

Hoof's Hoof in Winter.

LACK of moisture is not necessarily a cause of brittleness of the hoof, since the horse has a strong hoof. A continued drought is especially dangerous when it acts on a foot accustomed to abundance of water.

CALENDAR

Calendar table showing days of the month for January, February, March, April, May, and June.

HOME AND FARM.

Pots containing flowers should be washed as often as any mold or fungus growth appears. STARCH PUDDING.—Four teaspoonfuls of milk, one teaspoonful of starch, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one egg; flavor with lemon.

TO REMOVE MOTH PATCHES.—Wash the patches with a solution of common bicarbonate of soda and water several times during the day, for two days, or until the patches are removed, which will usually be in forty-eight hours.

As a general thing sheep in winter quarters are too much crowded, and thus when a portion of the flock are lying down the rest, being obliged to stand, frequently trample on their fellows through restlessness and fright.

COPPER WIRE and copper straps are often very convenient and of much use in repairing tools, doors, gates, and parts of buildings. Copper wire is about as easily handled as twine, and is more unyielding and durable.

FRIED APPLES, when nicely prepared, make a very agreeable accompaniment to the morning meal. The following is a good way of cooking them: Juicy, thin-skinned, and not very sour apples are best.

Small Farms. One of the most encouraging signs of better times in Georgia is the change gradually going on from planting to farming, and the conversion of large plantations into small farms which accompanies it.

MEAT PIE.—Line a baking-dish with a paste rolled a quarter of an inch thick, of any kind preferred; soda biscuit is a very convenient one and is sure to be light. Cook the tender cut, cut it in small pieces and fill the dish nearly full. Put in, if the meat is quite lean, a large piece of butter; if fat, less will do; pepper and salt it. Add of the water in which it was boiled as much as the dish will contain, dredge in considerable flour and cover it. Finish the edge with an extra roll, and cut small openings in the upper crust for the escape of the steam.

WHEN hogs are being fattened in pens there should always be two apartments, the one for feeding and the other for sleeping in. The one should be cleaned daily, and the other kept well littered with straw, and the straw removed as fast as the nest becomes very dirty.

SCRATCHES.—Wash the heels thoroughly with a lye made by dissolving one ounce of caustic soda in six quarts of hot water. When the lye becomes sufficiently cool soak off all the scabs and dirt without the aid of the finger-nails. Dry the heels carefully, but thoroughly, and be sure to remove all the lye therefrom. Apply a mixture composed of one drachm of crude carbolic acid dissolved in as little water as possible, then mix well with five ounces of glycerine. Keep the heels supple with this mixture by applying it three or four times daily. Do not wash or apply any water to the affected parts oftener than every second day; then soak off all scabs and dirt with a strong suds made with carbolic soap and warm water. Be sure to dry the parts well in the same manner as above described when the lye was used, at each washing with the carbolic soap, and remove all soapy material before applying the glycerine and carbolic acid mixture. This treatment and cooling diet will eradicate the scratches.

DUELING has become so thoroughly repulsive to public sentiment in South Carolina that a bill is before the Legislature to punish with death the slaying of an opponent in an affair of honor, and parties leaving the State to fight will be deemed guilty of misdemeanor.

JOHN T. CRAWFORD, who recently died in Cincinnati, bequeathed property of the value of \$100,000 to build a home for aged colored men, an eighteen-acre tract at College Hill.

During the recent cold snap at Wilkesbarre, Penn., a fifteen-year-old girl named Faye was attracted by the white frost on a lamp-post, and began wiping it off with her gloves. Then she breathed on it, and tiny bits of frost were formed. After a good deal of breathing and wiping, she undertook to lick a portion of the frost from the iron. But no sooner did her tongue touch the post than it stuck fast—so fast that she could not withdraw it, and she could neither call for assistance nor extricate herself. At length two men came to her assistance and endeavor to free her from her imprisonment by pouring hot water on the post near where the tongue was fast. Instead of loosening it, the water made it stick still faster. Two small chips were then wedged between the tongue and post on either side until the tongue was freed. The girl has been under medical treatment ever since, and is said to be slowly improving.

Callahan killed Toumey by striking him with a club and stabbing him with a knife at Wooster, Ohio. John McSweeney, a noted Western criminal lawyer, made the speech to the jury for the prosecution. In front of the orator on a table lay the club and knife which the murderer had used, also a pumpkin and a paving-stone. When he described the manner of the crime he illustrated the blows by whacking the stone with all his might, and the pumpkins by plunging the knife into the pumpkins. The reporters say that the effect was not ludicrous, as might be imagined, but excited the audience so much that they hooted and groaned at the prisoner. The verdict was "Guilty," and Callahan is now under sentence of death.

Among the safe remedies for insect infestation, to which all plants are liable, it has recently been ascertained that borax is most efficacious. It should be lightly sprinkled on the under-surfaces of the leaves. A little on the soil, will be beneficial. In several cases plants have seemed to be stimulated when small quantities have been applied to the roots, by dissolving it in water held by the creek-saucers. But, for the foliage of the plants, and for the borax, use a weak solution of borax in water, or a solution of borax in water, or a solution of borax in water.

When the baby cries for "bread" it is the most natural thing in the world for the mother to give it a roll.

One of the great manufacturing interests of Boston, is the Emerson Piano Company, whose pianos are used with high appreciation and satisfaction throughout the world. In a recent conversation with Mr. Joe Gramer, one of the proprietors, that gentleman remarked: "I have used that splendid remedy, St. Jacobs Oil, in my family, and found it to be so very beneficial that I will never be without it. It has cured me of a severe case of rheumatism, after other remedies had failed."

Remember the poor, and if possible do something to make them remember you.—M. O. Pagan.

Dr. Mosso, of Turin, has invented a machine which measures thought. It is called the plethysmograph. One of the machines was applied to a New York "society" man—a one-barreled egotistical youth who parts his hair in the middle—and the sensitive register didn't indicate a seep.

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