

Miscellaneous.

AGRICULTURE said Socrates, is an employment the most worthy the application of man; the most ancient and the most suitable to his nature.

NEW METHOD OF CLEANING WOOL.—Les Mondes describes M. Paulmes' new method of cleaning wool for which such important advantages are claimed.

WHAT DO MOLES EAT? The Rural New Yorker does not care whether high or low "authorities" declare that ground moles eat nothing but "insects," but says that the assertion is simply false.

UNAIRD ROOMS. I pass some hours in every town whose windows might as well be sealed with the walls for any purpose they have but to let in light.

HOME LIFE A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.—One hundred years ago not a pound of coal or a cubic foot of illuminating gas had been burned in the country.

LANGUAGE OF ANIMALS.—The acuteness of the sheep's ear, it is said, surpasses all things in nature that I know of.

There are few things which have ever amused me more than a sheep-shearing, and then the sport continues the whole day. We put the flock into the fold, set out all the lambs to the hill, and then send the ewes to them as they are shorn.

HOW TO MAKE A FISHING-ROD.—A straight slender switch makes a very good one, but a better one may be made thus: Take a piece of dry elastic wood, about seven feet long, and dress it until it is round and smooth.

NEED OF REGULARITY IN FEEDING.—Sheep, writes a stock breeder, are good time keepers. They know the very minute their food should be supplied and are disappointed if it does not come.

THE COMPOSITION OF GOOD MORTAR.—To obtain good mortar, as much depends on the character of the ingredients and the manner of mixing them as on the goodness of the lime itself.

to reduce the bulk of the more costly material, lime Water is the agent by which a combination is effected, and as sand does not increase in volume by moisture, it necessarily follows that no more of the aqueous element should be employed than is absolutely necessary to fill the interstices between the sand.

AT NO PERIOD in life is watchful care over the functions of the brain more requisite than during the acquisition of knowledge by the youth.

Plodding, persevering study requires a store of vigorous nervous force, or the child may sink under the mental toil.

To such we can recommend Fellows' Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites. It will not only restore the sinking patient, but its use will enable the toiling subject to preserve his mental and nervous standard without detriment.

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