

FARM AND ORCHARD. IMPORTANCE OF UTILIZING CORN STALKS FOR FODDER.

The saving effected by the fodder cutter—Points on Strawberry Planting—Farm Notes.

There is an enormous loss of food that could be utilized and saved by proper preparation. Professor Henry of Wisconsin, who has given this matter his attention and observation, states by feeding corn stalks to cows, first cutting the stalks, a saving of nine to forty per cent. can be effected.

It is the fodder cutter that effects the saving, and even with the use of the silo the cutter must be brought into operation.

There are some weeds that put in an appearance early in the season, and take possession of the land before the seed planted comes up. To assist in giving them a chance to grow, the land should be plowed in the fall, and as soon as the seeds of the weeds have sprouted, go over the field with the cultivator, and also hoe the ground.

The demand for pure milk in cities and towns is increasing rapidly, and the population. Multitudes of people are not yet aware of its value as an article of daily diet.

The strawberry is one of the early fruits, and the vines come into bearing so soon that every family that has a small lot or garden plot should have a "strawberry patch."

The person who grows his berries has the selection of the varieties he grows, which is an advantage not to be overlooked.

When the ground is to be plowed or plowed just as soon as it can be done. The best location for strawberries is a piece of land that is well drained, and that was well manured the year previous to planting.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"Harper's Magazine" for March (Harper Brothers, New York) is richly illustrated. The contents are altogether too extended for cataloguing here, but the more prominent papers in our dining-room. No one ever said a word against it.

"The New England Magazine" for March (Boston, Mass.) has these papers with numerous illustrations: "A New England Country in the Past," by D. S. Slade; "The United States Supreme Court," by James D. Colt; "A Beautiful Woman," by Bessie Child; "Narcissus," by Alice Morse Earle; "The Youth of William H. Channing," by Edward Bellamy; "The Eastman Cross," by a Strange Dinner-Party, by Grace Ely Channing; "A Successful Woman's Club," by Caroline H. Stanley; "The Haunted Bell," by Professor James K. Hosmer; "Back to Happy Hill," by John Vance Cheney; "Brother Philipp," by George P. Baker, Jr.; "The New South," by Henry W. Grady; "Chautauqua," by Freden P. Noble; "Calvin's Influence on the New England Town-Meeting," by Arthur Mayhew; "Ferry at Home Travel," by Edward E. Hale, D. D.

"The Popular Science Monthly" for March, edited by W. J. Youmans (D. Appleton & Co., New York), has these papers: "Comparative Mythology," Andrew Dickson White; "The Education of the People," by Mrs. M. F. Armstrong; "Absolute Political Ethics," by Herbert Spencer; "The Laws of Films," by Sophie Webster; "The History of the 'Arenas' for March (Boston, Mass.) has this fine table of contents: Rev. J. M. Savage, on "Pan's Revenge;" Rabbi Solomon Schindler, on "Religious Thought in Germany;" Rev. H. B. Swinney, on "The Moral and Religious Education of the People;" Rev. J. C. Hozeau, "Sketch of A. F. J. Plateau;" Sophie Bledsoe Herrick, besides editor's table, literary notices, popular miscellany, etc.

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THE MINISTER'S WIFE.

"My father was a clergyman," she said. "I have three sisters. We were all taught to dance, and often had little parties of dancing friends in our dining-room. No one ever said a word against it."

"But that is very different from this," asserted one of the pillars. "As a young girl you might dance, but you are now the wife of a clergyman, and should set a good example at all times and in all places."

"Indeed I do try to," returned the cult, earnestly. "But your married daughters dance. Are they church communicants. Are they setting a bad example? I think not."

"But my friend, I cannot see why if a thing is not wrong in itself, it is wrong because I do it, even if I am the wife of a minister."

"The incident having come to my knowledge, I repeated it with some incredulity to one of our foremost clergymen. He answered: 'Ministers' wives are restrained by certain unwritten laws which are as unyielding as court etiquette and often as devoid of reason. These women must be devout, enthusiastic, sympathetic, winning and possessors of infinite tact. Since the intellectual craze attacked the nation the minister's wife is expected to lead the ladies of her church through all the intricacies of Browning, the spiritual devotions of Goethe, the terror-inspiring visions of Dante, the devious ways of classic history and literature, and bring them out clear-eyed, pure-souled, devout adherents to church tenets—and undeniably cultivated. That so many of them do this successfully is proof enough of their tact and nobility. In regard to her position in society, the clergyman's wife is a good deal like Madame's wife—suspended in mid-air. She must be well trained in all that pertains to the manners and customs of that charmed circle, but she must not be too fond or familiar with any of them, as you have seen.'

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