

THE EVENING NEWS.

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AGE-CULTURAL.

To SUEDE A KICKING HORSE.—Take a half-inch rope that has been stretched until it cannot be stretched any more, tie the around the horse's neck, inches back of the pad and below band of the harness. Insert a short stick and twist it up as tight as the rope will bear without breaking, and tie the stick so that it will stay. Tie the horse in a stall where there is room behind him to wield a long lash-whip, and then whip him around the hind legs very severely. At the second or third blow he will generally kick with both feet with all his might. If he has been in the habit of kicking when in harness, drive him with sticks on two weeks, or until he quits making any threats. Some will kick once or twice with one foot, and bob up and threaten for several days. They should be tickled, or teased, or have a basket thrown under them, or a tin pail tied to one hind foot to make them try it several times every day. After being driven a half hour they will stand, so that the rope should be tightened.

I have never tried horses older than six or seven; think it might fail on an old mare that had the habit deeply rooted. A horse that rears and plunges to throw its rider it stops very quickly.—Peter Dubois, in Country Gentleman.

MUSHROOMS BY THE MILLION.—Too few know how to produce this luxury cheaply. Dr. T. Fish says: "In an ordinary back-sheafed floor or hot house, cellar, stable, garret—where the temperature of 50 or 60 degrees can be maintained, mushrooms may be grown. We have heard of a Belgian cook who grew them in his old shoes, and assuredly they can be grown very well in four or six-inch pots, pans, boxes, or even in a cracked tea pot. They may be grown in the tops of the bottoms of old cases. A barrel is sawn crosswise into two pieces, each forming a tub. Holes are made in the bottom of each, and a thin layer of good soil is spread over them inside. They are then filled with manure prepared in the manner just like that used in ordinary mushroom beds, the different layers of manure in each tub being well pressed down. When the tub is half filled, six or seven small pieces of spawn are placed on the surface, and the remainder is filled up with manure, which is well pressed down, the top being formed of a dome. The tubs thus prepared are placed in a perfectly dark part of the cellar, and eight or ten days afterwards the spawn is taken off until the sprouts are visible, in order to see whether it has commenced to vegetate and develop little filaments. If the sprout has spread, the surface must be covered with soil, care being taken to use only that which is fresh and properly prepared, as the sprout similar way should have no difficulty in growing. The boxes or tubs could be filled anywhere, and then carried into store cellars, etc. In this manner objections against steaming manure might, in many cases, be got over.

"There is one immense advantage in growing mushrooms in portable and small pots, boxes, tubs or case bottoms. When the manure gets cooled down, and the crop gets checked for the lack of warmth, these portable contrivances, with their freight of young mushrooms, may be plunged bodily into warmer media, such as a sweet bed of fermenting manure. Crops can be safely hastened or retarded by ranges of temperature from 40 to 45 degrees. Thus they may be brought forth from the cellar and placed in forcing-houses at work, or plant stoves, in cases of emergency. Even the cook might grow his own mushrooms in pots on his kitchen shelves or under his tubs, and when they come with too great a rush, remove them to the cold meat storage to take a quiet nap till wanted. By plating the pots, a special growth medium, I have found that the fermenting material inside the pots may be almost dispensed with. The spawn runs best in little sweet horse manure, that is manure that has had its grossness sweated out of it by ten days' of a fortnight's gentle fermentation, and after a few turnings upside down and inside out. Place a handfull of this in a pot or pan, with one or more pieces of spawn, according to the size of the pot; fill with water, plunge it in a bottom of 45 or 50 or 60 degrees, and in five or six weeks a crop of mushrooms will be gathered. Should the heat fail, renew with fresh manure and replunge. By this method a uniform temperature may be provided for the mushroom through the whole period of growth.

"Finally, I never could discover any difference between mushrooms grown in the dark and those grown in the light, and therefore the latter is to be considered essential. However, they are far better among the best stimulants for mushrooms. Good spawn is the one thing essential!"—Rural New Yorker.

HORACE GREELEY, in his "Essay on Farming," says that the only way to effectively destroy "widow's weeds," which seem to thrive in some kinds of soil, is for the husbandman to say, "Wilt thou?" They generally will.

To CURE A KICKING COLT.—Fasten a cord to the end of his tail, pass it between his legs and fasten to the lower part of the collar; draw tight, and your colt will not lift a foot to kick.—Wm. Bassett, Oakland County, Mich.

FERTILIZING CORN.—Here is a hint of some value to corn-growers:

"An intelligent and reliable farmer, who has been for many years making experiments with corn, has discovered an importance and value in repeated corn which is quite unusual and worthy of publication. He has always thought replanted corn of little consequence; he replanted whether it is needed or not—or rather he plants two or three weeks after crops are planted, about every fifteen row each way. He says if the weather becomes dry during the filling time the silk and ear will both dry and die dead. In this condition, if it should become reasonable, the silk revives and remains, but the tassel does not recover. Thus for the want of pollen, the new silk is unable to fill the offer for which it was designed. The pollen from replanted corn is not ready to supply the silk, and the filling is completed. He says nearly all the abortive ears, so common to the corn crop, are caused by want of pollen, and that he has known ears to double their size in the second filling."

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