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**COLORING FOR CHEESE.**—The coloring for cheese is, or at least should be, Spanish annatto; but as soon as coloring became general in this country, a color of an adulterated kind was exposed for sale in almost every shop. The weight of a guinea and a half of real Spanish annatto is sufficient for a cheese of fifty pounds' weight. If a considerable part of the cream of the night's milk be taken for butter, more coloring will be requisite. The leaner the cheese is, the more coloring it requires. The manner of using annatto is to tie up in a linen rag the quantity deemed sufficient, and put it into  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. of warm water over night. This infusion is put into the tub of milk in the morning with the rennet infusion; dipping the rag into the milk, and rubbing it against the palm of the hand as long as any color runs out. The yolk of egg will color butter.

**OAT OR WHEAT STRAW MADE EQUAL TO HAY.**—Bring 10 gallons of water to a boiling heat; take it off the fire, and add to it at once 3 gallons of linseed unground; let it remain till it gets cold; then empty the whole into a cask containing 44 gallons of cold water, and let it remain for forty-eight hours. At the end of that time it will be reduced into a thin jelly, like arrowroot. Spread out  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton straw, and sprinkle it over regularly with the whole of the liquid from the cask. The stock will eat it up as clean, and keep as fat on it, quantity for quantity, as they would do on hay.

**EARLY POTATOES.**—Potatoes may be planted as soon as the frost is out of the ground, and will not be injured if the white frost does come after they are up. We make a gain of at least one week in the early garden potatoes, by starting them in the end of a hot-bed, setting them out in rows in open ground after they are furnished with green leaves. In one case a white frost cut the tops afterwards, but there were enough left for the plants to grow and give a good crop. They might be protected by newspapers when frost is threatened. The cut pieces were placed in contact in the hot-bed, and buried an inch or two in depth.

**THE GREAT SECRETS FOR TRAPPING FOXES AND OTHER GAME.**—Muskrat musk and skunk musk mixed. Can be procured at the druggists, or from the animals themselves. To be spread on the bait of any trap. This receipt has been sold as high as \$75. *Another, costing \$50, for mink, &c.,*—Unslaked lime,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb.; sal-ammoniac, 3 oz., or muriate of ammonia, 3 oz. Mix, and pulverize. Keep in a covered vessel a few days until a thorough admixture takes place. Sprinkle on the bait, or on the ground around the trap. Keep in a corked bottle.

**TO KEEP VEGETABLES THROUGH THE WINTER.**—Succulent vegetables are preserved best in a cool, shady place, that is damp. Turnips, Irish potatoes, and similar vegetables should be protected from the air and frost by being buried up in sand, and in very severe cold weather covered over with a linen cloth. It is said that the dust of charcoal sprinkled over potatoes will keep them from sprouting. I have also heard it said, that Carolina potatoes may be kept a number of months, if treated in the following manner: Take those that are large and perfectly free from decay—pack them in boxes of dry sand, and set the boxes in a place exposed to the influence of smoke and inaccessible to frost.

**LIVE STOCK**—Different kinds of stock should be kept separate, both in the fields and yards. Heavy losses are always occurring from allowing horses, cows, sheep, pigs and fowls to run in one yard. Horses in their play will kick or scare cows, and a cow near her time may lose the calf in consequence; cows will hook sheep; pigs will kill and eat lambs and chickens; and small stock are trodden on by the heaviest animals. In the arrangement of the yards for winter this should be thought of, and plenty of room given each kind of stock by itself.