INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm-A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.



HERE is nothing more essential than the careful selection of birds for breeders. This is forced on our attention by the low averages in egg production made by most of our flocks. The average yield

is probably not more than half what it would be were the birds selected, even to the extent that horses, sheep, cattle and hogs are. In the kinds of live stock named there is altogether too little selection, but in our poultry there is none at all, except by the fanciers, and we fear that even they do not do a great deal in selecting individual fowls.

We take a flock, and compare them with another flock, and the flock that does the best is chosen. Now in the rejected flock there may be birds that will outlay anything in the successful flocks, but their good record is obscured by the poor records of their companions.

The only way to select the best breeders is to have a separate yard for each fowl, keep a record of her eggs for the first two years, and if she proves excellent, mate her the third year and use her eggs for hatching. This is a troublesome and an expensive method, and will require many years to select a flock of good layers, but it is the only correct method. A flock thus bred would in a number of years steld 50 eggs per annum more than the usual. If the number of hens be 100 this would mean 5,000 eggs extra for the year, and the value of these would be clear profit.

Stopped Egg Eating.

I have about 40 hens and they have been doing fairly well this winter. But | garine to be colored than they gain in about three weeks ago the eggs began | being permitted to color butter. They

HOW PARISIAN BUTCHERS CUT BEEF.

FIG. 1.

we grow blue grass with success as a part of our permanent pasturage. We wish those of our readers living in Wisconsin, Iowa and like localities that have blue grass pastures would report them. Please state also whether the land be low or high, wet or well

drained. The impression prevails in most of our more northern localities that, though blue grass may be used exclusively, that is, alone, for a pasturage in Kentucky, it will not do to rely too much on it further north, but that it should be put in with a number of other

Another point is that blue grass will often drive out other kinds of grasses. Is that true of all latitudes, and if not, at what latitudes does blue grass surrender to the more widely disseminated native grasses .- Farmers' Review.

Building Up Dairy Associations. We heard the secretary of the Illinois Dairymen's association ask the question, "How is the membership to be in-

creased?" The question is not one that can be answered by producing some social panacea. It would appear that there is no one way that will prove effective. but that every way will have to be worked to its fullest capacity. There seems one method that has not been tried at all, but that should vield good returns.

farmers' club in the state should be written to, asking them to send one of their number to represent the dairy interests in their vicinity. When we say farmers' clubs we mean also farmers' institutes, and every kind of farmers' organizations that take an interest in such matters. We need to have the entine state represented in the dairy convention, and there should be at least one delegate from each county.

Coloring Butter and Oleomargarine. The practice of coloring butter is so universal that it is no longer regarded as being to any extent an attempt to deceive. Innocent as it is, it may have to be given up in some states for the sake of depriving oleomargarine of the same privilege. It is evident that the farmers lose more in allowing oleomarHIGH CLASS SERVANTS.

Russia Has a Variety That Should Be the Envy of All.

brate all birthdays, or name-days (every servant in Russia has two or three such days a year), with a brilliant ball, and to keep high revel until 4 in the morning. All this, however, the special commission which has been appointed will put to rights; the power of the masters will be moderated; the demands of the servants will be kept in more difficult, in a short time cheerprobably be a stable export from Rus-

Wouldn't you try on some coats?

"I don't know but I would," responded the traveler, consulting his watch. "I've got some time to spare. Yes." And he went in and began to work. No matter how often he found his fit, he called for more coats, and after he had tried on thirty he looked at his watch again, resumed his own tion looking to the sale of bonds, the garments, and walked off, saying:

I've done. I believe in a man who'll that has met every difficult situation pounds; total of second quality, 264.54 | oblige another when he can do it. If I'm ever this way again, and you've got any coats to try on, I'll do all I can

> What the shopkeeper said we are not told, but it is not hard to imagine what

The public school is the inheritance of the people, and within its walls no word or practice should be uttered or performed that can wound the religious susceptibilities of any child who attends it. To act in any other spirit is deceptive, unjust, un-American and seditious, inasmuch as it tends to breed

At Great Falls, Mont., electric power is so cheap that all public and domestic work is done with its aid.

A new and wonderful substitute for common brittle glass is announced by a Vienna journal devoted to the glass and porcelain trade. The substitute is said to have all the properties of common glass except that it is flexible. It

It is believed that the shooting stars are small solid bodies, revolving round against the free and unlimited coinage the sun. As they are traveling in a contrary direction to the earth the velocity with which they enter our atmosphere is very great—on an average

The greatest depth, writes Prof. Secley in his "Story of the Earth," at which earthquakes are known to originate is about thirty miles. It has also been calculated that a heat sufficient to melt granite might occur at about the

It may be of interest to learn that of the 14 new stars discovered within the last 300 years four were discovered by Mrs. Fleming of the Harvard observatory-namely, one in the constellation of Perseus in 1887; one in Norma, in 1893, and one each in Carina and Cen-

M. Piltschikoff, in describing recent photographs of lightning, names three types of flash-band lightning, tube lightning and water-spout lightning. The first two he found to occur in all storms, the third he met with once only. From the measured width of the band lightning on photographs and the computed distance he estimates the actual widths to be from about 15 to 80 yards. | that is presented as a bluff to the sil-

DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

VOICE OF OUR PRESS IN DE-FENSE OF ITS TRUTHS.

The Republican-Populist Party Responsible for Many Grave Offenses Against the Public Good-Monetary Stringency Solely Due to That Party's Laws.

From the Chicago Chronicle: In the opinion of the leading republican journal of the northwest "all the indications are that the republican convention will deliberately choose to let the silverites go."

These indications are not visible in other quarters than the Tribune office. The leading republican candidate for the presidency has himself talked in a manner which would authorize as enthusiastic support for him by white monometallists as by yellow monometallists. He is all things to all men on the currency question. The republican convention in his own state recommending him to the presidency takes its hint from the candidate and straddles as widely as a Colossus of Rhodes.

Passing from prediction concerning the republican convention, about which it may be supposed to know something. the Tribune asserts that the democratic convention "will either adopt an evasive platform or it will lean decidedly in the direction of free silver." gratuitously adds that, "even if it should adopt a satisfactory resolution. it would not have the confidence of the people. Public faith in democratic resolutions on the currency question has been too sorely tried. Democratic actions in regard to silver have been more eloquent than democratic words,"

This averment, smacking of the audacity of impudence, comes with appropriate grace from an organ of the republican party, the legislation of which upon the silver question has precipitated panics and is the present cause of the wide divergence upon the currency question and the general business unrest.

If it were not for the democratic executive, who, without any concern regarding his own poularity, without any attempted straddle such as republican check. Since among us in the west the | leaders have accustomed themselves to, servant question is becoming more and convened congress and asked the repeal of the Sherman law, it is not imful, faithful, well-trained servants will probable that this country would today be on a silver basis. That law, democracy said in one of its official utterances, was a cowardly makeshift fraught with danger. The same resolution demanded the repeal of the mischievous law; the repeal came, the democratic promise was redeemed. The Sherman bill, known by the leaders of the republican party to be inimical to the welfare of the republic, was deliberately made by a republican congress and deliberately signed by a republican president for a double purpose; first, to make certain of the passage of a high-tax tariff law, and, ment to examine a coat hanging in next, to placate silver voters west of front of a clothing establishment, when the Mississippi. It was monstrous the shopman rushed out and asked, triffing with the credit of the nation. Not until the law passed were thoughtful persons closely scrutinizing the gold reserve in the treasury, a reserve which had been depleted by republican extravagance. Need was for replenishing the reserve before the retirement of President Harrison, but he, fearful of his reputation, would not authorize aconly means by which the reserve could be repleted. Possessing the courage without flinching, President Cleveland incurred among the thoughtless the opprobrium of issuing bonds for the purpose of preserving such reserve as would enable the country to maintain the parity between gold and silver, The task has been the harder for him because of the endless chain, as he has described the operation, authorized by republican legislation in the redemption of greenbacks. They can purchase gold of the government he has but to

> is ready to repeat the operation. When the Tribune says that democratic actions in regard to sliver have been more eloquent than democratic words it might properly refer to the actions of that democrat, President Cleveland, who has saved this country from the serious currency disaster that would have been brought upon it

> by the folly of republican legislation. There is not the slightest indication, through the resolutions of state conventions or through any action of republican candidates, that the St. Louis convention will pronounce in terms of silver, nor is there more real indication that at Chicago democracy will pronounce for the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Conventions are controlled by politicians. Politicians are habitually trimmers. Their present struggle is to avoid a clean-cut declaration regarding silver. For the distress which has fallen upon the country thus far through trifling with the money question the republican party is responsi-

Chicago Chronicle: A Washington correspondent of a republican newspaper says that the republican leaders in will bolt if a free silver platform is not adopted at St. Louis. The statement is made that they have ciphered candidate for president without help

The table of "sure" electoral votes verites and for the encouragement of time,

anti-silveriten gives the republican candidates the following states, with the votes annexed: New York ..... 36 Connecticut ..... 6 Delaware ..... 3 Illinois ..... 24 Indiana ...... 15 Maine ..... 6 Maryland ..... 8 Michigan ...... 14 Minnesota ..... 9 New Hampshire..... New Jersey ..... 10 Ohlo ..... 23 Pennsylvania ..... 32 Rhode Island ..... 4 Vermont ..... 4 West Virginia ..... 6 Wisconsin ...... 12

Total ......244 There are 447 votes in the electoral college. A majority is 224. This republican forecaster counts as sure for the republicans twenty votes more than are necessary for the election of the republican candidate. It is easy to see where the republicans might lose twice that number in the states named in the above table. It must be understood this will be no "landslide" year,

It is admitted, of course, that the chances are against the democrats, but their case is far from hopeless. It is not improbable that the republicans may lose New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia. If they should lose New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia from this table their candidate would be defeated.

One fact must be evident to all persons now studying the political condition of the country. The revolt of the silver republicans is an event of such importance affecting the elections that all calculations and estimates as to the result of the presidential election must be revised or renewed. The certain republican victory has become a bare probability or a mere possibility.

Gone from Bad to Worse.

Springfield Republican: Senator Wellington of Maryland, the republican politician who was chosen to succeed Gibson after the republican victory last fall, seems to be using the familiar Gorman method to build up a machine of his own. Wellington is said to be filling the state offices with his friends, by the aid of Governor Lowndes, and is said to have encouraged the spoilsgrabbing game which the republicans in the Baltimore city council have just been playing. When the people of Maryland find out that they turned out one boss only to exalt another they will be pretty likely to reverse the process, or try to turn out the new boss when the chance comes,

McKinley the Boodle Candidate,

Detroit Free Press: The only reason why McKinley has forged to the front is that more money has been expended in booming him than has been laid out in favor of any other candidate, and it seems to be generally conceded that whatever cash is needed to secure his nomination will be forthcoming. It is denied, of course, that it is a case of bargain and sale, but the denial is so feeble and the evidence against it so strong that nobody seems to take any stock in it. The plain fact is that the protectionists of the country are determined to buy their way back into control.

What the Silverites Have Learned.

Utica Observer: The republican tariff teachings have been that the chief end of a tariff was to benefit somebody. The silver senators in the west have learned the lesson of selfishness from their party. They are protectionists, but they want to share in the benefits of protection. They want protection for the silver industry. The repubgold and are immediately to be emitted | licans and the populists fell out over a anew, and whenever a holder wishes division of the benefits. The result is an exposure of sham and selfishness produce greenbacks. Reissued green- and incompetency of the republican backs will serve him again when he party.

False Pretenses of McKinteyltes.

Des Moines Leader: The speaker or newspaper asserting that the decline in government revenues came in with the Wilson bill perverts plain facts. When the McKinley bill was passed the surplus in the treasury was \$105,000,000; after it had been a year in operation the surplus was \$37,000,000; at the end of the second year it was \$2,000,000 and after the end of the third year the deficit was \$80,000,000. These are the figures given by so leading a republican authority as Senator Sherman.

Government Aid for McKinley. Utica Observer: Congressman Wilson of Ohio has succeeded in getting McKinley's Chicago speech read in the house of representatives, so that it would go into the record. The distribution of this speech at public expense will follow. It is a fair illustration of McKinleyism, which teaches that individual advancement at public expense is perfectly proper.

Wobbly on a Live Issue.

Boston Globe: McKinley still stands very stiff on the tariff, but wobbles tremendously on the currency. But the tariff is a question that has already been settled fairly satisfactorily, while the currency is a live issue. A presidential candidate should express his views squarely on vital questions.

No Lack of Democratic Timber.

Cincinnati Enquirer: There is no reason why democratic candidates should be rampant now. Several republicans have been premature, and are likely to wear out before the real crisis comes. The man for the democratic occasion will be along in due

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astonishing. We illustrate the mode followed in Paris. The animal illustrates is supposed to be a Norman ox, weighing, when dressed, 457 kilograms (1,007.50 pounds). No. 1 in the cut is the veiny piece, weight 44.09 rounds; 2, ditch bone, 22.04 pounds; 15, inner sirloin, 22.04 weight 66.14 pounds; 3, thick flank, 44.09 pounds; 4, sirloin, 110.23 pounds; 5, fillef, 15.43 pounds; 6, buttock, 33.07 to get scarce, and what we did get were partly covered by yolk of eggs that had been eaten by the hens. We soon found that the hens had the habit very bad, and at first we decided to makers. We disliked to do this, ex-

The difference in appreciation of cuts

of meat by different large markets is

cept as a last resort. So we tried another way, and are pleased to say that It has proved a success. Our hen house bas one large window. We covered this with a carpet, allowing the lower edge to be raised in such a way that the light would fall on the roosts, but the part where the nests were remained in quite deep shadow. The interior of the nests were in still deeper gloom, so much so that it would be quite impossible for the hens to strike the eggs with sufficient accuracy to break them. At first we got the nests too dark, and the hens could not see to get up into them. We soon adjusted the shadow to the degree desired. Other readers of the Farmers' Review may have trouble in this way, and if so, they will probably find this plan of value.-Mary

Ignorance an Obstacle.

Ann, in Farmers' Review.

The greatest obstacle in the improvement of the poultry interests is the general ignorance of present conditions and results. There seem to be few who know what they are doing. Ask a man how many eggs he got last year, how much it cost to keep the hens, and so forth, and it is exceedingly rare that an answer can be secured. The trath is he cannot tell; hence there is no probability of improvement. If we can get people to keeping close records, we can get them to improve their flocks. We are glad that some readers of the Farmers' Review are beginning to take a deeper interest in knowing what results they are getting.

Blue Grass in Permanent Pastures. That blue grass is a success in Kentheky is a fact so well established that it is no longer debatable. The question of the disease are often carried by the is now being asked, how far north can | water.

can then well afford to advocate the passage of a law that will sweep away the privilege once for all. It is true that there would have to be a very radical change in our butter score cards, kill off a few of the worst mischief the points for color being nearly or altogether eliminated,

pounds; total of first quality, 313.08

No. 7, shoulder blades, 154.32 pounds;

No. 10, chuck, 55.12 pounds; 11, neck

77.10 pounds; 12, brisket, 165.34 pounds;

13, leg and shin, 55.11 pounds; 14, cheek,

pounds; kidneys, 33.10 pounds; total

of third quality, 429.91 pounds,-Farm-

8, end of neck, 11.02 pounds; ribs, 99.20

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ers' Review.

## Increase of Creameries.

The continual increase of creameries in every one of the states adapted to grazing is a sign indicative of progress on the part of the butter makers. It is estimated that there are now in the United States more than 15,000 creameries. When we consider that all of these have sprung up within one generation, we can appreciate how rapid has been the advance. The creamery is the most effective weapon by which the farmer can reduce the stock of poor and cheap butter. The home dairy is a very good thing and the skillful maker of dairy butter can get a good price for his product, even higher sometimes than the current price for best creamery. But there are myriads of farmers that never will learn to make outter correctly, and for them the creamery is a salvation.

Sowing Clover.-Clover may be sown broadcast either in August or September, but much better and surer earlier in the spring, with most of the cereal grains, or the cultivated grasses; or it may profitably constitute a crop by itself. On well prepared loams 10 to 12 pounds of good seed will frequently give a full covering to the land, while on clay 12 to 16 pounds are necessary per acre. When sown with the grasses, four to six pounds on the first and 8 to 12 pounds on the last soil will suffice.-Ex.

Pure Water for Hogs.-The supply of water for the swine should be pure. This is one of the safeguards against cholera. In all probability the germs

If the laws which a special commission appointed for the purpose in Russia, to regulate the dealings between mistresses and domestice servants, have any effect, Russia, in a short time, will be provided with a servant class which it will be impossible to match all the world over. The servant in Russia is at the same time a jewel of rare virtue and a troublesome vixen, who does everything in her power to make the life of her master and mistress full of anxiety. Gentlemen of Russia are not the pleasantest masters in the world to serve. Night after night, for instance, they will stay out late at their clubs or card parties, and, since latchkeys are almost unknown, the maid or cook is expected to sit up and open the door the moment it shall please them to return. Yet in the morning she will be up as early as any English girl, as fresh as a daisy, and going about her duties singing lustily. If the cook during the day is set to mind the children she will throw herself heartily into the duties of nurserymaid, will romp and dance with her charges, will dress the dolls and play skipping-rope as long as her mistress may desire. The nurse is always prepared to roast a duck, to clean a room, to polish her master's boots, to do any-Several months before the holding thing, in fact, to make herself useful. of the next annual meeting, every On the other hand, if you possess a particularly good box of cigarettes you will find that they will rapidly disappear. Who can be taking them? Without doubt the cook. Among other privileges that they claim may be mentioned the right to drink as much vodka as they like (and certainly more than is good for them) when outside your house. If sometimes they forget where they are they expect you to put up with any temporary inconvenience that their inability to work may cause. They hold the right, moreover, to cele-

An Obliging Traveler. From Harper's Round Table: There has been a great deal of complaint both in London and New York of the way a certain class of shopkeepers try to force their wares upon passers-by. One man, a traveler, has managed to get the better of one of these shopmen, a clothing dealer, who had a way of almost dragging people into his place, One day shortly after his arrival in London the traveler stopped for a mo-

"I won't charge anything for what to help you!"

he thought.

Public Schools.

sectarian strife.-Rabbi J. L. Levy.

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