FARM AND FIRESIDE.

—To prevent a soggy undercrust of fruit pies, or any other juicy kind, rub the bottom crust over with a beaten egg.

—To clean tinware, dampen a cloth and dip in soda, and rub the ware briskly, after which wipe dry. Any blackened ware can be made to look as good as new.

—The most successful breeder in the West thinks so much of fresh air and exercise for his hogs that he has them driven around every day. When a sow is allowed to get too fat and to be closely confined, the pigs are always fewer and feeble.

—Cream Biscuit: One cup each of sour milk and cream, one teaspoonful each of cream tartar and soda, half teaspoon of salt, flour enough to make a dough. Mix as soft as can be handled, roll out half inch in thickness, cut in round cakes and bake in a quick oven. —*The Household.*

—Farmers are learning, notwithstanding the drawbacks of long, cold winters, that it is more profitable to feed well-housed animals than to raise and market grain. Hence we see great improvement in the character of buildings for stock in passing through the country.—*Western Rural.*

—Scrapple: Boil a pig's-head until bones will strip from the meat; chop meat fine, skim grease from liquor, return meat, season highly with salt and pepper, add corn meal until the consistency of mush. Cook slowly one hour or more, pour in pans and set in cool place. Slice and fry for breakfast.—*Good Housekeeping.*

—It is not an uncommon error to suppose that animals that eat but little are the most profitable. So long as an animal is capable of digesting and assimilating it, the greater the amount of food it consumes the more profitable are the returns; for the proportion of the food that goes to supply the waste of tissue and run the animal machinery is less when a large than when a small amount is eaten.—*Prairie Farmer.*

—To make white gravy for fish: Put into a pint of boiling water, or the water the fish has been boiled in, a small bunch of savory herbs, a little piece of lemon rind, four cloves, four peppercorns and a little salt, letting them come to a simmer and then strain; stir into the liquid a tablespoonful of flour, with two ounces of the best butter, mixed smoothly together. Let it boil five minutes. Chop a hard-boiled egg and put in tureen with the gravy.—*Boston Globe.*

PLANTING SHADE-TREES.

Annoying Mistakes Frequently Made in Laying Out Farms and Lawns.

Not a few who are making a commencement in laying out a farm, garden or village lot, or in fact any kind of a suburban place, make annoying mistakes in that part of the work which relates to tree-planting. These mistakes are annoying, first, because by planting wrong varieties of trees, the beauty of what might be a handsome place is badly marred, if not destroyed; and, second, because it is an error which can not be remedied in a week, a month or a year. The logic of "Woodman, spare that tree" is not to be despised, for who can look on the destruction of a noble tree of many summers' growth without thinking that the man who destroys it must become gray before he can see it replaced in full beauty?

Most people who plant trees have their favorites, and very often fall into the error of planting these, whether they are adapted to the climate, soil and situation or not. All soils are not adapted to certain trees any more than all climates will produce the same crops. For instance, a person laying out the front of a ten-acre lot placed a row of rock or "sugar" maple trees along the road for shade. These trees have been planted some fifteen years, and are either dead or have not made as much growth in that time as a suitable tree should make in two years. Many such lines of trees were planted with "silver leaf maple" at the same time, and in the same kind of soil, and are now from fifteen to thirty-five feet in height, and some of them measure from twelve to fifteen inches in diameter.

A good many planters first select the tree, and afterwards look at the soil and climate they have to raise it in. It is better to have a good, thrifty tree, even if it be nothing but a quick growing common one, such as a willow, a catalpa or a locust. Such trees as these are better adapted to dry, sandy soils and hot climate than many of the better sorts of timber, such as hard maple, beech, birch, walnut, chestnut, oak and the like, which are all fine trees, but require almost a life-time to attain a size suitable to make good shade trees.

Those who are starting a new place destitute of shade will find a few quick-growing trees of generous proportions a great relief and shade during the long trying days of summer. I have in mind an irregular line of seven trees, consisting of locust and willow, planted sixteen years ago. They now afford a complete shade in the yard in which they are planted—something to be appreciated in hot weather.

In planting trees near a dwelling some account should be taken of the room they will probably occupy when grown to a large size. Dense shade near a house is oftentimes as injurious in certain kinds of weather as it is refreshing in others.

In planting trees for lawn embellishment, unless their habit of growth is much the same, a group of one variety looks better than a mixture of dissimilar kinds. A Lombardy poplar is out of place when planted with a catalpa, and a silver-leaf maple would be an incongruous contrast to a willow. —*Cor. N. Y. Examiner.*

An Indian's Ingenuity.

A Western emigrant having stolen a horse from an Indian, the latter convicted him of the offense by a very ingenious plan. He complained to a judge, who had the emigrant, with the horse, brought before him. The prisoner swore that the animal belonged to him, and that he had brought it from the East, so that the judge did not find himself in a position to convict. He was even about to return the horse to him, when the Indian said: "If you will allow me, I will prove that the animal belongs to me." Immediately he pulled off his cloak, and covering the horse's head, asked the emigrant of which eye it was blind? The robber was much embarrassed at the question, but, nevertheless, not to delay the court, he replied at hazard that it was the right eye. The Indian, uncovering the head, exclaimed: "The horse is not blind either of the righ eye or the left." The judge immediately decided that the animal was his.

Durbin Ward's War Sword.

In his will the late General Durbin Ward gave to his niece, Ella Ward, the jewel-mounted sword which had been presented to him by the privates of his old regiment. He enjoins her that she shall "deliver it to her eldest son, should she ever be blessed with one, and if he should die, to the next oldest in succession, and with it the charge never to draw it in a bad cause, and to never leave it sheathed should a good one require its aid, and command him also to send it down to posterity to the eldest son, in the direct line so long as any Ward blood can wield a sword, until that blessed time shall come when all swords shall be beaten into plowshares."

Roscoe Conkling's Curl.

An Auburn lady tells this about Roscoe Conkling: "One day when Roscoe was visiting my father's family the horse and sulky were brought up to the door and my father was just getting ready to start out for a ride among his patients. Young Roscoe thought he would get some life out of the old horse, took a pin and stuck it in his haunches, when the usually staid animal suddenly gave a kick and hit Roscoe a severe blow on his forehead, cutting a gash that to this day leaves a scar on the brow. And this is why the ex-Senator permits a little curl to drop over it."

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This no doubt accounts for the proprietors of Warner's safe cure curing so many diseases. By regulating and building up the kidneys, symptoms of general ill-health disappear. They justly accuse the medical profession of treating the effects and not the cause. Finally if this disorder is neglected the patient either dies of apoplexy, pneumonia, heart disease, blood poison, consumption, or any other disease that the system is most subject to.

It appears that General Logan realized his condition, and "was well aware that his disease was of the kidneys, and expressed himself in indignant terms at the folly of the doctors in treating him for rheumatism when it was the kidneys that caused his attacks."

We have no doubt that very many people in this country have the some trouble as the General, but little importance is attached to this malady by the medical profession because of their inability to cope with it, either in its first appearance or advanced condition.

There appears to be some one cause for nearly every other ailment of the human system, but up to the present time no one has been able to fully account for this terrible malady. We understand that the people of Germany have become aware of its fearful fatality, and have offered 400,000 marks ($100,000) to any one that can satisfactorily explain the cause.

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THE *Policeman* is the name of a new paper in London. Good paper to club with.

IT seems paradoxical, but it is true, that floating debts will sink a corporation.—*Tid Bits.*

AN unsteady man, like an unsteady light, is apt to go out nights.—*Burlington Free Press.*

A NOTE of warning—People who steal watches are apt to wind up in jail.—*Harper's Bazar.*

A NOVEL just out is entitled "Yeast." Properly enough, it is the work of a rising young author.—*Troy Times.*

PHILADELPHIA has a policeman whose name is John Seraphim. He certainly ought to be "one of the finest."—*Lowell Courier.*

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INDIAN HONESTY.

Story of a Cherokee Which Furnishes Considerable Food for Reflection.

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"Yes," said the sheriff, "I'll have to have the poor fellow shot."

"Where is he? I don't see any jail."

"He's at home."

"A prisoner under sentence of death at home!"

"Certainly; he's out on his word. He's been at home three months. We've got no jails here."

"Well, you don't expect to get him to come and be shot!"

"Certainly I do. He'll be here to-morrow. I sent for him."

And the merry stranger laughed. Next day he was on hand to witness the sheriff's discomfiture. But a few minutes before the hour a cavalcade appeared in the distance. It was headed by a manly young Indian and it was made up of his friends. They rode gallantly up and the young Indian surrendered himself to the sheriff. He went about among the crowd, shook hands with everybody, gave one his saddle, another his horse, and so on, until he had disposed of all he possessed. Then he selected his bosom friend as the man to fire the fatal shot, an honor his bosom friend esteemed highly. He took his place; pinned a piece of blue ribbon over his heart, the point the bullet was to take, and stood up like a man. A few seconds, there was a shot, and he was dead. I wonder if there is nothing at all the white man can learn from the Cherokee Indian.

STORY OF A KISS.

What a Woman Was Afraid Of and What Really Happened.

A Circassian was walking along one road and a woman along another, relates a writer in *Chambers' Journal.* The roads finally united into one, and reaching the point of junction at the same time, they walked on together. The man was carrying a large iron kettle on his back; in one hand he held the legs of a live chicken, in the other a cane, and he was leading a goat. They neared a dark ravine. Said the woman: "I am afraid to go through that ravine with you; it is a lonely place, and you might overpower me and kiss me by force." Said the man: "How can I possibly overpower you and kiss you by force when I have this great iron kettle on my back, a cane in one hand, a live chicken in the other, and am leading this goat? I might as well be tied hand and foot." "Yes," replied the woman; "but if you should stick your cane in the ground and tie your goat to it, and turn the kettle bottom-side up and put the chicken under it, then you might wickedly kiss me in spite of my resistance." "Success to thy ingenuity, O woman!" said the rejoicing man to himself; "I should never have thought of this or similar expedients." And when they came to the ravine he stuck his cane into the ground and tied the goat to it, and gave the chicken to the woman, saying: "Hold it while I cut some grass for the goat," and then—so runs the legend—lowering the kettle from his shoulders, he put the fowl under it and wickedly kissed the woman, as she was afraid he would.—*Chambers' Journal.*

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