

**HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.**

It pays to have conveniences for watering stock.

OATS are the best feed for working horses, as they furnish more nourishment and flesh-making material than any other food.

A GARDENER recommends that to keep bugs off melon and squash vines a tomato plant be set in each hill, saying that when he had followed this plan his young plants were not molested.

To clean brushes and sponges use spirits of ammonia and hot water. Wash them well and shake the water out, drying on a coarse towel with the bristles downward. Little or no soap is needed.

TO REMOVE ANTS.—Place pieces of raw meat in a cupboard, and after the ants have clustered upon them, plunge into boiling water. Persevere in this for two or three weeks, and you will soon be entirely free from ants.

MUSTARD THAT WILL KEEP.—Take four ounces of the best mustard, one ounce salt; mix thoroughly, and into it stir six ounces of water that has been boiled and allowed to cool. Mix well and keep in small jars well covered.

A GENTLEMAN at the head of a large fruit-drying establishment states that fruit sliced very thin across the axis, placed on a tray in the sun and covered with thin muslin (not mosquito netting), will present an appearance closely resembling that prepared by evaporation and bleached by sulphur fumes.

TROY ROLLS.—One pint of milk, one-half cup of butter, one-quarter cake of compressed yeast, two quarts of flour. Heat the milk and butter until the butter is melted; add the yeast, pour the mixture in the middle of the flour, stir a little. If mixed at nine a. m., mold at one p. m., without adding any more flour. Four hours later, or one before baking, mold into rolls. Bake twenty minutes.

SWEET OMELETS.—Two eggs, two tablespoonsful of cream, two ounces of sifted sugar, preserves. Beat the yolks of the eggs and cream together. The whites must be whisked separately. Have a well buttered pan on the fire. Mix the eggs together, beat a moment and turn into pan. When brown underneath, slip into a hot dish, spread half with any preserve preferred, turn over the other half, sprinkle with sugar and serve hot.

THE advantages of spreading manure from the wagon as it is drawn out are a saving of labor, and a more even distribution of the double salts (ammonia, potash, phosphates, etc.) in the soil by rain. If the manure is heaped on the field, and gets a heavy rain before spreading, the ground under the heaps receives an undue share of the best part of the manure, which not infrequently renders these spots barren for a season or two.

HORSES AND FLIES.—Carbolic acid soap is recommended as an excellent preventive against flies. If rubbed on the legs and neck of a horse he will not be troubled with flies. It is also claimed that if a couple of handfuls of the common black walnut leaves are put in a vessel of water all night, and next morning boiled for fifteen to twenty minutes, then when cold take a sponge or rag and moisten the eyes, neck, legs, etc., of horse, the flies will give those places a wide berth.

A MASSACHUSETTS farmer who is noted for the excellence of his corn crops says that his plan for years has been to sow clover on a third part of his plow land, and let it grow and remain uncut through the entire season, plowing it under late the next season and planting corn upon it. His experience, he says, teaches him that the clover with its vast amount of roots is fully equal to twenty-five loads of manure per acre. Then he takes another third part and proceeds in the same way.

BAKED TOMATOES.—One-half dozen of large ripe tomatoes, bread crumbs, salt and pepper, two ounces of butter. Wash the tomatoes, and cut them in halves. Remove the pips, and stuff with bread crumbs, seasoned with pepper and salt. In the center of each half put a small piece of butter. Put in a shallow pan close together. Cover the bottom of the pan with water to prevent scorching. Bake in a slow oven half an hour. The halves may be baked separately, or the tomato covered again after stuffing, and baked whole.

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