

THE FARMING WORLD.

AMERICAN HORSES.

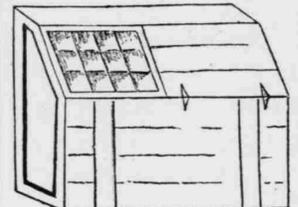
Many to Be Exported for Use in the French Cavalry Service.

An experimental shipment of 100 horses from this country is to be made to France for use in the army. If they ship well and prove satisfactory to the French inspector a regular purchasing depot will be established at some point in this country.

PRIMITIVE, BUT GOOD.

Serviceable Poultry House Made Out of a Piano Box.

Oftentimes, the keeper of a small flock of hens does not feel that he can afford an expensive house for his poultry; the lumber necessary might not cost much, but it might be necessary to have a carpenter build it, which would materially add to its cost.



PIANO BOX POULTRY HOUSE.

to work on hinges, being hinged to the upright front so that it could be brought forward when raised. Inside, cleats were attached the width of a window sash, and in this a sash was fastened arranged so as to slide under the cover.

WHERE TURKEYS THRIVE.

Some Reasons Why Western Breeders Have an Advantage.

The following is an extract from an address by Samuel Cushman, Pawtucket, R. I., at the New York Farmers' institute, Middleville: "The largest flocks and the most thrifty looking turkeys are found on farms having high, dry land, which has a light growth of grass and where a new breeding gobbler has lately been introduced.

This shows where western breeders have the advantage. There is no part of the west that has ever been overstocked with turkeys, and the breeding of them is steadily gaining ground in this part of the country.

NOTES FOR SHEPHERDS.

Pine tar on the sheep's nose is an excellent defense against troublesome and often dangerous flies.

Watch the lambs; if they are falling away, feed them a little; grain is too cheap to allow the want of it to give lambs a "stunting" they will never recover from.

Makes no difference how good a ram is, if he is a scrub, never use him. Sell him to the butcher; buy a recorded ram, breed your best ewes to him, and you will notice the difference in the lambs at once.

An old sheep keeper says that good fat sheep never lose their wool. Wool is lost through lice, ticks or scab, due to a mite, and none of these beasts can endure fat. Poor sheep is always their feeding ground.

If wool is the principal object in breeding, then a ram with plenty of wool-bearing surface, yielding a washed fleece of at least 15 pounds, should be selected. His wool should be of strong fiber, coarse crimp. A ram should not have a ewe's fleece.—Rural World.

A Novel Gape Cure.

Says the Farm Journal: A very simple method for curing the gapes in chicks, and one that is successful in the hands of some persons, is to pinch the wind-pipe. With the left hand hold the head of the bird up and the neck straight, and with the thumb and finger of the right hand pinch the wind-pipe smartly, slightly rolling it. Begin as low as possible and follow it upward to the mouth. Be careful to release it frequently to give the bird a chance to cough up the parasites.

FREAKS OF FIGURES.

Puzzles for Those Who Find Them Interesting.

Who has not, at some period of his existence, been asked: "If a goose weighs ten pounds and a half its own weight, what is the weight of the goose?" And who has not been tempted to reply on the instant, 15 pounds. The correct answer being, of course, 20 pounds.

Or again: "A small climbing up a post 20 feet high ascends five feet every day and slips down four feet every night; how long will the snail take to reach the top of the post?"

Or again: "A wise man having a window one yard high and one yard wide, and, requiring more light, enlarged the window to twice its former size; yet the window was still only one yard high and one yard wide. How was this done?" This is a catch question in geometry, as the preceding were catch questions in arithmetic—the window being diamond shaped at first and afterward made square.

As to the former, it is scarcely necessary seriously to point out that the answer to the first is not 50 days, but 49; and to the second, not 20 days, but 16—since the snail, who gains one foot each day for 15 days, climbs on the sixteenth day on the top of the pole and there remains.

A very curious number is 142,857, which, multiplied by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, gives the same figures in the same order, beginning at a different point, but if multiplied by 7 it gives all nines; multiplied by 1 it equals 142,857; multiplied by 2 it equals 285,714; multiplied by 3, equals 428,571; multiplied by 4, equals 571,428; multiplied by 5, equals 714,285; multiplied by 6, equals 857,142; multiplied by 7, equals 999,999; multiply 142,857 by 8, and you have 1,142,856. Then add the first figure to the last and you have 142,857—the original number, the figures exactly the same as at the start.

The number 37 has this strange peculiarity: Multiply by 3, or any multiple of three, up to 27, it gives three figures all alike. Thus 3 times 37 will be 111; twice 3 times (6 times) 37 will be 222; 3 times 3 times (9 times) 37 gives three threes; four times three times (12 times) 37, three fours; and so on.

The wonderful procreative power of figures—or, rather, their accumulative growth—has been exemplified in the familiar story of the farmer undertaking to pay his farmer one grain of wheat for the first nail, two for the second, and so on, and found that he had bargained to give the farmer more wheat than was grown in all England.

Here is another example: Take the number 15, we will say; multiply that by itself, and you get 225. Now multiply 225 by itself, and so on until 15 products have been multiplied by themselves in turn.

You don't think that a difficult problem! Well, you may be a clever mathematician, but it would take you about a quarter of a century to work out this simple little sum. The final product called for contains 38,589 figures, the first of which are 1,442. Allowing three figures to an inch, the answer would be over 1,070 feet long. To perform the operation would require about 500,000,000 figures. If they can be made at the rate of one a minute, a person working at the rate of ten hours a day for 300 days in each year would be 28 years about it. If, in multiplying, he should make a row of ciphers, as he does in other figures, the number of figures would be more than 523,930,238. This would be the precise number of figures used in each multiplicand by each figure in each multiplicand by each figure of the multiplier was always a single figure; but, as is most frequent, and yet not always two figures, the method employed to obtain the foregoing result cannot be accurately applied. Assuming that the cipher is used on an average once in ten times, 475,000,000, 000 approximates the actual number.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Coal Period Trees.

The approach from the south to La Grange, Ala., is marked by the fine view into the valley of the Tennessee river, 300 or 400 feet below, which it presents, and by the masses of sandstone lying around the village, where it has been precipitated from the cliffs above by the wearing away of the limestone under them. But the most interesting and remarkable feature of the locality, says Henry McCalley in his geological report of the valley region, and the one for which La Grange will always be distinguished, is the profusion of the remains of fossil plants. Nowhere can one gain better ideas of the magnificence of the flora of the coal period than at this place. Trunks of lepidodendron two or three feet in diameter lie buried and protruding from the debris of the sandstone. These trunks have in general preserved their form and are not at all compressed, whereby they show that they stood erect in the beds that inclosed them. Although stripped of their bark, the scars are plainly impressed on their surface.—Popular Science Monthly.

Not a Wise Proposition.

Prosperous Manufacturer—I think it would be well for us to do something for our employes to prove to them that we appreciate their services. How would it do to give them a wine supper?

Associate—I'm afraid it wouldn't do at all. "Why not?" "We would have our hands full."—Up-to-Date.

Ways of a Swedish Bride.

The Swedish bride fills her pockets with bread, which she dispenses to everyone she meets on her way to the church, every piece she disposes of availing, as she believes, a misfortune.—Chicago Chronicle.

AROUSED HIS CURIOSITY.

She Had Never Heard of the Cathay But It Must Be Good.

"No," remarked the young man who is very much given to interspersing his conversation with quotations, "I shall not go away for the summer."

"That is too bad," exclaimed the young woman in the bicycle suit, sympathetically. "Not at all. This thing of sitting around on piazzas and doing nothing except wishing that there was some other way of killing time faster is not at all to my taste. As a matter of fact, I don't feel any warmer in the city than it is elsewhere, and there is always something going on. I like the bustle and the hurry and the hum."

"But there is no need of doing either, is there?" she inquired, apprehensively.

"Why, Arthur. How suddenly you change the subject!" "I wasn't aware that I had changed the subject."

"Why, yes. You said: 'Better 20 years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay.'"

"Aren't you familiar with that?" "No, she reluctantly confessed; 'I believe you are up.'"

"Oh, no; that isn't mine." "Well, anyhow, I'd like to see one."

"A Cathay. I never heard of it, but it must be a very fine make of cycle to cost as much as a trip to Europe."—Washington Star.

FOR EXCHANGING THINGS.

A Mania That Affects All a Woman's Transactions.

She sat down and slowly drew off the black chignon bow which she wore. "What a pretty—ay—constrictor that is," said the man, toying with its fluffiness. The girl laughed. "Well, you came pretty near it; you got as far as its last name. It is a pretty one, isn't it? I bought a white one first, and then I decided I needed a gray one much more, so I exchanged it. You know my new gray suit? Well, the gray bow looked perfectly dear with it—and—"

"No," he interposed, "I understand nothing of women's business methods; they're too complicated for my feeble brain."

"I was going to say," she continued, unruffled, "that if I ever have to marry I'm going to get my husband at Messinger & Slinger's, so that I can take him back if he doesn't suit."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Queen & Crescent.

During the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition at Nashville, Tenn., a low rate special tariff has been established for the sale of tickets from Cincinnati and other terminal points on the Queen & Crescent Route.

A Widow's Wail.

He—They say that wedding rings are going out of fashion. She—Oh, I don't care. If you wish to dispense with the ring, dear, it will make no difference to me. But why didn't you give me some warning of what you were about to say? This is so sudden!

Then he thought of home and mother, but it was too late.—Cleveland Leader.

Highly Illustrated Publications.

Dear Old Boston Again.

The only worthy end of all learning, of all science, of all life, in fact, is that human beings should love one another better.—George Eliot.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various goods like LIVE STOCK, CALVES, HOGS, SHEEP, FLOUR, etc., across different cities like CINCINNATI, NEW YORK, CHICAGO, BALTIMORE, INDIANAPOLIS, and LOUISVILLE.

An Abominable Legacy.

A tendency to rheumatism is undoubtedly inherited. Unlike many other legacies, it remains in the family. The most effectual means of checking this tendency, or of removing incipient rheumatism, whether pre-existent in the blood or not, is to resort to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as soon as the preliminary twinges are felt.

Misled by the Papers.

"Now, Henry," said the dear old lady, "I do hope you will never play baseball."

"Why not, grandma?" asked Henry, with natural surprise.

"Because it is so very dangerous."

"Dangerous! Why, grandma, it isn't any more dangerous than any other game."

"It is exceedingly dangerous," said the old lady, in a tone of deep conviction.

"But, grandma, you never saw a game, and don't know anything about it."

"Perhaps I don't, but I know it is highly dangerous. Almost every day the papers tell about men who have died on the bases."—Baltimore American.

Try Allen's Foot-Ease.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures and prevents swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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The old maid's soliloquy: "At 17 years of age I inquired which is he? At 20, who is he? At 25, what has he? And now, where is he?"—Flyinge Blaetter.

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