





FARM AND HOME.

SCIENTIFIC FARMERS. The intelligent farmer, who gives thought to his business, finds his mind occupied with matters belonging to the year that is just closing...

MAKING A HOME ON THE PRAIRIES. The first question to decide in making a home on the prairies is, What do you want to do? Do you want to make wheat-raising a specialty? If so, Northern Dakota offers every inducement...

ABUSES OF LIVE POULTRY. During the summer weeks, live poultry suffer even until death from overcrowding and insufficient supply of water. In winter these much-suffering creatures die from exposure to intense cold...

PROFITS IN PREPARED FOOD. Cutting the fodder has the effect of reducing the muscular work of the cow. Every movement of the cow's muscles, every motion of the lungs as the animal breathes, consumes some of the muscular tissue and requires some food to repair the waste...

EARLY WINTER MILLINERY. As the cold weather approaches, the female mind naturally turns to the consideration of that most important part of her costume, the hat, or bonnet, and well may the modern woman be bewildered by the variety of shapes displayed for her to select from...

AN HONEST EXPLANATION. Poultry Dealer. How does it happen that all the turkeys I bought from you have their crops filled with shot? Granger. Filled with shot? P. D. Yes as full as they could hold...

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played for her to select from. If she is young and partial to the English style of dressing, she will likely select a stiff, moderately high crowned shape of the glossy beaver or hatters' plush...

In felts, the low crowned English turbans are still worn by conservative people, and some of these have the crown indented toward the front; indeed the leading features of the newest round hats are lower crowns and projecting brims...

Another odd conceit is a pinked edging of felt around the rim of both hats and bonnets, while other felts are embroidered in small leaf and flower patterns. A new gray-blue shade known as "Globoin blue" is fashionable for millinery, as well as walking suits...

BEEES IN DECEMBER. This month is a comparatively quiet one for the bees, as there are scarcely any broods reared at this season, except in the warmer climates. Still the beekeeper has some matters of importance to attend to, foremost among which is the care of his empty brood combs...

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THE SLAVE TRADE.

A Hand-to-Hand Fight With an Arab Craft.

A few days ago, says The London Standard, the lords of the admiralty promoted Lieut. Fred F. Fegen, R. N., to be commander, to mark their recognition of his gallant conduct in as brilliant and thorough a sea-dog exploit as ever graced British naval annals...

When within one hundred yards of the Arab the interpreter hailed them, but relieved no answer, nor could he see anybody on board, for the huge sail screened her crew. Plying their oars with more vigor, they made to board the strange craft, when instantly a score of faces rose above the gunnel, and a volley from Snider rifles was poured into the dingy...

Generally Hummers. In some of the southern towns railroad business is carried on with head-swimming swiftness. A traveler who had ridden thirty miles to catch a train at Bolton, reached the town a few hours after the "mixed" train had pulled out...

Authoresses as Wives. No female novelist worthy of the name appeared in England until the reign of George III. The lady who first had the courage to brave public opinion was Frances Burney, the friend of Garrick and Dr. Johnson...

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. FRUIT CAKE. Wash and drain well one pound of currents, chop coarsely one pound of raisins, slice one-half pound of citron. Beat five eggs and two cups of brown sugar together...

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ECONOMICAL PIE-CRUST. When boiling beef, before putting in vegetables, skim the grease into a dish and set aside to cool; when cold, scrape off the under side. Take one teaspoon of this fat, two cups of sour milk, two tablespoonful of salaratus; mix quickly; flour the board well when you roll it out...

POTATO SALAD. Boil eight or ten good sized Irish potatoes, and when cold, slice them; chop fine one good-sized apple, and one and a half small onions; rinse and chop the leaves of a large handful of parsley; spread a layer of the potato in a chopping tray and sprinkle liberally with salt...

ONION OMELET. Put a lump of butter in a frying pan, then put in some sliced onions, season with pepper and salt; cook slowly until done, not brown; beat some eggs, allowing two for each person, pour into the frying pan, add a little salt, and stir until set. Serve at once.

BOILED MACARONI. Pour one pint of boiling water over five ounces of macaroni, let it stand half an hour, then drain and put in a mustard kettle with boiling milk to cover, cook until tender; drain, add a tablespoonful of butter and a teaspoon of cream; season with pepper and salt; grate cheese over the top and serve.

LEMON MERINGUE PUDDING. Stir in a cream one cup of white sugar and one half cup of butter, add the well-beaten yolks of four eggs, the juice of one large lemon and half of the rind grated, one quart of milk, two cups of bread crumbs; bake in a buttered dish until firm and slightly browned; draw to the floor of the oven and cover with a meringue of the whites of the eggs beaten to a froth, with three tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar and a little lemon sugar; brown very slightly and sift powdered sugar over it; make an orange pudding the same way.

SAM'S PRACTICAL JOKE. It Works Like a Boomerang and He Will Play No More. There is one dorker in Peoria who will play no more tricks or practical jokes for a while, at least. This is something for which he has been somewhat noted in the past...

"Sam," said he, "I see almost afraid to go to bed. Suppose some anarchist from a bomb 'gainst me some time when I was gwine home." "Phaw!" answered Sam, the joker, "that ain't the way they do. The 'B' just drop a bomb in your back yard, and you'll wake up some morning and find yourself a mile high and a cellar in de back yard."

Then finding that Joe was so badly frightened Sam resolved to have some fun with him. He took about three inches of gas-pipe, filled it up with sand, plugged up one end, and in the other inserted a piece of fire-cracker, with the snap removed, so that it would merely fizz. He then took it and quietly placed it in Joe's back-yard. Unfortunately for the success of his project Joe was peeping through the cracks in the stable where Sam was manufacturing the bogus bomb, and also saw him place the bomb in his yard. The next morning Sam was over to see Joe early. He drew him gently in the back-yard, and there pretended to discover the bomb. Joe jumped about three feet in the air, and exhibited all the marks of extreme terror. He wanted Sam to leave the spot with him at once, and warn the family. And Sam sat down on the doorstep and laughed until his back ached.









