FARM AND GARDEN.

The *Rural New Yorker* notes that where the ground is covered to a depth sufficient to keep out frost, with some rich manure, asparagus can be out earlier than when it has to wait for the frost to thaw out of the ground.

The disposition of an animal depends somewhat on the treatment it receives. Rough usage causes the animals to become irritable, and when they are not vicious they are in a perpetual state of fear, which prevents improvements in yield of either milk, butter or meat.

The crop of apples in Great Britain averages 85,000 tons, valued at £10 per ton; about 12,000,000 gallons of cider are made yearly. The production of cider in France averages 220,000,000 gallons. The orchards of Great Britain cover 180,000 acres. An acre with forty good apple trees will produce 1,200 gallons of cider. Great Britain imports 900,000 barrels of apples yearly from the United States and Canada.

Geese can be fattened cheaply, as they will eagerly consume chopped turnips or any other kind of cheap material at this season; but to get them very fat they should have corn also. A goose should not be too fat, as such is objectionable, but they should be kept fat enough to present an excellent market appearance. The young geese that have not completed their growth, however, cannot be fed too liberally, as they will not become extremely fat until matured.

If farmers would observe more closely the habits of those insects which prey upon their crops, they would be much better prepared to battle with them. Take, for instance, the large, black squash bug which makes its appearance when the vines are of large size, and if left alone will surely destroy them. The observing farmer will notice that the eggs are deposited on the under side of the leaves in groups, which can easily be crushed, and thus destroyed. He will also observe that the bug in question will get under a stone, leaf, or covering, as night approaches, and by putting a shingle beside the hill at night a number of bugs will take shelter under it, and can be destroyed in the morning.

There is no better asparagus than the Conover. Some of our best cultivators, Peter Henderson among them, think that the different sorts claimed to be such, are only modifications produced by difference in soil and culture, and that the green and purple varieties are the effects of a difference in soil and other influences. Whether this view is correct or not, any asparagus may be made giant or colossal by deep, rich culture, plenty of manure, and a wide space, say three or four feet between the plants. They may be set either in autumn or early spring. Autumn setting has the advantage of early starting the next spring, provided the soil has a perfect drainage and is well prepared and enriched. A light covering of coarse litter will do no harm.—*Country Gentleman.*

SWINE.

A swine breeder says that in weaning pigs there is something more to be considered than simply taking them away from their mother. They should be weaned gradually, so as not to get any stunt or set back. To take pigs away before they have been taught to eat gives them a check for at least two weeks. Feeding them in a separate place to which they have access will accustom them to eating.

GRAPE ROT.

A correspondent of the *Rural World* relates some experiments showing that under certain conditions vigor of growth in the grapevine will prevent rot. Three years ago he cut off an old Concord vine at the surface of the ground, and trained a new growth in its place. The next year it produced a moderate crop of perfect grapes, free from rot, while the fruit on other Concord vines, not so treated, was totally destroyed by rot, and so was that of his neighbors. The next year he treated four more Concord vines in the same way, and these bore perfect fruit the following season, with a very few isolated rotted berries on one or two of the vines. He had no other vines that year for comparison; but those of his neighbors twenty rods away and all around, on both high and flat ground, were nearly a total failure from rot.

CHICKENS.

A lady of experience writes:—"If eggs are the main point, regardless of size, keep the Leghorn breed of hens, either white or brown. They will lay a greater number of eggs in a year than any other kind I ever tried. But if you calculate to raise chickens for market, cross the Brahma with the Plymouth Rock. That gives you a large fowl, too heavy to fly over an ordinary picket fence, too lazy to scratch up the garden for fun, and so gentle that you can handle them all you choose. Early spring chickens will begin to lay about December. I have read of their laying at three months old, but I never had any of that kind. I feel well pleased if they lay by Christmas time. Now we know that it is natural for fowls to produce eggs only in the summer; hence, to do the same in winter they must be placed under the same conditions. Instead of spicy bugs and worms, they may have a meal now and then of well seasoned meat; harslets and refuse fat can be obtained very cheap at a slaughter house. Give green food of all kinds. Hang up a bunch of unthrashed oats just out of reach and let them hop up for it. That gives them exercise and keeps them out of mischief. Don't forget to provide plenty of water and dry dust and a box of old plaster, broken bones, gravel and eggshell crumbled up fine. Make a warm mess in the morning of any kind of meal, or all kinds mixed, wet up with milk, or the warm dish water is good. When I have plenty of milk, I make sour-milk curd, and it is surprising what a quantity they will devour. Now fix a roosting place where the wind won't blow on to the fowls; of course the warmer the better, and most of them will lay. If after all your care one should be found so ungrateful and vicious as to eat her own eggs or pull the feathers from her mates, have a baked hen for dinner. It's the only sure cure."

DIBBLINGS.

Remove all dead limbs from fruit trees which can be more easily distinguished when the foliage is on the trees.

The idea among the English has been that the best mutton is obtained from three and four-year-old wethers.

The best older apple is the old, well-known crab-apple. It still holds its place as the best for that purpose and for preserving. It finds a ready sale when marketed. It is not a very sour apple, as many suppose, but is rather tart, though well flavored.

Blue grass has the advantage of not running out as long as it receives a top dressing of manure annually. It does best on limestone soils, but is grown in nearly all sections. Orchard grass is a variety that gives early pasturage and can be grown where many other grasses will not flourish.

Good soil well tilled is a sure source of wealth when the season supplies water enough always at the right time, but when the requirement is not met labor and seed may go [illegible] and the year be counted amongst lost opportunities, all because water is not saved when it falls in excess of wants.

Thorough ventilation is necessary where milk is kept in cellars, or it will be injured by mold or foul odors. This is more often the cause of poor summer butter than any other. The butter is tainted before it goes to the churn, and no possible after care can make it good or keep it fit to eat until winter.

Sifted coal ashes spread in the drop behind cattle, says a contemporary, are an excellent absorbent, and if any wood ashes are mixed with them they should be saved. Use plaster freely about the stables to absorb the ammonia and keep them sweet and clean. But where will the average farmer or dairyman get the ashes.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

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[The Editress is prepared to reply to any questions on matters connected with this department.]

FOR CURING HAMS.

For 100 pounds of meat take four pounds of fine salt, four ounces of saltpeter, and one pound of brown sugar. Rub the ham with the mixture every other day, until all is absorbed. No more salt is required.

CLEANING SILVER SPOONS.

The disagreeable discoloration of eggs can be readily taken from silver spoons by washing them in potato water—water in which potatoes have been boiled. It is much better than salt, as it does not scratch the metal. The taste of fish may be removed very effectively from steel knives and forks by rubbing with fresh orange or lemon peel.

A NOVELTY.

"Mock white bait" is an uncommon dish worthy the attention of vegetarian caterers. You parboil a vegetable marrow, cut it up into a number of pieces about the size of whitebait, then roll them in flour, and fry them at a gallop in seething fat; lift them out and drain them, when they turn a golden yellow, and serve with a dust of cayenne, and limes or lemons, cut in quarters, handed round with brown bread and butter.

LARDED HALIBUT STEAKS.

Lard the steaks with strips of fat salt pork, set thickly together and projecting on both sides lay in a warmed frying pan and cook in the fat that exudes from the pork, turn when the lower sides is done. Serve on a hot dish, sprinkle with lemon juice and put a little butter on each steak which has been whipped to a cream, then mixed with an equal quantity of minced parsley.

ALMOND JUMBLES.

Ingredients: One pound of sugar, one half pound of flour, one-quarter pound of butter, one teacupful of loppered milk, five eggs, one tablespoonful of rose water, three-quarters pound of almonds, one teaspoonful of soda, and use boiling water. Blanch the almonds and chop fine, but do not pound them; dissolve the soda in boiling water; cream butter and sugar; stir in the beaten yolks, the flour, the rose water, and the almonds; lastly, the beaten whites very lightly and quickly; drop in rings or round cakes on buttered paper, and bake quickly. Grated cocoanut may be substituted for the almonds.

A HINT FOR BUTCHERS,

And for the matter of that, a hint for housekeepers as well. A recent issue of the *Berliner Tageblatt* contained the following statements:—

"Herr Nusch, of Basel, lectured recently on decomposing foods. He displayed some pork chops, the light emitted by which was strong enough to enable persons standing near the platform to recognize each other and to tell the time by a watch." This unpleasant feature was caused by numerous bacteria, infesting flesh otherwise sound and without disagreeable odor. How the infection was traced to its source is thus narrated:—"The infection was found to occur in the butcher's shop, a thorough cleaning and purification of which failed to prevent the appearance of the bacteria. A current of pure air kept moving through the shop only served to hasten the decomposition. Finally the infection was traced to a rotten plank in the counter on which the meat had been placed. On new wood being inserted the bacteria disappeared." The moral is clear.

A PLANTATION DISH.

Use two quarts of thin sliced raw potatoes, about a quarter of a pound of fat salt pork, one level tablespoonful of salt and half a teaspoonful of pepper. Soak the potatoes in cold water for half an hour. Have the pork cut in very thin slices. Put about one-fourth of it in the bottom of a deep pudding-dish; then put in half the potatoes and sprinkle half the pepper and salt over them. Now put in the remainder of the potatoes, and sprinkle with the balance of the salt and pepper. Spread the remainder of the sliced pork over the potatoes. Cover the dish, and bake it in a moderate oven for half an hour. When that time has passed, remove the cover from the dish and bake for 20 minutes more. Serve at once in the same dish. This is excellent for dinner, luncheon or supper when meat or fish is not available.—*Miss Parloa.*

SNOW-PROOF LEATHER.

The simple and effectual plan for making boots and shoes proof against snow water is nothing more than a little beeswax and mutton suet warmed in a pipkin until in a liquid state. Then rub some of it lightly over the edges of the sole where the stitches are, which will repel the wet, and not in the least prevent the blacking from having the usual effect.

HAM ON TOAST.

An appetizing lunch or supper dish is made as follows:—Chop very fine some baked or boiled ham, and to a large teaspoonful of it add an egg well beaten up, a small bit of butter and a little cream. Have ready some neatly cut pieces of bread, about the size of a dollar piece, but a little thicker, fried in good butter; spread the mixture on these, and serve them on a napkin.

TOILET SOAP.

Take a wine glass of cologne and another of lemon juice, then scrape two cakes of brown Windsor soap to a powder and mix well in a mould. When hard this will be found both pleasant and efficacious in rendering the hands smooth and white.

THE SPROULE CASE.

STATEMENT THAT A MEDICAL COMMISSION WILL BE APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO HIS SANITY.

OTTAWA, Oct. 13.—Intelligence has been received by Mr. A. F. McIntyre, counsel for Sproule, the American now lying under sentence of death for murder at Victoria, B.C., that a medical commission, at the urgent representations of the Imperial Government, will be appointed shortly to enquire into the mental condition of the doomed man, who, it is reported, has become insane owing to the excessive mental strain consequent upon frequent reprieves.

A PROTEST AGAINST PEDANTIC SPELLING.

We are being overrun by the follies of specialists in the spelling of proper names. When specialists write for specialists, let them spell proper names as they please. Let them call the Koran the Cur'An by all means. This license applies both to books and reviews, and other articles, which, like most essays on Oriental literature, and philosophy and religion, are written for specialists by specialists. But in literature, in belles-lettres, let us keep the speech our fathers bequeathed to us. Let Juggernaut remain Juggernaut in all ordinary literature, and let Jaganath roll his wheels over the bodies of philologists. Let Haroun-al-Rashoid abide as our childhood knew him, and never may Kong-fu-izi usurp the place of Confucius as familiar to Dr. Johnson. A sort of pedants began this new craze with their Oulumpos (O Mr. Gladstone!)—and if they don't like Olympus they can Oulump it. But we cling in English literature to Olympus, and only speak of Oulumpia when in the very dullest company. As to "Aiskhulos" away with him; he never fought the Mede nor wrote the "Eumenides." These were the deeds of old Æschylus. Who could recognize the lady who "loved the people well" in "Gedgifu?" She is good enough for professors of prehistoric English as she is spoke at Oxford. Of course, there is a difficulty. Are we to call Homer's hero Ulysses? It is hard to do so, for Ulysses was such a very different man from Odysseus. Even to that would we descend sooner than call Godiva "Gedgifu" (outside of an article in an Anglo-Saxon review) or Juggernaut "Jaganath." And yet it is hard, and it is hard to be obliged, by the same kind of pedantry turned inside out, to call Zeus "Jupiter" and Hera "Juno." They are such very different persons, just as Neptune is one god and Posidon quite another. A certain liberty to "go as you please" must be permitted in these matters. To deny it would be to fall back again on the other side into the manner of "Ouida" and Leconte de Lisle.—*Saturday Review.*

THE RED HAT.

As the period when Cardinal Taschereau will go to Rome to receive the red hat is not far distant, the following description of the ceremony, which takes place at the public consistory, will be read with interest:—

It is called public, because bishops, prelates and ambassadors attend it. The day preceding the one appointed for the public consistory the chief of the college of Apostolic Cursors, in full official costume, bearing in his hand the traditional thorn, repairs to the respective residences of the newly created cardinals, to whom he intimates in the regular Latin formula the public consistory set for the day following, leaving with their eminences the printed circular from the prefect of pontifical ceremonies. Similar copies are at the same time served by the other apostolic cursors upon the entire sacred college, the prelates and all entitled to a place in the assembly. This is one of the most brilliant scenes conceivable. Surrounded by the members of the papal court, the Holy Father sits on his massive throne, at the far end of the *sala regia*, with his golden mitre upon his head. Long rows of benches are placed on each side of him, upon which sit the members of the sacred college in their full cardinalatial costume. On the steps before their eminences sit their chaplains, whose duty it is to hold the scarlet berettas on their knees and to gather up and carry as may be necessary the cardinals' trains. It is a spectacle growing at every step in interest. Prelates of every rank, and robed in every variety of costume, throng the hall and confer additional lustre to the scene. The ceremonies open by what is called the "Obedience." This is a peculiar act of homage due the Pope from the cardinals, and consists in going up publicly one by one in stately procession, with cappa magna of royal ermine and outspread scarlet robe, to kiss the ring of the fisherman after making a profound inclination to the pontiff sitting on his throne. After the professed cardinals come the newly-elect, who have first taken in the Sistine chapel the oath of allegiance prescribed by the apostolic constitutions, in presence of the Pope, the cardinals and the superiors of the various religious orders. They enter the consistorial hall in procession and kiss the hands and feet of His Holiness, after which they exchange the accolade or ecclesiastical embrace with their eminent colleagues, beginning with the senior member of the sacred college and ending with the last promoted. During these proceedings one of the consistorial advocates pleads the cause of the beatification or canonization of some person eminent for sanctity. The new cardinals then return to the pontifical throne, and the Pope places the red hat on the head of each one, saying as he does so, in Latin, "Receive, for the glory of Almighty God and the adornment of the Holy Apostolic See, this red hat, the sign of the unequalled dignity of the cardinalate, by which it is declared that even to death by the shedding of thy blood thou shouldst show thyself intrepid for the exaltation of the blessed faith, for the peace and tranquility of the Christian people, for the increase and prosperity of the Holy Roman Church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." The hat is only placed by the Pope on the cardinal's head; he then lifts it up and hands it to the prefect of papal ceremonies. In the evening it is carried in great state by the master of the pontifical wardrobe to the residence of the new cardinal, accompanied by two other prelates and five servants in rich liveries. After the giving of the hat, the Pope rises and, imparting the apostolic benediction to all present, retires to his apartments. The members of the sacred college in the meantime proceed to the Sistine chapel, led by the papal choir chanting the *Te Deum.* The cardinal dean recites a prayer over the new members, who thereupon are embraced again by the cardinals present, and welcomed into the ranks of the sacred senate.

BEECHER IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Oct 12.—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's closing lecture was attentively listened to by 2,000 persons. Mr. Beecher contended that evolution as the handmaid of religion was the greatest blessing Christianity ever had. He was presented with a hearty vote of thanks. The tour has been a prosperous one. Mr. Beecher will preach a farewell sermon in the City temple on Sunday. The Congregational union assembled at Norwich to-day. During the proceedings the Rev. John Hunter moved a resolution expressing the regret of the assembly that it had no opportunity to welcome the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. An amendment that Mr. Beecher be invited to address the assembly was negatived and after a warm discussion the resolution was carried.

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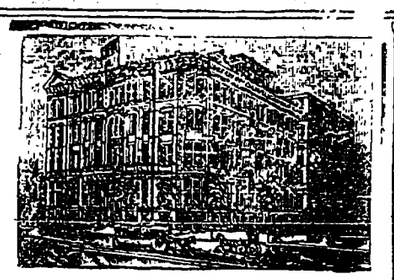
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. Superior Court. No. 336. Dame Marguerite Angelo Ducharme, of the town of Lachine, said District, has instituted this day, an action *en separation de biens* against her husband, Francois Xavier Thesserault, builder, of the same place.
T. C. DELORIMIER, Attorney for Plaintiff.
Montreal, September 25, 1886. 9-3



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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. Superior Court. No. 137. Dame Josephine Lavoie, of the Parish of St. Genevieve, in the District of Montreal, wife common *en biens* of Godfroy Barbeau, merchant, of the same locality, duly authorized to appear in judicial proceedings, Plaintiff, vs. the said Godfroy Barbeau, Defendant. A suit for separation of property has been instituted in this case this Tenth day of September, Eighteen hundred and eighty-six.
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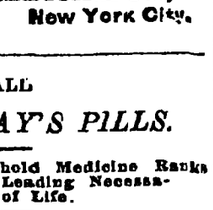
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