

Special Notices.

Some Uses of Salt.

Potatoes should always be boiled in salt water in preference to the practice of salting them afterwards, because salt water boiling at a higher temperature than fresh water, the cooking is more perfect, and the flavour preserved.

Cooking, basting, &c.

Cabbages, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and cauliflower should always be put in salt water before cooking to bring out any insects. Lettuce, celery, spinach, watercress and other vegetable eaten raw, should be cleansed in salt water to destroy worms and other animalcules.

Salt as a Disinfectant.

HOUSEHOLDERS WOULD ALSO FIND THE ATMOSPHERE CONSIDERABLY PURIFIED by throwing salt occasionally upon the contents of the ashpit; salt absorbs the noxious gases arising from decaying refuse and vegetable matter. A few handfuls of salt thrown daily into the water closets, and occasionally into the wash-basins, would counteract, to a large extent the dangerous effects of the sewer gas.

Salting Manure Heaps.

Horse-keepers and gardeners will find salt most useful for their manure heaps in destroying vermin and in preventing too rapid fermentation and the consequent escape of ammonia.

Weeds.

To destroy weeds in pavements and garden walks, make a strong brine with salt and boiling water. Apply with a watering can. A moderate quantity of salt stimulates the growth of all vegetation, it is therefore a mistake to suppose that a sprinkling of salt will exterminate weeds.

Salt mixed with their food is a necessity for Poultry. The best eggs come from places near the sea coast.

The Value of Coarse Foods.

I first used Herbageum for my entire and working horses, and found it very beneficial. It picks up a horse rapidly that is run down or is off his feed.

I weaned a colt four months old, and as it was rather thin I commenced feeding it skim milk with Herbageum, and have had unusually good results with it. In less than two weeks a good growth was started, and from that on there was a steady gain in flesh. In the spring I fed sour whey with bran and Herbageum, and to-day the colt is a very fine one for his age.

My next test was with fat cattle that were not doing well. They were getting straw once a day, and about every ten to twelve days they would get off their feed, and for a couple of days would refuse food. After I began with Herbageum they never refused their feed, and I was able to give straw twice daily, which was eaten clean. I find that straw and other coarse foods will be eaten clean in larger quantities when Herbageum is fed, thus saving hay and grain.

After this, I decided to try it on my milk cows, and found it satisfactory. I had no means of testing for improved quality, but as milk was paid for at the creamery by test, I found at the end of the season that I received between five and six cents per 100 lbs. more than a neighbor, whose cows appeared as good as mine, if not better, and I think that the gain in returns made the Herbageum profitable.

Your directions say to give a smaller ration when Herbageum is used, but my experience is that for working horses there should be no reduction in the regular ration, unless they have been over-fed and cannot assimilate the heavy feed. And with cattle there should be fed all they can assimilate, and with Herbageum more straw and coarse foods as well as hay and grain can be assimilated.

With a ration of grain and coarse food one tablespoonful of Herbageum daily is sufficient. When there is no grain, only coarse feed given, a tablespoonful twice daily will be required to secure the best results.

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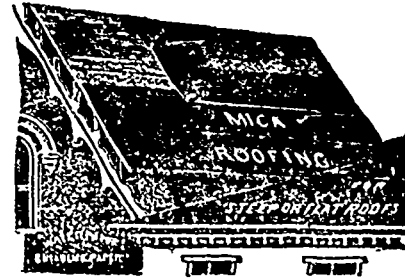
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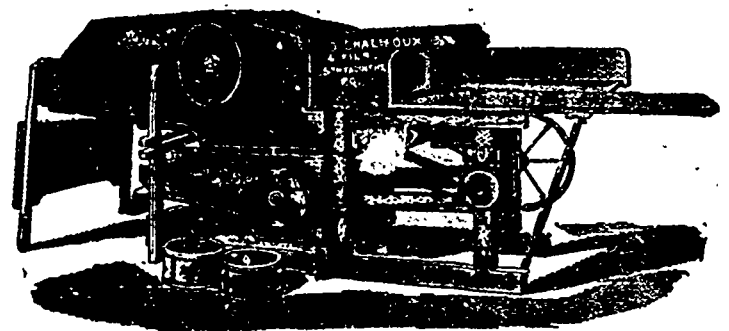
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