

FARM AND ORCHARD.

A Palace for Chickens—A Remarkable Building.

It Cost \$10,000 and Will Be a Novelty in Its Line—Mrs. Robert Garrett Will Raise Broilers by the Hundred—How the Birds Will Be Cared for—Farm Notes.

Mrs. Robert Garrett, the wife of the ex-President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, who takes a deep interest in poultry culture, has had constructed at Uplands, the Garrett country estate, near this city, a wonderful house for fowls and pigeons of fancy breeds.

The tower on the right is used for the purpose of getting choice fowls accustomed to the coops and preparing them for exhibitions; the second story is used for a pigeon loft. The center tower comprises a handsome apartment, nicely furnished as a reception-room, a library of poultry literature being one of the features.

On the right of the center tower are accommodations for brooding 2,000 broilers in each of the four spaces accommodating 100 chickens. "Brooders" are devices for providing warmth for artificially-hatched chickens, arranged so that the chickens can run in and out at will.

The interior of this handsome poultry-house, which is connected with the main building on a substantial brick basis, is finished in the finest Georgia pine, tongued and grooved, of narrow widths. The floors are all of cement. Stout wire trellis, of a square pattern, is used in order, surrounds the yards or runs, and gives them a handsome and substantial appearance.

Immediately in the rear of the building is erected a substantial, heavy brick structure for the incubator house, which is known as the incubator house. A number of incubators, of from 200 to 500 egg capacity, will soon be turning out chicken embryos by the thousand.

The ducks and turkeys have a separate house, also located in the rear of the main building. This is a most complete and separate accommodations for turkeys, ducks and ducklings. About 100 bronze turkeys and 400 Pekin ducklings will be raised each year—just enough to supply the home demand.

Mrs. Garrett has selected the following pure breeds of poultry: Partridge Cooties, a noted strain; Light Brahma, a noted strain; Houdans, a noted strain; Crested Game, a noted strain; Silver-Spangled Hamburgs, from World's Fair winners; Silver Dorkings, from noted English strain; Bearded Silver Polish, Canadian strain; bronze turkeys and Pekin ducks.

In England many high-titled ladies employ regular professional poultry-keepers. They have large and elaborate poultry houses and take great pride in exhibiting their fine estates where superb poultry forms one of the practical and attractive features. The poultry plants on such estates are simply perfect in every detail.

A clean stall makes a clean cow, and a clean cow makes clean milk, and clean milk makes good butter. It is said that one hundred sheep regularly folded will fertilize eight acres of land in one year, or as to increase the yield 100 per cent.

Don't get the idea that high coloring of butter can make an inferior grade bring a first-class price. It won't work on the same customer but once. When planning the onion bed be sure you have in mind a parcel of land that has been kept free of weeds for some years. Onions never pay where weeds abound.

The record shows that the United States now export annually about 25,000 pounds less cheese than fifteen or sixteen years ago. Last year showed a further decrease.

Observe regular hours in feeding, says a writer. The stock that is fed at stated times soon learn to look for food at any other time, and is more contented than it would be if fed whenever it comes handiest.

The pickles crop is reported short all over the world. Chicago has shipped 200 carloads of pickles to the East and to Europe, and pickles, before they grow again, will be marked among the scarce luxuries.

Corn's milk is valued in Paris because it is always in a parcel of land that has been kept free of weeds for some years. Onions never pay where weeds abound.

It is very easy to keep a customer for your butter product if you can give him an article of fine quality and one that is uniformly so. A good lot to-day and a poor one to-morrow will ruin your reputation in any market.

Some of the best known varieties of blackberries were introduced by transplanting from the woods. Many a large fruited sort is met with which would, if transplanted to the garden, be as good as any of the cultivated sorts now in use.

which would otherwise occur, and would be fatal to the bees, as it produces dysentery.

A writer says he knows a man who made \$5,000 breeding and feeding swine, but he did not know enough to stick to the business. He is now a pauper. The swine is a better friend to the pocketbook, years together, than almost any other stock.

Most all of our weed pests are annuals, and we are to blame for their reappearance because we let them go to seed yearly. Even the weedy Russian thistle is of this class, and can be got rid of if fought persistently in this manner. Extirpation is the word for all of our "tares."

When needed, this is a good time to haul out and apply a good dressing of manure in the orchard. Broadcast manuring is nearly always best. One advantage in manuring in the fall is that in addition to the fertility supplied the manure will act as a mulch to the trees during the winter.

An example of the enormous decrease of the value of farm lands in England is afforded by a recent sale of 8,000 acres for \$5 an acre. The same land was sold thirty years ago for \$10 an acre. The land tax and the tithes which are collected for the support of the church amount to 50 per cent. of the rent paid for the use of the land at the present time.

Give the hogs the run of a pasture, with good water and comfortable quarters to sleep, and feed ground, soaked feed, and there will be a handsome profit on the investment. Hogs are kept in small lots and fed on dry corn alone, and that shoveled out in mud, dirt and coals and droppings from the herd, you need not expect to come out without losses.

Just now, while the price of eggs is high, the food should be diversified. Corn alone will cause masses of fat to form on the internal organs and the egg supply will be stopped. Corn fed, or too fat hens, can be detected by the slow, sleepy and sluggish movements. If eggs are desired stop the corn, except in small quantity at night. Feed grain and give daily ration of meat in some shape—raw or best, and green cut bone is still better.

It is said that the Arabs have two methods of estimating what will be the height of horses. By the first a cord is stretched from the nostril over the ears and down along the neck; this distance is compared with that from the withers to the feet; the coil will grow as much taller as the first distance exceeds the second. By the other method the distance between the knee and the withers is compared with that from the knee to the coronet. If it has reached the proportion of two to one, the horse will grow no taller.

RUSSIA'S ARISTOCRACY.

It Embraces a Million Noblemen and Princesses Who are Shop Girls. Russia possesses 650,000 nobles, without counting 650,000 whose titles are not hereditary. Among the Russian nobility there are many of foreign origin. The Russian social code recognizes two categories or estates (Sostavoi), that is to say, nobles, priests, town dwellers and peasants.

The character of their employment distinguishes these classes from one another. Each is dependent on the Czar for all its privileges, and the Emperor has absolute power to change the condition of his subjects from a high to a low rank. None of these classes, however, either a historical, a political or a social individuality. The Russian aristocracy is deprived of political importance, and it cannot boast of such chivalrous qualities as distinguished the French nobles. For the present it lacks sufficient good sense or education to play any part in public life.

Russian aristocrats all desire to be considered as direct descendants of the Boyars, merely because it is pleasant to be such, and thus get a position of social superiority. The Boyars, like the Federal Western landowners, are the descendants of the mercenary troops who composed the Russian Prince's army. The members of the Russian aristocracy have in great part retained their places at court, so that there can be encountered among the old historic names. Each of both sexes inherit the titles of their parents.

The Russian aristocracy is distinguished by overwhelming pride and haughtiness, and at the same time is often united to this, in a bizarre contrast, a certain snobbishness. Access to the circles of high society is very difficult; it is only possible to penetrate into them if well born and well connected. The Russians rarely abandon their titles, being too proud of them to quit them easily. A marriage between a poor gentleman and a rich stranger, or vice versa, is considered in this country as a shameful mesalliance, and the couple would not be received in the aristocratic saloons of the capital. Tolstol, as well as Prince Aleksandrovsky, director of the newspaper *Pravda*, has given in his novel very exact and graphic descriptions of Russian high life. But with all their innate pride, the Russian great folk have never looked upon the workers as degrading. They need be they will adopt with ease and without mauve honte any offices, any public charges. There is at St. Petersburg a printer who serves in a newspaper house, and many nobles and titled men become professors, schoolmasters, even actors. In a pastry-cook shop at Moscow some princesses of high blood serve behind the counter, while others, by being governesses, companions, housekeepers, telegraph clerks; in fact, will adopt any employment that may turn up.

LET THEM JUMP.

The Baby Uses Muscular Energy to Express Its Pleasure. The movements and habits of a young baby seem so strange to us that we may be so different from those made by adults, and because they are so unconsciously performed. Joy is expressed by muscular movements, by wriggling of the hands and feet, by convulsive beatings of the arms, when it is small; by "jiggling," when it is larger. These movements are expressive of joy because to any animal of highly-developed muscular energy movement is almost a purely essential, and particularly pleasing, while stillness is the reverse. It is muscular excitement, chiefly no doubt excited by a beating from an ancestor, who knew not what it was to be still, that gives that restlessness to children, and causes them to find so much pleasure in mere motion and muscular exertion of any kind.

"Jumping for joy is verily literally correct of a child's expression of pleasure. The prospect of a sweet will excite a series of leaps to indicate delight, and they further serve the purpose of relieving the tension of waiting the half-second necessary to the donation. The pleasure of finding a bird's nest with the egg in it—a pleasure which must have been very rare sometimes in the case of hungry monkeys and savage man, but is now only a survival of the instinct thus formed—this pleasure a boy expressed by a series of convulsive leaps into the air, and during the performance not only were the arms and legs moved as much as possible, but the muscles of the stomach and vocal organs had to be utilized to cause accompanying shouts.

It may be remarked that in adults, when limb movements are less active, shouts are, on account of the muscular action involved, a necessary accompaniment of joy, not only on a day of a bank holiday; while in some cases expletives are symptomatic of joy and not of anger. All these outward signs have their origin in that nerve-excitation inducing muscular activity which is inherited from ancestors who, impelled by hunger, by love, or by war, led more active lives and thereby obtained a desire for motion as a second nature. Children and young lambs are very familiar examples; and so strongly will the latter pursue their gambols and racings that a broken heart is sometimes a cause of death in the middle of a sudden gallop. If children have to sit still it is torture to them—positive torture in some cases—and grown-up people are unaware of how much, or they would not thoughtfully indulge it on young children. Muscular ache, the fidgets, growing pain in the limbs, are all the result of enforced inactivity in children. It is similar with adults; their muscular excitement is so strong that movement is pleasure, still-

ness means pain, and they are noted for restlessness.—The Nineteenth Century.

THE WIDOW BLINKINS.

Some Persons Feared Her, But She Was Perfectly Harmless. The road up the mountain was hard to climb on account of the heavy rain, and the top of the gap a beautiful view was spread before me. Like a strand of twisted silver, the Cumberland River was woven in and out among the trees of the valley, and far away the green of the forest stretched, until it faded into the blue of the distant sky. After gazing on the magnificent scene for a few moments I got off my horse to fix my saddle girth, and while I was about it a mountain bear came out of the woods by the roadside.

"How are you?" said I. "Have you a piece of string that I can tie up this girth with?" "No, mister," said he, "but I ain't got it." "How far is it to the nearest house?" "Maybe I can get it there?" "When did you see him?" "About half a mile down the mountain."

"Who lives there?" "The Widder Blinkins." "Of Sam Blinkins' widow?" I asked in astonishment, for only a week before I had met Sam down in Pineville in a timber trade. "No; it's Bill's."

"I knew he had a brother, but I didn't know he was dead," said I, considerably relieved. "He ain't dead," said he, grinning; "it's his grass widow."

"Oh, Bill has skipped, has he?" "Well, sort of, you might say. You see, Bill's wife owned the farm, and he kinder took it easy till she got her dander up, and then, caze he wouldn't work, she took it into her head to pester the life outen him and keep him from enjoyin' his rest. It kep' on frum bad to wuss, till at last she stuck a club an' druv Bill offen the place. And Bill told her he'd be dermed if he'd ever come back forever."

"Only just this mornin'?" "Well, I guess I had better not stop there, had I?" "In course, mister," he said urgently; "she ain't fierce to strangers."

With this assurance I started off, and as I turned in the road he called to me: "Say, mister, won't you tell the widder that when you see her in the mountain lookin' powerful lonesome?"—Detroit Free Press.

A HEN'S QUEER PROGENY.

She Hatched Out a Brood of Quail and Was Perplexed. While J. T. Stuart, a prosperous farmer, living near Knoxville, Tenn., was mowing his grass the other day, the machine cut off the head of a hen who was sitting on her nest. A broken egg showed that the eggs would have hatched a few days. A little daughter of Mr. Stuart took the eggs and carefully put them under a hen whose eggs were to hatch in a day or two. Fourteen of the quail eggs hatched and sixteen of the hen's.

The quail went under the hen at night as the chickens did; after that they roosted in one corner of the coop by themselves. The little girl fed and looked after them, but would come and stand on her legs. The moment any one else came about they would run and hide. Their favorite hiding place was under the chickens, and sometimes they would try to get under one chicken, and in their efforts to hide would completely upset it. After they could fly fairly well they took up their abode in the garden, but would always be found under the hen's wings.

"Chick, chick, chick," and if a distance would fly and alight at her feet. When they were quite small an old cock quail came for several days and tried to kill them, but he would not get within him. They are now full-grown, and all are living but one, which killed itself against a wire gate only a few days ago.

PICTURESQUE ECONOMY.

A Style of Laundry Work Said to Prevail in Boarding-Houses. A peculiar appearance in the front windows of an aristocratic boarding-house on one of the leading avenues caused a discussion among passers-by. In each pane was a square of white muslin with embroidered edges, which was apparently attached to the pane.

"That's a queer way of keeping out the light," observed one citizen to another. "Must be some new method of decoration," remarked another, "but I don't know what that is?" said a young woman to her husband. "That's a window laundry."

"And what has that?" "Why, you see, their fine handkerchiefs, you see, it dries and irons them at the same time." "I see," answered the young man, "that they adhere like postage stamps. How do they do it?"

"Oh, you first catch your window, then you wash the panes and place the handkerchiefs against them, wringing wet. They stick like plaster, and when they come off are as smooth as the window pane, and every woman can be her own laundress."

"I see," said her husband, thoughtfully, "why so many families board."—Detroit Free Press.

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