Conan Doyle says he has always observed that whether a woman's style of writing be plain or florid, it is always lear and comprehensible. "No woman that I can recollect," he says, "has ever been tempted into the heresy of preciosity. The word style, which in France has always been synonymous with lucidity, has in England become more and more identified with obscurity, so that if you learn a new writer is a stylist you nearly always find a difficulty in understanding what he glass, is that which is so clear that you do not observe it. Some of our critics are fond of talking of purple a sign of health. Now, in this respect, protect the bystanders. The sight alone I think the ladies have always been on that any one could have a better model of prose romance than such writers as Olive Schreiner or Miss Wilkins."-New York Commercial Advertiser.

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INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

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

l'ackages for the Foreign Market.

N eastern merchant who ships a great deal of butter to the London market described at the recent Iowa dairy convention the kind of packages that give the best satisfaction to foreign dealers and buyers, and urged of proper atten-

the importance to this matter, says Dairy World. In the first place, dairymen catering to foreign supply need one ounce of salt to one pound of butter, with parchment paper on top instead of a cloth. Then, too, the tube should be well soaked and a coat of salt rubbed on the inside before packing the butter. This will prevent the butter from moulding. This is a very important part of the work of preparing butter for market. There have been several thousand boxes of butter shipped from our market, which have been received there with great favor. These boxes hold fifty-six pounds of butter net. They are made of white wood and lined with parchment paper. This butter sells for better prices than when packed in tubs, and we would advise all creameries to give the matter of packing butter for foreign shipment careful attention, and be ready to use them at any time the foreign market is in shape to pay us as much as our own market, so that we can dispose of our surplus butter. If our surplus butter had been packed in boxes this season, it would have sold in the foreign market for more money than it will ever sell for here, after losing the storage and interest, and, at the same time, we should have gained some favor with the foreign market by letting them know that we have fine butter here as well as Australia. It has been our practice to ship the poorest butter. In this way we have hurt our credit as a butter producing country. Now that we have established so many creamerles there is less of the low grades of butter and more of the high grades than we can consume at home. It is very plain to be seen that it is our duty to cater to the wishes of the people upon whom we are dependent to use our surplus butter, and in order to do this we must give them the style of package they require, as well as salting and coloring to their wants. One of our neighbors has just returned from Liverpool, and he tells me he has seen the retailer try to sell tub butter and the buyer would not look at it, but must have his butter from the square box. The same butter would sell at retail for two cents a pound more cut from the box than from the tub. Now, with these facts in view, is it not worth our careful attention to try and build up a trade for our surplus butter, which the writer is satisfied is going to be increased year by year, as the dairy

Standard Variety of Chickens.

country.

business is still in its infancy in this

The Barred Plymouth Rock is of a grayish-white color, regularly crossed with parallel bars of blue-black running in straight, distinct lines throughout the entire length of the feather, and showing on the down or under color of the feathers. The barring is somewhat smaller on the backle and saddle feathers than on other portions of the body. The bird is of medium size, with broad neck, flat at the shoulders, the breast is full, and the body broad and compact; medium-sized wings, that fold gracefully, the points being well covered with breast and saddle feathers. A medium-sized head, ornamented with upright, bright-red comb and wattles; a large, bright eye, and yellow beak, legs, and toes, places the picture before us in its entirety. The difference between the Barred and the Pea-comb Barred is that the latter has a small, firm, and even pea-comb, instead of a single comb.

For the farmer or market poultryman they are favorites, being a medium size, well proportioned, with a deep, full breast, making a most admirable bird for market purposes. twelve weeks old. They are good layers the year round, and in winter they lay exceptionally well. Their eggs are brown in color and average eight to a pound. They are good sitters

and excellent mothers. The Barred Plymouth Rock, besides being a practical fowl, is also one of the most sought after by fanciers. No class is better filled at the average poultry show of the country than is theirs. Their graceful figure, upright carriage, and active natures endear them to all as a farmer's fowl. There is a fascination in breeding them for plumage, the more regular and even barring the better. It requires much skill to breed them for color, and two matings are generally used for breeding. An established rule for mating for cockerels is to use a standard color male with medium dark females, and for pullets, use light male and dark females. The double mating is resorted to by many, yet the writer has seen rare specimens produced from single matings. The characteristics of the Barred Plymouth Rock are noticeable in the other Plymouth Rock classes, excepting that of color. The size, shape, general outlines, and qualities are the same in the other varieties as in the Barred. The White Plymouth Rock is pure

buff variety is a clear buff, uniform in shade except the tail, which is deep buff or copperish-yellow brown. The buff color should extend to the undercolor as much as possible; the deeper the better. The standard weight of cocks is 91/2 pounds; hens, 71/2 pounds; cockerels, 8 pounds; and pullets, 61/2 pounds.

Tapeworms of Poultry.

It has been known for years that tapeworms infest domesticated poultry, and that in some cases they cause serious epizootics among fowls. The outbreaks thus far recorded have occurred chiefly in Europe, and as a natural outcome almost the entire work which has been published on these parasites is the result of European investigations. The literature upon the subject is accordingly in Latin, German, French, Danish, Italian, etc., while in the English language we have only a few short notices concerning these worms. Generic and specific diagnoses of the parasites of this group are almost unknown articles in the English language, while as yet we have absolutely no reliable data as to how many species of tapeworms are found in American poultry. Several outbreaks of tapeworm dis ease have been noticed in fowls in different parts of the country, and upon various occasions specimens have been sent to the bureau for identification. From a table showing 33 recorded species it was noted that 6 different apeworms have been recorded from pigeons, 2 from turkeys, 11 from chickens, 2 from swans, 7 from geese, 16 from ducks and 1 from an ostrich. One form has been recorded as common to pigeons, chickens and ducks, 5 forms as common to ducks and geese, 1 form as common to geese and swans, 1 as common to pigeons and ducks, and 1 as common to pigeons and chickens. The treatment of tapeworm disease in the domesticated fowls must for the present be more or less experimental. as the records in this line are extremely limited. The first rule to be carried out in all cases of diseased animals. whether chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks or others, is to isolate them from the rest of the flock and keep them confined until they have recovered. The second rule is to destroy the droppings of all animals known to be infected with parasites, or if the manure is needed as a fertilizer it should be treated in such a manner as to kill the ova. These two rules can be easily carried out, and if a poultry raiser or a stock raiser is not willing to set aside a small yard for the isolation of the sick animals, where their droppings can be easily collected and taken care of every day, it is almost useless for him to administer anthelmintics to his fowls or other animals. The chief drugs used against tapeworms are: Extract of male fern, turpentine, powdered kamala, areca nut, pomegranate root bark, pumpkin seeds and sulphate of copper (bluestone).

Breeding Dairy Cows. A writer in Dakota Farmer gives this

advice:

1. Select the best cows in your herd. or that you can buy, to keep, and dis-

pose of the others. 2. The best cow for the dairy is the one that produces the greatest amount of butter fat in a year (for food consumed) when being rightly fed.

3. To renew or increase your herd raise the heifer calves from your best

milk of each cow for a year and testing thus obtained requires to be again init occasionally with the Babcock milk creased and perhaps doubled tester, and know how much butter tat | earlier history. each one does produce. 5. Use the best dairy bred sire you

can get; one, if possible, that has a long line of ancestors that have been first-class dairy animals. 6. Keep a record of the time when

the cows are bred and have no guess work about the time of calving. 7. It is neither profitable nor nocessary for a cow to go dry more than

four to six weeks. 8. The udder should receive prompt attention. An obstacle may be removed from the teat the first hour, that might baffle science later.

9. After separating the calf from its mother, feed the natural milk as soon as drawn, for a week or ten days.

10. Don't milk the udder out clean until the fourth day after calving. This will often prevent a chill, which often produces milk fever.

Long Rows.—The possible gain in time of cultivation due to the lengthening of rows is greater than any suppose who have not tested the matter. By the watch I find that when rows are eighty rods long an acre is cultivated They are hardy, mature early, and in three-fourths of the time required make excellent broilers from eight to for cultivating in rows thirty rods long. Long rows make work easier for man and team. If we would compete with the west we must plan for long, narrow fields instead of the little square ones usually seen. The tilling of open ditches and abandonment of useless fences makes this possible on a major ity of farms. Experience has taught me that the saving of money due to removal of fences was truly not needed. the gain from cultivation of fence-rows and the gain in rapidity of cultivation where rows are long, amount in the aggregate to a nice sum of money-a sum that would materially increase incomes for thousands if the plan suggested were adopted.-Ex.

Profitable Cows.-Which is the most profitable cow to keep? It is the cow that produces the most at the least cost. In the ninety days' test at the world's fair the best .cow cleared a profit of over \$73 and the poorest a profit of only \$24. Turning now to the food account, we find that the cost of food in both cases was practically the same, yet one cow had the ability to make three times the profit upon practically the same food. There are cows in every herd that have this ability: find them out. In these days of keen competition we must reduce the cost of production, and this aspect of the question should always be taken into white in plumage throughout, and the consideration.-Ex.

THE AGE OF THE WORLD.

It Is Much Greater Than Has Been

One of the questions considered by Prof. E. B. Poulton in his presidential address before the geological section of the British association related to the length of time required for the development of animal life on the earth to its present condition, says Popular Science Monthly; "whether the present state of paleontological and zoological knowledge diminishes or increases the weight of the opinion of Darwin, Huxley and Spencer, that the time during which the geologists concluded that the fossiliferous rocks had been formed was utterly insufficient for organic evolution." The arguments of the physicists, derived from the supposed effect of tidal action upon the length of the day, and from the estimated length of time occupied by the earth in cooling from an assumed temperature to its present condition, are shown to have been proved invalid as bases for calculating the probable age of the earth as a life-bearing body.

The argument derived from the supposed life of the sun has not yet been ruled out and that gives a maximum of 500,000,000 years. The computation of the time required for depositing the geological strata gives a minimum of 73,000,000 and a maximum of 680,000,-000 years—possibly 400,000,000 years. The author's inquiry as to how much of the whole scheme of organic evolution has been worked out in the time during which the fossiliferous rocks were formed does not deal with the time required for the origin of life or for the development of the lowest beings with which we are acquainted from the first formed beings of which we know nothing; but only with so much of the process of evolution as we can infer from the structure of living and fossil forms.

The comparison is made from a study of the evolution of the phyla. All available evidence points to the extreme slowness of progressive evolutionary changes in the coelenterate phyla, although the protozoa are even more conservative. When we consider further on the five coelenterate phyla that occur fossil we shall find that the progressive changes were slower and indeed hardly appreciable in the echinoderms and gephyrea, as compared witht the mollusca, appendiculata and vertebrata. Within these latter phyla we have evidence for the evolution of higher groups, presenting a more or less marked advance in organization.

As a whole, the comparison is quite enough to necessitate a very large increase in the time estimated by the geologist. We can hardly escape the conclusion that for the development of the arthropod branches from a common chetopodlike ancestor and for the further development of the classes of each branch, a period many times the length of the fossiliferous series is required. The evolution of the ancestor of each of the higher animal phyla probably occupied as long a period as that required for the evolution which subsequently occurred within the phylum. But the consideration of the higher phyla which occur fossil, except the vertebrate, leads to the irresistible conclusion that the whole period in which the fossiliferous rocks were laid down must be multiplied several times 4. Test your cows by weighing the for this later history alone. The period

> The Value of a Climax. There is nothing like a climax to

make a good story. It is always sure to delight the listeners and the more unexpected it is the better it takes. The stories of an Allegheny hunter have of late lost their interest by reason of a surfeit of the improbable and he has at last assumed his former method of holding his hearers' attention. The other day he was relating one of his adventures in long-distance shooting. It happened while he was making his way along a sandy bar on a recent hunting trip. After a search of several minutes for something to shoot at he descried a large, lean-looking crane standing on a little hillock about three-quarters of a mile distant. He was afraid to approach nearer, as there were no objects behind which he could advance. and the crane would probably take flight. The only thing to be done was to try to bring down the bird from where he was standing. Arranging the sight of his rifle for what he thought was the proper distance he took careful aim and fired. The crane never moved, for the bullet plowed into the sand about half way up to it. Again the sight was adjusted, and this time the bullet came a little nearer the mark, but still the bird refused to move. The hunter would not give up. The sight was again raised, and this time he aimed about a foot over the crane's head. "I fired." said the Nimrod, and then, as everybody was expecting him to tell how he brought the bird down, he concluded: "And then. looking toward the mark, I saw the bullet fall at the crane's feet. It got up, shook itself and flew away." And one of the listeners was unkind enough to ask if it carried the bullet away in its mouth.-Pittsburg Chron-

Downfall of an Old Tree.

icle-Telegraph.

One of the largest and oldest trees in Delaware was chopped down recently at Muddy Run, on the farm of Philip R. Clark, near New Castle. The tree was a lofty oak, 157 years old. For sixty-three feet up the trunk there is a piece of timber twenty-two inches square. The man who bought it claims that he can get \$280 out of it .- Philadelphia Inquirer.

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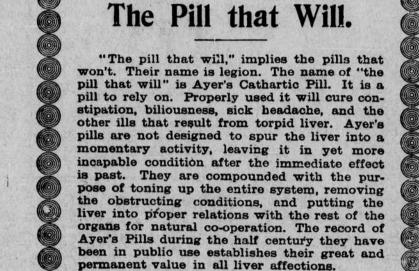


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