

The civic authorities in Ottawa have received an ultimatum from the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Mr. Monteith, that if a suitable building is not provided in time for holding the Eastern Ontario Winter Fair, there will be no provincial grant to aid that event. It is now up to Ottawa to do something.

MANY USES OF SHEEP SKIN.

Many people use sheep skin without knowing it, according to a manufacturer in the Shoe Retailer. The warm, soft, furry rug in which baby is wrapped as winter approaches is of sheep skin, and so are the little pink shoes that are fastened on baby's feet. Very likely the little one's carriage is upholstered with the same stock, too. The boy holds up his first pair of trousers with sheep-skin tipped suspenders, and the snake skin or fancy leather belt that encircles the waist of the girl is only humble sheep in disguise.

The woman who admires a purse from the skin of a "dear little African monk" is only paying tribute to the same old sheep, and the man who fancies that his cigar case is from the skin of an Arctic seal has only a small section of a Chicago-slaughtered sheep in his hand.

The society belle who slips her tired feet into a pair of boudoir slippers, or even Bangor moccasins, doesn't get away from the sheep, and the young dude who selects a moleskin vest for winter wear because King Edward wears one is only giving an order for more sheep skin.

The college man enters the world with his sheep-skin diploma in his hand. The judge passes down weighty decisions as he sits on sheep-skin upholstered chairs, and the lawyer reads opinions from sheep-skin volumes. The travelling man hustles about with an alligator travelling bag, under the fond delusion that he is carrying a bit of the skin of the Florida monster, but he has still got that same old sheep.

The pugilist puts on a bit of "mutton" when he dons his boxing gloves, and the youth who kicks the football about is only giving a boost to the sheep-skin trade. Nearly every pair of shoes has a piece of sheep skin about them, and some are made chiefly of sheep skin.

A number of the modern-fashioned leather garments are also of sheep skin or are sheep-skin lined. The sleeping bag in which the traveller in the Arctic or the huntsman in the woods crawls for a night's rest once protected the flesh of the same old sheep. The chamois skin with which the society girl brightens up her complexion in the morning is still the same old sheep. In fact, night or day, it is hard to get away from the sheep skin.—[Goodall's Farmer.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

WETTING CORN IN SILO FILLING.

A correspondent asks what has been the experience of our readers as to the advisability of putting water on over-ripe corn or corn dried out by frost in silo filling. Is it necessary, what quantities should be used, and what is the best means of applying the water?

PATENT REGULATIONS.

What is required by law to patent an invention in Canada? Will a description do, or will it be necessary to send a model? Where is the patent office, or is there more than one? What is the cost of patenting, and who is the head officer? Where is the United States patent office?

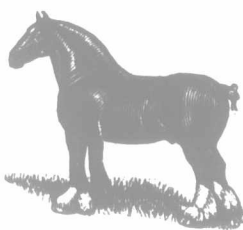
READER.

Ans.—If you write to Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont., who is at the head of the Patent Department, mentioning the "Farmer's Advocate," you can obtain a copy of the Patent Act of Canada, which will give you full directions. Models are not required in all cases. The cost runs from \$50 upward. If you have something to patent you will probably find it advantageous to secure the services of a Solicitor of Patents, who is to be found in most leading cities. The patent office for the United States is at Washington, D.C. The U. S. patent law is very similar.

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SHE WAS IN BED FOR THREE YEARS

Pain-Racked Woman Cured by
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Strong Statement by Mrs. Jas. Hughes, of Morley, Ont. She's Strong and Healthy Once More.

Morley, Ont., Oct. 9th.—(Special).—What Dodd's Kidney Pills are doing for the suffering women of Canada will never be fully known. It is only when some courageous woman breaks the secrecy that covers woman and her troubles that a passing glimpse of their great work is given. For this reason a statement made by Mrs. Jas. Hughes, of this place, is of more than passing interest.

"I was a great sufferer for four years," says Mrs. Hughes. "I was treated by five doctors and a specialist from the U. S. I tried nearly every kind of medicine I could hear of, but none seemed to do me any good."

"I was in bed for nearly three years. I had pains in my spinal column, in my head, over my eyes, across my back, and through my left side. I took fourteen boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and now I am strong and able to do a good day's work, thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Some Ways of Using Apples.

The necessity of fruit all the year round, as part of the daily diet, is generally acknowledged. Among fruits the apple is given the first place. Eaten raw, there is no better stimulant for a sluggish liver, and the liver is as important in the scheme of living as the ten commandments. Be bilious and be a villain—one is the natural sequence of the other. Eat apples, and you will be both happy and good—you can't possibly help it. Think of Eve as the exception that proved the rule. A lover of the delicious spheres, biting into the juicy heart of a fine one, sees a very brilliant silver lining to the cloud his snake-ship cast over Paradise, at all events.

Without apples—one shudders to think of the howling waste! With apples—one can answer satisfactorily at any season, the vexing old conundrum—"What shall we have to eat?"

Apples fried in butter or pork fat are nice for breakfast, or with a roast of pork for dinner.

Red ones of a size, scooped out neatly, make pretty cups for a salad. These apple-cups may be filled with a mixture of cold, chopped meat and bread crumbs, seasoned to taste, softened with melted butter and baked.

Tart apples, combined with celery and walnuts, make a salad fit for the gods, and beside which their ambrosia would be insipid.

The very nicest way to bake them is to select the sweet ones, core them and fill with a mixture of sugar, butter and chopped nuts, flavored with cinnamon. Pour a little water around and bake carefully. To make "porcupine apples," just stick them full of shredded and blanched almonds.

The "apel kuchen" of our German sisters—well, you never tasted anything better. Try this recipe: Mix a good tablespoonful of butter into two cups of flour, in which you have sifted two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a teaspoonful of salt. Beat well one egg, and fill up the cup with milk. Grease a large, shallow pan, and spread the dough about half an inch thick; have pared, cored and quartered apples ready, and press them into the dough in close, even rows. Sprinkle well with sugar and cinnamon, and bake in a moderate oven half an hour. This is excellent for the little folks, and good, hot or cold.

If you are looking for an Indian apple pudding, let your quest end right here. Take one-half of a cup of molasses, one quart of milk, one teaspoonful of salt, three scant cups of pared and sliced apples, to which you will add a quarter of a teaspoonful of ginger and cinnamon.

When the milk boils in the double boiler, pour it slowly on the meal. Cook half an hour in the boiler, stirring often. Now add the other ingredients; pour into a deep, well greased pudding-dish, and bake slowly. Eat with cream or maple syrup.

Apples are delicious stewed in a rich syrup, and when cold covered with a meringue, sprinkled with nutmegs and slightly browned. Gelatine, previously dissolved, may be added to the syrup while still warm. Turn into a ring mould. At serving time fill the center with sweetened whipped cream, with or without walnuts. These jellied apples should be served ice cold. Evaporated apples stewed are improved by adding raisins, in the proportion of half a cup of raisins to a half pound of apples. Flavor with lemon.

A Delicious Pie. Line the pie-plate with the best crust you can make, and fill with pared apples, cut in eighths. Sweeten well and dredge with cinnamon and flour. Pour over all one-half cup of rich cream, or the same amount of made custard. Bake with a top crust, or heap with meringue, or whip-cream, as you prefer.—[What to Eat.

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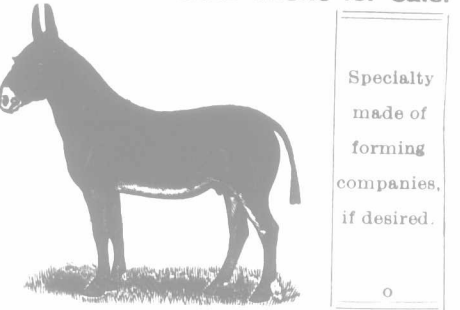
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