

AGRICULTURAL.

At the New Jersey Experiment Station dried corn-fodder was tested with ensilage...

Many persons fancy that because they live on small farms, it is less important as to what class of stock they keep...

The Short-Horns in England as Seen by a Frenchman.

In matters relating to cattle breeds of renown, I have lately met with nothing which has interested and instructed me more than the report of an accomplished expert...

Great was Mr. Grollier's astonishment to find that the most celebrated breeders, possessing the best of illustrious families of Short-horns, representatives of which sell at enormous prices...

Mrs. McIntosh's Short horns were all of the best stock and strain, including representatives of the Princess and Oxford tribes...

Milk vs. Meat.

I received, the other day, a letter to the following effect, says Sir J. B. Lawes in the Farmer and Chamber of Agriculture Journal...

Says Dr. Lawes, "I will try and work out the answer required from my own farm results. I have a dairy of about 30 cows...

it will very much facilitate our calculation, as we shall thus have one pound of dry food producing one pound of milk.

In dealing with these figures, it appears to be the fairest way to show the loss of manure generally upon the whole of the food equally.

If, instead of charging the loss of the manure upon the whole of the food consumed, we charge it upon the cake alone, it will require all the nitrogen in four pounds of cake to furnish the quantity contained in two gallons of milk.

Love-Letters.

Among English novelists no one has even approached the late Anthony Trollope in the composition of a love-letter.

Result of a Practical Joke.

A paragraph in a Cleveland paper not long since told the sad story of a hoax practised by three women upon a friend.

Then the women secured themselves. Mrs. Barns, who is of a nervous temperament, came to and was struck speechless with horror at the scene.

An ingenious Southerner has conceived the idea of opening an hotel for suicides.

PIG HISTORY.

Legend Wright's Invention—Origin of the Pig. A question involving research and worthy of the attention of a Philadelphian lawyer...

The origin of pigs, and whether it is an ancient or modern invention, is still a matter of doubt, and the solving of the problem is equal to the deciphering of a paradox in Greek.

It was not until 1824 that Lemuel Wright, the American inventor, introduced his machine that, during the revolution of a single wheel, made a perfect pin.

The expense incident to the manufacture of a pin, ere machinery came to the rescue, made them articles of intrinsic worth.

Arctic Exploration.

It is but eight years less than three centuries since the first Arctic exploration reached the region of polar ice and spent a dreary winter locked in by the icebergs...

This fact alone is a significant comment upon the value of these expeditions which have cost a prince's revenue and as many lives as have been lost in some noted battles.

But in spite of these terrors, on the 5th of June, 1894, the first expedition designed to navigate these frozen seas set out from Amsterdam.

to heavy clothing of fur, no rubber garments, no leggings, log or nautical slippers, no sea-boots, or the hundreds of luxuries...

The first expedition was turned back by the ice and polar bears, but the problem of a northern passage to China was considered solved, and the next year a second ship was sent with a cargo of boardcloth, linens and tapestries for the Chinese market...

Notwithstanding all the discoveries and appliances of the year 1884, the Greeley and De Long parties suffered quite as much as the Dutch explorers of 1596; which anyone may see who cares to read the account in the third volume of Motley's "United Netherlands."

HAREM LIFE.

How Women is Treated in Pharaoh's Land.

Gen. Loring throws as much light as circumstances permit, in his recent book on Egypt upon life in the harem.

"So binding is the law that no man shall see the face of a woman not his property, that, in case of a violation of its sanctity, it looks with favor on the action of the injured husband should he slay his jealousy with the life of the intruder.

The English Universities.

The universities are not now the last refuge of conservative thought; they are the very foci of all the energies that work for change.

A Curious Relic.

There is a curious relic of Gustavus Adolphus in the possession of a private family at Augsburg.

"Will you please pass the catnip," said the man boisterously.

HOUSEHOLD RECEIPTS.

COLD DISHES.

It is a great help to the housewife to have a number of cold dishes which can be used at noon and evening and to spare the necessity of a day cooking over the hot fire.

COLD RICE.—Wash and drain some of the best rice; put it down to boil and cook dry as possible.

BOILED HAM.—For a ham, proceed above as regards boiling. When boiled, it is to cool in water, first however removing the skin which can easily be torn off...

COLD BEEF.—Take a piece of round or brisket and put it in pickle three days; let the pickle cover it and stone or ice to keep it down.

POTTED CHICKEN.—Stew or roast a fowl and while hot remove the flesh from the bones. Put it in a stew pan with a little of the gravy to keep it hot.

CUSTARD.—A very nice cheap custard made as follows: 1/2 pint of milk is put to a sauce pan with half the thin rind of a lemon and a stick of cinnamon broken up...

COLD ROAST FOWL, prepared as follows: Kill the fowl early in the morning before it is fed, and in the following manner: Kill it up by the feet and take hold of the neck with the left hand, put a small sharp knife through the throat close to the head near the head, then cut quite through dividing all the vessels at one quick stroke.

Storing Furs in Summer.

"When we put furs into storage for the season," said a furrier recently, "our care is to beat them thoroughly with a mallet to drive the dust out, and get rid of the moth eggs that may have been laid in or been blown into them from the air."

"Another desideratum in storing furs is strict cleanliness. We wash all the cloths every spring with water and common soda, and the latter serves to destroy the moth eggs that may have got into the furs. Thus our cloths are never invaded by the moth, but should we show carelessness in a single week the result would be disastrous."

"Where are your kids?" a society lady asked, looking at the bare hands of a girl but deserving editor at Vanderbilt's party.