

**HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.**

—Tar should never be applied to fruit trees; it destroys the bark, not only where it is applied, but where it washes down.

—A mixture of buttermilk and water, two parts of water to one of buttermilk, is a healthy drink for the field in warm weather.

—Tomato Fritters.—Slice ripe ones, dip in a thick, rich batter; season with pepper and salt; fry like oysters. Or, they may be seasoned with sugar and almost any spice, and fried as before.

—To keep flies from horses, procure a bunch of smart-weed, and bruise it to cause the juice to exude. Rub the animal thoroughly with the bunch of bruised weed, especially on the legs, neck and ears. Neither flies nor other insects will trouble him for twenty-four hours.

—Green Corn Pudding.—Draw a sharp knife through each row of corn, lengthwise, and scrape out the pulp. To a generous pint of this pulp add three beaten eggs, a teaspoonful of butter, sugar to taste, a little salt and any spice or flavoring liked. Bake in a moderate oven two hours. Stir the pudding occasionally at first until it thickens.

—To make pickled preserves take twelve pounds of fruit, six pounds of sugar, one quart of vinegar; spice to your taste. Heat all these together and pour over the fruit. Let it stand all night, and in the morning drain off the vinegar, heat it and pour over again, then put away in jars or cans. Cherries and blackberries are very nice in this way.

—Hot Frosting.—One teacup of white sugar, put into a basin with one-half teacup of water; boil until it will wax when dropped into cold water. Then pour it on the white of an egg, which has been beaten to a froth. Stir it briskly until it is cool enough so as not to run off. After the top of the cake has been covered, and you wish to frost the sides, stir in a little fine dry sugar. The cake should be cold. Sit it in the oven for a minute to dry.

—Cream Pie.—One cup sugar, one quart of sweet milk, half cup flour, yolks of three eggs, a little pinch of salt, flavor with lemon essence, this is the best. Put the milk on the stove and let it come nearly to a boil, then stir the eggs, sugar and flour, wetting up the flour first. Stick the crust full of fork holes and bake, then put in the cream; beat up the whites, put it on the top, and return again to the oven and bake a light brown. This will make three pies.

—Corn for Winter Use.—Throw the ears into boiling water and let remain just long enough to set the milk; then cut carefully from the cob, and to every two quarts of corn add a pint of salt; mix thoroughly, pack in earthen jars, spread a cloth over the corn with a weight on top. Keep in a cool place. When wanted for use put into a stewpan, cover with cold water, let heat, turn off, put on cold water again and so repeat till fresh enough for taste. Cream, butter, salt and pepper may then be added.

—Housekeepers, mechanics and others, in handling knives, tools and other sharp instruments, very frequently receive severe cuts, from which blood flows profusely, and oftentimes endangers life itself. Blood may be made to cease to flow as follows: Take the fine dust of tea and bind it close to the wound; at all times accessible and easily obtained. After the blood has ceased to flow, laudanum may be advantageously applied to the wound. Due regard to these instructions would save agitation of mind and running for the surgeon.

—There is an accumulation of material around every farm-house and the out-buildings that is best known by the name of "rubbish." It is not fit for the compost heap, and is unsightly if left either in an ungathered state, or put in a pile; in fact, its only valuable shape is in ashes, and its proper place is in the "burn heap." Of such is the rubbish that has served its period of usefulness, the prunings from the trees of the yard—the blight struck branches, etc. The "burn heap" should be in an out-of-the-way place, but still not distant, and away from all buildings, where it can be fired with safety, as the material to be burned accumulates. If any weeds have been neglected until ripened seeds have formed, they had best go to the "burn heap" rather than the compost heap—one of each of which should be kept on every farm.

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