## USEFUL RECEIPTS.

Wook.—To cleanse.—Make a liquid of water, 8 parts, and urine, 1 part; heat it as hot as you can bear the hand in it; then put in the wool, a little at a time, so as not to have it crowd; let it remain in for 15 minutes; take it out over a basket to drain; then rinse in running water, and spread it out to dry; thus proceed in the same liquor; when it gets reduced, fill it up in the same proportions, keeping it at hand heat all the time, not using any soap.

For Strains and Swellings in Cattle.—Strong vinegar saturated with common salt, used warm, is good for strains and reducing swellings. 1°oz. of white vitriol; 1 oz. of green copperas; 2 teaspoonfuls of gunpowder, all pulverized together, and dissolved in 1 quart of soft water, and used cold, rubbing in thoroughly, is one of the best applications known for reducing swellings.

REMEDY FOR DIPHTHERIA.—The treatment consists in thoroughly swabbing the back of the mouth and throat with a wash made thus: Table salt, 2 drams; black pepper, golden seal, nitrate of potash, alum, 1 dram each; mix and pulverize; put into a teacup half full of water; stir well, and then fill up with good vinegar. Use every half hour, one, two, and four hours, as recovery progresses. The patient may swallow a little each time. Apply 1 oz. each of spirits turpentine, sweet oil and aqua-ammonia, mixed, every hour to the whole of the throat, and to the breast bone every four hours, keeping flannel to the part.

EXCELLENT VINEGAR, CHEAP.—Acetic acid, 5 lbs.; molasses, 1 gal.; yeast, 2 qts.; put them into a forty-gal. cask, and fill it up with rain water; stir it up, and let it stand one to three weeks, letting it have all the air possible, and you will have good vinegar. If wanted stronger, add more molasses. Should you at any time have weak vinegar on hand, put molasses into it to set it working. This will soon correct it.

METHOD OF CURING BAD TUB BUTTER.—A quantity of tub-butter was brought to market in the West Indies, which, on opening, was found to be very bad, and almost stinking. A native of Pennsylvania undertook to cure it, which he did in the following manner:—

He started the tubs of butter in a large quantity of hot water, which soon melted the butter; he then skimmed it off as clean as possible, and worked it over again in a churn, and, with the addition of salt and fine sugar, the butter was sweet.

To Keep Milk Sweet, and Sweeten Sour Milk.—Put into the milk a small quantity of carbonate of magnesia.

Composition for Driving our Rats, etc.—Keep on hand a quantity of chloride of lime. The whole secret consists in scattering it dry all around their haunts and into their holes, and they will leave at once, or a liberal decoction of coal tar placed in the entrance of their holes, will do as well.

EYE WATER FOR HORSES AND CATTLE.—Alcohol, 1 tablespoonful; extract of lead, 1 teaspoonful; rain water, ½ pint.

CLOTHING RENOVATOR.—Soft water, 1 gal.; make a strong decoction of log-wood by boiling the extract with the water. Strain; when cool, add 2 oz. gum arabic in powder; bottle, cork well, and set aside for use; clean the coat well from grease and dirt, and apply the above liquid with a sponge evenly. Dilute to suit the color, and hang in the shade to dry; afterwards brush the nap smooth, and it will look like new.

Suckers in Orchards disfigure the trees, and should be thoroughly removed. The Fall is a good time of year, before growth has quite ceased. They will be less liable to sprout up again. Do not cut the suckers off with a knife, leaving small stubs to sprout again, but take them out clean. A good way is to take one at a time in both hands, place a thick boot between the tree and sucker, and a sudden jerk will separate them. If this will not do it, cut them out with a gouge and mallet. Farmers have time at the close of a harvest to put their orchards into neater condition, if they have previously neglected them.

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