







Agricultural.

Cut Down the Weeds.

Pestiferous weeds are maturing their seed very fast now, and enough are growing on almost every farm to seed half a dozen farms.

Poultry Points.

Don't let your fowls roost in the draft. Move the coops of young chicks occasionally.

Keep apart young and old fowls of the light brahma variety.

To fatten poultry quickly, feed them with rice boiled in milk.

Every poultry yard should have at least a pair of guinea fowls in the flock.

Young chickens turned into the garden will eat up all the bugs and insects.

Select hens with red combs, bright eyes, clean nostrils and legs, and that appear active.

Give your poultry plenty of run. They need exercise: give them space and they will take plenty of it.

Turn once every day all eggs that are being saved for hatching purposes, otherwise the yolks may set to one side and adhere to the shell.

To Make Good Cider.

Cider should only be made from perfectly clean and sound apples to be good. Insist on cleanliness being practiced at every stage of the making.

CORN fodder is produced as cheaply as any other kind of provender, and should be grown as a crop independently of the supply obtained by maturing the grain.

WM. SHIREMAN, Esq., Hillsdale Farm, Pa., says he has been using Powell's Prepared Chemicals for several years, and has had as good results from the \$12.00 invested for them as from other fertilizers costing \$35 per ton.

APPLE WATER.—An agreeable beverage for feverish patients. Peel and slice a sour apple, add a small piece of lemon peel and three lumps of sugar; pour hot water over them and strain.

TOOTHACHE.—Pulverize about equal parts of common salt and alum. Get as much cotton as will fill the tooth, damp it, put it in the mixture and place it in the tooth. This is also a good mixture for cleansing the teeth.

It is said that after wiping up the floor, if salt be sprinkled over it while damp, moths will not try that harbor again. When making a carpet, it is recommended that enough be allowed to turn under an inch or two, so that when put down salt can be spread between the folds, and also sprinkle salt around the sides and corners of the room before nailing the carpet.

TAPIoca PUDDING.—Two-thirds of a teacupful of tapioca, soak over night in a cup and a half of milk. In the morning put one quart of milk to scald; add tapioca and cook till clear; then add yolks of three eggs well beaten, and two-thirds cup of sugar, little salt; stir well a few minutes and put in a dish. Beat white of eggs to a stiff froth and one-third of a cupful of pulverized sugar; put over the top of pudding and set in the oven to brown. Flavor pudding with vanilla and the meringue with lemon. To be eaten cold.

Miscellaneous.

How Two Generals on Different Sides at Shiloh Met.

At the panorama of the Battle of Shiloh in this city a few days ago a small, shriveled-up man made himself conspicuous by going around the place sniveling dolorously.

"Reckon you were at Shiloh, eh, stranger?" asked the tall, raw-boned man.

"Yes," replied the small, shriveled-up man, "and I shall never forget it; it was the toughest battle of the war."

"I was there," said the tall raw-boned man, "and my regiment was drawn up right over yonder where you see that clump of trees."

"You were a Rebel, then?" "I was a Confederate," replied the tall, raw-boned man, "and I did some right smart fighting among that clump of trees that day."

"I remember it well," said the small, shriveled-up man, "for I was a Federal soldier, and the toughest scrimmage in all that battle was just among that clump of trees."

"Prentiss was the Yankee General," remarked the tall, raw-boned man, "and I'd have given a pretty to have seen him that day. But, dog-on me, the little cuss kept out of sight, and we uns came to the conclusion he was hidin' back in the rear somewhat."

"Our boys were after Marmaduke," said the small, shriveled-up man, "for he was the rebel general and had bothered us a great deal. But we could get no glimpse of him—he was too sharp to come to the front, and it was lucky for him, too."

"Oh, but what a scrimmage it was!" said the tall, raw-boned man.

"How the sabers clashed and how the minies whistled!" cried the small, shriveled-up man.

"Th panorama brought back the old time with all the vividness of yesterday's occurrence. The two men were filled with a strange yet beautiful enthusiasm.

"Stranger," cried the tall, raw-boned man, "we fought each other like devils that day and we fought to kill. But the war's over now and we ain't soldiers any longer—gimme your hand!"

"With pleasure," said the small, shriveled-up man, and the two clasped hands.

"What might be your name?" inquired the tall, raw-boned man.

"I am General B. M. Prentiss," said the small, shriveled-up man.

"The — you say!" exclaimed the tall, raw-boned man.

"Yes," reaffirmed the small, shriveled-up man; "and who are you?"

"I," replied the tall, raw-boned man, "I am General John S. Marmaduke."

REBATEMENT.—Old lady (a little hard of hearing): "Eighteen shillings! It's monstrous! I know the value of these articles, and never paid more than seventeen." Shopman (shouting): "I said eight shillings, ma'am, not eighteen." Old lady: "Oh—eight shillings—for these? I couldn't think of giving more than 7s 6d."

Humorous.

A DEAL table—The one in the faro bank.

WHAT is the difference between a hungry man and a glutton? One longs to eat and the other eats too long.

"What is syntax?" asked the teacher. "A saloon license is syntax," shouted the son of a prohibitionist.

AN energetic reporter lately got up an account of a fire, headed: "Destructive fire—eleven buildings, ten horses, and one cow in ruins."

A LITTLE fellow in a primary school, after he had correctly spelled the word "knife," asked the teacher the puzzling conundrum: "But what is the 'k' for?"

A DENVER Chinaman, who stumbled over a nest of hornets, was seen the next moment flying down the street yelling: "Joss!" "Dam!" "Mellican hellee, firee birds!"

It is said that a bee can pull more in proportion to its size than a horse. We don't know as to that, but they are quite powerful when they back up to you, and push.—Marathon Independent.

"Drop in and see the working of our new press," remarked a country paper while the county fair was in progress. The ingenious editor in this way sold a good many glasses of cider at five cents a glass.

Mrs. MURPHY:—"And how is Mickey nowadays?" Mrs. McGinty:—"Shure, it's bad he is. He's wastin' away wid the consumption. If he keeps on gettin' thinner and thinner he'll make a divil of a poor corpse, so he will."

POLICEMAN—Come down out of that young feller. Reporter—But I'm a reporter and want to get a description of the fire. Policeman—To the devil wid you. You can't stay there. You kin find all about the fire from the papers in the morning.—Chicago Rambler.

"How is your son getting on at college?" "Finely. I had a letter from him yesterday and he tells me that he is training for the ball nine and crew and has won several medals for boxing and"—"But I mean what is he studying?" "O, he didn't write anything about that."

"WHAT is economy?" asks the Philadelphia North American. And the Norristown Herald answers:—"It is paying ten cents for a cigar and compelling your wife to turn her last season's dress to make it do another winter. The country is fairly bulging with such economy."

A THREE-year-old little girl was taught to close her evening prayer, during the temporary absence of her father, with "please watch over my papa." It sounded very sweet, but the mother's amusement may be imagined when she added "and you better keep an eye on mamma too!"

"Oh!" exclaimed Miss Daubwell, "what a clever man that Mr. Fogg is! He is really quite a physiognomist. I was telling him last evening that I had become quite proficient in painting, and he said, 'I was sure of it, madam, your face shows it.'" Chorus—"Indeed!"—Boston Transcript.

A CURIOSITY in the way of funeral notices is one lately printed in Brooklyn papers. It is published in the columns of notices of deaths, and is in the usual form in every respect except that it ends with the suggestive sentence: "He has bequeathed to his young widow \$25,000."—Christian Union.

"I NEVER could see any sense in Sherman's dispatch to Corse to 'hold the fort,'" said old Wamsutta, who was not in the war, as he lay down his paper. How could the soldiers hold the fort? I always supposed a fort was made to hold the soldiers," and the old man mused about it all the rest of the morning.—Burdette in Brooklyn Eagle.

AN insurance agent applied to a woman in Austin to induce her to get her husband's life insured.—"Will I be sure to get the money if he will die right off?" "Certainly, madam." "But will you give me any assurance that he will die right off?" "No, madam, we can't do that." "Well, then, what good will it be to me to get his life insured if he doesn't die? I knew there was some catch about this insurance business."—Texas Siftings.

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