

FARM AND FIRESIDE.



Does Poultry Pay? No. 17.

HENRY HALES.

As eggs sell better in winter than at any other time it is well to keep such fowls as lay best in winter, and to keep them in laying condition.

The Leghorns are fowls that answer best for marketable eggs; they respond quickly to extra food and care, and will lay in cold weather, if they have a warm house.

As I have said, the secret of winter laying lies in getting hens up in a good condition. A practical florist, when he goes into a greenhouse, can tell at a glance the exact condition of the plants he sees around him, and what they require if out of order.

Cleanliness is the most important consideration in keeping many fowls. The dirt multiplies faster than the comparative number of birds.

He kept his word. A young man entered the bar room of a village tavern and asked for a drink.

Domestic Recipes. TAPIOCA JELLY. Soak three tablespoonfuls of Tapioca overnight in a pint of water.

TAPIOCA PUDDING. Prepare the same as for jelly and add one pint of cream and four eggs.

CREAM PIE. Make a crust with cream; line a pie dish; butter the crust; then fill with thick, sweet cream.

CHEAP FRUIT CAKE. Seventeen ounces of brown sugar; five eggs; one pound of raisins; one pound of currants.

CRUETTERS. Three eggs; one cup of sugar; butter the size of an egg; a little salt; a very little soda.

EXPLANATION OF HARD TIMES.—The Philadelphia Press: 'There are forty millions of people in the United States. It each one economizes but \$10—saves that amount of food or clothing, or travel or luxury—the sum of that economy is a withdrawal of \$400,000,000 from the circulation of the country.

Remember you are at the door of eternity, and have other work to do than to trifle away precious time.

Sitting the Bark of Hide Bound Trees.

T. T. LYON.

Nature has assuredly provided all needful means of expansion of the outer covering of plants, as well as of animals. In the case of what are known as hide-bound trees, my inference, (or theory, if it is preferred to so designate it), is that the difficulty is to be sought, not in the refractory character of the outer covering of the trunk, but rather in the demoralization at the root—possibly in some disease, or parasitical robbing of those essential organs of nutrition; or, quite as likely, in some deficiency or incompleteness of the soil—it may be excess, or possibly even lack of moisture, or the presence of some unfriendly constituent.

In the absence of any clearly indicated cause such disease, if disease it should be called, my first search would be at the root, for indications of disease there; and next, I would resort to the culture and amelioration of the soil, and the free use of suitable manures, if thought desirable, feeling assured that while "sitting" can by no means induce growth, in the absence of nutriment, the wonderful digestive apparatus with which a very plant is provided will, beyond doubt, greedily assimilate all the food supplied by the root—providing its own means of "sitting the bark" whenever and wherever space may prove too narrow for its accommodation.

This "sitting" process may and does result in the more rapid enlargement of the portion of tree to be operated upon, we are by no means disposed to question. But what is gained? The trunk will, if left to itself, appropriate its proper share of the nutriment supplied; while we gain nothing, but rather lose, by increasing its size at the expense of other members. Slitting the bark is, with more propriety resorted to, in the case of crooked growths, where a slit or two upon the inner curve will, by increased enlargement at such point, hasten nature's effort to supply the defect. The process should, however, be always employed with care and discretion. Especially is this the case with the stone fruits, such as Cherries, Plums, and Peaches; for the reason, if the knife should run too deep, or be employed for this purpose at an improper stage of growth there is danger of the exudation of gum from the wound, which, under the trying climates, and with the rich soils of the West, is very likely to result in the annual enlargement of the wound, and the premature death of the tree.

It is believed that one of most fruitful causes of this condition of trees will be found in the wrenching or swaying of their trunks by the force of the wind, and the consequent breaking loose of the fibrous roots from the soil; thus cutting off the chief sources of nutrition, and leaving the plant in a semi-starved condition—a condition likely to be continued indefinitely on account of the inability to an occasional recurrence of the case, operating to prevent the renewal of the connection. We hardly need say that the remedy for this difficulty should be sought in the careful staking of the tree; or, still better, low—at or near the ground.

The other stood by, silent and sullen, and when they finished, he walked up to the landlord and thus addressed him: "Six years ago, at that age, I stood where those young men are now. I was a young man with fair prospects. Now at the age of twenty-eight, I am a wreck in body and mind. You led me to drink. In this room I formed the habit that has been my ruin. Now sell me a few glasses more and your work will be done. I shall soon be out of the way; there is no hope for me; but they can be saved. Sell it to me and let the world be rid of me; but for heaven's sake sell no more to them."

The landlord listened, pale and trembling. Sitting down his glass, he exclaimed: "So help me God, this is the last drop I will ever sell to any one." And he kept his word.

CHOCOLATE CAKE.—Two cups of sugar; one cup of butter; four eggs; one cup of milk; scald three cups of flour; two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder; bake in layers. For the chocolate mixture: Grate one cake of sweet chocolate; beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth and add a cup of powdered sugar.

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