

HOUSE, FARM, GARDEN.

Agricultural Notes. Wheat bran contains about 2 1/2 per cent of nitrogen, 1 1/4 per cent of potash and 2 1/2 per cent of phosphoric acid.

Why should the farmers of America bother their heads with abstract questions of finance? They can take care of themselves without any conflict as to capital and labor.

Among domestic animals natural depravity almost never exists. Bad treatment produces vicious animals, and kindness leaves them as nature made them at all times gentle.

The American agents of the Liverpool Ashton salt firms have offered \$125 each, to be competed for at the coming International Dairy Exhibition, to be held in New York city.

A discussion has arisen as to who was the "inventor" of the Forest-rose strawberry. If his salary were increased sufficiently to make it an object, perhaps Commissioner Le Duc could settle the whole question.

The Farmers' Alliance has issued its pronouncement. It remains yet to be seen whether the farmers will endorse first and strongest its principles of protection, or respond to its appeal for financial help to keep its exchequer in funds.

The late auction sale of twenty-nine head of imported blood-cattle in New York city developed the fact that gentlemen farmers have not died out, nor is our stock in this country likely to deteriorate at present.

The floral display at the Western New York Fair was made principally by Ellwanger & Barry, R. J. Donnelly, W. H. Reid, John B. Keller and Mrs. Lyday. Rochester has always been noted for its display of elegant flowers.

Useful Family Hints.

Economical Fruit Cake.—Two cups of sugar, one of butter, three of flour, one of milk, two of chopped raisins, one of currants, one of citron, two eggs, one teaspoonful of soda, two of cream of tartar, two teaspoonfuls each of cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, one teaspoonful of mace, and two teaspoonfuls of brandy.

The following is a good recipe for harness blacking: Isinglass, 1 1/4 ounce; indigo, in fine powder, 1-4 ounce; soft soap, 4 ounces; ghee, 5 ounces; logwood, 4 ounces; vinegar, 2 pints; ground dropblack, 1-2 ounce. Infuse the logwood in vinegar for some time, with gentle heat, strain and add the other ingredients, boil until the glue is dissolved, and then put into jars.

The Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Reporter, in an article on anti-fat nostrums and their injurious effects upon the health, calls attention to a safer method of reducing superabundant flesh, recently suggested by Dr. Tarnier, a French physician. It is substantially a milk diet.

To Preserve Citron.—Peel the citron, cutting it in thin slices, and make in fancy pieces if liked; boil the pieces and peelings together in plenty of water to cover until quite tender; take out citron, strain liquor, weigh fruit, and take pound for pound; place the sugar in the water in which the fruit was boiled; slice two or three lemons; boil, skimming it until clear; then lay in the citron boiling 10 or 15 minutes until the syrup has penetrated the fruit and looks transparent.—S.

Preserved Citron Mollons.—Pare, core, and cut the melons into slices; weigh them, and to every six pounds of melon allow six pounds of white sugar, and the juice and yellow rind—pared off very thin—of four large fresh lemons; also, half a pound of rice ginger; put the slices into a preserving kettle, cover with water, and a layer on all of peach leaves; boil about half an hour, or until clear, and a broom-whisk will pierce them; drain them, spread them in a pan of cold water, and let them stand all night; next morning tie the ginger in a thin muslin cloth and boil it in three pints of water; put in the lemon-peel and boil and skim it till no more scum rises; take out the lemon-peel, put in the citron slices and juice of the lemon, and boil all in the syrup till the slices are transparent and a straw will go through them; put the slices, while warm, into jars and pour the syrup on slowly; cover closely with paper which the air cannot penetrate, or air tight jars.—O. H.

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