HOME AND FARM.

Cakes, puddings, etc., are improved by making the currants, sugar, and flour hot before using them.

Plain Cake.—Two cups of flour, two cups of sugar, half a cup of water, the yelks of five eggs and whites of four, two teaspoonfuls of yeast powder, grated rind and juice of one orange.

Sowing clover with wheat in the spring, to be turned under in the fall, will pay. One bushel of clover seed is enough to sow eight acres.

All sorts of vessels and utensils may be purified from long-retained smells of every kind, in the easiest and most perfect manner, by rinsing them out well with charcoal powder, after the grosser impurities have been scoured off with sand and water.

Welsh Rarebit.—Toast thin slices of bread and cut into squares; butter while hot; moisten slightly with hot water and lay on a hot plate; sprinkle with salt, pepper and mustard. Pour over enough melted cheese to cover, and serve hot, a slice of toast to each person.

Bride's Cake.—Two cups of sugar, one-half cup of butter, the whites of five eggs beaten to a stiff froth, one cup of cold water; mix well together; then add three cups of flour into which one teaspoon of soda and two of cream of tartar have been stirred; beat briskly for two minutes; flavor with almond, and bake in a quick oven; frost the top.

String Halt.—String halt is a loss of power of one of the principal nerves controlling the motion of one of the hind legs. There is no cure for it. The leg is drawn up with a jerk when it is lifted, the muscle which raises it being uncontrolled by the nerve to which this office belongs. It is one of those nervous disorders which have baffled the skill of the surgeon either to explain or to remedy.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Danish Pudding.—One cupful of tapioca, three generous pints of water, half a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful of sugar, one tumbler of any kind of bright jelly. Wash the tapioca and soak in water all night. In the morning put on in the double boiler and cook one hour. Stir frequently. Add the salt, sugar and jelly, and mix thoroughly. Turn into a mold that has been dipped into cold water and set away to harden. Serve with cream and sugar.—*Miss Parlon's New Cook Book.*

The seed of many ornamental and useful trees ripen in spring, and if once planted will produce young trees by fall, that will safely pass the winter. The scarlet maple, for instance, ripens its seed late in May. If planted at once, they would grow to a height of at least eighteen inches by fall. A silver maple will grow in four years, from seed, large enough to make considerable shade. Such seedlings may be raised by anybody, or bought of the nurseryman for two dollars per thousand. Still, thousands of well-to-do farmers have no trees either for shade, ornament or shelter.

Timely Test of Seeds.

Certainly one of the most important elements of success in the growing of a crop is the soundness of the seed. If old, or in part old, the set of plants may be too thin for the possibility of a good crop. Or the weak plants themselves may be so further weakened by the adverse weather incident to the planting season as to grow too slowly for productive results. Replanting rarely succeeds, and never can succeed fully with plants that require an early start, either to mature before hot weather, or before frost; and this makes the advance testing of any seeds that are not known assuredly to be fresh and heavy an actual essential. It is an interesting and instructive experiment for the young people of a family. Along one of the streets of Gloucester, England, an inland port upon the Severn, a few years ago, a range of greenhouses was seen flush with the pavement. They belonged to an important nursery and seed store in the city, and the neat and somewhat architectural front range displayed specimens of the salable plants, etc., of the season. Between these were a great many of the common clayware flower-pot saucers in pairs, one nesting in the other—the lower one containing water, which kept the upper or inner one wet through. In this latter there were scattered from twenty to fifty seeds, which, if large, were covered with a piece of damp felt or moss, although the humid, still air of the glass building slightly warmed by a hot-water pipe seemed sufficient for the germination of all seeds capable of it in that temperature. A boy was counting and recording the proportion of success in each case, and putting still other sorts on trial. The firm made this open display of their care, probably, as an assurance to the public that they met their pledges in regard to warranted soundness of seeds sent out. Below the stage which carried the seeds and plants was another wider spread of potatoes, hardening in the light, and preparing a start in germination before being set in the ground. This is a very common practice abroad, and apparently a very useful one, both as regards earliness and certainty of the future crops.—*New York Tribune.*

Ice-coated Fruit-trees.

One of the wrong ideas which has a very general lodgment among the opinions and beliefs of orchardists, and which keeps its place in the face of the flood of light that the press is now throwing upon all the theory and practice of the farm, is that of supposing that a coating of ice or of hoar-frost on the branches and twigs of trees is destructive to them or their fruit-buds. It is, on the contrary, preservative, unless its weight is so great as to cause breakage. Hoar-frost is dew, freezing, crystallizing as it condenses; and whenever it occurs the air is warmer than the objects which receive the condensation, and is at the same time saturated with moisture which it deposits on cooler surfaces. Now plants in general enjoy moist air, and dryness of the air is by far the most frequent cause of their death; and it is when the sky is dry and clear that heat radiates freely from every surface into space, and during the long clear nights of winter very much more heat is lost than the short days and dim sunshine enable plants, etc., to absorb. Blasts from colder districts are dry as well as cold, and attack the life of plants by both weapons.—*Rural New Yorker.*

—Tobacco culture in Wisconsin has been confined hitherto to a small part of the State, but it has already assumed large proportions as a commercial factor. The value of the crop harvested in 1880 will reach nearly or quite $1,500,000, and the time is not far distant when it will be expedient to provide proper legal forms for assuring the markets of the world of the grade and quality of Wisconsin-grown tobacco. Last year 13,358 acres were raised, one-half of which was seed leaf, the remainder being Spanish, of fine, silky texture.

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—The first well for oil was sunk twenty-one years ago.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, February 25, 1881.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	$9 00	@	11 50
COTTON—Middling	.....	@	11½
FLOUR—Good to Choice	4 75	@	6 75
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 17½	@	1 18
No. 2 Spring	1 36½	@	1 37
CORN—No. 2	57	@	57½
OATS—Western Mixed	43	@	44½
PORK—Standard Mess	15 25	@	15 12½
ST. LOUIS.			
COTTON—Middling	.....	@	11½
BEEVES—Choice	5 00	@	5 00
Fair to Good	4 60	@	4 80
Native Cows	2 75	@	3 85
Texas Steers	3 25	@	4 50
HOGS—Common to Select	5 00	@	5 15
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	4 50	@	5 00
FLOUR—XXX to Choice	4 25	@	5 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Winter	1 00½	@	1 01
No. 3 "	97	@	98
CORN—No. 2 Mixed	38	@	38½
OATS—No. 2	33	@	34
RYE—No. 2	89	@	90
TOBACCO—Dark Lugs	3 75	@	4 25
Medium to Dark Leaf	6 00	@	7 00
HAY—Choice Timothy	16 50	@	17 00
BUTTER—Choice Dairy	24	@	25
EGGS—Choice	16	@	17
PORK—Standard Mess	15 00	@	15 25
BACON—Clear Rib	08	@	08½
LARD—Prime Steam	10	@	10½
WOOL—Tub-washed, Medium	35	@	40
Unwashed "	24	@	25
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 00	@	5 40
HOGS—Good to Choice	5 25	@	5 25
SHEEP—Good to Choice	4 50	@	5 50
FLOUR—Winter	5 00	@	6 00
Spring	4 50	@	5 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	96½	@	98
No. 2 Spring	97	@	97½
CORN—No. 2	37½	@	37½
OATS—No. 2	28½	@	29
RYE	89	@	90
PORK—New Mess	14 50	@	14 75
KANSAS CITY.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	3 85	@	4 35
Native Cows	2 50	@	3 00
HOGS—Sales at	5 25	@	5 35
WHEAT—No. 2	85½	@	86
No. 3	82	@	82½
CORN—No. 2 Mixed	33	@	33½
OATS—No. 2	29	@	30½
NEW ORLEANS.			
FLOUR—High Grades	5 25	@	6 25
CORN—White	58	@	60
OATS—Choice	44	@	45
HAY—Choice	24 00	@	25 00
PORK—Mess	15 50	@	16 25
BACON—Clear Rib	08½	@	09
COTTON—Middling	.....	@	11½

[Pottstown Daily Ledger.]

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