AGRICULTURE.

HOW TO MAKE HENS LAY IN WIN-TER.—Having occasion recently, to yisit a friend in Northern New Hampshire, who has the reputation of making money through the keeping of hens, I found his method of operations somewhat as follows.

The hen-house was in the basement of a workshop building, with windows facing the south. The size of the room where the hens were kept was about fourteen by twenty. The fowls were of the Brown Leghorn variety, and numbered about sixty birds. Al-though the room seemed small, considering the number of fowls, yet by means of good ventilation, it answered its purpose well. As we entered the room, the odor of onlons attracted my attention.

"Do you give onions to your hens?" I asked.

"Yes. Onions make good green food for hens during the winter. As I had | ful rest from work or care were given a quantity on hand, unit for market, 1 | them, instead of sinulating the sysam teeding them out in this way to tem by exciting drinks and powerful good advantage."

"How do you feed your hens during the winter months?"

"In the morning I give them a dough made of bran and boiled potatoes. At intervals of two or three days I put cayenne pepper with the mixture. At noon I feed such scraps as are left at my table with baked potatoes. In the evening I give my fowls about two quarts of whole corn, believing that this grain remains longer in the crop than any other. Twice a week I feed them meat. I buy cheap mutton, chopping up bones and all before feeding. Every day I furnish a supply of pure ira work when we have succeeded in warm water, also keeping before them at all times a pan of ground oyster

"De your hens pay you a good profit?"

"Most certainly. The net profits from hens more than pay our grocer's bills. There is no guess work about this statement, as I keep an exact ac-count, showing the debts and credits in full detail."

Whilk it is highly important that the farmer should provide good food for his horses and cattle, yet it is equally important that they should be fed regularly, at stated periods. Ani-mais an good time keepers : and if the hour passes at which they are commonly fed, they are apt to make their wants known; especially 17 this the case of the cow. It is a very hard practice to feed her often and irregularly; and some farmers have an idea that almost every time the barn is entered the cows should be given hay or fodder, This is a mistake. The great object in view is to keep the cow quiet and contented, which can be readily accomp. lished by regular feeding, and supplying all the food they can eat. If fed In this manner in the morning, the cows will lie down and chew the cud, and are not disposed to be announced by the visits of any person. In the winter season, the second feeding should be about two o'clock in the atternoon, which will allow them to have from that time to milking, all they will eat, and giving a feed of hay when the milking is finished, The first stomach of the cow should be empty, or almost so, before more food is eaten. A cow chewing the cud caunot be hungry. This regularity as regards leeding should like wise apply to watering and milking. This regular system of feeding applies fully as well to pigs and sheep, when the latter are in winter quarters. Animals can be as easily trained as chiloren, and every farmer who bears this in mind will be amply rewarded by the fine appearance of his stock, and the affection which will be bestowed upon him by them.

SOUR MILK FOR COWS .- Some maintain that feeding sour milk to cows affects their butter injurio sly, but we never made sweeter or nicer butter than we have been turning out this spring when feeding sour milk to the cows from whose milk it was made. Last spring we aid not feed it, but gave each sixteen pounds of hay and three quarts of cats and corn-cob taken out -ground together, and then the average yield of milk per cow was from thirteen to fourteen pounds per day. Since we have been feeding the same amount of hay, two quarts of oats and corn ground together-cob again taken out-two quarts of wheat bran and the sour milk from the herd, and the aveiage yield of each per day has been from twenty -one to twenty-two pounds of milk-an increase of one-third. The cows are the same as last spring. with the addition of two others-one a cow we bought and which is thought no better than the rest, and the other a two year old heifer which gives from twenty five to twenty-seven rounds of milk per day. 1 don't expect the feed-ing of sour milk will make so much difference during the latter part of May, June and July, but, after that, t expect as great a difference as now. It is estimated that by using the sour milk in this way, one cow more can be kept for every ten in the herd; but on this point 1 cannot speak definitely. We take our milk to a creamery, so there is no guess work with regard to

HUMOROUS. FOOD CURE .- In no better way can THE proprietor of a fashionable resaurant was found, the other evening, good health be preserved or restored sighing mournfully, and ready, appa-rently, to burst into tears. "What's the matter?" ask his cus than by paying careful attention to diet. Without this precaution the best of health may be ruined, and to tomers who happen to come in the attempt to regain it by drugs alone is useless; far better in many cases to "Ah, gentlemen, matter enough. depend altogether upon proper food and rest. No doubt some need medicine, but it is equally necessary that

DOMESTIC

for them, as they are necessarily de-

getting something to tempt the appe-

Notions of the First Sottlers.

can be bought everywhere.

millions of more healthy people will become invalids, for the want of pay-

ing the most ordinary at tention to the

requirements of the skin. The mem-brane is too often regarded as a cover-

ing only, instead of a complicated

plece of machinery, scarcely second in

its texture and st nsitiveness to the ear

reference to its proper functions as if

their bones. It is this inconsideration

will

lollow.

Fur persons went away without pay-ing, after dining sumptuously." "That's bad, but don't take on so about it." food suitable for the sufferer should be restored to. We are not apt to ap-"Ah, it's not for myself that grieve. I am rich. I can stand it .-preciate health as we should until disease begins to break down the con-stitution, and then once more regain

But it is for my waiter, my poor waitthe precious boon. How many dishes er, the father of a family, whose place is his only support. It is he who is obliged to stand the loss." in common use ought to be discarded from our tables, if we would not become acquainted with that unwelcome

As a medical practitioner was visitvisitor, aypepsia. I am convinced by ng at a colliery village not many miles observation that many more might be from West Calder he was accosted by restored to health if nourishing food an elderly woman desirous that he would come in and see her husban d suitable to their condition, and needwho was unwell. The doctor obeyed the call, and, on entering, asked in a firm voice, "What's wrong, what's wrong?" The wife answered, "It's drugs. Give nature a chance and she the guidman that's been very bad a' wasted energies, if the kind of food is nicht." The doctor went to the bed, given the case demands. There is much choice in the klads of meat and stood silence for a few minutes holding him by the arm, then asked the pa the manner of preparing them, which tlent, "Do you think you could swal-low a pill?" "Weel, Doctor, I dinna we should always observe when cooking for an invalid guest, or member of the family. The fulls and vegetables should also be seclected with great care, and often it is necessary that ken; but I can swailow a tattie."

Some time ago a character, of which there are so many in Newburyport, some special dish should be prepared went into a rum shop and called for a quart of rum. It was poured into a two-quart jug, which he produced, when he cooly told the barkeeper to prived of so much that others indulge in. We test more than repaid for excharge it. "Not much," said the man of stimuthe of the sick, with no bad results to

lants; I'll take it back." "All right, then," said the bummer, "but be careful and take only a quart, for I've got another quart in there." [Mondovi, (Wis.) Buffalo Co. Horald. The barkeeper poured out a quart, and was sa.isiled; so was the custom-Mr. W. H. H, Amidon, one of the er. The other quart was water, and the stimulant was ready mixed for first settlers in the town of Gilman-

town, Wis., and one of the most indrinking. dustrious and hard working men in the country, has been very severely troubled with rheumatic pains during A TEACHER in a Galyeston Sunday | with her lover, but on the very day set chool wishing to impress his class the past few years, so much at times, that he was disabled from performing with the necessity of faith, asked the class: manual labor. Learning of the won-derful cures effected by the use of St. "Why did Moses lift up the scrpont n the wilderness?" Jacob's Oil he procured a few bottles

But one in the class knew, and he and experienced immediate relief. nswered : Many others of our acquaintances have "Moses lifted it up because he knew used it and express themselves as

highly gratified, with the relief it has afforded them. This king of medicines couldn't blte." It was the same youth who said the ews made a golden calf because they didn't have gold enough to make a whole cow. Most of our invalues are such, and

Bogus Certificates.

and eye. Many treat it with as little it were nothing better than a bag for

for the skin that is the cause of a very large proportion of the diseases of the world. If, as claimed by some scientists, four-fifths, in the bulk, of all we eat and drink must either pass off through the skin or be turned back upon the system as polson, and that life depends as much upon those exhalations through the skin as upon inhalsng pure air through the lungs, it must be of the most vital importance to keep the channel free. STEWED BEANS .- Stew slowly a quart of beans adding sufficient salt, until blushing mother.

they are tender but take care not to break them. Change the water twice always adding boiling water to replace

Dead from Homesickness

A simple and touching story is that of the young Swiss peasant girl, Pauline Fuchs, who died recently; and it would be an idyl, but that the ideals of the books have in them neither sor-

row nor death. At noon the city "dead wagon" brought her body to the Morgue, and in lifting it out the cover slipped from the rough pine box. The face revealed was a pleasant one, handsome still, but if ever beautiful, so no longer. A brief inquest showed nothing except that she was found dead in her bed, and that, according to the testimony of her cousin Maria, she died of longing for her home in Swiss mountains.

The little story which the girl, like all girls, kept concealed in her own heart is so simple that it is almost commonplace-would certainly become commonplace had it not an ending so sad. She lived with the family of a distant relative, all crowded together in two little rooms over a shop. After oily two weeks of America she died. She was born near the town of Einseidelo. Her father was a simple peasant, whose mind was bound up in his

country and his religion, and this girl was his only child. She was spoiled and petted, having everything her own way until she was eightson years old, when she met a young man nam ed Henry Buumgartner who though only a mechanic appeared a prince to the peasant girl. Of course, she loved him, and also, as a matter of course, her father would not let her marry him, for the Fuchs family had always Street, Phuadelphia, Pa. been Catholics, and Baumgartner was a heretic. In spite of the prohibition she set her heart on marriage, and last cost price, 25 cents. March had perfected her plans to elope

her father found her out and thwarted her. She was closely watched after this, and the young man was forbid-den the house. Pauline pined and was

chines

are trying to substitute twine

She alarmed her father by threatening to run away to America, where Mary Fuchs, her cousin and friend. had came a few months before The threat was constantly repeated, until at last, when two months ago her father's cousin, his wife and six children, made up their minds to come to New York, he told her to with them. She was unwilling to leave home, but too proud to stay, so, taking her little stock of clothing and her dead mother's crucifix, she started on her long journey across the seas.

At Havre they took steerage passage on the steamer Canada arriving in Castle Garden three weeks ago; remaining there a few days they came to St. Louis, where Mary Fuchs and her brother had been living since April. Mary is flexen baired and rosycheeked. She wis overloyed to meet her friend Pauline, who seemed equally pleased to see her, and who was for the first week cheerful. Then she began to long for Svitzerland, and the color left her check. Mary was her room mate, both sleeping together on a "pallet" made in the floor in the room, and to hershe confiled her dequired for the full crop of wheat.

To All Our Friends.

tacked up snugly at night with many Having had numberless inquiries for njunctions not to disturb her brothen advertising cards from ladies in all in a neighboring orlb, under penalty. The reminder not being sufficient, the parts of the country who are interest-ed in the prevailing fashion of making "Card Collections," we are having door was temporarily closed, with the desired effect. After a seemingly lengthy interval of stillness, her paprinted for them a set of seven beautiful cards, each in six colors and on a tionce being evidently exhausted, a little voice piped out of the darkness, "Mamma! did you hear me keep gold background, in the very highest degree of art, illustrating Shakspeare's "Seven Ages of Man," We have spared no expense in these cards—they are simply little art gems. Our only aim has been to publish the finest cards yet klet ?"

Set back 49 Years. shown. Applications for them have come in so rapidly that nearly the I was troubled for many years with Kidney Complaint, Gravel, &c.; my blood became thin; I was dull and inwhole edition is engaged before the receipt by us of the cards from the artist. We have therefore been obliged active; could hardly crawl about; was an old worn out man all over to adopt the following plan for the dis-tribution of the remainder: No more could get nothing to help me, until I got Hop Bitters, and now I am a boy again. My blood and kidneys are all of the gilt Shakspeare oards, seven in the series, will be sent excepting upon right, and I am as active as a man of 30, although I am 72, and I have no the receipt of a statement from a grocer that the person applying for the cards has bought of him on that day at least seven bars of Dobbins' Electric Soap, doubt it will do as well for others of of my age. It is worth a trial,-(Father.)-Sunday Meroury. with price paid for same. All apply-

ing in this manner will receive the full "RUTHERFORD !" "Yes, my dear." set of seven cards gratis by mail. This will insure us that our friends and pa-trons get their share of these beautiful "Eave you packed the ice pltcher?" "Not yet, love." "Then pack it at once, I'm afraid the incoming Admindesigns, although it in no manner reistration may want to borrow it, and I desire to take the emblem of our greatness home." "No fear, my dear, pays us for the cost of the cards, Your grocer has the soap or will get it, and the purchase by you of seven bars of it at one time will secure for you gratis seven really beautiful cards. The soap the meaning Administration will want a decanter, not an ice pitcher." improves with age, and is an article of

LITTLE three-year old Mabel was

necessity in your house every week. The ladies who sometime since were Therefore you are not asked to buy a unable to go out, having taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, are guite recovered, and have gone on useless article, but one that you must have anyway. Please send us your application at once, and tell your lady their way rejoicing.

friends making "Card Collections," to do the same. Grocers do not have the cards to deliver. Buy the soap of them, IF she's got to talk slang a Boston girl will refine and beautify it. The proper caper becomes the appropriate gyration; bang up is front hair elesend us their bill, and we will mall you the cards free. Yours respectfully, I. L. CRAGIN & CO., 116 South 4th vated; tumbling to the racket is fall-ing to the audible disturbance; and a P. S.-Ladies not wishing to buy quare deal is a quadrilateral distribusoap can get the cards by remitting

tion. Oh, refinement is a great thing. Oh, you wager your existen of that 11 18 Many manufactures of reaping ma-



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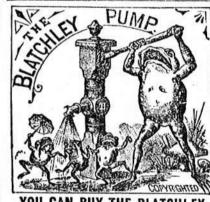
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A FAIR young mother, with a crying babe in her arms, sat in a Western stage coach. On the opposite seat was prominent polician of engaging manners. By and by he said: "Let me hold your baby; perhaps I can soothe htm." "Oh, no, I am much obliged; kind, but I know you couldn't help me, for he is hungry," replied the

A CHINAMAN in Weatherville Cal., that poured off; this greatly sweetens the beans and takes away the strong from a wagon. There are the falling of the fault, where the strong from a wagon the second strength of the fault the beans and takes away the strong from a wagon. There was some doubt of the family asked the cause of her flavor. When cooked drain off the of his over getting better and at here the changed demeaner she replied (Wr

replied the

ONE of the great advantages of drain-ing the soil is to insure the free access of oxygen. A plant cannot any more live without oxygen than can an animal. Oxygen is one of the best fertillzers, for by its action in the soilalt prepares the minerals for food and plants.

the weight.

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A French journal is responsible for the following : During a recent violent storm a young man was walking with an unlighted carriage lamp in his hand. Suddenly he experienced a severe shock in his arm, and concluded that the lightning had either struck him or some point very near. But what was his asionishment to find that his lamp had been lighted! Several persons near him witnessed the remarkable phenomenon.

Tobacco belongs to the class of narcotic and exciting stimulants, having no focd value whatever. Stimulation means abstracted, not added, force. Worth in all cases of Coughs, Coughs, Coughs, Hoarseness, Tickling in the Threat, Irritation of the Bronchial Tubes and Lungs, etc.

water and serve on a side dish, adding c little butter and pepper and salt. ance company, "Charley half dead, like half money."

Serve hot.

standing.

Beat thoroughly.

water. Bake quickly.

soda, nutmeg.

boiling, or it will not be white.

(C.ncinnati Iri-h Citizen,]

PLUM CAKE .- Flve cups of flour, one of butter, two of sugar, one of sour milk, one of molassos, teaspoontul of "Do you want to kill the child?" exclaimed a gentleman as he saw a boy soda; cinnamon, cloves, allspice, maco, tip the baby out of its carriage on the one or all, as you fancy; one-half walk. "No, not quite," replied the pound of chopped raisins, or same of boy; "but if I can get him to bawl Zante currants, two ounces of citron loud enough, mother will take care of sliced thin, if you like it, but it is very him while I go and wade in the ditch sliced thin, if you like it, but it is very good without. This is a good cake, with Johnny Bracer." and it will keep moist a long time.

A GALNESTON man recently had a pair of pants built for him. When he tried them on he found them very COCOANUT PUDDING .- Take half a bound of desicented cocoanut and two thick slices of bread; put them to ight, and he complained to the tailor. in a quart of milk for two or three "Can't help it. That's the fashion hours; then add an ounce of butter. now. You must keep up with the two ounces of sugar, the yolks of four times."

eggs, and a salt-spoontul of salt, beat "How the mischief can I keep up the whites to a stiff froth; add them with anything in pints that are so tight that I can't walk a step?" to your pudding and bake in a hot oven for three-quarters of an hour. THE soft and silky appearance given

BOILED TURKEY. - Prepare you to the hair by the use of Carboline, the turkey as for reasting; put it in a cloth and boil it slowly; if from eight to natural hair restorer and dressing, as now improved and perfected, is the subject of general remark by all who nine pounds an hour and a half. have witnessed its effects upon the human head. Sold by all dealers in Throw into the water a few cloves, a little black pepper, sweet marjoram and salt. It is to be served with oysdrugs.

ters. Skim the turkey well while Two country fellows stopped before the window of a hat store and viewed with admiration a hat having a little mirror at the bottom. "Why do they put a looking glass at the bottom of the hat?" asked one. "So the man that buys it can see whether it fits Mr. John Miller, of 54 West Fifth street, tells us that he was cured by the use of St. Jacob's Oil of a complica-

him," replied the other. ted case of rheumatism of ten years A GALVESTON darkey rushed into a doctor's office and brea hlessly exclaim-TURKISH "PILLAU."-One cup of beet stock, one cup of tomato juice ed : "Come on, doctor, right off: Dar ed: "Come on, doctor, right off: Dar is somebody in my house who is an awful fix—laid up in bed a groanin' and a-groanin'." "Who is it?" "It's me. Yer see, boss, I didn't hab no-body to send, so I come myself." strained, one cup of rice; boil these together twenty minutes; then add half a cup of butter and boil ten minutes; it must be boiled in an inner-

kettle or stirred all time, as it barns easily; the rice must be whole when A VERY neat definition of the word done, and it is to be eaten while it is "suspicion" wes that given by a jeil-

very hot or it is not good. ous husband : "A suspicion is a feel-A NICE CHEAP CAKE .-- One cup suing that impels you to try and find out something that you don't want to gar, half cup butter, two eggs, half cup of milk, one teaspoonful cream know. tartar, half teaspoontul soda, one cup four, teaspoontul essence of lemon. WHEN a Chicago little boy Is bad his mamma orders him to stand in the cor

ner he edges toward the door, and remarks: "Say, ma, is it a corner in lard-GINGER COOKIES .- One cup sugar, or a corner in pork ?" one of butter, one of molasses, one tab'espconful pinger, one of cinnamon VEGETINE .- For eradicating all imand two tablespoonfuls saleratus, dis-solved in three tablespoonfuls hot

purities of the blood from the system, it has no equal. It has never failed to effect a cure, giving tone and streng.h Ir you want good starch, mix it to the system debilitated by disease. with cold water; add boling water until it thickens, then add a dr-A young man sent 60 cents to a firm

sert-spoonful of sugar and a small plece of butter. This makes a suff and glossy finish, equal to the laundry. that advertised a recipe to prevent bad dreams. He received a slip of paper on which was written, "Don't go to sleep."

MOUNTAIN CAKE .- One cup of sugar, ONE who has had experience says two eggs, half cup butter, half cup of when a man has to hang on to a street car strap for nearly an hour he relizes milk or water, two of flour, teaspoonful cream tartar, haif teaspoonful how trying is the position of an upight man.

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Tux railroad flagman does a flourshing buisness.

of his ever getting better, and at length changed demeandr, she replied "My one of his friends wrote to the insur- heart hurts me." Wilness. This was all she ever said on the

subject until she grew so sick that It has been found necessary to begin the formation of a new entrance to the Mont Cenis Tunnel on the French they begged her to go to bed. She would not, persisting still that there side. The former entrance showed was nothing the natter. In the evendangerous signs of sinking. ing she says to Maria Fuchs, her cousin : "I want to ge back to Einseidelo; In: "I want to go back to Einseidelo; Captain Lawson, when in New I must go back, for I can not live Guinea, found that Mount Hercules here." Was 42,786 feet high. It his calcula-

tion is correct that mountain must be She went to sleep on the floor, and taken, in the absence of other and at 3 o'clock the following morning her more accurate determinations, to be cousin heard her moaning. When they the highest in the world. went to her, she persisted that she

was not s'ck, and so they left her. The next morning when Mary awoke the girl had beer dead for an hour. The policeman told the coroner, who, as they were too poor to give the unfortunate girl decent burial, ordered the body carried to the Morgue.

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