

gets laid by the heels. Drive on, and be a little more explicit." "Couldn't the steamer be lost some-

how in the gulf of Mexico and a boat containing the boxes of specie find its way through this channel of yours in-to the interior of Florida?" "How lost?"

Mr. Shelf mopped his forehead again. "Don't steamers," he asked, "don't they sometimes have sad accidents which cause them to blow up?"

"Such things have been known. But it's rather rough on the crew, don't you think?"

'Oh, poor fellows, yes. But a sailor's fife is always hazardous. Indeed, what can he expect with wages at their pre-cent ruinous rate? Shipowners must

'Oh, you beauty!" said Patrick Cam

"I must ask you to refrain from these comments, sir. But, tell me, before I To any further in this confidence, am I to count upon your assistance?" "That depends upon many things. To

begin with, there'll have to be modifi-cations before I dabble. I'm not obtru-tively squeamish about human life-my own or other people's. On occasion I bagged my man because he had twice whot at me. Still piracy, complicated with what practically amounts to mur-der, is an art which I haven't trafficked as yet, and, curious to relate, I don't intend to begin. Your scheme is delicious in its cold bloodedness, but it would look better if it were toned down striffe. By the way, better help your-self to a drink. Your nerves are in such a joggle that I fancy you'll faint if you don't. I notice there's no blue ribbon on your evening dress. Humph! That's a second mate's nip-four finters if it's a drop. Apparently you're used to this. By the way, what honor-arium do you propose I should take for engineering this piece of rascality in your favor?

"I will give you £500." "Now, would you really? Not even

guineas? "Mr. Cambel, I'll make it a thousand.

"Mr. Theodore Shelf, when a monkey wants a cat to pull chestnuts for him out of the fire, he first has to be stronger than the cat. You don't oc-cupy that enviable position. In fact, I have the whiphand of you in every way. We need not particularize, but you can sum the items for yourself you can sum the items for yourself. Now, I'll make you an offer—half of all the plunder and entire control of everythis

"My God, do you want to ruin me?" "I don't care in the least if I do. Your welfare doesn't interest me. My cervices are on the market with a prix fixe. You can take 'em or leave 'em. That's final."

of burst into a torrent of exposdulations, exciting himself more and more as he went on, till at last he stood before the other, with gripped fists and the veins ridged down his neck, inar-

"The new and valuable steamer and I fancy there have been similar dif-which, though overinsured, is likely to be reported lost is evidently to have a consistment of specie on board. Five be reported lost is evidently to have a consignment of specie on board. Five hundred thousand pounds I fancy you mentioned as the figure in the billiard room this morning. Well, if one is go-ing in for robbery—or piracy, I suppose it would turn out to be in this insta...co —there's nothing like a large coup. It's your niggler who usually fails and gets laid by the heels. Drive on, and be a little more explicit." In the Mexican gulf will piece up the wheels and set it running on triumph-antly. Grumble if you like, Mr. Shelf, but don't make yourself out to be the worst used man in history. Pharaoh hadn't half your opportunities.' "Yes, yes," said Shelf, who didn't relish this kind of conversation, "but we will come to business, if you please." "Right you are. Let's finish floating the swindle."

the swindle." "Mr. Cambel," exclaimed the other passionately, "will you never learn to moderate your language? There are a hundred clerks within a hundred feet of you through that door, and some-times even walls can listen and repeat. Besides Lobiest altographer to your Besides I object altogether to your phraseology. We engage in no such things as swindles in the city. Our operations are all commercial enter-

prise." "Very well," said Cambel, shrugging his shoulders, "don't let's squabble over it. You call your spade what you like, only I reserve a right to slap on a plainer brand. We're built differently, Mr. Shelf. I prefer to be honest in my dishonesty. And now, as I've said, let's get to business. You say the charter of this steamer of yours, the Port Edes, has expired and she's back on your hands. She's 2.000 tons, built under has expired and she's back on your hands. She's 2,000 tons, built under Lloyd's survey and classed 100 A1. She's well engined and has just been drydocked. She'll insure for every six-pence of her value without comment, and there's nothing more natural than to send out your specie in such a to send out your specie in such a sound bottom. Remains to pick a suitable complement."

"I've got a master waiting here now by appointment. His name's Kettle. I have him to a certain extent under my thumb, and I fancy he'll prove a reli-able man. He was once in our firm's employment.

employment." "Owen Kettle, by any chance?" Mr. Shelf referred to a paper on his writing table. "Captain Owen Kettle—yes. He was

the man who lost the Doge of Venice, and since then he's never had another ship."

"Poor wretch-yes, I know. That "Poor wretch—yes, I know. That Doge of Venice case was an awful scandal. Owners filled up the board of trade surveyor to the teeth with champagne, or she'd never have been passed to sea. As it was, she'd such an unholy reputation that two crews ran from her before they could get her manned. She was as rotten as rust and tumbled rivets could make her, and she was sent to sea as a coffin ship and tumbled rivets could make her, and she was sent to sea as a coffin ship to earn her dividends out of Lloyds. Kettle had been out of a job for some time. He was a desperate man, with a family depending on him, and he went as skipper fully conscious of what was expected of him. He did it like a man. He let the Doge of Venice founder in a North sea gale, and by a marvelous chance managed to save his ship's com-pany. At the inguiry, of course, he Shelf burst into a torrent of expos-fulations, exciting himself more and bore as he went on, till at last he stood before the other, with gripped fists and the veins ridged down his neck, inar-ficulate with fury. "Cambel heard him out with a con-demptuous smile, but when the man had atormed himself into silence then he spoke. "When one trades in life and death the brokerage is heavy. You have heard imy offer. If you don't like it, say so without further palaver, and I'll leave you now—with your conscience, if you have a rag of such a commodity left." "You may sit where you are," repiled field for maintenance, putting it on the sensible men, naturally repudiated all knowledge or liability; said he was a blackmailing scoundrel as well as an unskillful seaman and threatened him with a action for libel. Kettle, net having a solitary proof to show, did the was eat dir or subside. But the in every iniquitous place from Callab to Port Said-forgers, thleves, mur-ficiency-but they say that the prime of everything gets to London, and verify believe now that it does, for, by Jove, you are the most permicious

that but a short time ago you were in

"And a fat lot of good it did me," torted the sailor. "But," he added, with the sudden recollection that it is never wise of a master mariner to irritate any shipowner, "but, sir, I wasn't talking to you. I fancied it was Mr. Cambel here who was wanting to deal with me.

"Then your fancy carried you astray captain," said Shelf. "Come, come, don't let us get angry with one another. As I repeatedly impress on all who come in contact with me, there is never any good born out of words voiced in anger. Mr. Cambel has seen fit to mention a few of your—shall I say— eccentricities, just to show—er—that we understand one another." "To show he's got his knife in me, Mr Shelf and can wraggle it if be

Mr. Shelf, and can wraggle it if he

chooses." "What a fractious pepper box it is," said Cambel, with a laugh. "Man, dear, if I've got to be shipmates with you for a solid.month, d'ye think I'd put your back more up than is necessary? If you remember me at all, you must know I'm the deuce of a stickler for my own personal comfort and conven-ience. You can bet I haven't been talking at you through gratuitous crueity. But Mr. Shelf and I have got a yarn to bring out directly, which is crueity. But Mr. Shelf and I have got a yarn to bring out directly, which is a bit of a coarse, tough fibered yarn, and we didn't want you to give it a top dressing of varnish. So, by way of safeguard, I pointed out to you that if we show ourselves to be sinners you needn't sing out that you find yourself in evil company for the first time." Mr. Theodore Shelf had been shuff-ling his feet uneasily for some time. Cambel's method of speech larred him

Cambel's method of speech jarred him to the verge of profanity. His own saintliness was a garb which he never sanchiness was a garb which he never threw entirely away at any moment. His voice had always the oily drone of the conventicle. His smug hypocrisy was a perennial source of pride and comfort to him, without which he would have felt very lonely and aban-dered doned.

At this point he drew the conversa-tion into his own hands. It had been said of him that he always addressed the house of commons as though it were the congregation of his own tin tabernacle, and he preached out his scheme of plunder, violence and other moral uncleanness with similar fervent unction. Cambel was openly amused and once broke out into a mocking laugh. He was never at any pain to conceal his contempt for Mr. Theodore conceal his contempt for Mr. Theodore Shelf, which was more honest than judicious on his part. Kettle, on the other hand, wore the puckered face of a puzzled man. The combination of cant and criminality was not alto-gether new to him. Men of his own profession are very and to behave like profession are very apt to behave like devils unbooted at sea and then grovel in clamorous piety among the pews of some obscure dissenting chapel the mo-rent they get ashore. It is a peculiar t, ait, but the average sea captain believes that he can lay up a stock of fire insurance of this sort which will comfortably see him through future efship-lass of forts. But in Kettle's mind ship-owners were a vastly different class of beings, and so it never occured to him

that the same might apply to them. In this attitude Captain Kettle listen-ed to the sermon which was reeled out to him and rather gathered that the project he was exhorted to take part in was in some obscure manner a missionary enterprise promoted solely in the honor and glory of Mr. Theodore Sheff's own particular narrow little deity, and had Mr. Shelf made any ap-preciable pause between his sonorous periods Kettle would have felt it his respectful duty to slip in a humble respectful duty to slip in a humble "amen." But the dictator of the great shipping firm was too fearful of in-terruptions from his partner to give But if Captain Owen Kettle was un-rersed in the finer niceties of the art of hyprocrisy he was a man of angular common sense, and by degrees it dawn-ed upon him that Mr. Shelf's project, when removed of its top dressing of religion, was in its naked self some-thing very different from what he had at first been drawn to beliave As this at first been drawn to believe. As this idea grew upon him the devotional droop faded from the corners of his lips, and his mouth drew to a hard straigh line scarcely to be distinguished among the curving bristles of hair which surrounded it. But he made no



POULTRY POINTS.

Don't on any account set a hen this

still dipipng her for lice. A setting time hen has not the nicest job in the world this hot weather the best she can be fixed so add as much to her comfort as you can by ridding her of all vermin. It is best to dust her again during the time she is setting and once after she trings off her brood.

Chicks that are so near gone as to actually appear dead may be rescusci-tated after a little wetting if wrapped warmly and placed near the fire. Often after a severe storm when the hens with chicks fail to reach shelter several chicks will be found so chilled and wet that little hopes of a recovery were entertained, but heat will bring them out all right. So it is always wise to get right out after each storm and see what you can find.

You will have better success with late hatched chicks if too many are not crowded under each hen. Eggs are cheap this season, so biddies' time is cheap this season, so biddles time is not worth so much to you as it was earlier in the season. So provide plen-ty of hens, turn them loose as soon as they have learned their coops and let them hunt for their flocks. They can them hunt for their flocks. They can do a better job balancing the ration than can you, and feed is plenty and the weather generally good. If you want to furnish some feed place it in the coops at night, then if they are not getting enough on the range they may have a chance to fill up, and if any remains it will be there for morn-ing. Keep watch, and if they eat up all the feed at night put in more for all the feed at night put in more for morning, as it is a sign the range is not furnishing an abundance for their needs if they come in hungry enough to eat a good deal at night.

Nearly all breeders sell eggs at half price after June 1, so if you didn't get some eggs to better your stock early in the season get some of these eggs now and hatch you a nice flock of chicks for next spring's pullets. The June hatched pullet is not the ideal breeder of course, but June or July hatched pure bred pullets are worth more than lots of April hatched scrubs. If they are given a good chance away from the older broods and kept growing with a little extra care in late fall they will note outgrow the extra early hatched pullet. We have had July hatched cockerels that we could hardly tell from the April hatched fellows by spring, but they were given extra good care and attention in early winter in that they receive no check to

Cut corn out of the ration as much as possible from now on. Corn is heat-ing and fattening, the very thing we want to avoid during the heated term. Clean skim milk is an excellent food for hot weather, but must be kept out of the direct rays of the hot sun. Must be kept in clean vessels and furnished fresh at least twice a day. The vessels should be cleaned at least once a day. Clabber is the best form to feed it in. Of course you will not by any means allow this milk to be the only means of slaking thirst—water, and that fresh and clean—must be furnished besides. There is nothing like running water for summer chicks, but of course we can-not all have this. I have one hen now

their growth.

HOW TO KEEP MILK SWEET. W. J. Frazer of the Illinois experiment month without first dusting her thor-to securing milk from your cows that will oughly with insect powder or better keep sweet for a remarkable length of station gives these suggestions in regard

> Keep the cows clean, and do not compel or allow them to wade and live in filth This means clean yards and clean well-bedded stalls. Everything short of this is absolutely repulsive and should not be tolerated any longer in a civilized community.

> Stop the filthy habit known as wetting the teats, by which is meant the drawing of a little milk into the hand with which to wet the teats before and during milking, leaving the excess of filthy milk in the pail.

Wash all utensils clean by first using lukewarm water, afterwards washing in warm water, and rinsing in an abundance of boiling water, then exposing until the next using in direct sunlight, which is a good sterilizer. Use milk pails, cans, etc., for no other purpose but to hold milk. Keep out of these utensils all sour or

tainted milk, even after they have been used for the day. Using them for this purpose at any time infects them so badly that no amount of washing is likely to clean them.

SHORT MILK SUPPLIES.

During the last six months there has During the last six months there has been a marked falling off in supplies of milk delivered to creameries. The matter became so serious that some of the large concerns have been investigating and think they have found out the reasons. Feed they have found out the reasons. Feed has been very high this season, and not many dairymen cared to face possible losses, by keeping all their cows giving milk. They picked out the best ones and dried off the rest. The difficulty of securing good help has also driven many to re-duce their herds, and do the work themselves. While these conditions may cur-tail for a time the supplies of milk which goes to creameries, in the end, it will bene fit the dairy industry by compelling dairy-men to keep better cows and feed with a precise understanding of the needs of his cows. These conditions also mean higher prices for butter this summer.

BUYING COWS ON GUARANTEE When a man starts out to buy cows for his dairy herd he finds a great many cow in the whole country for milk," but when the owner is pinned down to something definite, he refuses to commit him-self. The result is the buyer must take the cows on a more or less indefinite guarantee, and take his chances on get-ting his money's worth. This has proved very expensive to many who practice sell-ing off all their young stock, and buy enough cows annually to keep up their herds. Buying cows at sales or at stock yards is seldom satisfactory. If one could drive over the country and select the best cows he could find the outcome might be different. The truth is, many do not like to bother with calves. But we are coming to a time when more dairymen will need to get back into line of raising their calves and do away with the professional cow seller.

DON'T FOOL WITH THE BULL. Don't torment the bull, and don't put too much confidence in his good behavior. The best way to handle a bull is to mas ter him, but at the same time never put yourself where he can harm you. Let him work off his pranks out in the open yards, fool with him. His playfulness quickly develops into viciousness. It is not a good policy to allow the bull to run in the pasture with the cows, but it is needless torture to compel him to stand in a dark stall all day. The bull should have the run of a yard, well fenced, with the barn door left open so that he can get in away from the heat and files, whenever he wants to. He should be fed plenty of green stuff and have access to water at all times.

John L. Sullivan's Epigrams. From the Washington Times.

Some of the former champion's epirams are these:

'If you meet an obstacle in life don't sidestep it; straighten your right and hand it one on the point of the jaw for the count.

"The 'solar plexus' is a new-fangled name for the 'pit of the stomach.' That's where rum gets you down for the ten seconds of life's fight. So cut it out!'

"The ultra economic man is about as popular as the toothache; but he's there with the bells on when he's 80. Save your coin!" "Woman makes for all that is good

"Woman makes for all that is good or evil in man. So if you marry a woman who's the goods, hang on to her and treat her right. The Referee on high will award you the bout when it comes to climbing into your wooden overcoat for keeps!"

overcoat for keeps!" "They say a soft answer turneth away wrath, but let me tell you there's nothing like giving a fellow a good whaling occasionally just to keep him from getting too chesty. A man feels pretty cheap after he's been handed a beating." beating!



The Sole Criterion.

John Sloan, the noted illustrator and etcher, laid down a newspaper account of the sale of a Bouguereau for \$75,000. "Such sales," he said, "remind me of the conversation of old Gobsa Golde and "'Well, did ye buy that picter?' said Lotta, on her father's return from a gal-

"''No,' the old man answered.

"'Why not, pop?" "''Twan't dear enough.'"

ECZEMA COVERED BABY.

Worst Case Doctors Ever Saw-Suffered Untold Misery-Perfect Cure by Cuticura Remedies.

"My son, who is now twenty-two years of age, when four months old began to have eczema on his face, spreading quite rapidly until he was nearly covered. The eczema was something terrible, and the doctors said it was the worst case they ever saw. At times his whole body and face were covered, all but his feet. I used many kinds of patent medicines, to no avail. A friend teased me to try Cuticura. At last I decided to try Cuticura when my boy was three years and four months old, having had eczema all that time and suffering untold misery. I began to use all three of the Cuticura Remedies. He was better in two months; in six months he was well. Mrs. R. L. Risley, Piermont, N. H., Oct. 24, 1905."

But No Sparkle. A reporter asked Senator Tillman rather naliciously what he thought of a certain opponent's speech. "My boy," said the senator, "it was like

to Port Said-forgers, thieves, mur-derers of nearly every grade of pro-ficiency—but they say that the prime of everything gets to London, and I verily believe now that it does, for, by Jove. ove, you are the most pernicious coundrel of all the collection."

"Sir," thundered Shelf, "am I to lis-ten to these foul insults in my own house

"Oh, I quite understand the obliga-tions of bread and salt, but you are be-youd the pale of that. You are a moxious beast who ought to be stamped out. But you can be useful to me, so I shall hire myself out to be useful to you. But I have brought these un-pleasant facts under your notice to let you thoroughly understand that I have immed you up from horns to hoofs, and to point out to you that I wouldn't give a plastre for your most sacred word of honor. We shall be bound to community of interests alone, and if

other. "And now, if it please you, we'll go into the minuter details of this plece of villainy and sketch out definitely how we are to steal this half a million pecie and this valauable steamer out committing more murder than is absolutely essential to success."

CHAPTER V.

THE TEMPTING OF CAPTAIN OWEN KETTLE.

"It one might judge from the lac-guered majesty of your office appoint-ments," said Patrick Cambel, taking one of the big chairs in Shelf's inner sanctum, "your firm is deing a roaring business." "Si

Theodore Shelf seated himself before his desk and began sorting out some papers. "The turnover," he said evasively, "is enormous. Our opera-tions are most extensive."

'Extensive and peculiar," commented

'Extensive and peculiar," commented Cambel. But I regret to say that during the fast eighteen months the firm's profits thave seriously decreased and the scope of its operations been much hampered. I take credit to myself that this diminu-tion could have been prevented by no action on my part. It is entirely the of the working classes, fomented by the frothings of paid agitators. The series of strikes which we have had to con-tend against is unprecedented.' "Is it? Well, I don't know, There have been labor bothers all down through" "Is it? What udd wind jammer

of strikes which we have had to con-tend against is unprecedented." "Is it? Well, I don't know. There have been labor bothers all down through history, and I fancy they'll continue to end of time. If you'll recollect there was a certain Egyption king who once had troubles with his bricklayers

When it suits my purpose," returned Cambel dryly, "I mostly contrive to know something about anybody. How-ever, it's no use discussing the poor beggar any longer. What's amiss with having him in here?" Shelf touched one of the electric buttons which studded the edge of his table and a clerk anyward who want

table, and a clerk appeared, who went away again and shortly returned. With him was a shriveled up little man of about 40, with a red head and a peaked red beard, who made a stiff, nervous salaam to Mr. Theodore Shelf and then turned to stare at Cambel with puckturned to stare at Cambel with puckered amazement. Cambel nodded and laughed. "Been

carrying any more pilgrims from Port Said to the Morocco coast on iron decks?" he said. "I never did that," snapped Captain

community of interests alone, and if you can swindle me you may. Only took out for the consequences if you do try it on. I never yet left a score "We're Arcades ambo, rascals both, only we're different varieties of rascal, I know you pretty thoroughly, and if you don't know me as well possibly you will before we've done with one an-ther. "And now, if it please you, we'll go into the minuter details of this please."

don't remember.

"I'm going to forget it also, if you'll prove yourself a sensible man and deal amicadly with Mr. Shelf and myself. I'm also going to forget that when you were shipping rice for Calcutta in 1882 you rented mats you called your own to the consignor and made a tidy penny out of that, and I shall similarly let slip from my memory a trilling squeeze of \$800 which you made out of a stevedore in New Orleans before you

vedore in New Orleans before you him touch your ship in the fall of

"You can't make anything out of those," said Kettle, They're the ordi-nary customs of the trade."

"Ship masters' perquisites for which owners pay. Exactly, I know skippers consider these triffes to be their lawful right, but a court of law might be ignorant enough to set them down as robbery.

"I should like to know where've you

weeten his temper. Interruption and drank in every word till the speaker had delivered the whole of his say. Then he uttered his decision.

"So, gentlemen, you are standing in So, gentemen, you are standing in partners over this preclous business? And because you know me to be a poor, broke man, with wife and family you naturally think you can buy me to work for you off the straight. Well, perhaps that's possible, but there are two ways of doing it, and of the two U like Mr Cambel's best When a man's I like Mr. Cambel's best. When a man's a blackguard, it don't make him swal-low any sweeter for setting up to be a little tin saint. And I don't mind who I say that to."

you mean to threaten me?"

"My good man," snarled Shelf, "do "No, I don't. I just gave you my own opinion, as from man to man, just because I respect myself. But I'm not going round to your chapel to shout it out to them that sit under you Sundays. They wouldn't believe me if I did, not now at any rate. Besides it wouldn't do me any good, and I couldn't afford it. I'm a needy man, Mr. Shelf, as you have guessed, and that's why I am going to accept your offer. But don't let us have any misunderstanding be-tween ourselves as to what it foots up

"What I'm going to sign on for diwhat I'm going to sign on for di-rectly, when you hand me the papers, is a spell of piracy on the high seas, neither more nor less. And I'm going to have money all paid down in ad-vance before I ring an engine bell on your blasted tramp of a steamer. I gues that's fair enough. My family'll want something to go on with if I'm want something to go on with if I'm caught, and if one's found out at this game it's just a common ordinary hanging matter—yes, sir, swing by the neck till I'm dead as an ax, and may the Lord have mercy on your miserable tag of a soul. That's what this tea party means and for your dirty £500 you're buying a live human man."

(Continued Next Week.)

What We May Come To. Alexis Alladin, the leader of the Rus-sian duma's labor party, was marveling in New York at the strength of the labor unions of America.

"Now that I grasp the size and power of these unions," he said, smiling, "I see the point of a story that I failed to un-

derstand coming over on the boat. "An American woman told me this story, She said that a young bride was found,

one afternoon, crying birde was found, one afternoon, crying birderly in the smok-ing room of her club. ""Why, my dear,' said an elderly ma-tron, 'what is the matter with you?" "'Oh,' sobbed the bride, 'I am going to

"'Oh,' sobbed the bride, I am going to leave George. Dear me, I am going straight back to mother.' "'What,' exclaimed the matron, 'has George already proved unkind?' Well,

George already proved unkind? Well, they're all alike, my___' "But the weeping bride interrupted her.

"'No,' she said, her shoulders shaking with grief, 'George is a dear. He's per-fect. But that brute of a Henry S'mmons has refused to buy Mrs. Simmons a new dinner gown, and District No. 4 of the Amalgamated Wives' union has been or-dered out on strike."

The male population is made up of fellows who patronize manicure parlors

with a large brood of over thirty who is rearing her chicks almost without any help from us, and she gets the wa-ter supply from the spring. As soon her with her brood down at the creek, and she hasn't lost a chick, every one is strong and vigorous. They are self-reliant, too, and we predict they are going to make the stock that will go remain, too, and we predict they are going to make the stock that will go through another winter, rustling for their living. There will be no frozen combs for them, no sitting around waiting for some special brand of dainty food. They have already learn-ed the knack of making use of any and bl kinds of material for food. When

all kinds of material for food. When we get back nearer to nature's meth-ods in rearing and caring for chicks we will have less disease among our poultry and more hardy and vigorous breeding stock. It is not the fact that the chick is hatched out in an incubator that makes the majority of in mator hatched stock less hardy, but of incu more artificial methods of bringing up

the chicks. Rear them in nature's way and you can't tell how they were hatched.

The June hatched chick is a very profitable chick to have if he is taken to some distance from the house and turned loose with his mother for the first feed. Just turn them out on a little heap of sand, scatter a little fine seed near and let them go. You will find a very self reliant brood the re-sult of this method. You may need to supplement the food foraged for, especially on wet days, and a shelter must of course be handy. A good plan is to have several broods the same age and groop them in a colony. The main object is to get these late arrivals away from the trampling feet of the older fowls, the vermin of the old coops and where they may enjoy life in peace. Be sure they do not suffer for water

on these distant ranges.

If rats or other vermin trouble your flocks at night try covering the coops with half inch wire netting. It can be purchased in any width down to six inches and comes by the running foot or in the ball of 150 feet. It is not exor in the ball of 150 feet. It is not expensive and if you loose many chicks by these varmints it will pay you to cover the fronts and perhaps the bottoms of coops with the netting. Some places rats are so bad they eat through thick boards to get at the chicks, in the summulation of the coop with netting, either inside the wood or outside. Way of put ing basis. Way of put ing basis. Mrs. R. coloring some places rats are so bad they eat through the summulation of th

If you find a considerable number of fowls, either young or old, with pale combs, investigate and see if it is not lice that is sapping their vitality. Don't be too sure there are no lice till you have thoroughly investigated. If they have thoroughly investigated. It they are found, get to work and treat the en-tire bunch. It does little good to treat a fowl individually when there are lots of the pests around on other birds to spread. The quickest and surest way to treat a large flock at once is to dlp them A tobacco tea may be used or them. A tobacco tea may be used or any of the commercial cattle or hog dips. Fowls may be dusted in one of the patent dusting machines, but it the patent dusting machines, seems less humane to the fowl.

DAIRY NOTES.

Many think it is too much work to feed soiling crops. Of course it is some work, but it is the best method of helping one's scant pastures. There are times during the summer when stock should be taken off the pastures for a week or two, espe-cially in dry seasons. A nice, green crop, which can be cut and fed to the cows in the yards or mangers, will come in nice at that time.

Some dairymen who wish to keep their cows working to their full capacity feed a small amount of ground oats with bran, right through the summer. This may be a

right through the summer. This may be a good practice with cows which have been milking six or seven months, but with fresh cows they will do their best on grass and the grain fed may well ge kept in re-serve until fall.

The man who buys all his feeds and sells all his milk has an easy proposition as compared with the man who feeds his own crops to his cows. There is no way of telling how much you are getting for crops unless you know exactly what each cow is doing with her feed.

Giving a cow all she will eat does not always produce the biggest flow of milk. The profit comes in feeding a ration that will produce milk. It is estimated that twenty cows fed on good rations will produce as much as twenty cows fed on a poor ration.

A dairyman tells us the hardest thing for him to learn was the importance of finding out the value of every cow on the farm. This must be done by every dairyman sooner or later. There is no other way of putting the dairy on a safe work-

Mrs. R. G., of Harrison county, asks if coloring should be used in butter now. There will be no need of coloring during the summer months while the cows are on grass. During May and June many buy-ers even find fault with the deep natural

Some butter makers claim that butter should not be worked too long at one time, as it is apt to injure the grain. A second working in two or three hours after the first will insure an even distribution of the salt.

When building a silo it is safe to estimate that each cow will eat thirty pounds of slage a day for 180 days. Thus it will take 5,400 pounds to feed one cow six months months.

One of the best butter makers in Ohio uses a pint of buttermilk as a starter. She uses a barrel churn, and cools her cream to 58 or 60 degrees before churning.

a fine bottle of champagne." "Yes," murmured the reporter, rather taken aback.

"Yes," said Senator Tillman. "Lots of froth and very dry."

