

*The matter which this page contains is carefully selected from various sources; and we guarantee that, to any intelligent farmer or housewife, the contents of this single page, from week to week during the year, will be worth several times the subscription price of the paper.

ONWARD AND SUNWARD.

Others shall sing the song, Others shall sing the wrong, Finish what I begin, And all I fall of win.

What matter 't they! Mine or another's day, So the right word is said, And life the sweeter made.

THE HOME.

Cherry Puffs. A cherry puff is a simple and delicious dessert. Take rich, red cherries. It is not necessary that they should be especially sweet.

FINNAN-HADDIE.

A finnan-haddie may be a very nice dish if properly cooked, and it is a very inexpensive one, for a smoked haddock may be found in our markets at as low a price as smoked mackerel.

Watermelon Cake.

Several correspondents have asked to have the recipe for watermelon cake repeated. When it was printed several years ago it was a complete novelty, and as such met with general acceptance.

How to Make French Rolls.

Boil four potatoes of ordinary size, having peeled them first, and mash them up fine in the water in which they were boiled.

Pineapple Juice for Diphtheria.

The following simple remedy for diphtheria is given by T. W. Reed. Nature has her own remedy for this disease. It is nothing more nor less than pineapple juice.

Before they are put into the oven they should be cut down the middle with a knife dripping with melted butter. This prevents the cut sides from coming together and makes the cleft clear and well defined.

New Potatoes.

The first potatoes of the season are more or less a luxury. They arrive early in February from Bermuda, and later from Charleston and other parts of the South.

The Germans, who certainly understand how to make a good potato salad, invariably use a small half-grown potato for the purpose, which they grow up in the garden.

Hashed potatoes are never more delicious than when the potatoes are new. A favorite way of preparing them is as follows: Take six cold boiled potatoes, mince them and season them with salt and pepper, adding a little milk or little stock as you prefer.

How to Keep Ice.

It is often desirable to know how to keep a piece of ice from melting for a considerable time, and a Western journal tells us how it may be done.

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THE FARM.

Try bagging some tomatoes, for, as it is said to make fine specimens that ripen ten days ahead of those not bagged on the same plant.

To quiet animals by fastening chains to their feet or legs is a dangerous device, for a fractious animal will only be made worse by it, and may do itself injury, while others are easily quieted by a little gentleness.

Prejudice against owls is scarcely justified. A species called the "burrowing owl" lays its eggs in a burrow either made by itself or abandoned by the prairie-dog. It feeds on field-mice and grasshoppers.

There is a strong reason for breeding in the seeds of fruit trees those of their better and more convenient preparation and generally more fleshy and better flavored, and it lies in their greater productiveness with much less exhaustion to the tree or plant.

I raised my first crop of oats and peas in 1855, and have grown many since, with the result of making sixty or eighty bushels of the best grain for feeding, and a large quantity of the best fodder for use for sheep and horses.

In estimating the product of flesh or live weight from a given quantity of grain food, it must be remembered that meat is composed of water, fat, and while grain has but 10 per cent, and some less; 10 pounds of grain may thus make as many pounds of flesh without any surprising difficulty when added to other food.

Horseflesh has been sold in the Paris markets more than thirty years, and is still in increasing use. It is much like beef, but of shorter and more easily masticated fibre.

A few years ago day farm laborers were plentiful; but now there is only one here in a circuit of two miles. Farmers can make no dependence upon getting a laborer by the day in the busy season.

There is always room at the top. There is plenty of room for the successful fruit-grower now, and always will be. There is no escape from overproduction and ruinous competition from every point, except through higher and better cultivation, less fruit and better fruit, quality rather than quantity.

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Why will a hen become so excited if tethered out in the grass with a red string, while she cares much less if the string be of a neutral color? Her favorites are white, gray, yellow and green. There seems to be almost as great a prejudice against black people as there is against black chickens.

TEMPERANCE.

Those who advocate the use of light wines as a preventive of drunkenness, and point to France as an illustration, should read an article in a recent issue of the Petit-Journal, Paris, which declares that of all the dangers menacing the agricultural population of France, the gravest and most difficult to fight is alcoholism.

The liquor traffic costs the people of the United States over a billion dollars a year, which largely comes out of the pockets of the workmen. This billion dollars is worse than wasted, for it brings nothing but war, crime, misery, pauperism and death.

A "Blue Book," issued by the British government, discloses the fact that 152 peers of the realm are the owners of places in which intoxicating liquors are sold. The number of drink-shops owned by these peers is 1,500.

The Russian peasant is undoubtedly temperate," said Mr. Kennan, in a recent interview, "but this evil, too, is due to a considerable degree to the government, and I may add, to the church also. A large proportion of the government's revenue comes from the tax on spirits.

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