HOME AND FARM.

GLOSSY SKIN.—Pour in a pint of bran sufficient boiling water to cover it. Let stand until cold and then bathe the face with it, only patting the skin with a soft towel to dry it.

APPLE DUMPLINGS.—Good, sour, juicy apples; pare, core, and halve. Make dough as for soda biscuits, adding a little more lard; then roll out, put in your apple halves, sweeten to taste; then cover apple and sugar with dough, lay the dumpling in the bread-pan smooth side up, first buttering your pan; put a small bit of butter on the top of each dumpling and sprinkle a handful of sugar over all. Bake one hour.

SOAP SUDS.—No wise woman who has flowers in her house or garden will throw away her soap suds. They are a most valuable fertilizer for flowers, and especially for the verbena. If this floral favorite is plentifully watered with soap suds and its seed vessels picked off it will flower profusely. Soap suds are good for vines and currant bushes and fruit trees; indeed, they are the food for plants corresponding to milk for animals, and it is very wasteful to throw them away if there are plants anywhere within reach that may be benefited by them.

DELICIOUS PUDDING.—Take a deep pudding-dish and butter it; cover the bottom and sides with thin slices of bread, white or brown, then a layer of pared and cut apples or pears, or both, mixed with any other fruit you fancy; then sprinkle some sugar; then a layer of bread in slices or bits; then fruit, and so on until the dish is full. Lay thin slices of bread over; fill up with any fruit-juice, or water, lacking this; cover with a plate and bake in a slow oven four hours. Hot or cold, it is most delicious. Any sauce would spoil it.

SELECTING SEED CORN.—It is as important to make a good selection of the seed that is to produce the next crop, as it is to choose the live stock that will grow the future herd. The selection should not be left until the time of husking, but be done now. Go through a portion of the field and select those that are well eared and unusually vigorous—in fact, the best the field affords—and give them an extra chance for further development by removing the other stalks from the hill. Any thing that will increase the vitality and perfect the development of the grain that is to be planted for the next season's crop, should not be forgotten. We should seek for stalks with one good ear, rather than those with two small ones.

AN old farmer in the New York *Tribune* says: "How absurd are the stories of fleeces of wool weighing all the way from 20 to 40 pounds, shorn from animals not weighing perhaps over 100 to 150! I wonder any agricultural paper that has the least regard for its reputation will ever allow such weights to be recorded in its columns. Such reports are grossly false, and ought to be scouted by the whole community. These fleeces are full of filth, dirt, yolk and grease; cleanse them thoroughly, which must be done before the wool can be manufactured, and they will not give over one-fourth to one-fifth the weight of the fleece in the dirt. That is to say, one represented by the owner of the sheep as weighing 20 pounds would not turn out of clean wool over 4 to 5 pounds; one of 30 pounds, 6 to 7 pounds; and one of 40 pounds, 8 to 10 pounds. On the strength of the reports of such heavy fleeces breeders often sell their sheep to the ignorant and unsuspecting at extra high prices. Is this any better than rank swindling?"

DON'T imagine that it makes no difference how your chickens have been brought up. Don't suppose that they will be good anyhow. Chickens have been carefully dressed, deliciously stuffed, and yet they were not fit to eat. There was a flavor about them that no soda rinsings could cleanse and no seasoning conceal. These were chickens that had picked up their living round pig styes and other unclean places. A chicken may be spoiled in dressing it to cook. If killed with a full crop, and allowed to lie for hours before it is "drawn" or relieved of its internal organs, it gets an unpleasant flavor. Fowls should be caught and shut up without food for twelve hours before they are beheaded. Then the crop and intestines will be empty, and the task of picking and dressing it will be greatly lessened. Old fowls are not necessarily tough—only cook them long enough. They are more tender twenty-four hours after they are killed than if eaten immediately.

A Sad Episode in the Lime-kiln Club.

ANOTHER member of the Lime-kiln Club has joined the silent procession which is ever marching with noiseless step upon the broad highway from earth to eternity. A communication from Wilmington, Del., signed by a Justice of the Peace and three Constables, gave the information that Asphaltum Sylvester, an honorary member of the Club, had been found dead in a field. As soon as the reading was finished, Col. Pendulum Jones arose and began:

"MISSER CHA'RMAN: De tear leaps unbidden to my eye at de sad informashun dat anodder good man has passed from airth away. Brudder Sylvester was a man widout a single fault. He was up——"

"Brudder Jones will please sot down while I furnish a leetle more informashun on dis subjeck," interrupted Brother Gardner. "Now, den, I knew de deceased fur many long y'ars. He was simply a colored man, same as de rest of us. He wasn't any mo' truly good dan any odder pusson. Fact am, he was pow'ful mean 'bout a great many fings, an' none too good in any. He was foun' dead in a field. Keep your eyes on dat. He was foun' dead in a field, an' jes' behin' him was a bag o' watermelons, an' jes' in front o' him was a spring-gun. Dat's how he was foun' dead in a field! Dat's de truly good sort of a man he was! I agree dat no man should speak ill of de dead, but dis Club am no puffin' machine to kiver up dead men's rascalities. Sich kind o' work is looked fur in Congress, an' am taken fur what it's wuth. Let it be understood, now an' foreber dat any member of this Club who gits, in front of a spring-gun in a melon patch, or drops down in front of a smoke-house doah, am not gwine to be eulogized heah as a hero who lost his life while tryin' to tow a burnin' steamboat ashore. As men lib so may men speak of dem."

—*Detroit Free Press.*

A City of Earthquakes.

MANILA is the capital city of the Island of Luzon and of all the Philippine Islands. Is is the see of a Roman Catholic Bishop and is one of the great emporiums of the East. Its aspect is at once Spanish and Oriental; long lines of heavily mounted batteries, somber churches, ungainly towers, and massive houses of solid masonry mingle with airy cottages, in groves of tropical trees, raised on posts to permit the free passage of the waters in the rainy season, and so constructed as, by their elasticity, to offer some resistance to earthquakes. In the main street, the Escolta, are innumerable shops and stalls and a motley population of various races. Beyond the Escolta a swarm of Chinese, Indians, and half castes appear as goldsmiths and jewelers, painters and enamelers, and keepers of gambling-houses and cook-shops. Other suburbs have their special characters. San Fernando is the seat of great cigar manufactories and Santo Mesa of a cordage manufactory. At the Alcaiceria the Chinese sampans discharge their cargoes. Fishermen and weavers inhabit the division of Tondo, and its gardens supply the market with fruit and vegetables. Malako is famous for its embroideries; Paco is inhabited by artisans and artists; convalescents resort for health to Santa Ana and San Pedro Macati. The city was founded by Legaspi in 1571. In 1645 it was nearly destroyed by an earthquake. In 1762 it was taken by a British fleet, and held for fifteen months. Its Royal and Pontifical University of St. Thomas is in the hands of the Dominicans; its College of St. Joseph belongs to the Jesuits; the Escuela Pia belongs to the city and is for Spanish children alone. By the political changes of the present century Manila has been brought from a state of comparative obscurity to rank with Calcutta and Batavia.

—A ten-year-old boy, whose legs were recently cut off by a train of cars at Dubuque, Iowa, was too plucky to make any fuss over the incident. When the little fellow was taken home his legs hung limp, but he did not complain. Not a tear stood in his eyes, but the tender look he gave to those who stood by his side told plainly that he was suffering great agony. After the Doctor had dressed his wounds he called his parents, sisters and brothers to his bedside, kissed one and all, and left a tear upon their cheeks. A second time he called his mother to his side, placed his arms about her neck and said: "Mother, I am going to die in a few minutes. Please forgive me for not minding you." With this the little fellow fell back, and as the mother said, "Yes, my angel," and took another look at his face, she found him beyond all pain.

—The claimants to English estates will be interested to learn that in the parish of Kelsale, in Suffolk, there is a property known as the "Kelsale House Estate," consisting of mansion, two farm houses, and 440 acres of land. On this estate there is no known owner, agent or occupier. No person is upon it, and no labor of any kind has been expended upon it for the last eight months. The houses are uninhabited, and the land a waste. The taxes are unpaid, and the tithe rent charge is not collected. There are 100 acres of pasture land, but so full of mole hills that the grass is worth little except for feeding purposes. The arable land is a picture to behold; it presents a scene perhaps never before witnessed, but often imagined, when thinking of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." Thousands of wild flowers now in full beauty give an idea of fairyland.

—A writer on Australian life in the Boston *Commercial Bulletin* tells how a sick man was found by his mate at the diggings murdered, and his gold gone. The culprit was found, but contrived that night to escape with the money, which, for safe-keeping, had been placed in the place of detention. Nothing could be heard of him, but a few days later came the following: "Mr. Magistrate: Jem Bell (the murdered man) was once a mate of mine. He was a good man. You will find his murderer at the head of Dead Horse Gully. I have kept the gold for a reward.—KANGAROO BILL, Captain of the Bushrangers." They found the murderer's remains—a fleshless skeleton, every bone picked clean. He had been staked down on the ground, with his back to an ant hill, and left for the ants to eat him alive. A more awful retribution can scarcely be conceived.

—Edmund Yates says pithily, "You can treat an avowed enemy with chivalry, but not a tale-bearer."

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, August 12, 1880.

CATTLE—Native Steers	8.50	@	10.00
COTTON—Middling	....	@	11½
FLOUR—Good to Choice	4.50	@	6.75
WHEAT—Red, No. 2	1.09	@	1.09
Spring, No. 2 Chicago	1.07	@	1.08½
CORN—No. 2	49	@	49¾
OATS—Western Mixed	39	@	40
PORK—Old Mess	14.25	@	14.50
ST. LOUIS.			
COTTON—Middling	...	@	11
BEEVES—Choice	4.60	@	4.75
Good to Prime	4.40	@	4.60
Native Cows	2.25	@	3.10
Texas Steers	2.50	@	3.60
HOGS—Common to Select	4.25	@	4.30
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	3.00	@	4.00
FLOUR—XXX to Choice	4.50	@	5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Winter	92	@	92½
No. 3 "	86½	@	87
CORN—No. 2 Mixed	33½	@	34
OATS—No. 2	23	@	23½
RYE—No. 2	62	@	63
TOBACCO—Dark Lugs	3.30	@	3.60
Medium Dark Leaf	5.25	@	6.75
HAY—Choice Timothy	11.50	@	12.00
BUTTER—Choice Dairy	20	@	22
EGGS—Choice	11	@	11½
PORK—Standard Mess	15.00	@	15.50
BACON—Long Clear	08	@	08⅛
LARD—Prime Steam	06	@	07¼
WOOL—Tub-washed, Med'm.	45	@	48
Unwashed "	28	@	30
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	4.00	@	4.80
HOGS—Common to Choice	4.50	@	5.25
SHEEP—Common to Choice	3.00	@	3.90
FLOUR—Winters	5.00	@	6.00
Springs	4.00	@	5.00
WHEAT—Spring No. 2	88	@	89½
" No. 3	80	@	81
CORN—No. 2	35	@	36½
OATS—No. 2	23	@	24
RYE—No. 2	65	@	66
PORK—Mess	14.50	@	15.00
KANSAS CITY.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	3.25	@	3.75
Native Cows	2.40	@	2.70
HOGS—Sales at	4.00	@	4.50
WHEAT—No. 2	....	@	81¼
No. 3	....	@	74¼
CORN—No. 2 Mixed	....	@	25¾
OATS—No. 2	....	@	21¼
NEW ORLEANS.			
FLOUR—High Grades	5.00	@	5.75
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OATS—Choice	35	@	35
HAY—Choice	18.00	@	20.00
PORK—Mess	15.00	@	15.25
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COTTON—Middling	....	@	11⅛

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—A stalactite cave, with prehistoric animal remains, is stated to have been discovered near Menhadu, on the Romano-Hungarian frontier.

[Wausau (Wis.) Central Wisconsin.]

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[Cleveland Plain Dealer.]

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