Farm and Household.

To prevent sausages from bursting when cooking, never make a hole in them with a fork while turning them.

It is said that one bushel of beets added to nine bushels of apples make cider richer and of superior flavor to that made from apples alone.

To make meat tender cut the steaks, the day before, into slices about two inches thick, rub them over with a small quantity of soda; wash off next morning, cut into suitable thickness, and cook as you choose. The same process will answer for fowls, legs of mutton, etc.

Prof. Sheldon, in his work on dairy farming, assumes that 550,000,000 gallons of milk are annually made into cheese in England, and 550,000,000 gallons into butter. The quantity of the former product made is 126,000 tons, and of the latter 89,185 tons.

A good way to use up bits of cold roast beef is to chop them fine, and add about a third of the quantity of cracker or bread crumbs, stir in enough milk or water to moisten it, season well with pepper and salt, then roll in balls or flat cakes, dip in eggs and fry in butter.

FRIED PARSNIPS.—Boil until tender in hot water slightly salted; let them get almost cold, scrape off the skin, and cut in thick, long slices; dredge with flour and fry in hot drippings, turning as they brown; drain very dry in a hot colander; pepper and salt before serving.

CREAM ONIONS.—Boil in two waters, drain, and if they are large, cut into quarters and pour over them a cup of scalding milk in which a pinch of soda has been stirred; set over the fire add a tablespoonful of butter, half teaspoonful corn starch wet with milk, a little minced parsley, with pepper and salt. Simmer and pour out.

Watering Horses.

In watering horses in cold weather give one pailful at a time a day. This is enough unless you are working them regularly; then give a little more, but not to exceed four pailfuls a day. In hot weather when they are brought in, sponge out the mounth and nostrils well with cold water. After a few spongings they will wait for it to be done. Then give them not to exceed a pailful apiece, and after feeding give one more pailful before you commence work. Don't let them go without long enough to make them want more than this. If allowed, a thirsty horse, when warm, will drink too much. A common twelve-quart pail is the size referred to above.

Protecting Cheese from Mould.

It is often difficult to protect cheese from mould, especially those that have cracked. The *Wiener Zeitung* gives Dr. Engilug's plan. He dissolves or digests a spoonful of bruised pepper, two tea-spoonfuls boracic acid, in a quarter of a pint of salt and the same quantity of brandy, for a few days, then filters the fluid through a cloth; and dilutes with an equal quantity of water. Some of the preparation is introduced into the cracks of the cheese, by means of a feather, or, better, with a small glass syringe. If places which have been nibbled by mice are rubbed with this liquid, no mould will form. This will put "jumpers" to flight, and greatly assist in preventing any decay—*Live Stock Journal.*

Cleanliness in Milking.

The manner of milking in the Channel Islands, the home of the Alderney, is peculiar, and has the merit of cleanliness, at least. Milking and straining the milk is done at one operation. The mikmaid with her tin pale, linen strainer and seashell proceeds to the pasture. Seating herself beside the cow, she thus completes her arrangements. The strainer is securely tied over the narrow mouthed bucket, and placing the large shallow shell on the strainer she vigorously directs the streams into the shell; overflowing the shallow brim, the milk passes through the strainer into the receptacle beneath, the shell being used simply to prevent wearing a hole in the linen strainer.

RAILWAY BUILDING.

Reviewing railroad construction during the past year the Chicago *Railway Age* says:

"Our figures show that tracks have been laid on 258 different lines—although not by as many different companies—and already aggregates no less than 8,242 miles. This is much the largest mileage ever constructed in any one year, that for 1880 being given by Poor's Manual at 7,174 miles, which in turn was far greater than the mileage added in any previous year except in 1871, when it reached 6,379 miles. Allowing for returns yet to be received we believe it safe to estimate that the tracks laid in the United States in 1881 will prove to have been very little, if any, less than 9,000 miles. * * *

"The work of railway extension has been carried on in forty-two States and Territories, the only States in which no new track is reported laid being Connecticut and Delaweare, and the only Territories thus distinguished being Idaho, Indian Territory and Utah, although it is probable that a few miles were laid in the latter. The remote possession of Alaska, of course, does not come into this category. Texas leads the country in respect of railway building, having added last year, by our table, 1,411 miles, which final returns will probably increase to 1,500 or more. Colorado appears to come next with about 500 miles, of which no less than 370 are officially reported to us as laid by that enterprising narrow gauge railway company, the Denver and Rio Grande. This company built during the year no less than ten different lines or portions of lines. Iowa comes next with nearly 500 miles, and Dakota and Ohio also show thus far between 400 and 500 miles. Indiana, Illinois, New Mexico and New York appear to have added between 300 and 400 miles."

TELEGRAPH POSTS AND ANIMALS.

Herr Nielsen, the director of the Norwegian telegraphs, recently published some curious facts which have come under his observation. Wherever the telegraph wires were carried through the forests twenty years ago the wolves disappeared and have not since returned. Of course this may be due to other causes, or to accident; but it has always been popularly believed that, no matter how famished wolves may be, a slight fence made merely with a cord stretched between two posts will drive them back. Another singular thing is that the vibration which the wind, striking the wires, conveys to the posts, appears to be mistaken by the large green woodpeckers for the working of worms inside the posts. The birds, therefore, peck at the posts near the insulators until they destroy them; and one was shown at the electrical exhibition with a hole thus made quite through it, and large enough to admit the hand and arm. Another circumstance is that the stones of the mounds which steady the posts were constantly scattered in all directions while the posts themselves were knocked about. This was long a mystery, until the marks of bears' paws were observed on the ground. The theory is that the noise made by the wires in the wind is mistaken by the bear for the humming of bees, and that he does the mischief in trying to get at the honey.

ADROIT THIEVES.

Some of the Chinamen in San Francisco are very adroit thieves. When they wish to steal chickens, a dozen or more of them, in dead of night, visit the locality where fowls are supposed to be kept and distribute themselves about at convenient distances. They then commence imitating the crowing of the cock, which they do so really that all the roosters in the neighborhood send out shrill defiance. This betrays the exact whereabouts of the roosts, and the unfortunate fowls must roost high or they are gobbled and sent to Chinatown for the next day's dinner.

Answer This.

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EXILES IN SIBERIA.

We have heard it calculated by very moderate Russian Liberal that there are at least 25,000 men of the higher ranks in Russia who are now either in Siberia, or at least exiles from Russia, and aware that to return there would cost them their liberty at once—of whom not many hundreds are involved in the Nihilist conspiracy. If anything like that estimate be the truth, the explanation of this wholesale indifference to Nihilism among the higher orders of the Russians is obvious at once. Concieve the feelings of a Russian family the most promising of whom are either in Siberia, or in exile without hope of return, and this for no better reason than the suspicions of the Police Department. Of course, such a family feels, and can feel, no sympathy with the authorities, and no adequate horror at the hand which strikes such terror into the authoritiies. And this indifference to Nihilism among large clasess who are not themselves Nihilists, of course reacts powerfully on the Nihilists, makes them feel themselves anything but outcasts, gives them even something of the character of heroes in their own eyes, since, without forfeiting the regard and respect of their class, they yet go beyond that class, in the sacrifices and risks they undergo to remove, as they think, the evils from which they all alike suffer.—*The Spectator.*

AN ELEPHANT'S FAVORITES.

Elephants are very fond of babies and dogs. A keeper in a certain menagerie now in this country trusts his little son, who is not quite two years old, with the huge animals, knowing that they will not harm the child. The little toddler is fondled and caressed by the huge, clumsy creatures, who wind their trunks around them in a most affectionate manner. A pet dog that belonged to the same managerie was recently run over by a wagon and killed. The dog had been the particular pet of one of the elephants, named Queen. She missed the dog, and gave signs of great distress. She kept looking round and round, and, when night came, she was very unhappy. A dog that looked something like "Spot" was taken to "Queen," but she refused to have anything to do with the new pet. It was several days before "Queen" could get over her grief.

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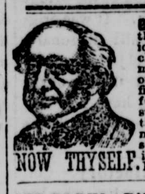

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