

TOPICS FOR FARMERS

A DEPARTMENT PREPARED FOR OUR RURAL FRIENDS.

Protecting the Garden in Cold Weather - How to Cure Hams - The Pig's Tail as Useful Appendage - Whitewashing Apple Trees is of No Advantage.

Winter Protection. If we could be sure of a continuous coat of snow from December until March, there would be little need of providing any other kind of protection in the garden against cold...

Curing Hams. Take the hams and shoulders and cheeks, rub them well with salt on both sides, lay on a declivity board so as to have drainage...

Docking Tails of Pigs. The tail of the pig appears to be a wholly useless appendage. It is too short to be of any service in brushing away flies, and piglets accordingly roll themselves in the mud to cool their body...

Whitewashing Apple Trees. It was once a common practice with many orchardists to whitewash the trunks of apple trees just before winter came on...

Farm Economy. Profits on the farm are, consequently, much greater when the averages for several years are compared, as each year must bear its proportion of expenses, and a failure to secure a profit this year may not be a loss, because there may be a corresponding reduction of expense next year...

It to himself, and it really is prout, because of the employment secured by him on the farm. For that reason a small farm or a small flock or herd will always pay more, in proportion to expense incurred, than large areas of an increase of stock—New England Farmer.

SENSATION AT THE CAPITAL.

Spain's Wrath Over Woodford's Note Uncalled for.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Officials here are somewhat surprised at the exhibition of feeling at Madrid over the latest note of Minister Woodford delivered to the Spanish foreign office the day before Christmas. While the note itself will not be made public at present, it is said that there is no reason whatever why it should be withheld, save the fact that preceding steps in the negotiations have not yet seen the light of newspapers and it is desirable when publications made to preserve a complete chain of events in their natural order...

Cut Feed for Horses. Almost all farmers practice feeding their horses while at work with cut corn and oats. The hay, says the American Cultivator, is much more easily digested when cut and wet, and the meal on it causes the horses to more thoroughly masticate it, as they like the taste. There is also much less waste in feeding grain after it has been ground, especially after the mastication which is made necessary when cut hay is fed with it, and which thoroughly mixes saliva with the food before it goes into the stomach...

The Baldwin Apple. While there are different accounts as to the history of the Baldwin apple, according to the most authentic sources it originated near Boston, Mass., in the early part of the last century, in that part of the town now called Somerville, on the farm of a Mr. Butters, and was known for a time as "Butters' apple." As the tree was frequently perforated by woodpeckers, it was also called the "woodpecker's apple." Afterwards the tree was freely propagated by Dr. Jabez Brown, of Wilmington, and by Colonel Baldwin, of Woburn. By the sons of these gentlemen this apple was brought into general notice as the "Baldwin." While for the northeastern States the Baldwin is hardly excelled in value as a winter apple for general purposes, in southern latitudes it ripens in autumn for early winter, and loses some of its sprightliness and good qualities as a table fruit—Agriculturist.

Science of Dairy Feeding. A dairyman fed a dry cow a measure of grain in the presence of some visitors, saying: "With her rough food, this is just enough to keep her in good health," then he added: "But when she is giving milk, she has the measure twice full. Once full supports her, and the second measure is all transferred into milk." The science of feeding dairy cows consists in learning just what is required to keep the dry cow in good condition, and when in lactation, how much more she can consume and then appropriate, and then providing the food accordingly, remembering that profit comes only from the excess of food consumed and duly appropriated beyond the amount needed for fair maintenance—Practical Farmer.

Handy Milking Stool. A cast-iron oil or varnish can makes an excellent milking stool. It has a flexible seat, and its height can be regulated by standing on end or placing on side. It can be left anywhere in the milking yard during a shower, and will not get soaked full of water. Besides this, the hired man cannot use it as a club to abuse the cow, should she kick him across the yard.

Feeding Pumpkins. While there is generally a market for all the large, ripe pumpkins at more than their feeding value there are always green specimens that are not salable which are nearly as good for feeding purposes. Remove the seeds and cook them. All the deficiencies in nutrition will be made good by some meal, which will be better digested than if given without the cooked pumpkins. If the seeds are not removed, the nutrition of the pumpkin will be largely neutralized, as the seeds have a strong diuretic effect. It is also important to remove the seeds from pumpkins fed raw to cows. Even the green pumpkins may be kept till January if protected against freezing—American Cultivator.

Poultry Troubles. The bane of the poultry business is that of trying to do twice as much with poultry as may be expected from any other pursuit. The temptation to use 140 eggs in a 100-egg incubator is a common occurrence, and always results in loss. Some persons who desire too much will put twenty eggs under a hen that could not more than comfortably cover one-half that number, only to lose all of the eggs. Such economy is really extravagance, and falls in the desired results.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

REINDEER WILL DIE.

The trade has fallen into a way of thinking that the big receipts of the past week will clean up the surplus wheat that is liable to come out at present prices. Most of this wheat is contract, when it is all in the bulls think that they will control the situation. In the Northwest the claim is made that 80 per cent of the crop has been marketed, and that country elevator stocks are very light compared with previous years. Every one is looking for a sharp falling off in receipts after the first of the year; also for higher prices, while the situation on all sides is admittedly bullish the world over, the prices have not responded to what the bulls think the position of stocks to estimate requirements justifies. They have fixed the standard of values in their own minds, and because they are not realized they feel disappointed. Most of them are too much inclined to lose sight of the fact that the price of wheat has reached a point where substitutions of other articles cuts greatly into the consumption, and that the speculators are more solicitous as to the price and the probable supplies than the consumers.

Portland Market. Wheat—Walla Walla, 75¢/76¢; Valley and Bluestem, 77¢/78¢ per bushel. Four—Best grades, \$4.25; graham, \$3.40; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 35¢/36¢; choice gray, 33¢/34¢ per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$18. Hay—Timothy, \$13.50@13; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—18@25¢ per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 55¢/60¢; fair to good, 45¢/50¢; dairy, 40¢/50¢ per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 11¢/12¢; Young America, 12¢/13¢; California, 9¢/10¢ per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$1.75@2.25 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$5.50@6.00; ducks, \$4.00@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 8¢/9¢ per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35¢/45¢ per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cental. Onions—Oregon, new, red, 90¢; yellow, 80¢ per cental. Hops—5@14¢ per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4¢/6¢. Wool—Valley, 14@16¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12¢; mohair, 20¢/22¢ per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$3.50; dressed mutton, 6¢; spring lambs, 5¢/6¢ per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.00; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.50; dressed beef, 4¢/6¢ per pound. Veal—Large, 4¢/6¢; small, 5¢/6¢ per pound.

Seattle Market. Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 28¢; ranch, 16¢/18¢. Cheese—Native Washington, 12¢/13¢; California, 9¢/10¢. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 28¢. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10¢; spring chickens, 25¢/30¢; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$22 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$19@20. Corn—Whole, \$22; cracked, per ton, \$22; feed meal, \$22 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, 6¢; cows, 5¢/6¢; mutton sheep, 7¢; pork, 6¢; veal, small, 7¢. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 5¢/6¢; salmon, 8¢; salmon trout, 7¢/10¢; flounders and sole, 3¢/4¢; ling cod, 4¢/5¢; rock cod, 5¢; smelt, 2¢/4¢. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 50¢@1.25 per box; peaches, 75¢/80¢; prunes, 35¢/40¢; pears, 75¢@1 per box. San Francisco Market. Wool—Nevada 11@13¢; Oregon, 12@14¢; Northern 7@8¢ per pound. Hops—10@14¢ per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$20@23¢; California bran, \$17.00@18.00 per ton. Onions—New red, 70¢/80¢; do new silverskin, \$2.00@2.25 per cental. Eggs—Store, 24¢/28¢; ranch, 30¢/34¢; Eastern, 16¢/20¢; duck, 20¢/25¢ per dozen. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navel, \$1.50@3.00; Mexican limes, \$2.00@3.00; California lemons, choice, \$1.50@2.00; do common, 50¢@1.25 per box. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 12¢/13¢; fair to good, 7¢/8¢ per pound. Hay—Wheat, 12@14¢; wheat and oat, \$11@14¢; oat, \$10@12¢; river barley, \$7@8¢; best barley, \$10@12¢; alfalfa, \$8.50@10¢; clover, \$8.50@10¢. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 25¢@1.25 per large box; grapes, 25¢/50¢; Isabella, 60¢/75¢; peaches, 50¢@1.10¢; pears, 75¢/1 per box; plums, 20¢/35¢. Butter—Fancy creamery, 35¢; do seconds, 35¢/37¢; fancy dairy, 32¢/34¢; good to choice, 30¢/31¢ per pound. Potatoes—New, in boxes, 85¢/85¢.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 29.—As a result of a Christmas dehauch, Lagora Molina, a Chilean woodpecker, met a terrible death near Los Gatos. He drank deeply and with three fellow-workers caroused in his cabin until far into the night. Then he took a lighted lamp and went into the yard. He stumbled and fell, the lamp exploded and the burning oil ignited his clothing. He was burned to death, but his fate was not known until morning, when his charred body was found.

Three Were Asphyxiated. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Anderson and her two daughters, Edith and Myrtle, aged 8 and 5 years, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas in their home at 61 Johnson avenue, today. The husband, on returning from work tonight, found his wife and children dead in bed. Gas was pouring from all the jets in the cookstove.

Mr. Gladstone will shortly celebrate his 88th birthday. The "grand old man" was born in Liverpool December 29, 1809, and as things look now, he bids fair to welcome the dawn of the 20th century. If he survives till next year he can participate in the centenary celebration of the Irish rebellion. As he comes of a sturdy race, the chances are that he will live even beyond his 90th birthday.

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Dr. Nansen's Views Upon Algor's Klondike Relief Plan. Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, was asked what he thought of the plan of bringing relief to the Klondike miners. He said if the reindeer were taken overland across the country they would probably reach Alaska in time to accomplish the desired object, and if they could reach Alaska they would be of great assistance in the relief work. The difficulty would be to get the deer transported. Dr. Nansen said the moss on which the deer fed was about the only food they would eat, and they would starve before they would eat much of anything else. They had sometimes been trained to eat wood, but not very successfully. While there was an abundance of moss in Norway, he thought it would be impossible to gather it in such quantities as would be necessary for the feeding of 500 deer in transportation from Norway to Alaska. The deer themselves seemed to know how to gather it better than human beings. He believed that if 500 reindeer were shipped from Norway it would be impossible to keep more than a small percentage of them alive until Alaska should be reached. According to his opinions, Iceland horses would be better for this work, for they would subsist on the moss of the Arctic regions and also on hay or other provender. They were also hardy, and would do the work after they reached Alaska almost as well as the deer. It would be much easier to transport them, he said.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION. Recent Events in the East Will Probably Hasten the Event. Washington, Dec. 30.—"Affairs in China and the East generally," said Senator Cullum, "have put an entirely different complexion upon Hawaii's prospects for annexation. Since congress adjourned for the holidays there has been a marked change of sentiment concerning Hawaii, and it would not surprise me if the pending treaty should be ratified by the necessary two-thirds of the senate. It would be the height of folly to let such an opportunity slip as Hawaii presents to the United States at such a critical time. Here is a most desirable piece of property only waiting for a nod from Uncle Sam to become his own, without firing a gun or precipitating any trouble. As soon as congress meets we will get at the treaty, and my impression is that a number of senators who have hitherto been against ratification will be found on our side. It has always been my opinion that we ought to have Hawaii, and I am confirmed in this belief more than ever by the recent course of events in the Orient."

FIRST COLONY READY. Progress of the Salvation Army's Work in California. New York, Dec. 30.—Commander Booth-Tucker has started for California to complete the work of founding the first of the Salvation Army colonies in this country at Soledad near Monterey. Most of the cottages have already been built and the work of cultivation is well installed on the farm of 600 acres, but numerous applicants are ready to start the moment Booth-Tucker reaches San Francisco. The commander said that there was no doubt that the experiment would prove a great success. Claus Spreckles, he said, is erecting a million dollar beet-sugar factory in the immediate neighborhood, which will be able to consume all that the colonists can produce, and the product of as many farms as they may care to start in the neighborhood. "I shall spend several weeks in the West and take a look at our Colorado farm in the Arkansas valley before I return," said the commander. "A delegation of men connected with a tinning establishment in Chicago recently came to me and asked that I establish a farm near that city. They were not out of work, but said they would rather go into something that promised a permanent occupation than to remain where they were."

Dan Daly's Bad Fall. Boston, Dec. 30.—Dan Daly, the popular comedian, and one of the leading lights in the "Belle of New York" company, received probably a fatal injury at the Park theater last night. At the close of the first act Daly, making "flying entry," sliding in on an inclined wire. In some way either the wire or handle broke, Daly falling to the stage, striking on the shoulders and back of the head. Two physicians were summoned from the audience, and worked over him half an hour, but could not bring him back to consciousness. He was then sent to the Massachusetts general hospital, and at an early hour he was still unconscious, the physicians believing he was suffering from concussion of the brain.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 29.—A special from Amsterdam says that one of the engine houses of the Sanford carpet mills was wrecked by an explosion, presumably of dynamite, at 10:30 o'clock. Only two walls were left standing. Few facts can be ascertained.

Liberty, Mo., Dec. 29.—A wreck occurred at the Memphis road here last night. Local train No. 55 broke in two on the down grade coming into town, and the two sections came together in front of the station. Five persons were injured, two seriously. The injured are: Miss Tilly Smith, of Liberty; Mrs. Shelton, Colonel Jesse Poore, of Golden City, and Floyd Quinhard. Miss Smith is still unconscious. The conductor and brakeman were slightly injured.

Wrecked on a Bahama Reef. Nassau, New Providence, Dec. 28.—The schooner Harlequin, which, as previously reported, went ashore on the reef near Rumcaj, Bahamas, on the 12th became a total loss. The crew was saved. The vessel was owned in New York. The British man-of-war Sparteil went to her assistance, and spent several hours in a vain effort to float her. The schooner was in ballast. Michigan has a law fixing a heavy penalty upon railroad companies for employing persons addicted to the use of intoxicants.

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Some people are never content with anything. They will not find exactly what they want even in Heaven, if they know some one is there ahead of them. For instance, some are great sufferers from neuralgia. Friends have told them what is best and certain to cure them. Not content with what is said, they suffer on. Pain ravages and devastates the system, and leaves it a barren waste. St. Jacobs Oil has cured thousands. Just try it.

John E. Redmond, M. P., the well-known Irish leader, will sail for this country on December 30. He is coming to America at the invitation of prominent workers in the Irish cause to speak on the rebellion of 1793, to arouse the enthusiasm of Irish-Americans in the pilgrimage to Ireland next July to celebrate the rising.

WHALING FLEET IN DANGER. It is predicted that the vessels of the whaling fleet, most of whose underwriters are in San Francisco, have been endangered by the ice and some may not last through the siege. Danger also threatens those who depend upon the whaling fleet for their livelihood. The whaling fleet is at once for incipient rheumatism, malaria, constipation, nervousness and kidney complaint.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS. We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought, and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

Three Drops of a black cat's blood is a sovereign cure for crump in the folk lore of some people. A letter written by all others, and stamped with the signature of King Solomon's Treasure, the O.K. remedy of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," CHEMICAL CO., P. O. Box 77, Philadelphia, Pa.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Faber City, La., August 26, 1895. Try Scilling's Best tea and baking powder. The oldest married couple in the United States are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mannel of Cape Porpoise, Mass. She is 95 and he is 101 years of age, and they have been married 77 years.

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