

but a short time to do. But if any one leaves the carpenter's work until the busy time of spring, and then expects to be in time for planting the vine, and thus secure the season's growth, they will generally find themselves mistaken.

We say again then, if you contemplate building, decide upon the structure, and set your carpenter to work in getting out his part of the building, and which, when spring opens can be reared in a short time, in the best possible condition for withstanding the elements it will have to war against.

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If you wish to keep your sons on the farm, you must put more intellect into your farming. A bright boy wants food for the mind, as well as work for the body. Mere routine will not satisfy him. He will be willing to work when mind directs the hand. Otherwise, you cannot keep him at home. He will be off, ere you are aware. Therefore, read and think, and work out your reading and thinking on your farm. Your boys will stay with you then.

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KEEP MORE STOCK.—Stock growing is fast becoming popular among our most astute farmers. They begin to find, or rather to realize "in the light," as the Quakers say, the truth of the Scotch maxim, "No cattle no manure, no manure no corn." So long as our generous alluvial soils gave crops without stint, the farmer only set down the cost of feeding a pair of three year olds against the small sum for which he sold them; counting as nothing the manure they made, which alone prevented the deterioration of his soil. But all this is changed now. three year olds are sold at this time at more than \$50 a head, and such is their scarcity on the farm, that the soil is fast deteriorating, except among those thinking farmers who have bought as many lean kind, as they have sold fat ones. These men have grown large crops of corn, and fed it all to their animals, thus realising stall-fed prices in their sales, over and above the gain in that extra nitrogenous manure made from corn fed-cattle.—*Rural American.*

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Encouragement to plant Fruit trees:

APPLES FOR EXPORT.—Owing to the failure of the apple crop in Europe, there is a large demand here for exportation, and at least 10,000 barrels of Newtown pippins, embracing the best of the crop, will be sent out this fall. One firm here has already contracts for England to the amount of 6,000 barrels. This variety of apples has the preference over all others, though Baldwins and Russetts are exported to some extent. Shipments this year have commenced early; and all the first quality fruit received in this market up to the 1st of December, of the varieties mentioned, will be readily purchased, to send off.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

Useful Receipts.

GINGERBREAD.—Two cups of molasses, one cup of melted butter, one egg, one cup of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of soda, one reaping teaspoonful of cream tartar, two tablespoonfuls of ginger, and flour enough to bake a stiff batter. This should be baked with care as it burns easily, and if burned has a bitter taste.

CRULIARS.—One cup of butter, two of sugar, one of milk, one teaspoonful of soda, three eggs, and flour sufficient to roll out with ease. Fry in plenty of good lard.

MOCK SPONGE CAKE.—One quarter of a pound of butter, one of sugar, three eggs, one half a pint of milk, one even teaspoonful of soda, three coffee cups of flour, one heaping teaspoonful of cream tartar, a little salt, and essence of lemon. This will make two loaves. Bake in a quick but not too hot oven.

COOKIES.—One pound a quarter of sugar, three-quarters of a pound of butter, one half a pint of warm water, four tablespoonfuls of caraway seed, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in three of warm water, three pounds of flour. Roll out very thin, and bake in a very quick oven.

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MONTREAL MARKET PRICES.

Rates at which produce is purchased from the Farmers.

27th Jan., 1857.

Hay from 9 to \$11 per 100 bundles.

Straw from 4 to \$5. do.

Fresh Butter, per lb. from 1s 4d to 1s 6d.

Salt Butter, do from 11d to 1s.

Country Cheese, from 6d to 8d.

Wheat, none offered.

Barley, 3s 9d to 4s 3d.

Rye, none.

Oats, from 2s 2d to 2s 4d.

Yellow Indian Corn, none.

Indian Corn, (Ohio) none.

Buckwheat, none.

Peas, from 3s 9d to 4s 3d.

Beef, per 100 lbs, from \$5 to 8.

Pork, \$8½ to \$9 per 100 lbs.

Mutton, per lb., from 5d to 7d.

Veal, 6d to 7½d.

Eggs, 1s 4d to 1s 6d.

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