

HOUSE, FARM, GARDEN.

Household Hints.

Ink can be preserved from mold by putting a clove in the bottle.

Dip candle wicks into spirits of turpentine and then dry before using.

Ink stains on silver can be removed by rubbing with a paste of chloride of lime and water.

Blankets had better be washed in a warm solution of borax, and bedsteads in a strong brine.

Cistern water that has become hard from long standing can be softened by adding a little borax.

A few drops of essential oil will preserve leather from mold and both alum and resin will keep paste in a pure condition.

Provide on Saturday for Monday, so as not to take up the fire with cooking or time in running errands on washing-day.

Sprinkle hay with water on which chloride of lime has been mixed, and place on floor, and it will take away the smell of fresh paint.

To clean oil paintings use a sponge dipped in warm beer, and when perfectly dry wash with a solution of the finest gum-dragon dissolved in pure water.

To drive away moths wash the floor round the side of the wall with cayenne pepper tea, and sprinkle salt just at the edges of the carpet on the wrong side, after dampening them with the tea also kills the eggs of the pestilent invader.

Worms in Soil.

The safest and most effectual remedy I have yet tried for the depredations of worms in soils whether in pots or the ground is soot. Last autumn, while picking out colliflowers on a wall boarder, we were sorely troubled by worms casting out the plants as fast as we put them in.

We gave the surface of the border a good dressing of dry soot, and then waited it. It had a most surprising effect; the worms came sprawling to the surface by hundreds, when it was no difficult matter to gather them and put them out of harm's way.

Applied also to pot plants, say a desert spoonful of dry soot on the surface of a six-inch pot, it will be found to bring them hurrying over the sides of the pot as soon as water is applied.

Acting also as an excellent manure, and being generally so plentiful in nurseries and gardens, I am somewhat surprised to see it so little used. On camellias especially I have found it to have a most beneficial effect; it imparts a healthy dark-green color to the foliage, and stimulates the roots into a more active performance of their duty.

Sawdust for Cleaning Horses.

I have been experimenting to find a way to avoid the dust that is so disagreeable when grooming horses, and have found a way by which a very dirty horse may be cleaned in a very few minutes.

I use oak sawdust, that which comes from a green log is just moist enough to be good I have tried pine sawdust, but did not like it, because after a time the pitch that is in it will make the hair sticky and of a dull color.

Sprinkle a few handfuls on the horse, on the side that you are on; then commence at the tail, and with a circular motion with the curry-comb toward the head, cury the sawdust into the hair; brush off clean, and the dust and dandruff will be removed without flying around.

About Canary Birds.

Place the cage so that no draught of air can strike the bird. Give nothing to healthy birds but rape and canary seed, water, cuttlefish bone, and gravel-paper or sand on the floor of the cage.

No hemp seed. A bath three times a week. The room should not be overheated, never above seventy degrees. When molting (shedding feathers) keep warm, avoid all draughts of air.

Give plenty of German rape seed; a little hard boiled egg, mixed with crackers grated fine, is excellent. Feed at a certain hour in the morning.

By observing these simple rules birds may be kept in fine condition for years. For birds that are sick or have lost their song procure bird tonic at a bird store.

Very many keep birds who mean to give their pets all things to make them bright and happy, and at the same time are guilty of great cruelty in regard to perches. The perches in a cage should be each of different size, and the smallest as large as a pipe stem.

away at the hinder parts. The effect of this lodgment of the shot is electric, for the animal appears to instantly comprehend its meaning, and without hesitation or less of time jumps back into the lot from which it came.

That ends the jumping. There is no need of yoke or hoops any more.

Cultivation of Apples.

The following valuable suggestions are from an essay by Prof. Beal, of the Michigan Agricultural College: The young trees must be treated very much as you would treat a hill of corn.

Hoed crops will answer in a young orchard. Sowed crops will do much harm to young trees. It is a good plan to keep young trees mulched. It prevents the rapid evaporation of moisture from the soil.

It keeps the surface mellow, prevents the soil from freezing and thawing in winter, and becoming overheated in summer.

Whether to cultivate or not can be told by the looks of the trees. If the color of the leaves is good and the growth all fine fruit, they are doing well enough even in the grass.

To judge of the condition of an apple tree is much like judging of the condition of sheep in a pasture.

Scotchmen are generally credited with the exercise of every device of ingenuity before parting with their money; but Mr. Gellespie of Cupar has distinguished himself above all other Scotchmen.

It appears that Mr. Gellespie had a dog, for which he had no license. His defense was that he was not liable. A dog, he contended, "is an animal with four legs; mine has only three; or, if my dog is liable to the tax at all, it is clear, as my dog has only three legs, he ought to be charged only three-fourths of the ordinary tax."

However, notwithstanding the ingenuity of Mr. Gellespie's pleas, they were overruled by the Court; and it is now established, on judicial authority, that a dog is liable to the tax, whatever be the number of his legs.

Milwaukee Produce Market.

GRAIN—Wheat opened firm, 1/2c higher, closed firm; No. 1 hard \$1.02; No. 1 98 1/2c; No. 2 95 1/2c; June 95 1/2c; July 93 1/2c; August 88 1/2c; No. 3 86c; Corn, lower; No. 2 35c; new 32 1/2c. Oats, weaker; No. 2 23 1/2c; Rye, lower; No. 1 53c. Barley, lower; No. 2 62c; July 64c.

Chicago Produce Market.

GRAIN—Wheat irregular, active, lower; No. 2 Chicago 93c cash; 90 1/2c July 84 1/2c August; No. 3 Chicago 83c. Corn, active, shade lower; 35 1/2c cash; 35 1/2c July; 36 1/2c August; rejected 35c. Oats, fair; 23 1/2c cash; 23 1/2c July; 25 1/2c August; rejected 15c. Rye, easy; 52 1/2c. Barley, easy; 48c.

New York Produce Market.

GRAIN—Wheat, receipts 210,000 bushels; 1 1/2c lower; fairly active, export and home trade at a decline; ungraded spring \$7.05 1/2c @ 1.06; No. 3 7 1/2c; No. 2 1.05 1/2c @ 1.06; No. 1 do, 1.09 @ 1.10; No. 2 Toledo, 1.08; No. 2 winter red, 1.09 @ 1.10; No. 1 do, 1.13; No. 2 white, 1.21 1/2c @ 1.22 extra do, 1.24; No. 2 spring, June, 1.05, closing 1.04 bid, 1.08 asked; July, 1.03 @ 1.05, closing 1.00 bid, 1.08 asked; July, 1.02 bid, 1.05 asked; No. 2 winter red June, 1.10 @ 1.12, closing 1.10 bid, 1.11 asked. Rye, dull; 62 1/2c @ 64c for western No. 2. Barley, nominal. Corn, receipts 290,000 bushels; 1 1/2c better, fairly active, ungraded, 41 1/2c @ 42c; No. 3 40 1/2c @ 41c; steam, 41 1/2c @ 42c; No. 2, 43 1/2c @ 44c; Kansas, 43 1/2c @ 44c; low mixed, 45 1/2c @ 46c; round yellow, 54c; steamer June, 41 1/2c @ 42c, closing 41 1/2c bid, 44c asked; July, 43 1/2c @ 44c; August, 44c. Oats, 30 1/2c @ 31c; July, 45 1/2c, closing 45c bid, 45 1/2c @ 46c asked. Oats, receipts 95,180 bushels; 1 1/2c better; light trade; No. 2, 29 1/2c @ 30c; No. 2 white 31 1/2c; No. 2 29 1/2c @ 30 1/2c; do white, 35 1/2c; No. 2 Chicago, 30 1/2c; mixed western 29 1/2c @ 31 1/2c; white do, 31 1/2c @ 33 1/2c; mixed state, 29 3/4c @ 31c; do, 30 1/2c @ 32c, including 5,000 bushels No. 1 white to arrive at 25 1/2c.

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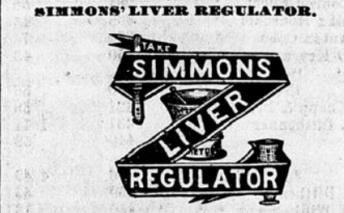
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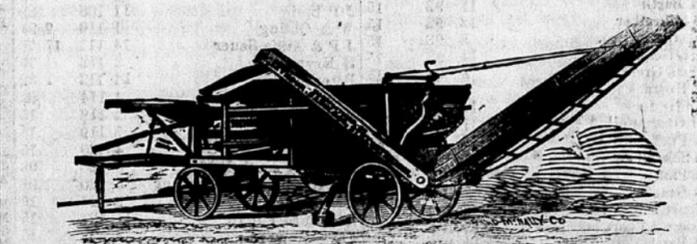
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