

Mr. Chaplin, the sportsman whose name has so often been brought before the public in connection with the late Marquis of Hastings, has announced his intention to sell the whole of his racing stud, with the exception of *Hermit*, and two or three mares, which are to be kept for breeding purposes.

**ROUGH BISCUITS.**—1 lb. flour, five eggs, leaving out two of the whites; 1 lb. sugar; beat the eggs and sugar together half an hour; mix with the flour 1 oz. ground ginger and 1 oz. caraway seeds; then mix all together; drop upon tins, so as to look rough when baked.

**ANTS' NESTS IN GARDENS.**—A correspondent informs us that by burying a few sliced onions in ants' nests he has caused them to abandon their quarters. We learn from an experienced horticulturist, that two or three tablespoonfuls of kerosene poured into the holes in their nests will produce the same effect.—*American Entomologist*.

At the Surrey Sessions, the other day, a young man was found guilty of stealing a shovel. When asked if he had any one to speak to his character, a person came forward and declared that he had known the prisoner (who is only twenty-four) for the last thirty years.

The imported sparrows at Quebec are good colonists. In spite of the tremendous snow storms down there they still manage to keep up undiminished numbers. There are now about twenty birds, which may be seen daily in and about the Artillery barracks; their utility is more particularly observable at this season of the year; the hot sun vivifies insect life for several hours of the day, when from their semi-torpid state they become an easy prey to the birds; the eggs, too, of the caterpillar tribes are approaching maturity. A little bird, therefore, such as the sparrow or black-capped tit-mouse, can commit a great havoc amongst what would become insects at a later period.—*Globe*.

Everybody ought to get married who can boast of three things: First, a sound body; second, a sound mind; third, a good trade. This as to men. And as to women, they should possess good health, tidiness, and industry. With these, any young couple can get as rich as they ought to be, or as rich as is necessary to an enjoyable life, if they will only go to housekeeping a little below their ability.

**READING FOR FARMER'S BOYS.**—An intelligent and thrifty farmer says: "But for the co-operation of my boys I should have failed. I worked hard, and so did they. The eldest is near twenty-one, and other boys in the neighborhood, younger, have left their parents; mine have stuck to me when I most needed their services. I attribute this result to the fact that I have tried to make home pleasant for them. I have furnished them with attractive and useful reading; and when night comes, and the day's labor is ended, instead of running with other boys to the railway station and adjoining towns, they gather around the great lamp, and become absorbed in their books and papers." Such is substantially the testimony of a farmer who has known how hard the struggle for a footing on free soil without capital is, and how valuable and comparatively cheap are the aids which good reading brings to him.

THE Commissioner of Agriculture says, that if our soil were cultivated one inch deeper, \$150,000,000 would be added to the wealth of the country.

**DUTCH CAKE.**—6 oz. butter and lard mixed, four eggs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. sugar; beat the butter and lard to a cream, mix it with the eggs well beaten; then add the flour and sugar, both warmed, and a little nutmeg and cinnamon; when well beaten, add a spoonful of brandy, and bake a full hour, in a buttered mould, in a quick oven.

**WASH FOR SUNBURN.**—Take 2 drachms borax, 1 drachm Roman alum, 1 drachm camphor,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. sugar candy, 1 lb. ox gall; mix, and stir well for ten minutes or so, and repeat this stirring three or four times a day for a fortnight, till it appears clear and transparent. Strain through blotting-paper, and bottle up for use.

**TO RESTORE LINEN THAT HAS LONG BEEN STAINED.**—Rub the stains on each side with wet brown soap. Mix some starch to a thick paste with cold water, and spread it over the soaped places. Then expose the linen to the sun and air; and, if the stains have not disappeared in three or four days, rub off the mixture, and repeat the process with fresh soap and starch. Afterwards dry it, wet it with cold water, and put it in the wash.

Charlie pared and sliced six medium-sized Baldwin apples, one-third of which I placed on the bottom of a pudding pan, then scattered over a few slices of canned quince, some raisins, cut in two, a tablespoonful of raw rice, and two tablespoonfuls of sugar; this was one layer. Two more layers were made in the same manner, and at last a pinch of salt and a very little nutmeg were added. The pan was filled up with new, rich milk, and the whole baked slowly from two to three hours. It is a dish fit for a prince and perfectly healthful.

**TO PROLONG FLOWERING.**—By cutting off the seed vessels of flowering plants, as soon as the petals drop, the plants will be kept in greater vigour, and the season of flowering be considerably prolonged.

"POUND PARTIES" are now fashionable in Boston. Those invited are expected to contribute one pound at least of something to eat.

**WOMEN AND NEWSPAPERS.**—The Rev. Brook Hereford delivered a sermon in England recently, on the "importance of Newspaper Reading to Women." He said: Let me specially urge the reading of the newspaper as a distinct means of self-culture upon women. Women, in their quiet household-life, may go on for weeks hardly hearing a word of what is passing in the great world outside, and the little that they do hear conveying no living meaning to them. I think this is a great evil. It not only narrows the range of woman's life, but she loses a great deal of happiness which would come of intellectual companionship and community of interest with men, with a brother, a father, a husband. I would have every woman read the newspapers for herself not merely for an hour's amusement, but with a definite object of escaping the natural danger of her quiet home-life, and keeping an open eye and an understanding mind for the passing history of nations, and the great interests which are stirring the heart of the world."

## ADVERTISEMENTS!

### FANCY POULTRY AND EGGS For Sale.

Brahma Pootra, Black Spanish, Algerine Houdan, Grey Dorking, Gold and Silver Pencilled and Black Hamburg and

### GAME FOWLS.

—ALSO—

EGGS for hatching of the above and other choice Fowls and DUCKS.

Apply, POST PAID, Box 116, Post Office, Halifax, March, 1869.

### Western Halifax Agricultural Society.

#### FOR SALE:

The Society's celebrated thorough-bred Durham Bull "LOBO LAD."

"LOBO LAD" was imported from Canada two years ago.

PEDESTAL.—"Lobo Lad," red and white, calved 9th November, 1867; bred by Thomas Douglas, Lobo, Co. Middlesex, C. W.; entered in Upper Canada Stock Register, No. [2008]; got by Baron Renfrew, [1227].

Dam—Miss Maude, [353], by Belted Will the 6th, [68], bought from John Snell.

g. d. Red Rose, (265), by Young Briton, (275.)

g. g. d. Lady Jane, (imported) by Sir Walter (2639.)

g. g. g. d.—by a son of W. Booth's Jerry, (4087.)

g. g. g. g. d. by Young Star, (5319.)

g. g. g. g. g. d. by Roseberry, (507.)

g. g. g. g. g. g. d. by a son of Comet, (155), &c.

For farther information, apply to the sub-Committee, Messrs. Joseph J. Northup, Anderson, and Lawson.

March, 1869.

### ALFRED SAUNDERS,

(Late Secretary Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society. Formerly of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London).

#### SEEDSMAN,

168 Argyle St., opposite J. Northup & Sons, HALIFAX, N. S.

CALLS particular attention to his newly imported stock of Alsike and other Clovers, Grass Seeds, Mangels, Swede and other Turnips, Peas, Beans, Vegetable and Flower Seeds, comprising all the most esteemed varieties in cultivation, which he is prepared to sell at the lowest remunerative price.

Agricultural Societies liberally dealt with, and all orders promptly executed. Descriptive Catalogues on application.

### AGRICULTURAL BONE MILL

THIS MILL is now in full operation, and large quantities of Bones are offered for sale.

The Mill is under supervision of the Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia, and all Bones sold at the establishment are genuine.

PRICES.  
Half inch Bone.....\$24.00 per ton.  
Finely-ground Bone..... 30.00 "  
Delivered free of charge, on board the Cars at Richmond Depot.

Purchasers will save trouble by sending their own bags, which, together with orders, may be left at Stanford's Leather Store, 26 Water Street.

JAMES STANFORD.

Halifax, N.S., June, 1868.

### The Journal of Agriculture

—is published monthly by—

A. & W. MACKINLAY,

No. 10, GRANVILLE STREET,

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION:—

Fifty Cents per annum—payable in advance. A limited number of Advertisements in connection with Agriculture will be inserted on application to the Publishers.