

FARM AND GARDEN.

Reasonable Topics and Current Gossip.

(Compiled by a Practical Agriculturist.)

There is much practical wisdom among the poultry men that does not get into the papers or books. A turkey raiser who prides himself on sending to market the handsomest lot of turkeys in his town, for the Christmas market, tells us how he dresses his birds.

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Fifty or a hundred years ago the saddle was quite sure to be found in the farmer's barn, as one of the necessary articles of the farm—but now it is too much put one side for the harness and buggy.

Young stock need not be housed until real cold weather sets in, but they should have a warm shed to lie in at night, and be kept in first-rate condition through this month with turnips, fed tops and all.

Sheep bear more exposure than any other of our domestic animals (not even excepting horses, not worked) that is, exposure to the weather, but not without shelter from storms.

Poultry need to be treated much in the same way. That is, fattened and killed early, if intended for market. Though prices usually go up steadily after the 1st of January, yet the additional cost of fattening in December, or of holding poultry after it is fat, is but rarely paid for by the higher price.

I saw in a late local paper that you wish me to inform your readers how I feed my hens. I will gladly do so. I have twenty-five hens; they are a mixed stock, but I prefer white Leghorns, and the food that I feed them is corn and wheat, and two quarts of thick milk and black pepper—about one cent worth of pepper to a quart twice a week; besides that, I give them the offal from the table and grass.

"A Subscriber" writes: "Please let me know whether it would profit a farmer to apply liquid manure to land, and the quantity to the acre." Liquid manure is the "double-distilled extract of fertility"—distilled, so to speak, in the animal economy.

I manage to keep flies out of my stable by removing the droppings several times a day, and sprinkling very slightly the floor of the stable with kerosene.

pierced a small hole; through this I drop the kerosene. A pint will last over a week and seems to be quite objectionable to flies of all kinds.

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A VALUABLE COW—HER REMARKABLE YIELD. Mr. A. B. Darling, farming near Ramsey, N. J., has a remarkable cow. The season's test of this remarkable butter cow, which has been in progress for nearly a year, terminated with her milk of October 15th, at which time she became practically dry, and on November 4th she dropped a calf.

Table with columns: Month, No. of days, Weight of milk, Weight of butter. Totals: 341 days, 7,625 lbs milk, 774 lbs butter.

The cow was of course liberally kept, yet the secret of the great yield is clearly in the blood, for no ordinary cow, however fed, can be made to accomplish anything like the same results.

MURDERED BY THEIR MOTHER.

A Terrible Tragedy in Scotland. A widow named Smith or Brown, residing in Clyde street, Glasgow, is in custody on a charge of murdering two of her children on Saturday morning, the 30th ult., by throwing them from a window into the street, a depth of forty or fifty feet.

Horse Thief Sent Down for Five Years—At a session of the County Judge's Criminal Court held before His Honor Judge Hughes at the court house, St. Thomas, on Wednesday, Wm. McLeod, of Bayham, was arraigned on a charge of stealing a horse, saddle and bridle from Patrick McFarlane, of Maidstone, and a buggy from Nelson Shipley, of the same township.

FATHER AND SON.

Beth Convicted Murderers—One in a Connecticut Prison and the Other to be Hanged at Elmira. (Hartford Times.)

In the Connecticut State Prison at Wethersfield a man by the name of Stephen Abbott is serving out a life sentence for the crime of murder, and in the jail at Elmira, N. Y., he has a son who is to be hanged for a like crime on Friday of next week.

When the father was convicted he left an innocent little boy, only 7 years of age, to be buffeted about by the waves of fortune—not old enough to realize the terrible fate which had befallen his father.

The other day several men were standing on a street corner, talking, when a handsomely dressed lady passed.

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The fifth and last son of Mr. Patrick Boyle, of the Irish Canadian, was buried yesterday from his father's residence.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

What May be Profitably Discussed Around the Home Circle.

(Compiled by Aunt Kate.)

THE SEASON WHEN STOVES ARE REQUIRED having now arrived, a few remarks in reference to them will not be out of place. In starting a coal fire be sure to clean all the ashes out of the grate.

Thin women will have a hard time of it under the forthcoming change in fashions. One who was at the grand festival at the Theatre Francaise and noted the fashions, says that with the revival of the old court dresses, the demi-monde style of hair-dressing will go out.

We suppose there are people who will eat doughnuts even though they are not prepared to die, have families to support, and have no business to trifle with their health.

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It is a good plan to have pretty scrap-bags in sitting-room, dining-room and bedroom; they may be ornamental, and are certainly very useful. Since trying this I have saved paper rags enough to buy all the tinware needed in the house, and have occasionally bought a broom also.

A point in household sanitation which commonly receives little attention, yet is of great importance, says the Lancet, is the supply of water to bed-room water-bottles.

filled with water taken from a cistern which supplies a water-closet.

Women who are nursing babies should never drink tea. That tea-drinking is one great cause of nervousness among our women I believe every thinking man and woman will agree.

Have it daintily and tastefully arranged and served, in the first place. We always mark the good housekeeper up a notch or two in our estimation if we see that, however competent help she may have, she always slips out to give the "last touches" to the table before the family or the guests sit down.

The Chicago Times has the following: "To say that protection makes high wages is to put the cart before the horse. Wages are not high because of protection; but protection is demanded because the natural rate of wages in this new country, abounding in undeveloped resources, is high."

We are frequently asked regarding the best manner of dropping money into the contribution box at church, and, after carefully considering the subject, we suggest the following rules: First, if you feel particularly mean and have only a penny to bestow, you must keep it well covered in your hand, and when the box is under your nose, you must, with a quick, nervous motion, let your mite fall so that it will escape observation; second, if you have a quarter or any other silver coin of a considerable size to give, you may hold it in plain sight between your thumb and forefinger, and when you deposit it you must let it drop from a comparatively lofty elevation, so that it may make a musical jingle when it reaches its destination; thirdly, if you contemplate offering a bill, you must not take the money out of your vest-pocket until the happy time comes when your neighbors can best see your unparalleled generosity.

"We in America have heard of Mlle. Bernhardt and her eccentricities, so pardon the question, do you really possess a coffin?" "Why, of course," exclaimed the actress. "I have it in my home. Why not? I shall sleep in it sometime." "It is said that you have slept in it?" "That is newspaper gossip. No such thing ever occurred."