

How to Make New Seats.
Says a subscriber to *the Scientific American*: "I am satisfied there are a great many persons who would do jobs at draining if they knew how and where to begin."

MEMPHIS.—The Memphis Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank has been formed by most of their local tradesmen, only having a little by the day. The bank expects to pay 6 per cent. interest on its deposits, and to give 10 per cent. for loans. It will be open to all the means they could get of time, the men much cheaper, as the day laborer has to pay for the idle days by charging extra prices for the days he does work.

WICHITA.—My wife and I have been to help and give constant employment for the time agreed upon. Then when there is no regular farm work pressing I commence a drain. I begin at the lower end and work up till I keep the bottom nearly level. At 2 ft. depth of soil, I stop, then keeping it not less than that depth, letting the water run off behind me. This ditch digging I keep as long as possible, so it may be kept when there is nothing else to do, and can be left as readily. If there is no time to do and not wish to leave a machine till the dew is off, I say to my man, "You may go to your knitting till I call you." If a shower stops work on the hay, or if it is too wet to hoe, or I have just drained some job and do not want to begin another today, "We'll dig in that drain till shore time."

ATLANTA.—I am going away with my team. I let my dog dig in the ditch. Indeed, I should have found a great many days when I should have had nothing for a man to do but I had not a piece of draining to hand. Then again, had not a steady hired man, my regular farm work has suffered severely at times. So the place seems to work well all around. The man is out of constant employment and gets as much in a month as if he worked by the day, and I get more work for the extra pay and the man is just as well satisfied. He makes more money, but runs no risk of being unemployed."

A Private Cheese Factory.

The question "What shall we do with our surplus milk?" which our farmers have been discussing, may have a solution in the establishment of private cheese factories. Mr. John Skiff of South Boston, Washington, N. Y., has been making an investment of this kind. He milks twenty-eight cows.

The fresh milk is carried directly to the milk room, where after being strained, it is poured into the drying vessel and the process of converting the curd into cheese is carried on until it reaches the press, where it is left to stand for a day and a night. The next morning it is taken out a perfect cheese rich and creamy, and carried to the drying room, where it remains until taken to the market. He makes a cheese of about seventy pounds every day, and this is the average of manufacture for about seven months in the year, making a total in 210 days, of 14,700 pounds of cheese, which selling ready at fourteen cents a pound, bring Mr. Skiff the nice little sum of over two thousand dollars. The whole process of making the cheese requires only about four hours' labor daily, and is made by members of the family—chiefly by members of the family.—*Newburgh Telegraph.*

Domestics.

EGG AND SILVER CAKE.—Take three and one-half cups of flour and one teaspoonful of soda, one cup buttermilk, a little salt, one cup of sugar, and one-half cup of cream. Scrape the same into the oven, and serve with grace.

GOLD AND SILVER CAKE.—For silver cake take one coffee cup of sugar and one and one-half cups of flour; add four eggs, one cup of cream, one-half teaspoonful of milk; and one-half teaspoonful of soda. For gold cake use the same, substituting the yolks of the eggs for the whites.

RUM CAKE.—One pint of sweet milk, a teacupful of butter, one egg, one-half cup of sugar, and one-half cup of flour; add one-half teaspoonful of baking powder, one-half cup of cream, and one-half cup of raisins. Boil the rum in the oven, let it sit till very light, then bake. Serve hot, with butter and sugar, or plain, according to taste.

LABOR-SAVING SOAP.—Take two pounds of soap, 1½ lbs. of yellowish bar soap, and ten quarts of water; cut the soap into thin slices, add half a dozen of them to the water, and boil together two hours, strain, and pour into a large tub. Let it stand over night before you wash, and to every pint of water in which you boil the soap add a pound of soap. They will not rub; merely rinse them and they will be perfectly clean and white.

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