

MISCELLANEOUS COLUMNS.

COOKING AND COOKING.

Dear Ned, so don't you'll be surprised when you receive and read this letter. When you receive and read this letter, I hope you will be surprised at what I have to tell you. I have a little girl here, I've got a little girl out here, her mother is well—very, very well. Her name is herself. Ned my love, I'll tell you all from the beginning. I went to take her out to ride. Last Wednesday—it was perfect weather. I said she couldn't possibly. She never had gone out together. (Helen's voice) At noon it was time to go to the funeral. It wouldn't be looking good if she made me stay. She said, to do that branch of cooking, "I'll let you help her," then I cried. "I'll be a cook, too—hey jolly!" She laughed, and answered with a smile. "All right but you'll repeat your folly." For I shall be a tyro, sir. "Well, good boy, when you'll have to grapple him down, you will find out that—But take that knife and cut that off."

Then I sat there alone and confused; outside the morning was still bright. Inside, the dough she didn't pound. Her little fingers squeaked flour. I rolled the pie-crust up in masses, I passed the most delightful hour. (Helen's voice) Well butter, sugar and molasses, with deep reflection, her sweet eyes glowed each east pot, pan and kettle. I filled her apples, filled her pie. And the upper crust did well. Her rippling laugh was clear. In one great coil were tightly twisted; but looks would break it here and there, and curl about where's they lit. And then her eyes came down, and I realized it was her hands were doughy; I did take the last rest time!

Up arm, Ned, was so fair and snowy! He blushed, and trembled, and looked shy. He made me all the bold; he was so bold, that—I—Well—found her hand upon my shoulder. Were to be married, Ned, next month; Commanded that the wedding reveal. Really think that her amours were—Are the most miserable drivel. You'd better go for some girl's hand; And if you're uncertain whether dare to make a due demand, Why, just try cooking pie together.

AGRICULTURAL.

Oil-Meal for Cows and Calves.

When cows are in profit, a little extra feed, in the shape of oil-meal, will be amply repaid in the yield of butter and milk. It must not be supposed that because a cow is on pasture, there is no longer any need for stimulating food. The fact is that with an ample supply of grass, the appetite of the cow for the meal is quite as vigorous as during the winter, when feeding on hay. Cows may be very profitably fed with a quart each of oil-meal morning and night. They will tick up from a trough, if it is made sufficiently large, without waste. When cows are not ticked up at night, a good plan of feeding them is to have a square box for each cow, large enough for her to put her head in easily, and six inches deep. Put the allowance of meal in these boxes. They may be pentured about the yard, at such a distance as will give each animal an opportunity to eat without being driven away by others.

Calves will soon show in their improved appearance and healthy growth that oil-meal is good for them also. A small handful given to them twice daily will put them forward rapidly. It is well to use a small tin pan to feed them in, and a few minutes spent with the young steers daily, is not only an agreeable occupation, but highly profitable; for the more regularly the owner's attention is given to his cattle, the sooner will he perceive anything wrong, and able to remedy it, and a daily visit is seldom made unless there is some express purpose in it. Let the purpose be to give them extra feed, and double benefit will result.—*Health and Home.*

Keep the Cattle Growing.

The most successful breeders of horses, cattle, sheep or swine, know from experience that although they may possess the best breeding animals, they will not be successful in producing superior stock if no continuous growth of young animals is to be kept up.

TIN AND SHEET-IRON MANUFACTORY.

THE SUBSCRIBER, having located his place of business on the corner opposite Deo's Store, in ROCKVILLE, would respectfully inform the public that he is prepared at all times to execute all kinds of work in his line, such as—

Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Work, Housing, Guttering and Spouting, Repairing Stoves, &c. &c.

Being a practical workman, he feels confident that he can give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage, a liberal share of which he respectfully solicits.

HENRY W. HETT.

THE WOMAN'S FRIEND.

STEAM WASHER!

FIRST. It does its own work, thereby saving a large portion of the time usually taken in a family.

2d. It uses much less soap than is required by any other method.

3d. It requires no attention whatever while it is in operation, as it is doing its work.

4th. Clothing wears double the time,

washed with a machine, or by hand labor, or a wash-board.

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