FARM AND FIRESIDE.

—The best place to keep eggs intended for hatching is to wrap them in paper and put them down in the cellar in a covered box or basket.

—Cocoanut Pie.—Take one cocoanut, and grate; add the milk and two eggs, till the mixture is as thick as custard pie. One nut makes two pies.

—Barn-yard manures are considered more hurtful than useful for grape-vines. Potash should form a part of the grape manures and nitrate of potash is the most valuable.

—Paint the inside walls of a corn house with coal tar and it will drive weevils from the corn. It costs but a few dollars a barrel, and a barrel will last several years in hen houses and corn houses.

—Grease on a carpet, if not of long standing, can be readily disposed of by washing the spot with hot soap-suds and borax—half an ounce of borax to a gallon of water. Use a clean cloth to wash it with, rinse in warm water, and wipe dry.

—Spots on furniture, from anything hot, or from alcohol, can be removed by rubbing hard with sweet-oil and turpentine. When the spots disappear, wash in milk-warm soap-suds, dry quickly and polish by rubbing briskly with chamois-skin.

—Paint, pitch or tar can be removed from cloth or wood by rubbing it with turpentine. If the paint has become dry, put a few drops of the turpentine on the spot, and let it stand a short time; then rub the spot, and if all the paint is not removed, repeat the work. When entirely gone, rub off with alcohol.

—Bread Pudding.—To one quart of boiling sweet milk add the same quantity of cold bread crumbs, light bread or biscuit; mix and beat three eggs and one cup of sugar together; then one cup of cold milk and one-half cup of butter. Pour this into the boiling milk, season with nutmeg and set in the oven to brown. Serve warm, with cream.

—If you want your chickens to grow fast feed them on oatmeal scalded with sweet or sour milk. Don't make the feed wet or sloppy, nor give more at once than will be eaten up clean. Only prepare as much at once as will be all eaten before any fermentation takes place in it. Where oatmeal can not be had, fine cornmeal or cracked wheat similarly treated and administered will answer a very good purpose.

—Boston Cream Cakes.—Half pound butter, three-fourths pound of flour, eight egg, one pint of water; stir the butter into the water, which should be warm; set it on the fire in a pan and let it boil, stirring it often; when it boils, stir in the flour; let it boil one minute, take it off and let it cool; beat the eggs light and stir into this cooled paste; bake in small buttered pans ten minutes, filling them half full.

—Take a pint of molasses or its equivalent in sugar to a gallon of water, put into an open-mouthed jar or keg. Put in a half pint of raw corn to ten gallons, cover with netting to keep out insects. Put it in a moderately warm place, and let it work until clear. This will take from ten to twenty days. Now pour off the clear part, throw out dregs and corn, return the clear part to the keg, shake it up occasionally, and you will soon have good vinegar which will not be poison.

—In washing colored cotton goods there are a great number of ways by which the color may be preserved. For buffs or gray linen a tablespoonful of black pepper to a pailful of water will "set" the color and not harden the water at all. Let the articles to be washed soak in this water a half hour or so and then wash as usual. It is excellent for black or colored cambrics or muslins, and with ordinary good washing these articles can be kept looking new a long time. The suds should be made with the water in which the black pepper was put and in which they were soaked. Buffs and grey are not easily spotted after having been washed in the pepper water. It not only prevents fading but keeps the color from "running."

—Chocolate Cake.—Two cups of granulated sugar; one cup of butter; whites of eight eggs beaten to a froth; one cup of sweet milk, three full cups of sifted flour, and three teaspoonful of baking powder. Beat the sugar and butter to a cream, add the milk, then the flour (baking powder in it), and the whites. When well mixed, divide and into one-half grate a cake of sweet chocolate. Bake in layers and put together with custard as follows: Bring one pint of milk to the boiling point, stir in first two teaspoonsful of corn-starch dissolved in a little milk, and then two beaten eggs and a teacup of sugar. Flavor with vanilla. This is a very excellent cake.

—Before putting down carpets, if moths are feared, procure some pulverized salt and alum, or hot alum water. Put this down the cracks next the baseboards, and paste strips of cotton cloth over the other cracks, then, even if moths are plenty, they will be unable to come up and do mischief. If there are moths' eggs in the carpet, they can be destroyed by wringing a crash towel out of cold water, spreading it down on the carpet, and then going over it with a very hot iron. Go all over the carpet in this way, and the steam will destroy both eggs and insects. This takes time but is the most effectual method for the annihilation of these pests.

A Milk Wagon.

An amusing incident, in which one of the oldest and most staid citizens of the town figured, entertained the people of Williamsport, Pa., the other day. The citizen in question had driven down town and fastened his horse in the street, when a milkman, who had business in the neighborhood, also drove up, and, after looking about vainly for a hitching-post, fastened his horse to the aged citizen's carriage axle. When the citizen returned, got into his wagon, and drove off, the milkman's horse and carriage followed, the strange procession exciting much comment. The citizen, unconscious of the cause of the attention he was exciting, would doubtless have taken his tow quite home with him, had not an awkwardly-driven hack soon collided with the milk cart and taking off one of its wheels. Startled by the shock, the citizen got out, fastened the rear horse to a post, and drove home rapidly. —*Boston Journal.*

A Chapter on Carpets.

In the purchase of a carpet, like anything else sustaining much wear, the best of its kind is always the cheapest. In the various Brussels and velvets the back should be firm and the pile close and thick. For three-plies, ingrains, etc., the entire weave should be close, with no loosely-drawn threads on top, as is often the case in large figures. All raised figures wear off first, and extremely brilliant colors show fade and soil quicker than subdued colors or neutral tints. Now that we have patent exhibitors that seem to display a thousand yards at once, no one need remain in doubt one minute as to how a pattern will look when on the floor. It is always best to know the exact size of the room to be fitted, and have the figures matched where purchased.

Be certain it lies smooth and even on the floor, as ever so small a bulk will soon show wear. Always place something under to lessen the friction, particularly under stair carpets. Paper will answer if nothing better is at hand, but for rooms and halls straw is much superior, as the dust passes through it and lies on the floor. With velvets, Brussels, etc., make it a rule to sweep but little. Pick everything off that can be gathered in that way, and use dust-pan and brush, brushing the dust right into the pan, and never sweeping it the length of the room as is common with other carpets.

Give plenty of air without allowing the sun to strike constantly on one spot, as through a door or window. Stained spots may be greatly benefited by the judicious use of analine dyes, and it will brighten faded colors to dampen them with water in which a small quantity of spirits of ammonia and borax has been mixed. A new broom should be kept for the use of carpets that are to be swept, as woolen carpets wear off very fast if swept with old, stiff, short brooms, and pieces of oil cloth or oil cloth mats should be used in front of the grate or stove.

On festive occasions, when dancing and promenading are the "order of the day," a cover of unbleached muslin stretched tightly over the carpet will preserve it unsullied. It has always been our custom to change the strips of carpet as they become worn, ripping them apart and putting the outside strips in the center, changing again and again as long as there is any beauty or wear in it, and finally cutting across the middle and turning the ends together. The strips need not all be cut one length and the seams will not all come in a line—then it can be renovated with a border. Of course such a carpet descends in the social scale, from parlor to bed-room and dining-room, and finally finishes off in the kitchen, where it can be pieced out to proper size with oil cloth.

The most common insect we have to contend with is the moth, and after having the binding eaten off from several carpets I have learned that a slight dust of Scotch snuff around where the carpets are tacked will keep them away. Salt is good but draws dampness. Strips of paper dipped in turpentine or carbolic acid and placed under the edges are also good, but scent a room so strongly that it is very unpleasant. A wet towel spread over a suspected harbor of the insects and pressed with a hot flat-iron is sure death, but needs to be repeated often.

To cleanse a carpet on the floor, clean, damp sawdust is very good swept back and forth. It catches the dust, and will not soil even delicate colors. A broom dipped in a large pan or pail of water and drawn across a few feet at a time—dipping the broom afresh in the water and not having it too wet—is a good method. The water may need changing and a piece of oilcloth should be placed under the vessel of water. When a carpet is lifted from the floor, give a thorough shaking, then hang across a line, and whip with long withes. This is all that most carpets need. If there is grease on it, spread on a clean floor, use a brush, hot water, soap, and plenty of spirits of ammonia, rub both sides and rinse.

Rag carpets may be scrubbed with a broom to very good advantage, afterward hanging to dry. If very dirty soak first. To disinfect carpets from the sick room of contagious diseases, should never be neglected, as their properties of absorbing moisture make them grand receptacles of disease.

After taking them from the floor and cleansing them, if they cannot be washed, the entire surface should be wiped off with a cloth dipped in water strongly impregnated with carbolic acid, after which they should be hung in the air in some out-building, until all danger is past. Another plan is to smoke them over sulphur, but this is sometimes injurious to the colors.

Not uncommonly we hear the complaint of fleas harboring in carpets, and when once lodged in a soft carpet, it is some task to get rid of them. Plenty of salt, swept back and forth over the surface is a sure remedy, as they will not stay anywhere where salt comes in contact with them.

Somebody has discovered that old rag carpets may be rejuvenated by a coat of paint, and it is asserted they both look and wear well. The carpet is stretched tightly and tacked, then a coat of paint of the same kind as applied to the outside of the building, is brushed heavily on and carefully dried. The color is generally buff or orange, and may be striped, barred or left plain. Old carpets, unlike many things, never cease to be useful. After they can no longer be used as a covering for the floor, they make good mats for the hot-bed and cold-frame; useful coverings for sick animals; safe wraps for our bulbs and tubers in cellars that are not quite frost-proof, and when worn entirely into shreds, good mulch about young shrubs if covered with soil; or they can be placed in the forks of fruit trees to catch insects, and are of great value in the lining of a rookery, etc., etc.—*Mary F. McCloud, in Rural New Yorker.*

—LeRoy Jones, of Fulton, N. Y. caused his dead wife to be kept unburied nearly two weeks in the belief that the Lord would raise her up. He soon afterward himself died, of nervous and religious excitement.

—One trunk and two barrels closely packed with sermons of the Rev. Timothy Edwards have been brought to light in Windsor, Conn. Mr. Edwards was the father of Jonathan Edwards.

Sardines.

A foreign letter in the Boston *Journal* tells the following concerning the preparation of sardines: These little finny creatures are caught in nets, and after being well washed the heads are cut off and the fish are sprinkled lightly with fine salt. After laying for a few hours they are placed on grids in rows almost perpendicular. The frames are then placed in pans containing boiling olive oil. This oil is changed as often as it becomes too black and dirty for continuing the cooking process. As soon as the fish are considered sufficiently cooked they are withdrawn from the pans of oil, and the grids are placed on tables covered with zinc, the surface of the table inclining towards a groove in the center. The oil is thus carried to a vessel prepared to receive it. Around these tables stand the women whose business it is to pack the fish closely and uniformly in boxes. The boxes being full, the fish are covered with fresh oil, and the lids of the boxes are then soldered down. Thus hermetically sealed thay are placed in a wire basket and immersed in boiling water. The smaller boxes are thus boiled for about an hour, and the larger ones somewhat longer, in proportion to the size of the box. The fish are then ready for the market, and being packed in cases, are sent to the ends of the earth.

—Our correspondent, who boards next door to the Czar, says: The other night, about three a. m., the Czar awoke very hungry, and, after feeling around for his slippers, went softly down stairs into the cellar to forage for a quiet snack. After barking the Imperial shins once or twice, he reached the refrigerator and lifted the lid. As he did so, the palace Henry cat, which had been by some mischance shut up in the said chest, flew up in his face with a frightful yawp and splutter. With a frantic shriek the terrified Czar dashed up-stairs again, and, plunging into bed, drew the cover up over his head. "What on earth's the matter, Aleck?" inquired the astonished Mrs. Czar, waking up. "Matter enough," groaned the persecuted monarch. "I'll be eternally flinged if they haven't got to putting torpedoes in the cold ham!"

—The explanation given by an excited Celestial in Vicksburg: "Me payee poker with Melican; alle same me glettee flo aces; me betten ten dolla, no body clum in. Me glettee thlee klings; me bettee five dolla, nobody clum in. Me gettee flo flushee; me bettee fifteen dolla, evly son of glum clum in. Me cleanee out."

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EGGS—Fresh Candled	..	@	07
PORK—Standard Mess	10.10	@	10.50
WOOL—Tub-washed, Choice	58	@	55
Unwashed, Medium	33	@	35
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OATS—No. 2	....	@	26
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