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POPULATION OF LINCOLN, 60,000.

The men employed by Stout & Buckstaff in paying have received \$85,000 during the past season.

The enthusiasts have promised Lincoln a branch of the Rock Island system by June 1. It is to connect the Iowa line at Council Bluffs with the Denver line at Beatrice or Fairbury.

One of the very finest holiday numbers was that of the St. Louis Spectator. It had many special articles and illustrations, a number of the latter printed in colors with pleasing effects.

The New York Journalist has a card reading: "C. W. Foster, the original Omaha World humorist, mentioned by Max O'Rell in 'Jonathan and His Continent.' Personal address, Mauch Chunk, Pa."

The Evening News has added its mite towards spreading the good tidings of Lincoln's continued prosperity. Its review for 1889 was a duff ut work well executed, and redounds to the credit of its staff.

The Lincoln Packing and Provision company employs 110 persons. From March 15 to Dec. 15 it handled over 108,000 hogs weighing 31,000,000 pounds, for which \$1,150,000 were paid. During the same time it shipped 900 cars of meats.

The Omaha Mercury issued an interesting holiday number, the distinctive feature of which was a large number of portraits of well known young business and professional men of that city. The paper was bound in a colored cover with an engraved title.

Mrs. AL FAIBROTHER of this city had an article in last Sunday's Omaha Bee in which she wields a vigorous cudgel in defense of the people of the south, who have been accused by the Bee of intolerance in their treatment of the negro and of Cable for consorting with them.

"What makes Lincoln grow?" is standing conundrum, but the record proves that it does grow, and at a wonderful rate, too. During 1889 over two millions were spent for new homes, nearly a million in new business blocks. The Capital City has outdone all previous efforts.

LINCOLN now has a real estate exchange that includes most of the live dealers in the city, and they are fitting up the COURIER'S old quarters in the Burr block for offices. This exchange will do something more than sell dirt. One of its first efforts is that of seeking inducements for the location of a stove and mantel factory in Lincoln.

The state library has over 30,000 volumes, but 25,000 are law books. The State university library has 11,000 volumes, not including the 3,000 belonging to special departments. The State Historical society has a collection of 2,900 books and the city library has over 6,000. The Wesleyan and the Christian universities have also made beginnings in the same direction.

The master of ceremonies at last week's sparring match was R. J. Clancy, railroad reporter for the Omaha Bee. Bob is the man who "brought out" Kellen, and, though an all-round sport, he is a genial, clever fellow, an energetic, sharp reporter. He has just engaged to go to Chicago as railroad man on the new evening edition of the Herald at a salary of \$1,800.

OSCAR CALLIHAN, late of the State bank of Benkelman, has been elected cashier of the First National in D. D. Muir's place. He also goes on the board of directors, and T. M. Marquett takes the late A. E. Touzalin's place. Mr. Callihan has been at Touzalin's place and Benkelman for six years. Previously he was in the government revenue service in the St. Louis district.

The State Journal has published its annual review of Lincoln's building and commercial growth, and it shows a much greater progress than anyone suspected. The Journal has put a great deal of work in gathering its statistics, and it deserves the gratitude of Lincoln people in presenting in so compact and impressive a statement the story of the Capital City's growing greatness.

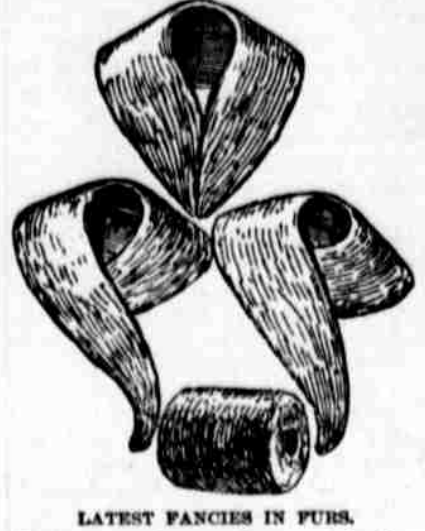
The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Press Association will be held at Kearney two days, commencing January 23d. The association was never in a more prosperous condition than at present, and it is to be hoped that every man who can possibly get away will turn out to make this the peer of all past meetings. Kearney extends complimentary hospitality to the Nebraska press and bids all quill drivers welcome. There is no class or profession that is so little in union for its own welfare as the newspaper fraternity, and simply because of lack of interest in organization. At this season of the year one man out of any office can get away for a day or two. The holiday season is over, business is comparatively quiet, and a better time could not be asked for. Turn out if possible.

GAY MIDWINTER'S GARB.

OLIVE HARPER TRACES THE FINE LINES OF FASHION'S CHANGES.

Bonn No Longer Lead—Now It Is Collars, and They Are Known as the Russian, Paris and Berlin Styles—Fash Walking Coats—Henrietta Goods.

[Special Correspondence.]
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—I suppose it would not do for fashion to remain the same all the time, though it would require the eye of an expert or a woman to tell just exactly wherein one style differs from another, so that it can be known as "in" or "out."



LATEST FANCIES IN FURS.

Bonn no longer the great desideratum. Now it is collars, and they are peculiarly snug and trim for furs, and are of Russian hare and all the medium short haired furs. The three collars shown are known by the names of Russian, Paris and Berlin styles. That which is alike on both points is the Paris, that which comes very close to the throat the Berlin, and the one which is quite open at the throat the Russian. These can be worn upon jackets, wraps or Newmarkets, or they can be detached, and thus are available for almost any occasion, even to wearing with the long silk wraps lined with squirrel furs. The muffs now worn by those ladies who like to have something a little different from "the common herd" look somewhat like a spool of cotton in shape. They are entirely without ornamentation, and the ends, instead of being faced with fluted satin, are covered with sealskin or beaver, or whatever fur the rest is made of, and the very small places where the hands go in are lined also with fur. This makes them very heavy, but very comfortable.

The different collars are very convenient and dressy, and add just that degree of comfort that is considered necessary to an outdoor winter garment. A plain Newmarket is made into a handsome garment by the addition of one.

I had a peep at some lovely new spring goods. There are new combinations in silk mohair brilliantine which render that usually harsh material as soft and pliable as camel's hair, while it is as lustrous as silk. This comes in several grades and is very beautiful. It is to be largely employed in making traveling dresses, and for other uses which demand the best wearing qualities.

There are several new designs and styles in the always beautiful silk warp Henrietta goods, some of them so fine and perfect that language fails to properly depict them. They are dead fine, strong and with an exquisite surface bloom. There is among the spring designs a new sheer material, semi-transparent, with stripes which are simply in the silk weave, and not overlaid, and these stripes have open work which resembles hemstitching, making the whole so light and graceful that the name of zephyrette is quite appropriate. There are new effects in brocade patterns. One has a loose, straggling pattern of the finest grasses, and these are so perfect that they seem to lie carelessly upon the surface of the material, and all this is cunningly woven in black, the weaving giving the effect of lights and shades.

A pretty new style in coats for young ladies is a rough and ready made of bison cloth, worn with a Tam O'Shanter cap of the same color. This is very jaunty and becoming to the jolly girl. Her reserved and prim English-you-know sister looks equally pretty in a drab elastic tricot, with a long, slim Newmarket and half a dozen little capes over the shoulders, the whole surmounted by a brown felt English walking hat. But fashion is so variable, that if a girl put on her brother's Inverness cape it would not be thought at all out of the way, and many would call it fetching.



THE NEWEST WRAPS.

A dressmaker told me recently that I ought to write it down as a law that a dark complexioned woman ought never to allow herself to be persuaded to buy a green or purple gown any more than she should take poison, or smoke a pipe, or any other such thing, for no matter what trimming she put on them, the whole run of greens and purples would make her look sallow and old. Only fair women ought to wear them.
OLIVE HARPER.

FARM, BARN AND HENNERY.

This Will Be of Interest to the Agriculturist.

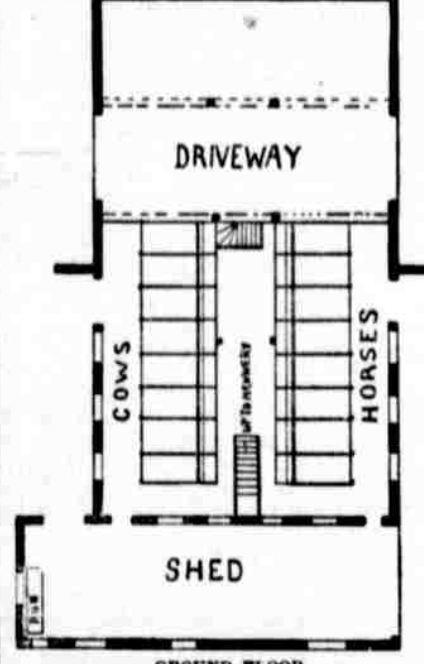
This illustration gives a correct idea of a country farm barn, from Palliser & Palliser, New York, which will interest those who are agriculturally inclined. To the farmer it is one of the most important things how he shall house his stock and provide storage for his grain, fodder, etc., and yet do it in an economical manner, and the many farm barns that are to be seen, with their chopped up and checkered appearance, indicate that this matter has not had a proper amount of study and forethought.



VIEW.

Let your barns look like barns, your houses like houses. We would not for anything have your barns be mistaken for houses or your houses for barns; for such things we have seen, and it makes us feel as if there was a screw loose somewhere. Barns should not be built for show. They should, of course, be made to look well, and be pleasant spots in the landscape, and built in the most substantial manner possible—should be arranged to save as much labor as possible in the care of the animals that are to be housed and fed in them. Let them be well ventilated and lighted, properly floored; the stonework of the foundation thoroughly built, not dry, but laid up in good cement mortar. Don't invite the rats, as they will come without.

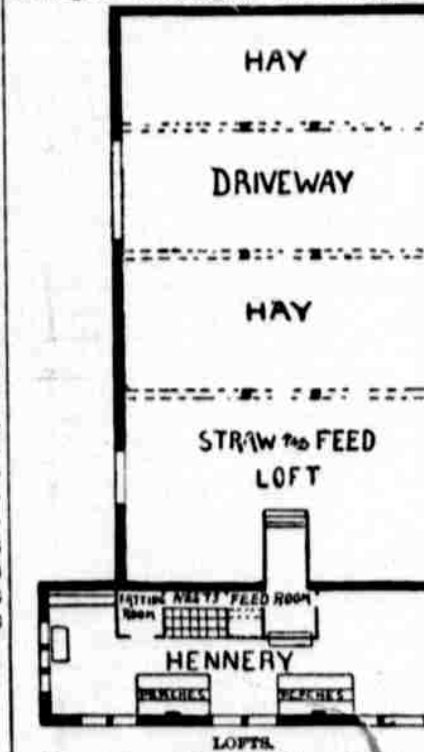
It has always been a mystery to the writer why the farmers have not, in a general way, been wide awake enough to their own interests to properly house their fowls, instead of letting them run wild over the whole place, and roost on wagons, carts and agricultural implements when not in use and stored; to



GROUND FLOOR.

Let them lay their eggs where they please, and then have pleasure of hunting for them, and often finding them at a late day—such certainly must be the case, else why so many bad eggs amongst those "nice fresh country eggs?" Chickens are one of the most profitable adjuncts to any farm, and it is a very easy matter to keep them where there is a number of cattle to feed.

The henery here shown was carried out as an addition to barn at hillside farm, New Milford, Conn. As the shed below is a necessity in connection with barn, and a roof indispensable, the only additional expense is the floor, one side and ends, with the interior fittings, to make a henery which will accommodate easily 100 to 300. The floor should be tightly boarded, then covered with a coat of boiled pitch and tar, on which spread well two or three inches in depth. This will give an elegant scratching and wallowing ground.



LOFTS.

The windows all arranged to slide sideways, the openings on outside being covered with wire netting; the feed bin built so as to hold several bushels, and arranged to take care of itself, by constructing the bottom so as to empty into a small trough into henery, in front of which is placed a perch; the chicks to feed in space adjoining marked chickens, which is inclosed by pickets, open enough for them to run through. Nest boxes are arranged in tiers, one above another, and loose, so that they can be taken through into nest room and emptied, and for setting hens, turned around and fed from nest room.

Notes on House Building.
The windows of the kitchen should be placed three feet from the floor, so that a sufficiency of wall space may be provided. Such height permits a table to be placed under the window.

Speaking tubes save more steps in a house than anything of small cost which may be added to it. The amount of running up and down stairs which they save is hardly to be estimated. There should be a tube from the family bedroom to the kitchen, one from the sitting room to the family room and one from the sitting room to the servants' room, and, possibly, one from the family room to the servants' room.

Showing John Bull Around.
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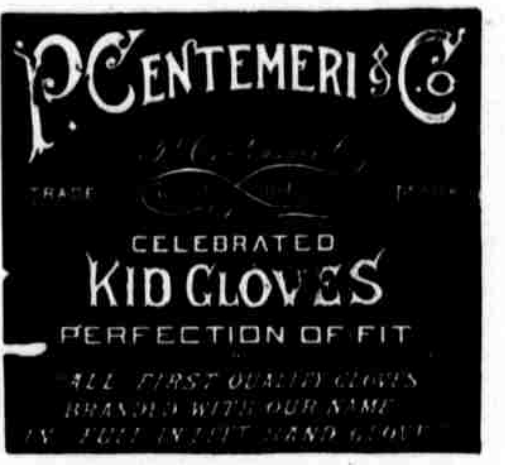
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