HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

THE too common practice of covering lawns with manure in the autumn, making them look like barn-yards in most cases, does more harm than good.

TO SOFTEN the skin if rough, rub clarified honey vigorously into the parts affected, each time after washing, and allow it to remain for at least an hour. Then rub off with cold cream.

INDIAN PUDDING.—Stir five spoonfuls of Indian meal into three pints of boiling milk, add little salt, four well-beaten eggs, one cup sugar, teaspoonful of ginger. Bake three hours; one hour before taking out add one pint of milk without stirring.

CAKE TO BE EATEN WARM FOR TEA.—Mix two teaspoonfuls of baking powder in one pound of fine flour. Rub in a quarter of a pound of butter, lard, or clarified dripping, mix in a quarter of a pound granulated sugar, a teaspoonful of ground caraway seed, grated lemon peel, or any other flavoring. When ready to bake, stir in as quickly as possible two well-beaten eggs mixed with a gill and a half of milk, or, if convenient, cream. Put into a well-buttered tin, and bake in a hot oven.

SHOEING HORSES.—The London *Live Stock Gazette* says: If the farriers or blacksmiths are anxious to do something useful at a small expense, let them publish an illustrated broadside fit for hanging in blacksmith shops, telling smiths and their masters what not to do. "Don't carve the frog; don't open the heels; don't rasp the outside of the hoof; don't cut the hoof to fit the shoe, but, after shortening the toe, if needed, fit the shoe to the foot," and so on, as common sense dictates.

TO MAKE VINEGAR.—1. Boil either corn, wheat, barley or rye, about one pint of the grain to a gallon of water, strain, and to the liquor thus obtained add sirup or sugar until pleasantly sweet. Let stand in a warm place, and you will soon have good vinegar. The stronger and sweeter the liquor the stronger will be the vinegar and the longer in making. 2. Pack in a jar the skins and cores of apples made in preparing pies and sauce, and cover with boiling water. When another lot is made, add them and more hot water till the jar is full. In warm weather set the jar in the sun, carefully covered with a cloth; in cool weather in a warm place in the house. The apples do not rot at all. In six or eight weeks the water is turned into excellent vinegar and of an amber color. No yeast, nor spirits, nor acids, nor sugar, nor molasses are needed—nothing whatever but the skins and cores and water.

GATHER THE LEAVES.—Forest leaves are excellent to supply the stable-yards, and where straw is scarce also the cow-stables and hog-pens. They can be most conveniently gathered just after falling, when there is some weight in them, or after the first snow and before the wintry blasts have scattered them. They then lay compactly, and being moist or heavy can be handled with greater facility. A cart with a few standards stuck in the sides will hold a considerable quantity; and the best thing to gather them or load them with is a wooden hand-rake; a wooden four-tined straw-fork is also very handy when the leaves are moist. Leaves absorb large quantities of the liquid manure and are an excellent fertilizer in the spring. They can be gathered too when other labor about the farm is slack.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

KEEPING ONIONS.—A Minnesota writer says, in the New York *Sun*, that he makes as deep a pit as he can with the plow for onions and cabbages in a dry, sheltered place near the house, scraping out all the loose dirt with a hoe, and putting in some chaff or straw from the straw stack, and tramping down well. Then he hauls the onions from where they grew and piles them in carefully on this, and puts more chaff on top and covers up with a foot of dirt from each side, and packs it smooth with the spade, where they can remain a part or all of the winter, or until wanted. They were quoted at $1.25 last winter and spring in Minneapolis. If they freeze it will make no difference; they will come out all right when the frost leaves the ground. Cabbages may be pulled up on a dry day and packed in the other end of the pit, roots up, and also covered with straw and dirt, when they or the onions can be taken out as wanted. The cellar is one of the worst places to keep onions or cabbages in, as it is almost always too damp or warm.—*Rural New Yorker.*

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