FARM AND FIRESIDE.

—Feeding stock to gain a profit from is a nice point and requires study and close attention.

—Use carbolic acid in all the whitewash that may be applied, and whitewash the interior of the stables as often as it can be done, as it renders them light and cheerful.

—Should the cow's teats become cracked or sore from any cause, always before milking soften them with boiled linseed oil, and apply this again after milking until well.—Orange Judd Farmer.

—It impairs the growing qualities of seed potatoes to store them in salt barrels. Every potato which touches the side of the barrel will become soft at the point of contact, and the eyes will be destroyed.—American Agriculturist.

—To propagate the apple by seeds they should be sown in rich ground, in drills of about one foot in width and two feet between each drill, and so scattered that when they grow there will be one plant to every two inches. They must be covered with about one inch of earth and one inch of leaf-mold, tan-bark or sawdust. The usual time selected for planting is October or November, or even later.

—Orange sponge furnishes a delicate dessert. Dissolve three and a half sheets of Cooper's isinglass in water and add to it one pound of sugar on which you have previously squeezed the juice of six good-sized oranges and one lemon and a half. Add the whites of three eggs well beaten, and beat all together till the mixture is thick and frothy. Turn into a mold and set on ice.

—Any young man not now on a farm who desires to become a farmer should hire out to the best farmer he can find and stay two or three years. He will then get trained for his work and be paid for his training. He can still further help himself by a course of judicious reading and study during the winter evenings. Such a course for a young man of common sense and energy will fit him to manage a farm wisely and well.

—There is a good deal of potash in corn cobs, as thrifty housewives long ago learned when making soap. It is here that a good deal of the mineral elements of the corn plant are concentrated. Perhaps it is for the potash as a corrective of acidity in the stomach than animals will often eat the cob. It is all the better for being charred or burned. Burn to a crisp the corn cobs from which fattening hogs have devoured the corn, and see how greedily the same animals will then eat them.

—Corn Oysters: With two cups of canned or freshly grated sweet corn mix three beaten eggs, a cup of sweet milk, half a teaspoonful of salt, enough flour for a thin batter, and a heaped teaspoonful of baking powder. Have ready some thin little squares of cold roast lamb or veal. Drop the batter in tiny cakes on a buttered griddle, on each cake lay a bit of the cold roast, and cover it with a teaspoonful of the batter; bake the same as griddle cakes, and serve them nicely browned and hot. This makes a very palatable imitation of fried oysters.—American Agriculturist.

WORN-OUT ORCHARDS.

How to Renovate the Soil and Restore Fertility to the Trees.

We often meet with an orchard of apparently healthy trees, which is practically fruitless. The owner may tell us that it formerly bore abundant crops, but of late years the trees have "run out." Why have they "run out?" They formerly gave good crops of apples. All the other land on the farm was expected to give but one good crop, but this of the orchard was made to give a crop of grain, or a crop of grass or clover, to be taken off as hay. The soil soon became tired of doing this double duty. The trees "gave out" because they were robbed of food; the first thing they need is feeding. Of course, if the soil needs draining, lay the needed tiles at once, or as soon as the soil will allow. Such orchards are usually in grass; draw on a heavy dressing of manure and spread it, and, as soon as the soil is in proper condition, turn over the sod and manure with the plow; with the hot weather the sod will decay rapidly. When this is found to be well rotted give another plowing, and a deep one. If ashes can be had spread a heavy coating and harrow; in the absence of ashes harrow in a good dressing of lime. If the trunk and larger branches are covered with loose scales of old bark upon which lichens and mosses have a foothold, scrape off the loose bark, using a blunt, short-handled hoe as a scraper. Then in a damp time or thaw wash the trees with soft soap thin enough to apply with a brush. Use home-made soft soap made with lye or potash. That sold at the stores is usually merely hard soap mixed with water and very deficient in strength and quite inferior to the home-made. Mix the soap with enough water to work readily, go over the scraped portions with it, and leave the spring rain to finish the work. In due time the bark will be found beautifully smooth and deprived of all foreign growth. The soap that has been washed into the soil will act as a useful fertilizer. Long neglected trees usually require pruning, and this must depend upon the condition of the tree. Never cut out a branch without good reason for it. If the top has become crowded, cut out enough branches to let light and air into the center; if grown one side, remove the branches needed to restore the balance. If large wounds are made, smooth the surface and paint them over with some dark colored paint.—American Agriculturist.

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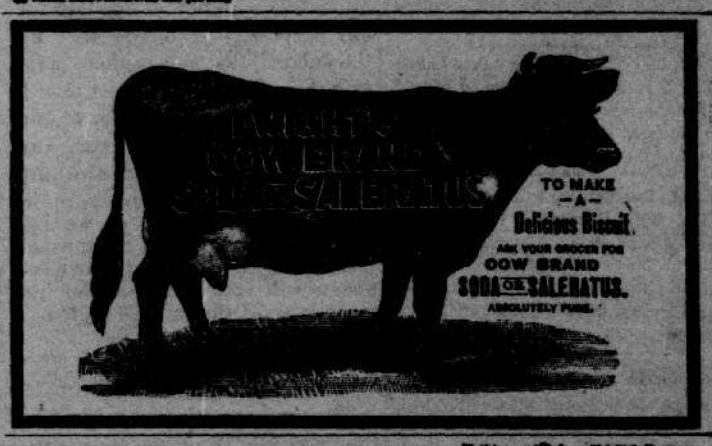

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