Farm, Garden and Household.

Fattening Fowls.

Luck Hooper writes from Paris to the Philadelphia *Press*: "The greatest curiosity in the Jardin d'Acclimation is the singular fowl-fattening machine, which has been in operation for a short time, but which is a great success. Imagine the top of a round tea-table divided off into sections, with a partition between each section and a board in front with a half-moon-shaped aperture in it. In each of these sections an unhappy duck or chicken is confined by a chain to each leg, and under each is fitted a tray, which receives all the dirt and is emptied daily. Through the center of this structure goes a round post, and there is a series of such tea-table tops to the roof of the building, each with its divisions and its imprisoned fowls. At stated intervals a man comes round with a somewhat complicated machine filled with a kind of thin gruel, and fitted with a pipe at the end of a long India-rubber tube. He introduces this pipe down the throat of a duck, presses down a pedal with his foot, and a certain quantity of food is forced through the tube into the creatures craw, a disk above showing exactly what amount of force he is to use and how much food passes. This process is gone through with each fowl till all are fed, and it is repeated four times a day for ducks and three for chickens. Two weeks suffice to fatten a duck, but three are necessary for a chicken. Apart from the necessary confinement of the birds the process does not seem to be a cruel one, as the amount of food forced down their throats is not excessive. The ducks which I saw fed did not seem to suffer in the least, and in fact when they saw the man approach most of them became clamorous for immediate attention, and plucked at his clothes as he passed, with eager beaks.

The Barrel of Pork.

It appears that the recent action of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce in adopting the national standard barrel of mess pork was in violation of an Ohio law, and therefore is nugatory. The law reads as follows:

"That each barrel of beef or pork put up for exportation in this State shall contain 200 pounds weight of sound, clean, well-slaughtered meat, and such only as is well-fatted, which shall be denominated as follows: * * * Each barrel of mess pork shall consist of twenty-five pieces, of eight pounds weight each, as near as may be, making 200 pounds of pork, taken from the middlings or sides of hogs weighing upward of 200 pounds each. * * * The pieces of pork shall be packed on the edge, with at least fifty pounds of clean, fair salt, and two ounces of saltpetre to each barrel, and when thus packed and headed each barrel shall be filled up with strong pickle."

This makes it clear that neither the present standard nor the previous one of 196 pounds conformed to the law. Indeed, one is as complete a violation of the statute as the other, and consequently the Chamber of Commerce cannot enforce the new standard.

Wheat-Growing Maxims.

Somebody has been at the trouble of condensing a great deal of information about wheat-growing in a very small compass, and somebody else has set it afloat without credit. If we could, we would gladly give the name of the author:

The best soil for wheat is a rich clay loam.

Wheat likes a good, deep, soft bed.

Clover turned under makes just such a bed.

The best seed is plump, heavy, oily and clean.

About two inches is the best depth for sowing the seed.

The drill puts in the seed better and cheaper than broadcasting.

From the middle of September to the last of October is the best time for sowing.

If drilled, one bushel of seed per acre; if broadcasted, two bushels.

One heavy rolling after sowing does much good.

For flour, cut when the grain begins to harden; for seed, not until it has hardened.

To Preserve Grapes.

A lady from Westfield, Pa., writes a very appreciative letter. She sends the following: "First, pick off all unsound or unripe ones, and lay the clusters in an empty room on papers until dry, for in all packages some will be crushed and dampen others. Then an empty crate will do to pack them in. First a layer of grapes, then a thickness of paper, so as to exclude the air and keep them separate, then grapes, then paper, and so on until you have three or four layers—no more. If the box is to hold more, put in partitions to support the others that are to be packed. We packed hundreds of pounds thus last year, and they kept perfectly until the middle of March, and, had the supply not been exhausted, they could have been kept much longer.

Let Us Consider.

Since the introduction of distilled spirits in the sixteenth century, they have been habitually prescribed as remedies. We know that alcohol, in all its forms, is pernicious to health. Knowing these things, and that under the system of treatment which includes their use, the mortality among the sick is, and ever has been, enormous, is it not worth while to try the effect of a remedy which combines in their highest excellence the qualities of a tonic, an alterative and a regulator; contains no mineral bane or murderous alkaloid or alcoholic poison; does its curative office without pain, and with uniform certainty? Dr. Walker's Vinegar Bitters fulfills all these conditions, and is now effecting the most extraordinary cures in cases where every "specific" of the faculty has ignominiously failed. Consider, in view of these facts, whether any sick person is justified by reason and common sense in declining to test the virtues of this undefiled and irresistible remedy.—*Com.*

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Items of Interest from Home and Abroad

Mrs. W. H. Howard, Jr., of Braintree, Mass., was walking in the streets accompanied by her husband, when they met an intoxicated man. Just as the Howards came abreast of the inebriate he gave a whoop, which was so sudden in its effect upon Mrs. Howard that she dropped dead at her husband's feet. She was a robust and healthy woman, and her death was pronounced by her physician to be the consequence of fright.....At a tenement-house fire in New York a woman and a boy were burned to death and a man and his wife fatally injured..... The amendment to the Constitution of Connecticut, increasing the representation of towns having a population of 5,000, was adopted by 28,710 votes. Every town which now contains, or hereafter shall contain, a population of 5,000 shall be entitled to send two representatives, and every other town shall be entitled to its present representation in the General Assembly.....Peter Calhoun, who had been a guide for nearly thirty-five years, and knew not only the wilds of Sullivan county to perfection but was familiar with every hunting ground in the eastern part of the State of New York, accidentally shot himself and died.....Gov. Garland, of Arkansas, in his inaugural address, says: We want no strife, no turmoil; but we want, and must have, peace and order, and to this end the laws should and must be enforced rigidly; but no man living under them should be unjustly or illegally deprived of one iota of his rights, and let no man be put in fear, or injured, or denied any right, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, or on account of former residence or difference in political opinion..... John W. Gerdemann, the ex-priest, charged with the embezzlement of some $45,000 while acting as pastor of St. Boniface's church, Philadelphia, was arrested just as he was leaving for Europe with his wife.....Johnson, who murdered Mrs. Hess in Ansonia, Conn., some time ago, and who was tried for the offense and sentenced to State prison for life, has been refused a new trial.

In Maryland the majorities for members of Congress are as follows—all Democrats: Thomas, 2,318; Roberts, 2,444; O'Brien, 4,452; Swann, 3,424; Henkel, 1,410; Walsh, 78.....The complete vote for Lieutenant-Governor in Pennsylvania is as follows: Latta (Dem.), 277,195; Olmstead (Rep.), 272,516. Majority of Latta, 4,679. The temperance vote was 4,628. The following is the official vote for Auditor-General, Secretary of Internal Affairs, and Judge of the Supreme Court: Auditor-General—Temple, Dem., 276,601; Allen, Rep., 272,426; Temple's majority, 4,075. Secretary of Internal Affairs—McCandless, Dem., 276,925; Beath, Rep., 272,208; McCandless' majority, 4,717. Supreme Judge—Woodward, Dem., 277,454; Paxon, Rep., 270,330; Woodward's majority, 7,124. Corrected lists of the new Legislature of Pennsylvania show the composition of that body to be as follows. Senate—Democrats, 21; Republicans, 29; Republican majority, 8. House—Democrats, 111; Republicans, 90; Democratic majority, 21. Joint Ballot—Democratic majority, 13, ...The official canvass for members of Congress in West Virginia is as follows: First District—Wilson, Dem., 12,799; Goff, Rep., 12,631. Second District—Faulkner, Dem., 11,500; Boteler, Rep., 8,064. Third District—Hereford, Dem., 13,524; Witcher, Rep., 7,745. The Democratic candidates are all elected.

President Grant has directed a telegram to be sent to the Governor of Texas, requesting him to delay the execution of the death sentence on Satanta until it can be satisfactorily ascertained whether or not he violated his parole, the President believing the weight of evidence thus far in Satanta's favor..... The earnings of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for the year ending September 30 were $14,947,000, and the expenses $9,416,650..... The Alabama Legislature organized by electing Mr. Anderson, of Mobile, Speaker of the House. The Democrats have 64 and the Radicals 36 members.....The civil war in the Argentine republic has ended with a compromise, by the terms of which Avellaneda resigns the Presidency, and new elections are to be held shortly.....The Utica *Observer* publishes a letter from Gov. Seymour, of New York, thanking the press of both parties for the kindly mention of his name in connection with the United States Senatorship, but declaring that he prefers to do his duty as a citizen in the walks of private life.....An unusually heavy earthquake was felt in Chili recently, about twelve minutes after midnight. Its duration was about thirty seconds, and the direction from east to west.....The amount of the loss to the American Express Company by the robbery at Cincinnati is now put at $45,000. A hundred thousand dollars were put up for Chicago in two safes instead of one for greater security, and the thieves secured only one....The official vote of New York State gives Tilden 416,343; Dix, 361,406, and Clark, Temperance, 10,214. Dix's majority in 1872, 53,451; Tilden's majority, 54,937....Serious loss of life and property took place through severe storms in Cuba.....The estimates for the postal service of the United States for the ensuing fiscal year foot up $36,364,034, an increase over the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year of $2,871,634.....The government of Saxony has forbidden the practice of cremation.....The ship-builders on the Clyde have decided to reduce the wages of their employees.....Late revisions of the pension list in France show that there are still living 25,000 men who served in the armies of the First Napoleon.....By the recent report of the French Commission, organized for the public distribution of charity during the dreadful days of '71, it appears that 5,000,000 francs ($1,000,000) were sent from that country.

Surveyors are at work locating and preparing to build a tunnel under the Hudson river, to connect New York and Jersey City. The tunnel is to be 25 feet in diameter.....The late lead discoveries in Newburyport, Mass., cause much excitement and a large amount of land and mining speculations. The ore is found abundant in quantity and rich in quality. One vein opened is from three to six feet thick and of unknown length.....An Italian laborer was killed on a Pennsylvania railroad, and his companions, by way of revenging his death, fired into a passing train with a rifle. Fortunately nobody was injured.....It is expected that arrangements will be made satisfactorily to the Philadelphia weavers and that they will keep at work all winter. ....United States Postmaster-General Jewell ordered the discontinuing of the pay and services of John T. Callaghan, special agent of the department, for loaning to his brother an annual pass from the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company, which had been granted to him solely upon the ground that he was an accredited special agent of the Post-Office department. .....An extensive cave occurred at the Seneca mines owned by the Pittston and Elmira Railroad Company, at Pittston, Penn. Five or six men were at work getting out coal when the roof gave way with a terrible crash, killing Elias Davis and Henry Jenkins, and dangerously injuring John S. Williams.....The regular lower coast packet Empire, Captain Jeanfreau, sunk to her upper deck at her landing in New Orleans, and fourteen passengers and many of the crew lost their lives. They were asleep at the time, and the boat sunk so rapidly that the unfortunate sufferers could not be awakened in time to escape..... The only hope, says the Boston *Advertiser*, a new party in Massachusetts has of ever taking a more substantial shape is in the withdrawal of one or both of the old parties from the field. It adds that they will not do that at present. .....It is estimated, says the Commissioner of Customs of the United States, that the American tourists returning from Europe during the year ending June 30, 1873, numbered 36,830, and each person brought, on the average, seven trunks filled with dutiable goods, claimed to be personal luggage, not dutiable. We have thus an aggregate of 257,810 trunks filled with articles claimed as duty free, representing, on a valuation of $500 for each trunk, the enormous sum of $128,905,000.....The wrestling match for $500 and the championship of New Jersey took place between James Batley and David Howard, and was won by Batley. Both men were badly bruised and injured.

In Greenport, L. I., Mrs. Jones put two young children in a cradle with a pet cat, near the fireplace, and went about her work. On returning she saw the cradle had been overturned. One of the children was burned to a crisp, and the other was dead of suffocation in the hot embers.....The divers, on examining the wreck of the Empire at New Orleans, saw wedged in the freight on deck the bodies of some ten or twelve deck hands. The divers were unable to gain admission into the state rooms on account of obstructions by freight. It is believed that the loss of life will reach between thirty and forty.....By an explosion at the gas works at Mount Sterling, Ky., two white men and one negro were killed. The bodies were so burnt as to be hardly recognizable. One or two other employees escaped. Two buildings connected with the works were destroyed.....Mrs. West, forty years of age, the wife of a well-to-do miller in Elmira, committed suicide by attaching a heavy stone to her person and then jumping into a cistern full of water.....The official returns of the Arizona election show that C. C. Bean was elected Delegate to Congress over Stevens, who was supposed to be elected. They both ran as Republicans. Great excitement exists in consequence of the discovery, and the election is to be contested.....Near Cuminsville, Ohio, the officers of the American Express Co. found in a stump, wrapped in a cloth and covered with leaves, $16,090, making with that recovered before from the same place $37,000. Eight or nine thousand dollars remain to be found or accounted for. Of this sum it is supposed $1,200 or $1,500 were divided among the thieves, and $1,500, to $2,000 burned by Mrs. Hackney, wife of one of the robbers. This leaves about $5,000 which may yet be accounted for or recovered.

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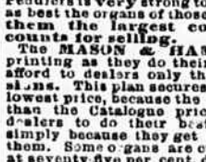

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