

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

EIGHT HUNDRED varieties of pears and nearly one hundred kinds of native grapes are said to be under cultivation in America.

POISONOUS VINES.—If poisoned by vines, make a paste of sulphur or gunpowder and milk. Apply night and morning until cured.

SPRINGHAULT is one of the ailments of the horse, for which no cure is known. Ordinary usage is not likely to injure the horse, and will not make the case any worse.

TO CLEAN PAINT.—Mix common whiting to the consistency of common paste in warm water; rub the surface to be cleaned quite briskly with a piece of flannel dipped in the whiting, and wash off with pure cold water.

BUCKWHEAT.—It is said that while most other plants require a careful preparation of the soil to insure their growth, buckwheat not only prepares the soil for itself, but for other crops, by pulverizing it if it is hard or tough.

COFFEE CAKES.—One cup butter, one-half cup sugar, one cup molasses, one teaspoonful saleratus dissolved in a cup of strong coffee, one nutmeg, one teaspoonful cloves, one cinnamon, five cups of flour and one cup of raisins, chopped.

RICE MUFFINS.—Boil the rice soft and dry. Take one-half cup rice, stir in three spoonfuls sugar, piece of butter size of an egg, and a little salt. One pint sweet milk, one cup yeast, two quarts flour. Let it rise all night. If sour in the morning, add a little soda dissolved in milk, and bake in muffinings.

ACIDS IN VEGETABLES.—Vegetables are said to yield nine separate acids: The oxalic in rhubarb, the tartaric in tamarinds, grapes and mulberries, the citric in oranges and lemons, the malic in apples and cherries, the gallic in elm and oak, the benzoic in balsamic trees, the prussic in laurel leaves, peach blossoms and bitter kernels, and the phosphoric in oats and barley.

The quince can be just as successfully grown as the peach, if a little care is taken to head off its principal enemy, the worm at the root, which requires but little time and trouble each spring and fall in removing the earth from around the stem of the tree. Probe for the grub in his hole in the bark with a stiff wire, and fill up around the tree with wood ashes, or slaked lime.

DELICATE PUDDING.—Beat four eggs with a tablespoonful of sifted wheat flour. Boil a quart of milk with a little stick cinnamon and some candied lemon or orange-peel. Stir in the eggs and flour when the milk boils. Let it cook, constantly stirring for five minutes. Strain into a pudding dish. Cover the top with powdered loaf sugar and bits of butter, and bake until handsomely browned.

CURRENT JELLY.—Pick and wash your currants; mash them with a wooden spoon in the preserving kettle, and let them simmer for 10 minutes after they have come to a boil; then strain through a flannel bag, and add to every pint of juice a pound of lump-sugar; boil rapidly for ten or fifteen minutes, skimming the syrup; put in glasses while hot, but do not close them till the jelly is perfectly cold.

ICE CREAM.—Four quarts of new milk, one and a half pounds of white sugar, one dozen eggs, well beaten; stir this together; place it in a thin dish and put it in a kettle of boiling water; when the water boils briskly around the dish stir into the cream one tablespoonful of corn starch, previously dissolved in a little cold milk, and then take the dish out of the hot water and put it in a cool place; when it is only blood warm flavor it to suit the taste and then freeze.

HOVEN.—Judge Luse says that in cases of hoven, tympanitis, or drum-belly, as it is sometimes called, which is caused by cattle eating too heartily of wet, rank grass, clover or green rye in the spring, and overfilling the paunch before the stomach has time to act—hence fermentation commencing, the animal swelling, suffering great pain and generally dying in a short time unless relieved—he gives a teaspoonful of pulverized charcoal every fifteen minutes, in about one-half pint of milk or water, sweetened with a little molasses, until relieved. Since he learned of the efficacy of this remedy he has had no difficulty in relieving his cattle from the severest attacks of hoven.



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