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



that the above term has become rather hackneyed expression of late years, for the changes have been many upon this word at all our institute meetings. and by the public

farmers had been better acquainted worth hundreds, aye, thousands of dollars to them this unusually dry season.

will merely confine myself to generali-

What is a silo? It is a box, a bin or receptacle in which is out corn, clover, oats, peas, or any fodder in a green to be preserved for future use. This box should be air-tight or practically so. It should be of as great a height as convenient, on account of less cost of building, and also because the ensilage will be better preserved. It should be of such an area that at least one inch, or better two, of surface is

DAIRY AND POULTRY. Its success in feeding. It is useless to attempt the improvement of our domestic animals by greater care in breeding unless at the same time we improve in every particular. It is folly to spend money for an animal of choice breeding, possessing in an eminent degree the qualities desired, unless we afford its offspring an opportunity to develop those qualities fully. If we aim to winter our cattle at a straw stack and allow them to pick a AFRAID living in summer along the roadside, It is not likely we can improve much what generations of such treatment has made them,-J. Smith.

Got the Mink.

I have been raising poultry for 15 years. During that time I have bred thee, powerful Hercules, conqueror in the Buff Cochins, Barred Plymouth the games, and to thee also, Iolaus, Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks, Black press. Still, if our Breasted Red Game Bantams, G. S. Bantams, White Guineas and W. H. with this subject it would have been turkeys. The breeds that suit me best are W. H. turkeys, White Plymouth Rocks, White Guineas and I will not attempt in this short arti- G. S. Bantams. My house is built ele to go into any long description, but of dressed siding, roofed with in the temple of Hera upon a beautiful flooring boards, has a brick foundation and is in size 12x16. It has three windows on the south side. The total cost was \$35. It has a gravel floor and the perches are two feet from the floor.

I feed corn, oats, rye, wheat, potatoes, cabbage, scraps from the house and some meat in winter. In summer they have the range of the farm. The market for dressed fowls is not good, having been about 514 cents per pound for some time. I always get eggs in winter and at all other times of year.



A FRENCH BULL OF THE MORE COMMON TYPE.

this is not practical, then eight-sided that. Two years ago a mink killed or square, with the corners cut off. It | 120 chicks and 40 turkeys in three may be made of either wood, stone or nights. Then I got the mink. In cement. Wood has heretofore given raising broods I have had very good the best satisfaction, owing to the en- success. I have raised as high as 30 silage spoiling around the walls of chicks with one hen, and have raised stone siles. Still, the cement siles that | 15 turkeys with one turkey hen. I beare being built now appear to be giving lieve that the White Plymouth Rocks good satisfaction, and have the advantage of being built for all time to come, as they will never rot. A wood silo may be built for \$1 per ton capacity, last summer that commenced laying while a stone or cement silo will cost a little more.

What Crop to Put in Silo .- Any green crop can be put in silo with good results, but the chief ones are corn and glover. There is no crop as sure as corn. No crop will give as large amount of feed and withal as cheaply raised as the corn crop. It is estimated by experimentalists that from 25 to 50 per cent of value of the corn plant is saved in silo over the ordinary way of curing in the field.

Clover, while not quite so sure a crop in some sections, will give a large yield of choice fodder which can be cured in the sile without reference to the state of the weather. The loss to the country through clover being ruined by unfavorable weather is enormous. The second crop can also be easily taken care in this way at a time of year when it is almost impossible to cure it in the field. In addition to this, clover helps to form a balanced ration, furnishing a large amount of the expensive albuminoids without having to purchase so much of the costly foods as oil meal, cottonseed meal, bran, peas, etc.

We are also all aware of the great service clover is in acting as a subsoiler and as a soil enricher, by its absorption through the roots of nitrogen from the air.

Value as a Food.-Some farmers still feel suspicious of that "rotten stuff," as they term ensilage, but if they would go into the barns where this stuff is fed and note the appearance of the stock, they would make up their minds that the more of this "rotten stuff" we had the better it would be for the country. The University of Wisconsin Issued a bulletin containing a hundred rations fed by practical farmers all over the state, and a significant fact is that over 75 per cent feed ensilage, and nearly all of them largely. I feel safe in saying from my own experience and also from observation that no man can keep a herd of dairy cows profitably without furnishing ensilage as a large

part of daily ration. Now, my brother farmers, let me urge if this want has not already become filled that you stir yourselves. Visit the silos in your own neighborhood, and select the one as a pattern which seems to suit your conditions and circumstances best, and lose no time in commencing to build, and I can assure you that it will never remain empty .- G. Y. M in Farmers' Review.

### Successful Breeding.

No matter how thoroughly a breed any great results possible this tendency must be backed by a proper physical organization. The point I wish to enforce at present, however, is that success in breeding owes half coloring.

will mature as early as any chicken and they are also good egg producers. I had a White Plymouth Rock pullet when five months old, and the day she from her eggs .- A. Z. Copeland in Farmers' Review.

### Horse Meat for Export.

A good deal of attention is being called to the possibility of exporting horse meat to those countries that use it as a staple article of diet. Americans generally think with horror of eating this kind of food, but we must remember that other nations have customs differing from ourselves, and that if they like horse meat and are able and willing to pay for it, there is no reason why it should not be furnished.

The first attempt to send this kind of product to the countries across the sea has not resulted favorably. It has been sent out canned, and this gave the Europeans a chance to cry "fraud" and "unhealthful." Besides, it has made it possible for dishonest tradesmen to palm it off on some of their customers as canned beef. Therefore the tide of opinion has to this time been against

To meet these objections it is now proposed to ship the meat smoked, as the Europeans like it that way, or else alive. Since this class of meat sells in Germany for ? cents per pound, it is believed that the animals can be shipped alive and at a profit, even if they have to be alaughtered at the ports of entry.

### Poultry Notes.

Selling eggs direct to consumers is one of the best ways of disposing of them. The consumers are then satisfied with fresh eggs and the producers get better prices for them. But it takes a little wor. - waterwaters and consumers together.

If you can, select old birds to breed from. The eggs of the old sens will, it is believed, give more vigorous chicks than the younger hens. There is danger that the moussant preeding from one-year-old birds will cause a deterioration of the vitality of the flock.

Is there not some our plaster lying around unused? It so, jound it up and give it to the hens. They will need it for shell making. Now that the hatching time is near, the eggs should have shells strong enough to prevent them breaking under the weight of the heavy hens.

We are told that at this time of year hens will sometimes cat straw and hay in such quantities as to form a great wad in the crop; but we have found that it sometimes happens that his eating tends in the direction desired, to make straw is occasioned by the hen eating eggs and then devouring all the straw covered with any of the broken egg.

The new tweeds are rather bright in

CROWNED AT OLYMPIA.

Honors to the Victors in the Greekan

Athlette Contests.

Immediately after each contest the successful athlete appeared before the judges and received a palm-branch, and his name was heralded before the assembled throng. But at the close of all the contests, on the final day of the festival, the much-coveted prizes were distributed. Into the Altis at early morning streamed the long, joyous procession, headed by the judges, the reon our native cows. They are just ligious and civil authorities, and the public guests, escorting the now brilliantly clad athletes and victorious horses bedecked with flowers. The song they sang was a song of victory by Archilochus, which began: "Hail to

both famed for the spear! Tenella,

tenella! All hall to the victor!"

A little boy from the priestly class had already cut with a golden knife some branches from the olive tree planted by Hercules, and crowns made from these branches had been exposed chryselephantine table made by Colotca The crowns were then brought to the temple of Zeus, where, before the representatives of all Greece, the judges. clad in purple, crowned the heads of the victorious athletes. This Olympic crown, as the supreme reward of Greek ambition, is well expressed in the story of Diagoras. Himself a victor in the games, he returned in his old age to Olympia with his two sons. Both bore off a prize, and then ran and caught their father on their shoulders as the crowd of pilgrims pelted them with flowers. "Die, Diagoras," they cried; for thou hast nothing more to live for!" With a sigh of joy the old man

The crowning of Olympia did not end the victors' glory. Their statues were made by the most famous sculptors, their portraits painted by the most skillful artists, their deeds glorified in verse. They were feasted and maintained at public expense, received seats of honor at the theater, and were cherished as gods in the nearts of their countrymen. As Pindar has well expressed it, "He that overcometh hath, because of the games, a sweet tranquillity throughout his life forevermore." -"The Old Olympic Games," by Prot. Allan Marquand, in the Century.

TIES OF BROTHERHOOD.

They Are Often Very Irksome, Says Novelist Howells.

Perhaps one reason why people dislike the notion of human brotherhood so much is because the tics of kindred are often made so irksome. Society holds you to account for your brother's behavior, and even for his character, as if you had invented it, or at least favored it; and his children can bring your children to shame by their misconduct, another.

celebrity; you are then expected to live is ready for future use. up to him, and that may be another hardship if you have not his talent or temperament. You feel that you are fitly answerable for your son in a measure, though his great-grandfather on the other side, if he could be got at, might sometimes be much more justly made to suffer; but you do not feel that you are fitly answerable for your brother, and you feel that it is cruel of society to hold you so. If he is stupid or tiresome, people will shrink from you, as if you partook of his character because you partake of his origin. Often you do partake of his character. Brothers are often alike; but often they are intensely unlike in tastes, habits, manners, dispositions, temperaments. Often you shall be truly the brother of a man whom you have met rather late in life, and whom you like because he is of kindred nature, while in your heart you may fall to like the brother who is merely of kindred origin. Yet if one allowed the brother of one's blood to come to want or disgrace, society would hold one infamous. If it were the brother of one's soul, society would have nothing to say.

The New Calling Card.

An effort is being made by those who desire variety to introduce the fashion in vogue thirty years ago of having names on calling cards put in Roman letters. Howling swells have their cards engraved in this style. It is more expensive than the old-fashioned script. Certain conservatives of the fashionable world look askance at these cards engraved in Roman letters, for no master how exquisitely they are executed they suggest at first glance common printing. However, if you wish to be very fit, have a thin card embellished with your name in small Roman capitals.-New York Herald.

Giant Ten Feet High.

There is a giant ten and a half feet high in the country above Canton in China, and an American showman has lately been trying in vain to induce him to travel. The big fellow is ashamed of himself for being so unduly long, and does not care to become an exhibit.

Vexation for Bicycle Tourists. Bicycle tourists from other countries will be compelled on entering Canada to deposit the full retail value of their

wheels. When they leave the country

the money will be refunded. A Poor Students Way. A poor but intrepid youth in Michigan made his way through college by teaching the other students how to play poker. Where there's a will there's a way .- Ex.

The export of sheep from Ireland has been falling off enormously, but there has been az increase of cattle.

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY, ley organ which is supposed to be

OF TODAY.

Reed Becomes a Real Czar Again-The Old Soldiers Are Boing Left Out in its predecessors in providing for prodithe Cold by Their Republican Friends -Samples of Economy in Congress.

was a quorum.

future have a serious effect on legisla- in the deserving works. But the extion in congress. It was not designed penditures will soon run into big figfor that object. It is intended to effect ures and then the plan will be no far-reaching partisan purposes, as a longer available. precedent in both houses of congress and especially in the state legislatures when United States senators are elected. It is a nefarious declaration and order to establish political minorities in this state, sized up his fellow repubin power.

says in regard to congress: "Each bill. He declared that "bills for the house shall be the judge of the elec- benefit of bona-fide soldiers were being tions, returns and qualifications of its neglected while others were being own members, and a majority shall passed for civilians, including teamconstitute a quor im to do business." sters, photographers, and camp follow-From the beginning of the government ers of every grade." it has been understood that the phrase. of all the members elected to form a "When the various candidates for the the ruling of every speaker before when the old soldier and his widow constitutional quorum.

ing many weeks for United States sen- pension bills. ator. At length Henry A. Dupont, republican, received fifteen votes-just one-half of the total membership on to the dishonest republican political joint ballot. It was claimed that a tricksters. They are always appealing vacancy existed in the senate, by which to the soldiers for aid at the elections the quorum was reduced to twenty- and proclaiming themselves the exclunine, of which fifteen is a majority, sive friend of the soldiers. But they That question is now pending in the

senate and Dupont claims his seat. A similar question was raised regarding the senatorial election in Kentucky. The death of a senator and the expulsion of other members reduced the a rebuke like that of Major Connolly number at roll call. Republicans in congress claimed that a majority of number on the inside, who knows the the reduced membership was a constithough they may never have seen one tutional quorum and promised in effect to admit any republican senator It is hardly enough, on the other elected on that basis. No election was hand, that you receive a sort of reflected I held, even with this false instruction. glory from your brother's excellence or | but the new revolutionary Reed rule

### Periodic Economy.

From the Chicago Chronicie: A river and harbor bill has been wrought out in accordance with what are understood to be Speaker Reed's wishes, carrying the amount of about \$9,600,000 only. This is a small amount even for an election year as things have been going, though it is not down to the zero minimum of certain years. But the speaker is a candidate, the committees are of his own selection and he has ordered them to make a fine show of economy for campaign purposes,

It has come to be the practice to "economize" on the river and harbor appropriations in the cn years-the years when gentlemen are looking for re-election, and especially when, in addition to that, there is a presidential election. But this on-year economy makes no difference in the general result, for it has been discovered that congress can at least make up in prodigality in the off years for its excess of ready going out of business. Possibly virtue in the others. The following statement of the amounts appropriated in the river and harbor bill for a series of years will show how the game is worked so plainly as to require no explanation:

1889 ..... 22,397,616 1891 ..... 25,136,295 1892 ..... 2,951,200 1893 ..... 22,068,218 1804 ...... 14,166,153 1895 ..... 20,043,180 The trick of appropriating nothing

at all in the on years was too transparent to deceive anybody for any length of time. Too much had to be appropriated in the off years. Accordingly after 1891 that practice was abandoned. There has been an appropriation every even year since, but it has been of the economical variety. It is more so this year than it was in 1894.

There has also been devised what is called the continuous contract system. promised to produce the evidence to Franker. FATRICE OFASSELL. WASHINGTON, D. C. itself for the following year and its the part of the McKinley managers, successors for a number of years to and he will do it if some of the verdant ing very large appropriations. In this their mouths tightly closed. way members who have jobs to put through for their respective constituencies are gratified and the country is committed to prodigal and unnecessary expenditures by a congress which is making for itself a reputation for economy. Thus in regard to the present congress the Washington correspondent of a Chicago contemporary says: "While the total appropriation is under \$10,000,000 the work authorized under the continuous contract system runs up

to something like \$50,000,000," This statement is made by a McKin- that kills."

friendly to the present house, however unfriendly it may be to its speaker as VOICE OF OUR PRESS ON ISSUES a presidential aspirant. It may fairly be accepted, therefore, as an admission by a friendly party paper that the present house, while making a pretty show of economy, has in reality surpassed all

gal river and harbor expenditures. This continuing arrangement is illustrated in the case of Chicago, which Speaker Thomas B. Reed has made gets only \$50,000 immediately availrevolutionary ruling as to what con- able, for improving the Chicago riverstitutes a quorum in the house of a sum entirely inadequate-while the representatives. A bill of small im- secretary of war is authorized to conportance was before the house last tract for further work, subject to fu-Friday when the question of a quorum ture appropriations, up to a total of was raised. The full house consists of \$700,000. This plan not only opens a 356 members, of whom 179 are a ma- way to extravagance unknown in formfority. There is one vacancy caused by er times, but gives an opportunity to death and the speaker ruled that 178, postpone deserving work for the benefit 'a majority of the living members," of those in which there is more politics, while pacifying for the time being those This ruling cannot now nor in the who are more immediately interested

President-Making and Pensions. From the Chicago Chronicle: Major Connolly, from the Springfield district licans very carefully in a recent de-The constitution of the United States bate in the house on a minor pension

This stirred up the animals some-"a majority of each," meant a majority what when he added these words: full house, not a mere majority of those presidency are seeking the support of remaining after vacancies caused by the old soldier they coddle him and death, resignation or absence. This is embrace him, but here in this house, whom the question has been raised, in- come, feeble and tottering with wounds cluding Reed himself during the quor- or age, there is no time to give them um fight in the Fifty-first congress. It a hearing." After this he got his wind is the law established by hundreds of again and said it was a shame that precedents that a majority of the full with more than 200 republican majority membership is necessary to form a in the house it was seldom that 100 members, enough to constitute a quor-The legislature of Delaware, at its um, were present at the Friday evenlast session, voted without effect dur- ing sessions which were devoted to

> Major Connolly is liable to become disliked for his plain speech in regard kick the interests of the soldiers around as a university club does a football whenever the business of politics, President-making and the spoils attract their attention. It is well that should come from one of their own facts and has the courage to make an exposure.

The People Left Out of Court.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: According to his (Clarkson's) estimate, McKinley will enter the convention lacking about 100 of the number of votes necessary to a nomination. Thereupon the Platts, the Quays, the Clarksons, the Manleys, the Carters, and the Cuneys, working behind the cloak of the alleged "favorite sons," will combine the field against him until they can wear out or stampede his friends, and will then concentrate on some candidate who is willing to concede their terms. It will be observed that in this plan of campaign Mr. Clarkson and the other bosses utterly ignore the wishes of the people. In fact, nothing is plainer than that the bosses consider it little less than treason for any man to go behind the alleged leadership and appeal to the

More Protection Needed in New England. St. Louis Post-Dispatch: It will take a great deal of protection to keep the New England cotton mills in competition with the southern cotton mills. Some of the New England mills are althe government will be asked to pay a bounty to New England manufacturers in order to save them.

What the Real Trouble Is.

Springfield Register: McKinley may be using the fat fried from manufacturers in his canvass for the presidential nomination of the party, as Senator Chandler declares, and Senator Cullom alleges, but that fact is not bothering those distinguished republicans so much as that McKinley is getting the delegates.

The American Sattor Legislated Away. Springfield Republican: Americans used to be the best sailors in the world. But under the long sway of the policy of alleged protection to shipbuilders, which has nearly succeeded in driving the flag entirely from the high seas, the hand seems to have lost something of its old cunning.

Chandler's Threat May Be Made Good Peoria Herald: Mr. Chandler has By this system a congress commits sustain his charges of fat-frying on expenditures without at the time mak- republican newspaper men do not keep

> Illegitimate Use of the Fat. New York Journal: It was the understanding of certain republican statesmen that the money of the protected manufacturers was to be used in defeating democrats only. This is why they complain of the pocket-book campaigning of the McKinleyites.

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