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TO KEEP APPLES IN WINTER.—The following rough but good way to keep apples in winter, where there is plenty of material, is given in the "Practical Farmer": "Buckwheat chaff is first spread on the barn floor, and on this chaff the apples are placed, when they are covered with chaff and straw two or three feet in thickness. Here they remain till spring. It is not stated that the interstices are filled with buckwheat chaff, but this care should be important. The covering and bedding in chaff has several important advantages: it excludes cold, prevents air currents, maintains a uniform temperature, absorbs the moisture of decay, and prevents the decay produced by moisture."

LEMON.—A piece of lemon upon a corn will relieve it in a day or so. It should be renewed night and morning. The free use of lemon juice and sugar relieves a cough. A lemon eaten before breakfast every day for a week or two will entirely prevent the feeling of lassitude peculiar to the approach of spring. Perhaps its most valuable property is its absolute power of detecting any of the injurious and even dangerous ingredients entering into the composition of so very many of the cosmetics and face powders in the market. Every lady should subject her toilet powder to this test. Place a teaspoonful of the suspected powder in a glass, and add the juice of a lemon. If effervescence takes place, it is an infallible proof that the powder is dangerous, and its use should be avoided, as it will ultimately injure the skin and destroy the beauty of the complexion.

HOW TO DRESS A TURKEY.—There is much practical wisdom among the poultry men that does not get into the papers or books. A turkey-raiser who prides himself on sending to market the handsomest lot of turkeys in his town for the Christmas market, tells us how he dresses his birds. The turkeys are fed as usual the night before butchering, and in the morning are driven in upon the barn floor, as soon as they come from the roost, and are made secure. Their crops are empty, and they can be caught as they are wanted. Make a slip noose of strong cord for each turkey in an adjoining stable or shed put the turkey's legs into the noose, and with a small-pointed knife stick the bird as near the head as possible. As soon as the bird is dead, strip off the feathers, pin-feathers and all. Cut the neck off as near the head as possible, remove the wings and draw the entrails, before taking the bird down. The turkey is hung up alive and taken down ready for market. Lay the bird on its breast or side, upon a clean board, to cool. Turkeys should be carefully handled in dressing, to avoid breaking the skin, for it rubs off very easily when they are warm. Remove all the pin-feathers, and pack the birds, when sent to market, in clean straw, so that there will be no marks of blood upon them. Handsome, clean dressing will add a cent a pound, and often more, to the market price of all kinds of poultry.—*American Agriculturist.*

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