

What Does It Matter?

It matters little where I was born, Or if my parents were rich or poor...

FOR THE FARMER'S HOUSEHOLD.

Household Hints. LILY CAKE.—Two cups sugar, one cup of milk, one cup of corn starch...

PICKLED CORN.—Boil the corn on the cob; when cool cut it from the cob; place on the bottom of a jar a layer of salt and a layer of corn...

CHOCOLATE CARAMELS.—One pint of sugar (seven cents), dissolved in a little water as possible; one-half cup of butter (six cents); one tablespoonful of vinegar...

BEET-TEA.—Take one pound of the beet; cut it into thin slices and scrape the meat fine; put it along with two-thirds of a salt-spoonful of salt into one pint of cold water contained in an earthen bowl...

The question with many is, shall we raise or purchase celery plants? Many small gardeners prefer purchasing to raising them, but the most advisable plan is to raise them, as to start properly is half the battle.

Borrowing Among Farmers. To lend to the needy and give unto him that asketh is both charitable and neighborly, and when the practice is properly conducted, a great convenience all round, but when it is all on one side it becomes another thing entirely.

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Brain Farming.

Some people imagine that farming requires but little outlay of brain-power to make it successful. But as some one has truthfully said, 'Brains make the best fertilizer a farmer can use.'

The Fashions.

Fan-shaped brooches, elaborately enameled with flowers, are in style. Habit basques are unbecomingly fat women; but they will be the first to adopt them.

Charcoal, pulverized and mixed with water, is now highly recommended as an agent for relieving cattle suffering from any derangement of the stomach, such as bloat or hoven, etc.

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A Nation of Speech Makers.

Speech-making is at once a national talent and a national vice among us, says an exchange. Europeans wonder at it, and are often amused and entertained by it. They are unable to explain why a man who has sat reticent and apparently dull by their side for an hour or more, should, on being named for a speech, flash out into something very like oratory.

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In Defense of Baggage Smashers.

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

Does the maternal codfish call its young with a codfish haw? Extravagance sets a pernicious example and often leads to villainy. School teachers say that girls naturally read better than do boys.

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