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BOILED POTATOES. As I don't like watery potatoes, I will give you my method of having them mealy and good. Pare only so as to have them ready to boil by the time the water boils. Wash and put cooking immediately in enough water to cover. Boil fast till tender, then pour off the water, set the kettle back upon the stove a few moments so that they may steam, keeping them covered, shake two or three times so they won't dry on, and they will be fit to eat. Take care not to let the water from the cover drip back on the potatoes, when you take it off.

A PLEA FOR THE MULLEN. It is something of a wonder to find anybody saying a word in favor of this much-despised weed. A writer has been found, however, who is willing and ready to testify to its virtues, and who has found in it a remedy for pulmonary consumption. He says: "I had commenced bleeding at the lungs, and the hectic flush was already on my cheek. After trying this remedy to my own satisfaction, I have thought that true philanthropy required that I should let it be known to the world. It is the common mullen, steeped strong and sweetened with coffee sugar and drunk freely. The herb should be gathered before the 25th July if convenient. Young or old plants are good, if dried in the shade and kept in clean paper bags.

BREAKING HORSES FOR FARM WORK. A writer in the London Mark Lane Express, in discussing the points to be considered in breeding horses for farm labor, says: "The head should be comely, but not so small as that of the running horse, as it enables the animal to throw more weight into the collar. He should be broad and flat in the forehead, have neat, well set-on ears, prominent-placed eyes, thin eyelids large nostrils, neat neck, and deep towards the chest; not very high in the withers, with upright shoulders, forearm broad, flat bone below the knee, rather short pasterns, good round feet—not too flat or too upright, plenty of hoof, clean leg, straight back, with plenty of loins, and ribs well arched. He should be long on the back rib and long in the quarter; the haunch should be strong, the hip well down, the hook joint broad; and for a breeder, no animal should be used that is not free from curb, bog or bone spavin, splint or side bones. Horses with well-developed muscles and a good constitution are easy to keep, and can endure a great deal of fatigue.

SKUNKS AND HYDROPHOBIA. An article in the American Journal of Science and Arts presents the unpleasant animal called the skunk in a new attitude. It appears that at the West these creatures have a habit of biting people at times, and that the bite always results in hydrophobia. A large number of cases are cited in illustration. The hydrophobia produced by other animals is much less fatal than that from the skunks. From this it is possible to infer that the disease originated with these animals, and they have transmitted it to others, its power being, as always, lessened by transmission. They are its originators. Then, to carry out a suggestion offered in the article, it is noticeable that the odorous secretion of skunks, when administered in proper quantities, have a very beneficial effect upon all sorts of convulsive trouble and attacks of that kind. The inference is then made that the liquid is an antidote for the poison of the bite, and the idea is thrown out that in the skunk the source and cure of hydrophobia may be simultaneously discovered, if any scientific person feels inclined to wrestle with a problem of such innate strength.

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THE HAND. Profound study has led M. d'Arpentigny to the conclusion that the hands represent three types. Those whose fingers have pointed tips are possessed of a rapid insight into things; are extra sensitive and pious, impulsive. To this class belong the poets and artists. To the "square tops" belong scientific people; sensible, self-contained characters, professional men. The spade-shaped tops—thick tips, with little pads of flesh on each side of the nails—are materialists, commercial, practical, with a higher appreciation of all that tends to bodily ease and comfort. Each finger, no matter what the kind of a hand, has also one joint—that which is nearest the palm—representing the body; another—the middle—the mind; and the top, the soul. Each of these divisions corresponds with one of the types given above.

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