

To prevent Horses being teased by flies.

—Take two or three handfuls of walnut leaves, upon which pour 2 or three quarts of cold water; let it infuse one night, and pour the whole, next morning, into a kettle, and let it boil for a quarter of an hour; when cold, it will be fit for use. No more is required than to moisten a sponge, and, before the horse goes out of the stable, let those parts which are most irritable be smeared over with the liquor, viz. between and upon the ears, the neck, the flank, &c. Not only the lady or gentleman who rides out for pleasure, will derive benefit from this preparation, but the coachman, the wagoner, and all others who use horses during the hot months.

To ascertain whether a Horse has good Sight.—Examine the size of the pupil of the eye in a dull light, then gradually expose to a brighter one, and observe whether it contracts or not; if it does, the horse can see, and according to the amount of the contraction will be the keenness of his sight.

Grafting wax of excellent quality may be made by melting together 3 parts of beeswax, 2 parts of rosin and 2 of tallow.

Downing.

To remove Spots from Piece Goods.—Dampen them over with a sponge dipped into a weak solution of pearl-ash and water, (from one to two ounces to the gallon, according to the strength or delicacy of the color,) and immediately roll up the goods, so that they may remain damp for two or three hours, (sometimes a whole night is necessary;) then hang out to dry in the shade, never allowing the sun to shine on them, or they will be spoiled.

Fattening Turkeys.—Experiments have been successfully tried of shutting up turkeys in a small apartment made perfectly dark. They were fattened, it is said, in one quarter of the usual time. The reason assigned is, that they are thus kept still, and have nothing to attract their attention.

IMPORTATION OF SHEEP.—We learn from the *Albany Evening Journal*, that Mr. S. W. Jewell, of Weybridge, Vt., has just imported from England, ten yearling ewes, from the famous Merino flock of the late Lord Western. In 1808, the Spanish Cortes tendered to the King of England five hundred Merino sheep to distribute among his subjects. From this flock Lord Western was allowed to select forty. He was a distinguished breeder. In our last number but one, we gave an account of his success in forming a cross between the Merino and long woolled breeds. His aim was to “engraft the Merino wool on a Leicester carcass.”

A portion of the flock were kept pure, excepting Saxony bucks were occasionally used. It is said that Lord Western, by a judicious course of breeding, increased the weight of fleece, without deteriorating the fineness. Mr. J.'s importation is from this lot.—*Bes. Cul.*

Simple Cure for Worms.—One spoonful of syrup of peach-blossoms, taken in a glass of the water distilled from the leaves, or in which the leaves and wormseed have been decocted, is a most safe and certain medicine for the worms in children.

To cure Deafness.—Take clean, fine black wool, dip it in civet, and put it into the ear; as it dries, which in a day or to it will, dip it again; and keep it moistened in the ear for three weeks or a month.

To Prevent the Nail growing into the Toe.—If the nail of your toe be hard, and apt to grow round, and into the corners of your toe, take a piece of broken glass and scrape the top very thin; do this whenever you cut your nails, and, by constant use, it makes the corners fly up and grow flat so that it is impossible they should give you any pain.

Butternut or White Walnut.—This is an abundant tree in our country. Its sap affords sugar equal to the maple. The bark of the root of this tree will excite a blister, and the bark and shells of the nut dye a good brown color. A decoction of the inner bark is advantageously employed as a cathartic in the disease of horses called the yellow water. The extract should, for medicinal purposes be made from the inner bark, especially of the root, in the month of May or June. It is an efficacious and mild laxative in doses of from ten to twenty grains.—*Alb. Cult.*