

FARM FIELD AND GARDEN

POULTRY FOR MARKET.

How to Fatten and How to Dress the Birds For Best Results.

Ten days or two weeks before marketing fowls confine them in small yards where they will be quiet, contented and out of sight of other poultry.

There is much to be learned about dressing poultry. It is useless to send fowls to market unless fat and neatly dressed.

Ducks and geese should go through the same process of dressing as chickens. For these fowls it requires more time for the scalding water for four or five seconds and then dip immediately into ice cold water to give it a plump appearance.

Grinding Oats. Generally speaking, the grinding of grain for fattening steers in the open yards is not followed to a great extent in the western states.

Top Dressing Winter Grains. Instead of hauling the barnyard manure to the field as made, many farmers pile it up in the yard, and after the wheat or rye is sown top dress the field with the thoroughly decomposed material.

The French official crop estimates place the yields of barley and oats at more than 50 per cent higher than last year.

SMUT AND RUST ON FODDER.

What Authorities Say About Feeding the Affected Fodder to Cattle.

Is it safe to feed fodder that is affected with smut and rust? asks Rural New Yorker. C. C. Geoperson of the Kansas station has never observed the slightest ill effects from either, although on the lookout for such effects.

So far as I have observed in a rather extended experience of feeding corn fodder and cereal grains, I never knew of a case where smut or rust resulted in any acute injury to live stock.

C. D. Smith of the Michigan Agricultural college would not reject smutted stalks, never having noted any evil consequences following the feeding of corn stalks badly smutted.

In the west many cattle die every fall shortly after having been turned into stalk fields, and farmers very frequently attribute these deaths to the eating of smut.

In regard to smut on the straw of oats, wheat or barley being injurious to cattle, I have never known of any trouble from this cause.

The Flaxseed Crop. According to reports received by Bradstreet's, the prolonged drought is responsible for a curtailment of flaxseed.

A Drought Resisting Grass. Switliff grass is a tall native perennial that will grow from the Atlantic coast to the Rocky mountain region.

News and Notes. The farmers' national congress at the last meeting adopted a resolution favoring rural free mail delivery.

Shipments of live cattle to the foreign markets continue to run away ahead of last year.

Exports of live sheep to Europe show a gratifying increase.

Recent experiments in England would seem to indicate that in the not distant future each lamp will have its electric lights, the electricity there being furnished by a little windmill.

LIVE STOCK

A THANKSGIVING BIRD.

A Turkey Preak, but a Very Handsome One.

Is not this a fine figure of a bird? It is what might be called a Darwinian sport, having been hatched, for no reason that can be ascertained, with the topknot or tuft of feathers upon its head.



TOPKNOT TURKEY.

He grew because of the curious topknot. He grew to full sized gobblehood and weighed 80 pounds. The feathers in his crown were some of them five inches long, and the tuft itself ran along his skull for a distance of four inches.

Chicken Lice on Horses. An inquirer writes to The Rural New Yorker as follows: "Through some cause or other chicken mites have got into the barn and attacked a black mare that is a great pet of ours.

Second Growth Sorghum. Second growth sorghum under certain conditions is very destructive indeed to cattle, small quantities killing them almost instantly, and this unlucky experience was undoubtedly due to the fact that the cattle ate the second growth instead of the scatterings, as supposed.

Live Stock Points. Here is a grain of golden wisdom from Field and Farm: "If farmers would get in the way of buying for cash only, they would do more to promote the prosperity of the whole country than could be accomplished by any other means."

Dog Killing Time. Every season on many farms there is a great bother through lack of conveniences for quick and easy handling of the hog crop.

Improvements at the Dam. The street car company are making some improvements at their shops. The inside of the shop is being ceiled over with matched timber to make it warmer and more comfortable and the cars are being all overlaid and repaired.

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Steamer Aground. SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 6. The American line steamer Paris went aground off the coast of the Azores.

BALKY HORSES.

To Bring Them to a Realizing Sense of Their Duty.

Professor O. W. Gleason tells us in his book how to break horses of the balking habit. He says:

When the horse balks in the harness, it is not from any unwillingness to perform his duty, but from some confusion or excitement arising from mismanagement. He is willing and anxious to go, but too eager or high spirited to make the steady push against the collar necessary to move the load.

Should he not run round very freely, touch him behind with the whip, which will cause him to move sharply. Simply keep him moving until he falls down by becoming dizzy, which he will do inside of a minute and a half.

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NEWS GATHERED AT THE DAM

David Murray Comes Near Getting Electrocuted at the Electric Light Power House.

The Macaroni Factory Will Start Up Next Week—Flour Mill Rushed with Business.

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papers. He owned up to the marshal that he had forged the checks which he gave out in this city, and said he had to have the money and took the easiest way of getting it.

FOUND THE BABY'S BODY. City Detective Gerin Finds the Remains of an Infant on the West Side.

Last Friday Detective Gerin found the Polande who claimed to have discovered the partially buried body of an infant on the West side, and in his company went to the spot and found the story correct.

A Story of Gov. Curtin. One of the best anecdotes of the late Gov. Curtin relates to a sensation he created in a Washington theater in the winter of 1884-5.

Then turning to Mr. Curtin he shouted as his face grew purple with indignation: "Governor, I'm one of the boys; I served under you, and nobody shall shove you around where I am!"

By this time the men had slid off the sill and the doorkeepers had arrived. "Get the old governor a good seat," said the veteran, as he pulled out a large roll of greenbacks.

Fighting for Fun. CHICAGO, Dec. 6. The passengers on Northwestern suburban train were terrorized last night by 25 drunken United States soldiers on route to Fort Sheridan.

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