

The Monitor's Agricultural Department For the Use and Benefit of Farmers.

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Bearing Chickens on the Farm.

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The Household.

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The woman who is satisfied only with the highest perfection in her work, drops the drudge and becomes the artist. There is no dignity in slighted work. No mother who has the happiness of her daughter at heart, will neglect to teach her the duties of a household, and no daughter, who aspires to be the queen at home, will be ignorant of the smallest details that contribute to the comfort, the peace and the attractiveness of home.

There is no luck in housekeeping, however it may seem. Everything works by exact rule, and even with thorough knowledge, eternal vigilance is the price of success. There must be a place for everything and everything in its place, a time for everything and everything in its time, and "Patience, Patience," must be written in glowing capitals all over the wall.

Your husband may admire your grace and ease in society, your wit, your school-day accomplishments of music and painting, but all perfection will not atone for an ill-ordered kitchen, sour bread, muddy coffee, tough meat, unpalatable vegetables and the whole train of horrors that result from bad housekeeping.

On the other hand, success wins gratitude and attachment in the home circle and adds lustre to the most brilliant intellectual accomplishments. Many a woman thinks because she is able or expects some time to be able to keep servants, it is unnecessary to understand household duties, but servants are quick to note the ignorance or incapacity of the mistress, and are slow to take whatever it brings them, but the capacity of the mistress at once establishes discipline.

TOO MUCH SPENDING MONEY.

"Too much spending money in boyhood starts more young men on the wrong road than any other cause, perhaps, than all other causes combined," says an exchange. "This conclusion is the result of years devoted to the professional 'piping' of hundreds of cases of commercial dishonesty. Such an extensive company well the popular idea about frugality. A patient was brought in, and, on examination, he was told that his leg was fractured. 'Thank Heaven!' he exclaimed, with fervor, 'it ain't broken.' There is also a great deal to be said for the old-fashioned 'bull hand-capped by sign.'

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Jokers' Corner.

THE RAILWAY PRESIDENT'S POINTERS.

(New York Times.)

While Congressman Gardner of New Jersey was travelling from Trenton to Atlantic City the other day, he could not find the pass which congressmen are never supposed to accept. The conductor, who knew him very well, waited quietly by the seat until the congressman had gone through his pockets and produced it.

"I had a lesson in that sort of thing once," the conductor said to a man on the train. "When George Roberts was president of the Pennsylvania road, I found him in the smoker one morning on a run to New York, and just gave him a nod as I passed by."

"Here, my man," he said, sharply. "You have not looked at my pass."

"But I know who you are, well enough," I explained.

"That makes no difference. Duty is duty. If a passenger shows you neither a ticket nor a pass you should put him off the train. You may go."

"But I haven't seen your pass yet," I said.

"The old man began to feel in his pockets, and I waited. 'Stop this way when you come again,' he said. 'In a few minutes I came back, and he handed me a five-dollar bill without a word. I took out a single fare and gave him the change. He had forgotten his pass.'

"MRS. MALAPROP" AND THE DOCTORS.

A hospital doctor relates in "Household Words," how sometimes malapropisms are shot out with a complacency which fairly makes one jump. A patient, for instance, once explained that he had formerly had an operation which had left a large "cockatrice," the word "elastix" having evidently caused the mistake. Another good example is that of the old lady who, on being asked as to the condition of her back, explained, "Oh, my gums may be tender, but I allow takes great care to emaciate my food." Perhaps, however, the best example of this kind of ignorance that I can recall is one that illustrates well the popular idea about fractures. A patient was brought in, and, on examination, he was told that his leg was fractured. "Thank Heaven!" he exclaimed, with fervor, "it ain't broken." There is also a great deal to be said for the old-fashioned "bull hand-capped by sign."

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Poultry as Insect Destroyers.

The eggs for hatching should be kept in a cool place (60 to 65 degrees). The chickens should not be hatched later than the middle of June. Many hatched chickens are preferable. It is quite possible for almost every farmer to increase the number of chickens reared, with little extra labor, from common sitting hens should not be allowed to hatch chickens in any place they choose about the farm buildings. They should be in one pen, set apart for this purpose. The nest boxes should be made without a door, and placed around the sides of the pen. Two or three shovelfuls of earth should be thrown into the nest box and a hollow scoop scooped out for the eggs; the earth should be kept moist with water. A board is required in front of the nest to confine the hen awhile. This nest will give outdoor conditions in an indoor pen. The sitting hens should be thoroughly dusted with sulphur to kill the vermin. All of them should be fed on whole grain and grit, and watered at the one time. The hens should be placed on the nests and closed in when feeding. It is advisable to start several hens together. The first eggs can then be tested out on the ninth day, and one or more of the hens rest.

Care for the Trees.

The storms of winter are likely to make trouble with trees in orchards and elsewhere, so it is a good plan to have a supply of grafting wax on hand to dress the wounds to limbs, which are cut. Have also a narrow blade but sharp saw, so that the injured tree limb may be cut off and leave a smooth surface to be covered with the grafting wax. A good wax is made by melting slowly in a iron kettle four pounds of rosin, two pounds of first-class tallow, and one pound of beeswax. Wh a melted and thoroughly mixed, turn the mass into a kettle of cold water. When cold the mass may be pulled and stretched in the same manner that candy is manipulated; oil the hands with sweet oil so that the mass will not stick to them. In applying during the cold weather the wax will be hard unless kept in rather warm water and applied quickly with the hand.

The Small Pox Question.

Any intelligent physician will admit that you don't catch small-pox because someone else has it, but because your condition favors it. Low vitality always encourages sickness and at this season especially. Everyone should take Ferron's, which destroys disease germs and makes the system so strong and healthy that sickness can't exist. Ferron is a vitalizing tonic that makes rich, red blood, builds up the nerves, cures nervousness and drives away tiredness, and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

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Mr. Nextdoor to little Willie, who has been invited in to dinner. "What part of the chicken will you have, Willie?" Willie (earnestly)—"Some of the white meat, part of a wing, a piece of the second joint, some stuffing, the gizzard and some gravy, please. Mama says she has promised to ask to be served more than once."

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