



AGRICULTURAL.

Selection of Thrifty Stock.

In fattening animals much depends on having good, thrifty stock to begin with. There is a great difference in this respect, some animals eating heartily at all times, while others are always dainty and poor feeders...

Good breeds are originated by carefully weeding out inferior specimens. If this process be not continued the breed will degenerate. It is an interesting question for buyers whether defective animals from pedigree stock are ever refused admission to the herd-book...

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Chinch Bug. The Progressive Farmer, speaking of this parasite, says: The scientific name of the chinch bug is *Macrops leucosternus*. In regions where it is accustomed to put in an appearance it is too well known to the farmer to call for any written description of the insect...

Straw Bee-Hives. A little pamphlet of J. W. Pagden, of Sussex, England, gives the following concerning straw beehives, very frequently seen in that country: After making a patient trial of almost every description of the various scientifically constructed and furnished beehives, and expending no end of money on them, I have not found them to possess any advantage over a properly made, well-managed straw one...

The Arkansas Weekly Grange very sensibly remarks: Concentrate your orders. Don't send individually to agents for what you require. Freight will eat up all you can save, and more too, on small packages. We heard of a Patron who sent to St. Louis for a five gallon can of coal oil, and the oil cost him when delivered about ninety cents a gallon, whereas, he could have bought it at home for less than half. It is needless to say that he felt very

much discouraged and berated the Grange, when the whole fault was his own. He should have gotten his brothers to order with him, so as to get not less than a barrel, and we think that they would have found considerable saving in their purchase. Patrons cannot dispense with common sense in buying.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Rub the buckwheat cake griddle with half a turnip to make the cakes come off nicely. This is better than fat. Ink stains may be removed from books by wetting the spots with a solution of oxalic acid 1 oz., water 1 pint. To each bowl of starch, before boiling, add a teaspoonful of Epsom salts. Articles prepared with this will be stiffer, and in a measure fire-proof.

LEMON BUTTER.—One pound of sugar, a large lemon, grated, using all but the seeds; one egg; a piece of butter the size of a cherry; mix well; as soon as the whole mixture comes to the boiling point it is done.

GINGER CRACKERS.—One pint of molasses, a half pound of butter, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, one of cloves, and one of ginger, flour to make a stiff paste; roll thin, cut in square or strips, and bake in a quick oven.

RICE PUDDING.—In a six-quart pudding pan put one and a half teacupfuls of rice, not boiled; add two eggs beaten with one cup of sugar, a little salt and nutmeg; add one cup of raisins; fill the pan with milk; set in the oven; bake two hours. It will need stirring twice after it begins to bake. This pudding is to be eaten with butter.

HAM CAKE.—A capital way of disposing of the remains of a ham and making an excellent dish for breakfast: Take a pound and a half of ham, fat and lean together; put into a mortar and pound it, or pass it through a sausage machine; boil a large slice of bread in half a pint of milk, and beat it and the ham well together; add an egg beaten up. Put the whole into a mould and bake a rich brown.

And then there is the veritable "hoe cake" baked by our grandmothers; they have gone almost out of fashion here, though, but still I think I shall tell you how they are made. Pour boiling water on a quart of meal, stir in a spoonful of butter or lard and a little salt, let the dough be stiff and knead or work it well, say for ten minutes; bake slowly on a board before the fire; when nicely brown on one side turn and bake the other.—Cor. Connecticut Times.

A good remedy for burns is a strong solution of Epsom salts in water. It not only relieves pain, but helps to heal the wounds. Glycerine—a toilet article in nearly every household—immediately rubbed on mosquito bites, allays all irritation and subdues the swelling.

SCARLET FEVER.—It is said that warm lemonade, with gum-arabic dissolved in it, is good for this disease. It is also recommended to apply to the stomach of the patient a cloth wrung out of hot water, to be renewed as soon as it becomes cool.

RAW BEEF FOR INVALIDS.—There is no doubt that raw beef as a diet has proved a great benefit to persons of a delicate constitution. The beef should be finely chopped, seasoned with salt, and heated by placing the dish containing it in boiling water. The stomach will retain the beef prepared in this way when it will reject every other kind of food.

CANCER CURE.—We are indebted to a correspondent for the following recipe. He says it is a Spanish remedy: Take the yolk of an egg, with as much fine salt as it will absorb; stir it to a salve; spread a little of it on a piece of silk, and apply it fresh twice a day.

A hundred and one remedies for the chinch bug have been proposed, very few of which are worthy of the slightest attention. If it was so arranged that we could irrigate our lands as they do in California, we would not be troubled with the chinch bug, for it is an insect that cannot endure a great amount of moisture. The remedy most resorted to by the grower of small grain is to watch for the first appearance of the insect (it usually first appears in small patches), and immediately on its detection to cut and burn the infected grain, thus putting a check to its spread.

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