NEBRASKA NEWS.

Where and How to Settle. "X. X. X." of Valentine, Nebraska,

writes the following for the benefit of

homeseekers: To one acquainted with the general land laws, their practical workings, and the character of the people who avail themselves of its possession, and who has read the bill opening up part of the Sioux reservation to settlement, the latter offers no special inducements to home seekers. Immigration will be heavy on the opening of that reservation, but will be made up of the speculative and adventurous class who will not stay long, and as for the settler, on account of the special feature of that "Sioux" bill, he will look the land over and move on. Let us make some com-

parisons: Any one desiring to avail himself of his rights in this or any other state where the general land land laws prevail can go into a United States district land office and enter a pre-emption and tree claim of of 160 acres the same day. At the end of six months' residence he can pay \$1.25 per acre or \$200 and get a title to his pre-emption, and then file his homestead right for 160 acres more. With his homestead he has the option of living on it five years and getting his patent (at a total cost as far as land office fees are concerned, not to exceed \$20), or paying for it after six months' residence at the rate of \$1.25 per acre.

With a pre-emption, homestead and tree claim he can be, within less than a year, in control of 480 acres of land. This is desired by most all land seekers, and is a great advantage, certainly to stock growers.

The special act under which the reservation is opened to settlement does not recognize the pre-emption nor tree claim laws, and only allow entries under the "final" or five-year homestead law, and then charges the homesteader 50 cents per acre. In other words, a settler must actually live on his claim five years and pay 50 cents per acre before acquiring title to his land, and can then only acquire 160 acres. With the odds so greatly in favor of the settler under the old law, your correspondent expects to see Nebraska get her full quota of homeseekers, just the same as though no Indian land had been opened to settlement.

In General.

Woodlake has shipped fifty cars of cattle in the past year.

A Christian science Sunday school is the latest venture in Kearney

The people of Conquest, Cherry county, are anxious for a railroad. Cedar Rapids has two rival cemetery associations which may lead to a boom

Randolph, Cedar county, has issued bonds to the amount of \$2,800 to build

George Cooper constituted the last regular installment from Nebraska City to the reform school.

The Norfolk Electric Light company has increased its capital stock to \$20, 000 for the purpose of putting in an

are light plant. A camp of Sons of Veterans has been

mustered in at Norfolk, with twentyfive charter members. R. G. Carr, of West Union, is to

purchase an electric motor to run the machinery in his roller mill.

Farmer Church Howe is in hard luck. Out of his herd of 850 hogs 600 have died of cholera in the past six

The farmers of Custer county are making preparations for a farmers' institute to be held at Broken Bow in

The demonstrance against a saloon at McCool Junction was not sustained, and the "drys" will appeal the case to

Rev. C. E. Phinney, who has been pastor of Utica for sixteen years, has accepted a call at Holdrege and taken up his residence there.

Miss Edna Rawhauser, of Herman is in jail at Blair, waiting to be sent to the Norfolk insane asylum. Too much religious fervor at a camp meeting is the cause of her deranged mind.

Mrs. Alice Young, wife of the late Rev. J. M. Young, a pioneer of the state and a resident of Lancaster county for twenty-five years, died at Lincoln Saturday, aged seventy-nine

The Norfolk school board has leased a school room for the winter to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of pupils.

Chadron is to have a \$6,000 creamery managed by home grown talent. Already one-third of the amount has

been subscribed. Large numbers of immigrant trains panel disposed of. pass through Niobrara daily bound for various points bordering on the Sioux reservation.

R. C. Morgan o f Kearney has on ex hibition at his store a small house snake about thirteen inches long

which has two perfect heads. Miss Millie Arndt died at Blair last

Tuesday from the effects of injuries received about two weeks ago by her clothing taking fire.

A public reading room will be opened in Cedar Rapids next Saturday. It will open with about 300 volumes and the leading dailies and weeklies.

The school board of Norfolk has decided to advertise for plans for the erection of a new school building for which \$25,000 were voted last spring.

hich \$25,000 were voted last spring. Stockers and feeders.... 2 00 a 3 00 HOGS—Packing 3 9 a 4 95 SHEEP—Natives 3 50 a 5 00 of way for the Yankton, Norfolk & Southwestern railway through Madison county were commenced at Nor-

A man named Frazier was run into

by a motor car in Omaha while driv-

ing into the city from his home in Burlington Center, His collar bone was broken and he was otherwise injured.

A handsome young man on the train from Wymore to Beatrice lacked just \$30 of having enough money to get his the change of an unsophiscated traveller and became invisible.

White Caps called on B. Mikeman, living near Dodge, a few days ago and administered a severe beating. Although badly bruised he will recover unless he has sustained internal injuries.

The Fremont grocer who failed to 'heap up" a gallon of vinegar in the regulation gallon jug, and returned a nickle in change to the purchaser for the shortage, is destined to become famous among them.

A. T. Norris, well known and highly respected in the vicinity of North Bend, was found dead by the roadside near Morse Bluffs, wheae he had driven to look after some cattle. The deceased had suffered many years from

Charles Vermillion, who suffered a fracture of the leg in the wreck on the Alliance branch a few weeks since, rendered amputation necessary last Tues day, failed to survive the shock and died within a few hours after the opera-The remains were interred at tion.

The Springfield Motor says the farmers of that part of Sarpy county are experiencing a great deal of trouble on account of wells going dry. it being necessary in some instances to sink old wells to the depth of from 100 to 150 feet to secure an adequate supply of

Why Washington Wants the Fair. WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. -The gathering here tomorrow of the delegates from the various states and territories and the commercial bodies in the large cities throughout the country to the convention of the national board for the promotion of the Three Americas'exposition promises to be a great success. The governors of several states and the mayors of many cities will be here. and some of them have already arrived The business of the meeting will consist principally in devising the most efficient methods of action on congress at its coming session. They will also receive a report of the work already done and will learn how widespread is the feeling all over the country that the only proper home for a national exposition is the national capital. In the evening there will be a banquet, at which there will be numerous toasts and terse, pithy responses. An entirely new reason was given in addi tion to the many others cited why the exposition should be held in Washington. One feature of this exposition which is to commemorate the four hundredth anni versary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus will be the unveil ing of a statue of Columbus. To witness this event congress will undoubtedly in vite the presidents of the fifteen South American republics and the emperor of Brazil, all of whose nations naturally feel as deep an interest in the event as we. Then, too, the king and queen of Italy will be invited, for Columbus was an Italian by birth and italy is very proud of him now The queen of Spain, too, will be invited, indeed the Spanish government has intimated its willingness to be invited, for when Dr. Curry was minister to Spain he was informed that the Spanish govern ment proposed to properly celebrate the discovery of Amererica and that the govcrnment would be very glad to co-operate with the United States in the proper cele bration of the event. Now suppose that people should come here, where would be the proper place for the president and congress to meet them? On Wall street in New York, or on the lake front in Chi cago or somewhere on the Mississippi Certainly not. The only place would b

at the national capital.

The Losses Irreparable. WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 .- A dispatch from Minister Denby, under date of August 31. referring to the ravages of Yellow river in China, 18ys the damage caused by the latest break in its banks is irreparable. Owing to the deposit of silt it is estimated that fifty years must elapse before the lands inundated will be useful again for agricultural purposes. A peculiar feature of the trouble is that the deposits in the bed of the river are so constant in accretion that any system of prevention of these breaks in the banks caused by the rise in the bed of the river to be effective would cost a most enormous sum of money. It seems likely that a radical system of prevention of these breaks will never be adopted and the floods may be expected each year. He Nan, one of the most prosperous provinces is ruined; Anhui has suffered terribly and now Shantung is submerged. The suffering of the ten million people produced great distress, which the means of the government are inadequate to provide for. Foreigners have poured out money libe rally in contributions to alleviate distress.

The Bread Producers

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 23.—The convention of the wheat growers of the Mississipp valley was opened at 2 o'clock today in Central Turner hall. This assemblage is the result of a call issued by the farmers' federation of the Mississippi valley-a corporation organized to sustain and build up the home markets. The company has a capital of \$20,000,000, of which three-fourths is in the hands of a trustee to forever secure the farmers in control. The dividends are to be used to establish banks, elevators, stock yards, etc. In order to make an aliance with the commission men \$500,000 of the stock was set aside to be issued in the form of debentures, to be issued to the commission men of St. Louis, Kansas City,

Seven Weeks to Secure a Jury. CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The work of procuring jury in the Cronin case, which began Aug. 30, has been completed. In addition to the 1,091 special veniremen summoned there were also twenty-four on the regular

THE MARKETS.

	LINCOLN,				
CATTLE-Butchers' steers\$2 00	a 3 00				
Cows 1 50	a 2 00				
HOGS-Fat 3 30	a 3 50				
Stockers 3 00	a 3 25				
SHEEP 3 00	a 3 05				
WHEAT-No. 2 spring 6)	a 65				
OATS-No. 2 10	a 15				
RYE—No. 2 25	a 27				
CORN—No. 2 new 18	£ 19				
FLAXSEED 1 (2	a 1 04				
POTATOES 18	a 20				
APPLES—per bbl 1 75	a 2 25				
HAY-Prairie, bulk 4 00	a 6 00				

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CATTLE -Corn fed	92	90	a 4	35
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A PRACTICAL JOKE.

The picnic at Allen's Corners was over. Rather prematurely over, perhaps, on account of a tremendous trunk out of the depot, so he borrowed thunderstorm, accompanied with a tornadolike gust of wind and jagged streaks of blue lightning that seemed to bury themselves in the ground Horses and vehicles were brought hurriedly to the edge of the platform: the young people dispersed like a flock of sheep in various directions.

"I don't care," said Frank Warren, speaking between his set teeth. "I wasn't having such a particularly pleasant time. Matty Vail was behaving very badly."

"It doesn't make much difference to me." said Miss Vail, with a toss of her curly head. "I've danced all I wanted to, and Frank Warren has been glaring at me like a Bluebeard the whole time. Such imprudence, indeed! And me not regularly engaged to him, after all! One thing is certain, I never shall be now! And as for riding all the way home to Daisvville with him to-night, I won't do it! There's that little girl from the city; I'll just put her in my place. Her shoes are dreadfully thin, and she has no umbrella. She'll be glad of a chance to ride. And I'll go with Harry Dix or Sam Pratt!'.

"Oh, Mat! cried Miss Dillon, Matty's chief confidante and bosom friend, "what will he say?" "What he pleases-when he finds it

So when Mr. Warren's handsome black horse was led up, shying and rearing in the uncertain glimmer of the lanterns and the flash of lightning. Matilda Howitt found herself, she scarcely knew how, in the seat beside the handsome young farmer. She sat quite silent, wondering if it was improper to ride home with a gentleman to whom she had never been formally introduced, and trembling, ever and anon, at the storm and her

"Are you frightened?" Mr. Warren asked in a low voice when they had

unwonted companionship and the

wild speed of Black Douglas as he

flew along the pitch-dark, dripping

gone a little way. "N-not much!" faltered Matilda, and then she trembled more than ever as an arm crept slowly but surely around her waist. But what was she to do? There was no back to the seat, and there was danger of her being jerked out in one of these sudden curves.

"Don't be afraid," soothed Warren. "You know you are sale with me in spite of everything." murmured Matilda "Ye-e-es,"

Howitt. "Matty!" She was silent. This growing in-

timacy was beginning to be appall-"Matty!" accompanied with a gentle pressure of the encircling arm. 'Don't be cross with me, Matty. You know how much I love you, my

own one!' "O, gracious me!" thought Miss Howitt, "what will he be saying

"You will promise to be my wife, Matty? It may seem sudden, but-

Whoa, you villain! For Black Douglas had given a tremendous sideways jump, and required all his master's will and energy to subdue him; and by the time they had reached the Vail farmhouse Matilda Howitt found herself engaged, by implication, to a young man she had never seen before in her

life until that day. She jumped out and ran quickly into the house. Mrs. Vail met her in the hall.

"Where's Matty?" Who are you?'

"I'm Matilda Howitt," said the girl, "I'm here because he left me. -I don't quite know why; but the horse behaved so badly, and the place where I board is three miles beyond the swamp. Please, can't I

stav all night?" "Why, of course," said Mrs. Vail 'You're the city school-ma'am, ain't you, that boards to Widow Dunkley's? Come in and sit down and dry your clothes! Dreadful shower, ain't it? I do wish our Matty was safe at

home!' All this was very unconventional. But, then, thought little Miss Howitt, country life is unconventional. In New York it would have taken a month, at the very least, for a young man to screw himself up to the proposing poin. Did she love this man well enogh to marry him? Well, she wasnotaltogether certain ofthat. But he was certainly very handsome, and her heart gave a not altogether unpleasant jump when she remembered that gentle pressure around her

waist. It was love-But here the current of her reflections was interrupted by the arrival of Matty herself-"Martha Auda" was her christened name-in company of Mr. Sam Pratt, a dashing cavalier of another village.

"It's not late," said Sam. "Can't I come in? Just for a little while." "Nonsense, Sam," said the belle.

"Oh, now, Matty!" "Nonsense, I say," and Miss Vail shut the door in Mr. Pratt's face with a laugh.

"He's not half so pleasant as Frank after all," said Matty to herself; and then followed an interview with her unexpected guest. "How nies!" cried Matty. "Wecan over, can't we? Oh, no, ma,

I'm not wet much, and you needn't

have saved tea for us.

We had a lovely supper in the woods." "Oh!" cried Matilda Howitt, clasp-

ing Miss Vail's hand, "I've so much to tell you!" "Matty's eyes sparkled.

"What did he say?" "I'll tell you after the lamp is put out," said Miss Howitt' hanging down her head. "You don't mean-"

"Yes, Ido," whispered Miss Howitt. "He really and actually did-pro-"Nonsense!" said Matty Vail, biting her lip. "You must have misunder-

stood him!" "Misunderstood, indeed!" retorted Miss Howitt! "I'm sure he spoke plain enough.' "But you wouldn't accept a man

who was caught in such a trap as

"A trap!" stammered Miss Howitt. "Yes, of course. He thought it was

"Do you suppose he did?" (ir altering accents.) "There can't be a doubt about it." "Then, of course, there's an end of

this matter," said Matilda, with little quiver in her voice. "But you'll tell me just what he

"No: I certainly shall not betray his confidence." "Confidence, indeed!" flashed out

Matty Vail. "A pretty confidence! But do tell me, just for the joke of the matter." Matilda was silent. To her it was no joke.

"I'd have you to know that I have had a proposal, too," added Matty, brushing out her luxuriant blonde tresses. "That ridiculous Pratt. Of course, I only put him off. Idothink all the men are crazy!' Matty Howitt made no answer

after she was in bed. The sensation ot "being engaged" was very pleas ant- It was a pity that it had been so brief! "As good as engaged to Matty Vail, are you?" said Mr. Warren. who had met Sam Pratt at the post-

but she shed a few silent, bitter tears

this happened?" "Last night, coming home from the pienie." "As it happened, she came home

office next day. "May I ask when

with me." Sam Pratt rubbed his hands glee-

"All that was a joke, old fellow, said he. "You brought home the little New York school-teacher; who boards at Ma'am Dunkley's! Mattie Vailmanaged all that. You don't mean to say you never found it out? I tell you, Mat and I had a good laugh over it going home.'

Frank Warren set his teeth tightly together. The girl who could enjoy "a good laugh,, with Sam Prattover such a practical joke as this was rap idly losing caste in his estimation. "I congratulate you," said he

somewhat bitterly. "Knew you'd be pleased, old fellow," said Sam, smiling broadly. "But they tell me the school-teacher takes it terrible hard. Cried all night. Went home before daylight on foot, all the way to the swamp Thought that you were dead in love with her. Di'dn't like the idea of it' being all a put-up job.'

Frank Warren turned upon him with a sudden flash in his eyes. "And who told you," said he, "that

it was a put-up job?" "Eh?" Sam's gooseberry-colored orbs dilated with surprise. "You

don't tell me-" "I tell you that it would be a par ticularly good idea for you to mind your own affairs.

Frank Warren went straight to the Widow Dunkley's and asked for Miss Howitt. Matty came to him with cheeks unnaturally red and a restless sparkle in her dark gray

"I-I very sorry," she began. "Sorry for what? Not that I ask ed vou to be my wife, I hope," said the young man cheerily. She was not as pretty as Matty

Vail, he thought, but she was dainty and delicate, like a violet blossoming in the shade. "But you didn't mean it?" she fal-"I am not in the habit of saying

what I don't am here to confirm my last night's words. Will you confirm yours, Miss Howitt?" "But I know to little of you, Mr.

"That is a disability which can be easily remedied by time. Won't you trust me, Matty?" and he held out his hand

And she decided to trust him. The village belle was discomfited beyond measure when she heard that her practical joke had turned into reality. For in her secret heart she had loved Frank Warren as much as

it was in her to love anybody. "Engaged to you, indeed!" she cried to Sam Pratt, with blazing eyes. "How dare you you if there wasn't another man in

And Mr. Pratt departed, inconsol-As for Mr. Warren, he never had cause to repent his sudden resolve. Matilda Howitt made him the best

the world!"

of gentle little wives. "Although it was rather uncon ventional, that wooing of yours Frank," said she, "Now wasn't it?" "Well, rather so, I must admit."

said the young husband. "However, Matty, all's well that ends well you know. And Matty Vail's practical joke has ended in a fine prospect of her being an old maid at last.-New

York Ledger. Just As Glad to See An Actor.

Gen. Custer, Lawrence Barrett and Stuart Robson went over to Brooklyn years ago to hear Mr. Beecher all contribute in turn their flavors to preach. After the sermon the three went around to the house of a friend where Mr. Beecher was to come immediately after church. They were seated in the parlor chatting as the great preacher came in. The names had been given to him in the hall. As soon as he reached the threshold of the the parlor door he said, "Mr sleep together and talk everything Robson!" The actor went over and

extended his hand. "I am delighted to see you, delighted to see you. But you are a much younger looking man than I expected to find.'

"Oh, I am 45 years at least, Mr Beecher," replied Robson.
"I shouldn't think it, sir; I shouldn't think it. You are a very young man to be secretary of the navy.

the actor." "Oh, it makes no difference," said Mr. Beecher, "I am glad to see you notwithstanding my mistake." But he lost no time in turuing from

"I am not Mr. Robson, the secre-

tary of the navy, but Mr. Robson,

him to pay court to Gen. Custer. As he had made a mistake on the political end he made up for it by paying court to the military hero until the discussion became general.-New York Star.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

Hints for the Home.

Hands may be kept smooth in cold weather by avoiding the use of warm water. Wash them with cold water and soap.

The best and most convenient cover for a jelly tumbler is thin paper fastened over the top of the glass by a rubber band.

Long cloaks receive decided prefer. ence this season and one sees an almost endless variety of directoire ef-

An authority says that fish sauce should always be thick enough to ad here to the fish. It is better to be too thick than too thin.

The best way to clear out and

straighten the fringe of towels, doil

ies, etc., before ironing, is to comb it while damp, with an inch length of coarsest toilet comb. Some of the most elegant and heaviest cloaks are of velvet, of various dark tones, combined profusely

with rich black passementerie trimming, often further adorned with fur. Coffee pounded in a mortar and roasted on an iron plate, sugar burned on hot coals, and vinegar boiled with myrrh and sprinkled on the floor and furniture of a sick room are

excellent deodorizers. Essence of peppermint, applied with the finger-tips over the seat of pain, gives relief in headache, toothache, or neuralgic pain in any part of the body. (Care must be taken not to put it directly under the eye, on account of the smarting it would cause.)

Warm bread or cake can be cut without becoming moist and heavy, if the knife, a thin, sharp one, is dipped into boiling water, wiped quickly and the bread cut immediately, before the knife has had time to cool. A napkin should be laid double on the plate where the warm slices

Some of the Autumn dress skirts are arranged so as to give the appearance of a redingote or polonaise. though in reality the bodice is separate from the basques, which falls below the waist, the division being concealed beneath some sort of a girdle. This style is much more easy than a fitted coat.

The reason why many people be lieve cheese to disagree with them, says an Albany doctor, is that instead of eating it as a substantial part of their meals they take it on top of a full meal. When one has eaten enough any more of anything is apt to "set heavy on the stom-

When Washing Windows dissolve a small quantity of washing soda in the water if the glass is dimmed with smoke or dirt. Do not let the water run on the sash, but wash each pane with a piece of flannel; dry quickly with a soft clean towel and wipe out the corners carefully. Polish with a piece of common chamois skin or newspaper that has been softened by rubbing between the hands.

The quality of table salt and its tendency to pack together in cruets and containers may be entirely overcome by thoroughly drying the salt and intimately mingling with it a small percentage of dry corn starch and arrow root. From 8 to 10 per cent is amply sufficient for the most humid atmosphere, while a much less percentage of the starch is sufficient for ordinary use.

A prominent Buffalo physician is an enthusiast on the subject of onions. He feeds them to the children daily: says they are the best medicine for preventing colds, and adds: "Feed onions, raw, boiled or baked, to the children three or four times a week and they'll grow up healthy and strong. No worms, no scarlatina or say such a think? I wouldn't marry | diphtheria where children eat plenty of onions everyday."

Among other materials employed for the long cloaks are some new and very serviceable broches; then there are brocades. plain, soft beaver cloths Scotch goods, knock-about cloths, etc., many of them in light shades and the more beautiful which made up. Large buttons are found among other trimmings and the heavy cloaks have their linings handsomely quil-

The article in the sweetment line most dear to the Western Pennsylvania's heart is "butter," as they call it, or marmalade as it becomes east of the mountains. This delicious housewives from almost every variety of fruit. Apple, peach, plum. quince, grape, crabapple, apricotthe contents of rows of jars in the well-ordered store-rooms of that region, whence they are dispensed without stint by the hospitable people to their own families and to the stranger within their gates.-New York Sun.

In a series of articles on "Nursery Cookery," in the mothers' magazine, Babyhood, Dr. Sarah E. Post says: Water given to children should be carefully examined for impurities. To detect these impurities place th water in a narrow-necked bottle cork the bottle and let it stand for six or twelve hours. If at the end of that time the water is odorless i may be considered free from organic impurities. If the water gives off a putrid odor, as it will be frequently found to do, it is not fit for children's use without filtering or boiling, fif teen minutes being required for the boiling. Avoid the settlings and put it away to cool. Before serving such boiled water pour it from one tumbler to another several times to ob tain an admixture of air. This wil remove the "flat" taste and make it more palatable. The same result may be obtained by the addition of a little carbonic acid water.

THE WILLIAM GOAZ.

Mary had a William Goat
And he was black as jet:
He followed Mary 'round all day,
And liked her! you just bet!

He went with her to school one day
The teacher kicked him out;
It made the children grin, you know, To have the goat about

But though old Whackem kicked him out Yet still he lingered near: He waited just outside the door Till Whackem did appear.

Then William ran to meet the man; He ran his level best; And met him just behind you know, Down just below the vest:

Old Whackem turned a somersault; The goat stood on his head; And Mary laughed herself so sick She had to go to bed.

Two Lovers.

Gladys Alcott was too much excited to sleep that night, so she had wandered down to the moonlit sands to ponder over a very impotant question. She had two proposals that day, and her heart wavered in doubt as to whom she should choose Bertram Wyland was her aunt's choice. He was rick, handsome and somewhat frivolous. John March was not handsome, nor yet stylish and still there was a character in which any woman might put her trust and faith.

As she was dreaming over the allabsorbing question that was to make or mar her life, these words, spoken in a voice she recognized, were wafted to her ears:

"Congratulate me, Rollins, old fellow; I've played my game almost to the winning point. To-morrow I have good reason to think the heiress will be mine-and it's lucky! for I've neariv come to the bottom of my pile. Though, to tell the trnth I'm fortunate in more ways than one, for, besides the additional attraction, the girl's a dear, tender-hearted little thing.'

As Gladys bends forward she sees. walking slowly along, their backs to the balcony, Bertram Wyland and an intimate friend. Her eyes have not deceived her-it is unmistakably ne who has just spoken. The hot tears rushed to her eyes

again and throws herself upon the bed, where she soon cries herself to She is awakened by the cry of 'fire." and starts up only to be driven back by the over-whelming

as she goes slowly back to her room

"Gladys! where are you?" some one calls, and just as she is falling, terrified into unconsciousness by the dire peril which menaces her, a strong arm catches her. But the fire has gained sach rapid headway that the halls are impassable, and darting to the window John March raises it and calls for aid to the crowd below. A ladder is quickly brought and he descends in safety and lays his precious

burden in her aunt's arms. The inmates of the burning building are speedily made comfortable in a neighboring hotel, and there the following morning Gladys has two call-

She is a trifle pale, but never has looked so beautiful in Bertram Wyland's eyes as, in a few cold words, she refuses his suit, and he realizes that she is lost to him forever. A few hours later Mr. March enters the room his rival but so lately left. He comes to bid Gladys good-by,

as he intends to leave for the city this afternoon, He talks awhile then rises to go. "Good-by, Miss Alcott, "he says, taking her hand and looking down upon her with a yearning expression on his strong, noble face. "I would like to think that though we may never meet again, you will sometimes

A soft color flits over Gladys's face as she answers: "I shall never forget, Mr. March, that it is to you I owe my life." The touch of her warm, soft hand sent a thrill through all the young

give a friendly thought to me."

man's frame, and his resolution to go without bringing upon himself the pain of a refusal melted away. "Gladys," he exclaimed, "I had meant to be silent-but I can hide from you no longer that I love you! Sometimes I have dared to hope you cherished a feeling for me which time might deepen into something warmer, but of late you have been so cold my heart has failed me, Gladys." coming closer to her side, and striving to read the expression of the sweet, averted face, "you say that you owe

to me your life. May I not have your life's love for my reward?" She draws herself a little away as "Before I give you your answer I want to tell you something. It is this; that I am not rich, as every one seems to suppose, for my aunt

on her death to"-"A nephew of her husband's, whom she has never seen, and who she thinks is even now in his English home," puts in John. "Am I not right?" he says, answering Gladys's

look of surprise. "Yes. But how do you kno ?" "As I am John March Elmer, that veritable nephew himself, I hardly see how I can belp knowing. I came from England, three months ago, direct to your aunt's home, but found her gone; and upon inquiry, learning herdestination, I immediately fol lowed, thinking to amuse myself by making her acquaintance incognito. Now, Cousin Gladys, I am waiting

for my answer." When Mrs. Elmer learned the true state of affairs her feelings of relief at the disappointment of her own plan is almost too great to put into

words. Gladys has never regretted her hoice, for in her husband's protecting love her days glide by in one sweet idyl of delight and content.

When the doctors have themselves learned how to eat and live and are able to teach their patients then will they have a rational science of medicine without drugs and with no need for them .- Orange County Farmer.

FOR THE FARMER.

Some Valuable Hints and Suggestions. Dr. Sturtevant concludes that some creams produce three times as much butter as others of the same bulk.

Now is a good time to kill off (and eat) the mongrel fowls that have acculmulated, and start anew with pure stock of which ever variety may be preferred.

From its start to its maturity the hog makes the quickest turn of any of our domestic animals. There need be no more than planty days from the birth to the buriel.

A man that loves a horse, cares for him and treats him with kindness and consideration as a rule. man is genial, warm-hearte and generous.-Horse World

If frames are needed early in Spring for starting plants, it is su gested that they be filled with Autumn leaves and covered with board shutters. This will keep the soil withn from freezing.

There are 62,000 women in America interested in the cultivation of fruit. and among them are some of the most successful orchardists in California. Last year one woman made a profit of \$1,600 by raspberry cul-

Smaller farms and better cultivation are in the line of boiling down. Smaller herds and better animals mean boiling down. Better muscle and less fat, greater utility and less foolish fashion in breeding are boiling down.—Western Rural

More farmers should possess the art of nicely slaughtering a lamb. calf or pig, so that it will make an enticing article of trade when he takes it to his nearest town for sale. And more farmers should have such animals to slaughter. Ensilage and the silo are not be-

yond the ability of the small farmcrs. The supposition that ensilage can only be used on large farms is erroneous. It costs very little to construct a silo, while ensilage is more easily grown and prepared than corn todder. It is cheaper to profit by the mis-

paid for out of their own pockets, than it is to make the mistakes your self, and have the expenses to pay out of your own resources, and have to board and clothe yourself while making the blunders. I think Prof. Cooke's statement is correct, that as a general principle, 'the per cent, of fat in the skimmed

milk is the result of the system used

for obtaining the cream. The per

cent: of fat in the butermilk, is a

takes that others have made and

measure of the skill of the buttermaker.-N. E. Farmer. Succulent roots, as turnips, beets, carrots and parsnips, require two essentials for keeping through winter -a cool temperature and a sufficiently moist surrounding to prevent withering ordrying up. Warmth and moisture acting together produce

rot; warmth and a dry air cause speedy shrivelling. Poultry-houses should be whitewashed, inside and out, two or three times a year. Into the whitewash for the inside of the house put a little glue or a teacupful of soft-boiled rice to a pail of whitewash, and also add ten or twelve drops of crude carbolic acid, as a safeguard against

vermin. - American Poultry Yard. A prolific source of bowel complaint in all kinds of fowls is, as the Farm Journal believes, a lack of gritty substance in their runs. Yards that have been occupied for years by large flocks become almost destitute of suitable grinding material. Hence the need of supplying artificially, broken mortar, crockery, shells and

Beet sugar is almost the only sugar used in Europe, where the manufacture of it is carefully encouraged by the various government. It is not a cheap sugar, for while the price per pound is nearly the same as refined cane sugar in this country, its sweetning power is, roughly speaking, only about half as great.

Sheep probably require more care shelter and good feeding in Winter than any other farm animals. They cannot shirk for themselves in snow storms, digging down through the could not will her property to me if snow as cattle and horses will when compound is prepared by the thrifty she wished to do so. It is to go up pinched by hunger. It is these characteristics of the sheep that have caused many Western farmers on the plains to fail with them. Sheep are therefore, not adapted to ranching, but belong rather to the class of farmers who till the soil.

If there is much rag-weed among the clover after the grain crop is gathered, says an exchange, and especially if it towers above the cloyer, it should be cut down. After the grain is off clover takes a fresh start. to grow and often smother the ragweed if the latter is put back so that both can start even. It is better to do this than to leave both to grow together. The cut weeds and clover must be raked off or they will smother clover where they lie.

Keep the bull where he can see people and have something to interest him. We had a bull which was feorocious all by himself, and when put where he could see everyone going from the house to the barn, and the cattle, dogs, chickens and horses. he became quiet and docile. It is not only the food which makes a good bull, but an opportunity to see about and agreeable surroundings. A lonely bull will be uneasy and ugly, and when closely confined they are in an unnatural condition. -F. D. Curtis, in Orange County Farmer.