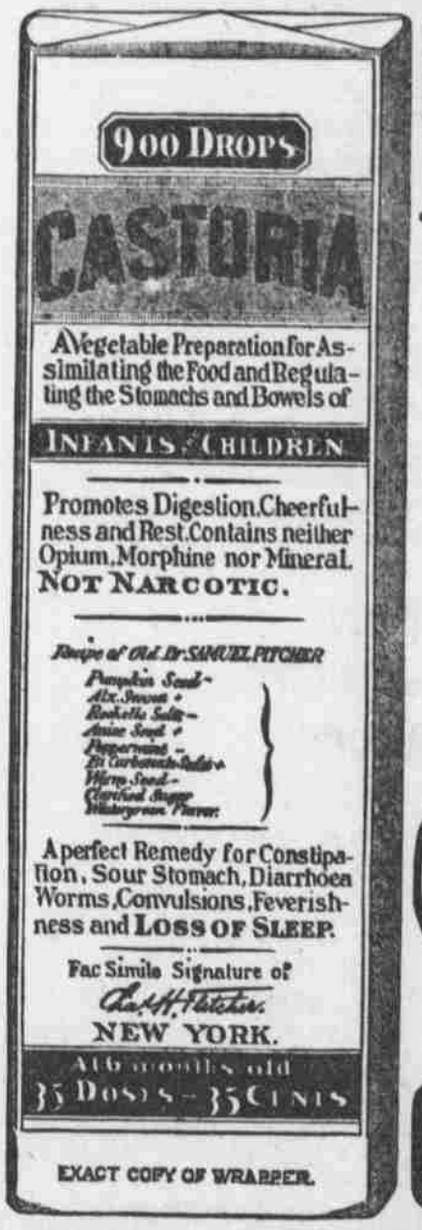

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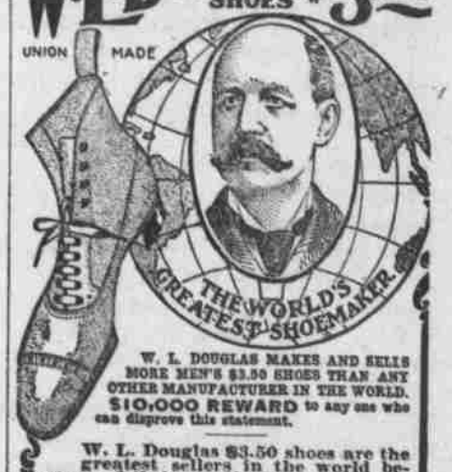

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