

THAT LOST MONEY.

Commissioner Tatum Makes Statement Concerning the Charleston Matter.

The following statement has been made by Commissioner Tatum in regard to the money lost by dispensary Inspector Brown:

"Inspector C. L. Brown was sent to Charleston by me to do some detective work. He usually has been used by myself, as well as my predecessor for this kind of work when needed. While in Charleston performing these duties Mr. S. S. Matthews, a dispenser at Charleston, failed to remit to the state treasurer, as required by law. I had adopted a rule, which requires each dispenser who fails to remit during the week to be visited and inspected and under this rule Mr. Matthews' statement was sent Mr. Brown, he being on the ground. The report of the settlement shows that on the 12th day of June Mr. Brown made settlement with Mr. Matthews, and found him short \$1,648.40, and received payment of that amount. This report was received at this office on the 14th. The same day Mr. Brown reported to me verbally his misfortune, stating that he had some other moneys in the lost pocketbook belonging to the state along with some of his own.

"To settle up Mr. Brown's account we made up \$1,824.87. Mr. Brown paid \$242. This amount was made up by my friends and myself, not a cent being contributed by any one not connected with the institution, and being voluntary, no one being asked by me to contribute.

"The question of bond did not enter the matter at all, as I was advised by the Assistant Attorney General, that inasmuch as the law did not impose the duty to collect such money on me or the inspector that neither I nor Brown was liable for a cent of the money. But the dispenser was still liable on his bond. The law provides that dispensers remit directly to the state treasurer. His receipt is the only legal discharge for them.

"It was entirely a moral question with me. I did not propose that the state should lose anything during my administration by myself or my appointees.

"The custom has been ever since there has been an inspector, for him to collect shortages, authorized by the board, as records will show. I have, however, since I found that they are not responsible under their bonds for any moneys collected, issued the following order, which the records will also show: 'To inspectors of the South Carolina dispensary: In making settlements with the dispensers where there is a difference in favor of the state, do not accept that difference in money, but require the dispenser to make remittance to the state treasurer, as required by law, either by postoffice order, express order, or certified check. See that this is done and then give them credit upon the presentation of the receipt from one of these sources that the amount has been forwarded to the state treasurer.' (Signed). W. O. Tatum."

Fattening Fowls By Machinery.
Indianapolis News.

Fattening fowls for the market by means of machinery, on first thought to most people seems ridiculous, hardly more so, however, than the hatching of chickens by means of an incubator a few years ago. The incubator has come to stay, and the chicken feeder, although an innovation, has found a place in some of the largest poultry yards. Modern genius in recent years has affected the poultry farm just as decidedly as it has the dairy or the stock farm, and its problems have offered a wide field for scientific study.

It is claimed that chickens fattened by machinery comprise sweeter and tenderer meat than those fattened in the ordinary way. Fowls are fed in this manner for two or three weeks prior to killing, and in that time increase in weight from two to three pounds. The chickens are not allowed exercise in this time, and are allowed no other food than that which is received from the machine. The feeding is done twice a day, and one man can feed three hundred chickens in a day. It is a patent liquid food that is fed in this manner, the ingredients of which, of course, are known only to the maker.

The food is forced through a tube by means of a suction pump, which in turn is operated by a foot pedal. The tube, which is about ten inches in length, reaches through the chicken's mouth into its crop. When the crop is full the flow of liquid food stops instantly, and the chicken is not injured in the least. This feeding by machinery is done chiefly in the preparation of roasters for the market and for finishing the fattening of broilers.

Farm Chunk.

Breeder's Gazette.
This is the time of year when the greatest demand exists in the great markets for agricultural horses. Such animals otherwise known as farm chunks sell at prices ranging from \$60 to \$115 or \$125 on the top. They are bought by farmers outright or by dealers who run them out into the country, where there is a shortage of team power and sold at public or private sale at a profit. They are not large. Most of them are not really large enough for profitable farm use. Mares are generally preferred to geldings and bring the best prices, the intention of the purchasers being to breed them. Nevertheless, many small mean geldings are each spring bought for farm consumption. We cannot see where there is any money to be made using geldings on the farm, save as a preliminary to selling them. Mares do just as much work and will breed at the same time. A gelding returns nothing but the work he does for his purchase price and the feed put into him. Of course, the geldings cost less money, but is there real economy in buying a thing because it is cheap when a profit can be made on the expenditure of a little more money and none for the purchase of the cheap article? We know that the wise farmer is he who buys as heavy mares as his purse will allow. No farmer should buy a mare weighing less than 1400 pounds and 1500 or 1600 pounds is far better still. It does not take such a great deal of money to buy a pair of 1600-pound mares. They can be got for from \$300 to \$350, perhaps for as little as \$280 or \$290, and surely there is more real economy in such a purchase than in paying \$250 or \$260 for a pair of mares weighing 1100 or 1200 pounds each. The added amount of work done will make ample interest and the first foals will far more than make up the purchase price.

Currants And Blackberries.

Mary E. Cutler, in the Massachusetts Ploughman.
The currant, during the hot summer weather, is a most healthful and acceptable variety of fruit. Large, fine fruit and none other is wanted or will readily sell. They want the best of cultivation. Fay's Prolific and the Cherry are both good varieties, and will produce large fruit if properly treated. Fay's New Prolific is rich red in color, as compared with the Cherry it is equal in size, better in flavor, with much less acid, and is five times as prolific; while, on account of its peculiar long stem, it is much more readily picked.

The blackberry is the most easily grown of the small fruits, and yet one that is grown more under neglect than any other. The kinds which are hardy and give general satisfaction are the Snyder, Agawam and Wachusett Thornless. The Snyder is the one great blackberry for market in the far north, as it is the most vigorous, hardy, productive and reliable of all; has never been known to winterkill, even in the northwest, with 25 to 30 degrees below zero; ripens medium to late. The Wachusett is free from thorns, fruit of good size and fine flavor, continues bearing into September, wants high culture and will not thrive in dry, thin soil, and with the slovenly culture so often given to the blackberry. The Agawam stands at the head for hardiness, fruitfulness and steadfastness.

Pigs and Skim Milk.

Sweet skim milk from the cream separator is worth a good deal more for pigs than when it becomes stale. It should be used in mixed shorts, ground oats, or cornmeal, for best results. It is very digestible, taxes the system to a minimum, and produces a pound of growth for an exceedingly small quantity of dry matter. In tests carried out by experiment stations one pound of grain was obtained for every 10 1-2 quarts of skim-milk when fed alone, but where the milk

was fed in association with middlings, making an ideal food for young pigs, decidedly better returns were received for the milk. It makes them grow more rapidly than any other feeding.

It Served Them Right.

Buffalo Enquirer.
"Courtesy always pays," said Mme. Rejane, the French actress, to an interviewer. "If we are courteous to people, they like us and they will help us. If we are discourteous to them, they hate and oppose us."

"Two women occupied a compartment in a railway carriage with one man, a stranger. They were extremely rude to this man. In whispers that he could overhear they criticized his costume, his figure and his manner. He, to be revenged, did a singu-

thing. "The blackness of a tunnel enveloped the car, and under cover of the darkness the man kissed the back of his hand loudly and repeatedly. Then, when the train entered the light again, he looked from one woman to the other with a significant smile.

"They exchanged glances of suspicion.

"Was it you he kissed?"
"No, of course not. Was it you?"
"And neither lady would believe the other's denial, and each, in her innocent heart, was offended to think that the man had chosen her companion instead of herself to kiss. The man looked cool and complacent. When, finally, he rose to go he said, lifting his hat with a jocular air:
"Have no fear, ladies; I shall never tell which of you it was."

Have you noticed that the bottom of a cup of joy is seldom far from the top.

Many a man who has succeeded in carving out a vast fortune for himself would not be able to carve a boarding-house turkey.

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BARBECUE.

We will give a barbecue in the grove at the residence of Mr. Jno. A. Cromer on Wednesday, July 19. Speaker's on the issues of the day will be on hand. A good dinner and a pleasant time. Everybody invited.
D. A. Kleckley,
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Lv. Laurens	1:50 p. m.
Ar. Greenwood	2:40 p. m.
Ar. Augusta	5:20 p. m.
Ar. Anderson	7:10 p. m.
No. 42, Daily.	
Lv. Augusta	7:55 p. m.
Ar. Allendale	1:30 p. m.
Ar. Fairfax	5:15 p. m.
Ar. Charleston	7:40 p. m.
No. 1, Daily.	
Lv. Laurens	2:09 p. m.
Ar. Spartanburg	3:20 p. m.
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