TOPICS OF THE TIMES. A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER ESTING ITEMS.

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mains that we can beat England at over every trifling did c ity. base bail.

W hope she is accustomed to the on the deportation of Mowbray, the management of 'salesgentlemen."

bald-headed man to strike when the application for naturalitation. The dies take his crown for a tennis court. fellow has been convicted and im-

A PEST of lady-hugs is reported at an Eastern village. The village being a summer resort, of course it has po gentleman buga

A Missouri paper mentions that De Kalb County sent to the Legislature two men who could neither read por wr te. It would have spoken better for the De Faib intelligence if the pair had been sent to night less boycotts and violent assaults in Fig. 1 the elevation, and in Fig. 2 school.

HERR Dowr's bullet-proof coat has not stood the latest test it was sub or com licity in the Haymarket lected to by the German military aubent upon success, however, he should come to Chicago and apply for a speciproof and brazen cheek.

Bees are curious little an male Before storing honey-in a tree, for instance—they will clean the tree of all rotten wood and refuse. When der contract to work for less than this is done, they are ready for work. but a bee never begins business until he is thoroughly ready to carry it on, and then he never does it by halves.

A New ZELAND chief has just arrived from his native land with a pair of wives whom he is taking to Utab, believing that there he can associate with both ladies on equal terms. The missiona les have evidently im flammed him. There is no other section of the | nited States in which the man with two wives goes t jail with quite the celerity that marks his career in

than a hundred in debt.

Whether all this would do in real

THE frequent reference to the "Midway" in the newspapers, periodicals and the everyday speech of the recole proves that the unique thoroughtare on the Word's Fair grounds took a wonderful hold upon the imagination of those who visited that most peculiar feature of the Far. The "Midway" has found entrance to church exhibitions to society festivals and pullic amusements of various kinds, and "Midway" seems to lea word that lingers longer u on the lips of the people than any other term connected with the great Columbian festival of last year.

It is not generally known that every crowned head in Europe, except the Sultan, is descended from two sisters, who were born only about 150 years ago-the daughters of Duke Ludwig Rudolph o Brunswick-Wolfesbuttel. The elder -- the Princoss Elizabeth, who married Emperor Charles the Sixth of Germany, and was the mother of the famous Em-Maria Theress-is the ancesof all the Roman Catholic royal families of Europe The younger er-the Princess Antoinetsewas the grandmother of Frederick William the Second of Pressia and her are oprung the Protestant families of Europe including se of Russia and Greece.

s armor for the soldier regular troops would al-

the army of the future to go into the AGRICULTURAL NEWS eld looking like a lot of ani ated stovenipes. And whom one set of scientists has equipped man so per- A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR fectly with protective apparatus that the weapons of another set cannot hurt them, both sides may agree that Description of a Piggery Fitted to Care they are wasting time and money in unutierable fool shness, and nations av decide to reason together rather Tax pleasing conviction still re- than to fly at each other's throats

I was good news when the Com-A "forelady" advertises for work, in ssioner of Immigration resolved English anarchist who landed in New Nosopy denies the right of the who insolently filed "first papers" of prisoned for crime in England, and, therefore, is contraband. This is no time for dealing tenderly with the murderous scum of European capitals. We have a law prohibitory of the finportation of such stuff, and it is a law that should be enforced to the letter. Almost without exception the men who have been active in plotting or prompt in executing lawception all of those who were hanged still offers a hearty welcome and a the American wave rate, or for the foreign-born anarchist.

MARITAL jealousy, everybody ad-

mits, is an ignoble sentiment: and all will admit, theoretically at least, that a due-or even an undue-admiration for the beloved object is a high compliment to the object and to the man who has chosen her above all others. How few there are though who have the broad-mindedness to live up to the theory. A man in New Jersey has that broad-minded- side of them, and so are mu h ness. The husband of a beautiful warmer, and can be used by the and much-loved wife, he went to his breeders while the pigs are quite daily work with the most unbounded THE behind hand farmer is at a confidence in her. In his absence disadvantage in every deal-cannot the tempter came, in the shape of a square is used for the sto age of grain make his own terms, has no feeling young and handsome man and sought and of straw for bedding of ndependence, can establish no by wile to win the affections of the business methods, cannot procure beautiful wife. He failed miserably, help when needed, is bringing his The wife was as true and good as she chi dren up with lose principles. was beautiful. When the wooer be-Self de ial will cure this. Count on came too ardent she screamed; the beits tight and the blades sharp cash in hand, not "money coming:" neighbors came in and the m staken and polished. It is a great mistake live upon home productions unt I the youth was handed over to the police, to try to do good work with a rusty: oint is gained. A hundred in the who took him to the station house dull hoe, or to use a shovel-plow or pocket is ten thousand times better Did the husband arm himself and proceed to 'gun" for the assailant of the ground, in addition to which it his home? Not a bit of it. He overtaxes the horses to pull it. THE typewriter on the field of bat- simply made up a picnic basket and was to be seen at the recent British man a good meal. He regarded the military tournament in the mimic ac- young man's infatuation as a genuine pointed. tion. Tommy Atkins, mounted on a tribute to his wife's beauty as well as cycle, which was surmounted by a to his own good judgment in marry sharp at all times; it will then cut I emington, rode into the arena, and ing her. I don't blame the young up the wee stand mell # the ground typed the messages taken from the man," he said; "he probably could with ve y little exertion on the part signalers, while a trained war dog not help it." Such embittions of carried the dispatches to the rear charity are rare. Perhaps on the men take the nie to whole it is well that they should be field with us warfare remains, of course, to be so. They are interesting, however, will last for several days. It refor the evidence they afford that cuires but a few minutes' work to there a e some men in the world who get the hoes sharp, and the extra can rise above prejudice and even extra good man. A German whom under tro ocation live up to the the editor had in his employ sa d the theories of their calmer moments.

Sala's Recollections of Paganini.

In Lis gossiping recollections of Regent street, George Augustus Sala says that among the dwellers in that thoroughfare was the world-famous violinist, Paganint "Him I remember well." says Mr. Saia, "not in liegent street, but at Pright n about 1836, a gaunt, weird man, with long bla k hair and hollow cheeks and flashing eyes. I never see Henry Irving w thout recalling Paganini to my mind. I can remember vividly in Kansas he uest on is not sim the impression created within me by his play. It was that be had got inside his violin a devit, and the imprisoned flend demon was now shricking and now seeking by aressing eu-dearments to obtain his literty rom the mayician with the fiddlestick nini played a fantasia on the violin at a concert given by my mother at telligent effort to make the most out was the enchanting M rie Malibran; and the illustrious violinist gave me next day, small boy as I was, n a very large frill and a "skeleuon" suit. s banknote for #50."

Louid Have Her Way.

During the rehearsals of "Romeo and Juliet" at the London Lyceum, ers. Stirling, who is the most veperable of actresses, took or asion to re-mark that the nurse was not neces-sarily old, that she should be represarily old, that she should be repre-sented as middle-ager, et ., and she appealed to Mr. Irving. "My dear Mrs. Stirling," said the manager with delicate satire, "you may make the nurse just as youth. Il so you can."

RURAL READERS

for One Hendred Pigs The Timbrel Strawberry Corn the Coming Cereal General Agricultural Sens and Notes.

A Moder Pingers.

lireeders of thorought red strains building for their fine stock, but also of many individuals. The accom-



FIG. 1. PERSPECTIVE VIEW

propagation of them are of foreign the ground plan of such an ornabirth or parentage. With one ex- mental structure. This mo el piggery is fitted with conveniences for easily caring for one hundred to one massacre were foreigners. From box, a, by the window is to re eive hundred and twenty-five pigs. The thorities If the inventor is still Most to Mowbray all the noisy pro- the swill, and the truck, c, in the mulgators of undisguised anarchy passage was to hold the mixed are foreigners. To the industrious feed of swill, grain and hot water, or men of a city alderman's bullet- and virtuous immigrant this country milk from the set beliers, h, and from the truck the pigs are fed as it is drawn from one end of the passage pleasant home, but it has no place to the other. The four pens which to the foreign-born pauper, the come in the center behind the killforeign-born criminal, the foreign- ing room, and the boiler room, d, can born laborer who is brought here un. be shut off from the pens on each

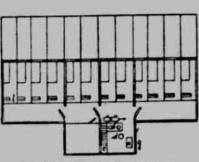


FIG. 2. GEOUND PLAN OF PIGGERY.

small The other pen- are to accommodate six large pigs or ten small ones. The upper story of the center

Lee Sharp Tools

In working either farm or garden tools, see that they are in perfect or cultivator that is so duit that it re-

it not only can not cut the weeds tie is a curious sight. It has not gave it to the se geant in charge off properly, but the ground is not quite reached that point yet, but it with instructions to give the young thoroughly stirred. Have the blades taken out and ground, or, if very blunt, send them to the shop to be

> A hoe should be kept bright and of the worker. The ed for uses a file for this sharpening, having the One work done is worth the wages of an thing of the hoes was not a good thing but it was not many days before he came to the opin on that it s ved h s strength to have a sharp boe A sharp hoe will cut through cods and among high weeds, where a dull hoe will not be able to pene trate. When the hoe is wet, rub it dry, and then rub on a little coal ol just a little will answer. - Balti

more American. Value of Irrigation.

Prof. G. H. Fullyer says lack of water is reducing the area cu tivated by of putting in one of a few crops that have their ling and regular perlods of seed time ulture and barvest. but to select a var ety that will most ng, now menacing, now suppli at- fully occupy both the farmer and the s il. Crops in which skill in growing, barves ing and marketing count for much are chosen. The farmers who was grasping his rend-tenanted of that portion whe e water is within fiddle so firmly by the th out. Paga | easy reach by windwill pump- seem in a fair way to rank the highest in in-Brighton, at which the p ima donna of the forces and appliantes with which they work. This is one of the compensations of irrigation same amount of land may be made to vield much gr ster returns, but to go this more thought must be given to the work. The people of such regions he ome well-to do not to say wealth; they are refined and edugreater population per square mile. The people are collected in villages and hamiets. The r greater variety of produ tions gives them a good liv-ing and an opportunity to make their surroundings pleasant and artistic.

his rows calve in spring, as most farmers tel do lie is not bothered much with cows and carrieg to: wilk Dec Largely to the 8 mplicity of its Gram while he is growing his sum sier orchs. Winter dairying diver-ines farm industries, and furnishes that something to do in winter, the last of which is the chief obstacle to success of Northern farmers. But it requires ensilage and warm stables for cows in winter to make winter dailying prontable. It is harder also to raise the fail-larrowed caives, partly because milk is more expensive in winter and they are ant to get less of it, of swine not only wish to have a neat and partly because when milk it is ant sometimes to be given cold, and one which will ermit the separation throw the calf into an attack of scours. With some cheaper substi-English anarchist who landed in New panying illustrations. from the tute for milk, and care not to give on phonetic principles, as panish or York in contravention of law, and American Agriculturists, present in the calf any cold feed or drink, the German, its spread would be much tute for milk, and care not to give fall calf can be kept in thrifty con-

Drooping Chicks.

Drooping chiegs may be suspected of lousiness first of all, as these parasites are deadly to the young, tender things. They should be examined carefully and if so infested should be dusted with insect powder and the ne-t changed. The poultry house should be well fumigated with burn ing sulphur, being closed during the o cration. The hen should also be powdered as the chicks are. Overfeeding is often the cause of the drooping com lained of, and as soon as a young chick is seen to hang its wings, or appears rough and weak, it is to be immediately looked after. Sometimes it will be found that the vent is closed by sticay excrement and this, of course, will be quickly fatal if not attended to The opening should be carefully freed and greased with a little sweet oil. The food should be cracked wheat or cornmeal wetted with water. Pure water must be supplied freely.

Corn the Coming Cereal. Not a few careful observers of the signs of the times predict that before the new century dawns corn will reach a higher price than wheat, which can be produced the round world over. Already the money value of this distinctively American crup is nearly double that of the wheat crop of the country. As a food it is fast ga ning high fa or among the people of the Old World. It is easil, raised and does not exhaust the soil, and has been the surest and greatest sour e of wealth for this country. The corn belt is a limited one, considering our immense area. Land within its limits has never shown any permanent depreciation la the course of events farm values in this corn belt must range higher and prove more politable th n mines and mineral wealth.

The Timbrell Strawberry.

But few newly introduced fruits have received so favorable encom ums from ex e t 1.d es and professional fruit growers as have seen shower d When collecting mammals in Wyom-



it pronounce it a var ety of unexorptional mer.L The flow reare pist liate; berries very large, unifo mly con cal, of beautiful crimson c lor: fir , and of excellent quality; season very late. Its fol age strong and healthy, and the plants are wonderfully produ tive. For qual ty, healthiness vigor, and 'arge average size combined, the intro-

Sweet Pointoes

variety to e ual it.

Sweet potatoes can endure quite a period of drought, but the rows must be kept clean, however, or weeds and rat grass will but in an arpearan e. robbing the potato plants of moisture and rendering cultivation dia cult The vines may be thrown on either side of the row to permit of the cultivator, or may be bunched around the trunks on the hills. Keep the soil lucse until the weeds are destroyed and the vines cover the ground completely.

NO ANIMAL will thrive if overfed. It will seem to gain rapidly for awhile, but, sooner or later, the digest ve organs become impaired and disease re-ults.

THE Massa husetts Experiment Station made an experiment in feeding skim milk to caives and pigs The result showed that it was e mivalent to selling milk at abc a hun-

THE young steers are the ones that pay They should be well-bred, so as to grow rap diy. There is no necessity for keeping a steer longer than when it is three years old. The greatest gain in weight is when they are young

Book farming is simply the following of the published experience of those who have devoted years of toil and thought to improved methods of farming, and the most progressive men are those who profit by the teaching of others.

WHEN the ground lecomes very dry the roots of beets and turnipare upt to split with the sudden start they will make with the first good The prevent ve is cultivation to keep the soil crumby and as a mu ch. thus preventing evaporation of the moisture that may remain in the wo.L

T . "Farm and Fireside" save that beggins grapes as soon as the binom has tallen will precent rut The truit is much more heaut-ful when grown in tags. One pound manifile tags are used. The tag is opened, drawn carefully over the bunch and pluned above the case from which the busch is growing.

SPREAD OF ENGLISH

mar and infertions. The rap d spread of English is la gely to be at rib ted to the simplicity of its g amma, which is less complicated than that of any other Western nation. Its marked poverty of in ections, as distinguished, for example from the German, sagreat point in its favor, and thus it is . tich ens er for a German to le ru Eng ish bian for an Englishman or American to learn German. On the other hand. the extraordina y orthographic in consistency of the language is a decided drawback, and there is little doubt that if English were written more rapid, to say nothing of the great boon this would be to the Anglo-Sa ons themselves, who spend years of unnecessary toil in learning to read and write the r own lan-

guage. It is not likely, however that any change will be made in this direction in the near luture, at least in England, fo the English as a nation are noted for their conservative babits, and, although they recognize t e great advantages of a phonetic s stem, are in no hurry to ad pt it. Any hange in this respect must probably be looked for to America, where a few innovations have been airea y introduced Thus, the spetling "vigor," "favor," "bonor," Tous, the etc., are American innovations, as are also 'plow," "traveler," "cen-ter," "theater," etc. (ther more recent forms as "program," and 'catalog," are already well established in America but have found little favor in England.

English speakers may be divided into four great branches, as follows: (1) The Eu opean, (.) the American, (the touth African, and (4) the Australa-ian. Each of these branches has its peculiarities, and the divergence between the four is becoming more marked every year, Of the extra-European branches, America, although the oldest, has diverged least from the pa ent system. It is su prising what a number of American words have seen introduced into England, many of which are now consider d indigenous to the soil. large proportion of the slang spoken by the middle classes in England may also be said to ave an American origin. On the other band, the Americans have retained many good old anglish words which have long ago dropped out of our home vocabu lary. - Chambers' Journal.

CUNNING OF THE COYO'LE.

Knows to Be Unarmed. The barking habit of the covote is

upon the Tim- ing, says a writer in St. Nicholas, it way a very common thing for us to bre istrawberry, way a very common thing for us to the original hear the covotes around our camp set stock of which is up a great barking in chorus at the owned by E. W. first sign of daybreak, just when the ite d. Bridge- ro sters begin to crow on the farm. port, Chio. All It is a wild and unc itivased k nd of those who have bark, ending in a falsetto howl, and resembles the ry of the jackal of in- of a friend half a mile above my dia more nearly than any other sound I ever hea d. But sir Coynte is cute. He knows e actly the distance that constitutes fair rifle range, and be knows just as well whether the stranger is armed as does the stranger himself. When hunting in the Saoshone Mountains in 188, I wanted to kill a coyote for a special purpose, but never on e succeeded in getting a far shot, even at 2.0 yards. For ten d cer claims that there is no other days we banged away industriously at every one we saw, but never touched a hai: Finally, at Corbett's ran h I left the expedition and started north by stage leaving behind me ride revolver, knife, and even scis ors. Just two hours after I had said good-by to my shooting from and taken the buckboard 'stage," we saw a coyote ahead of us, close to the trail. ing us coming he selected a soft sp t. sat gown w thin thirty rods of the trail and waited for us. We drove to pen the pigs. If a | entucky up stopped as we got opposite him, maiden steals the little silk bow from and still he did not run. That villian sat there coolly without moving wears it in her shoe she expects him a muscle, but with a leer that plainly said: "Now, don't you wish you had your old gun?" When we got through making faces at him and wishing for a gun or a revolver, or even a common stone to fire at him, we drove on, and then he got up and west bunting for jack rabbit. To this day I have been puzzling over the question: 'How did that crazy rascal find out so uickly that both the driver and I were totally unarmed?" That hed d know perfectly well I have no doubt whate er, for no covote ever waited like that for a man with a gun. Had Tough Stomachs.

Not long ago ram havmond went shooting with a small party of city ball friends. When the party reached their camping grounds they found an empty -back that had ev dently been occupied b. a similar crowd not long before. The commissary de artment of the party had neglected to provide anything in the nature of solids, and as a cun e uence the sportsmen had not, when they rea hed the snack,

partaken of food for over eight hours. "It I knew of a wolf that had suffered such pangs of hunger that are now goawing my vitals, I would creet a monument to his wolf-hip in Lincoln Park," said Raymond, as they stacked their guns in the corner of the shapty.

One of the silent members of the party, who had once been a pros pector in Colorado and who had man time refreshed himself on the buous dis overed in a deserted shack, began to "more a ound" to see what he might discover. Is a few moments

chung of ham lightly the worse for wear, but in fairly good copdition from th standpoint of a crowd of

tumishing nunters. The di cover, was hailed with shouts of joy, and inside of fifteen minutes they were feasting on the

trate: The second day of their stay they received a call from the owner of the shack, who lived just through the

"ay, fellers," said the old tarmer, you gin't eat nothin' you found round here, have yet I le t a hunk of ham here with a do e of rat poison on it, an' it u-t came to me when I heard you shootin' that you might think it was all right an' tackle it."

"We've eaten every bit on it," returned Raymond, "and I never ate anything better in my life. For one, I don't propose to go into paroxysms and die at this late hour."

Not a man in the party was sick, and they all consider themselves fairly tough men -Chicago Post.

One of the last of the bulletins of the eleventh census tells how many farms there are in the United States, and how much land, improved and unimproved is included in these farms.

There were in 1890 more than four and a half million farms in this country, against a little more than four millions in 1-80. The number of farms increased more than ha f a million, or nearly is per cent, in those ten years they include more than 600,000,000 acres, considerably more than half of whi h is improved.

Not only have the farms greatly increased in number and in total area ten years, but a large proportion of them were improved in 1890 than in 1880.

All this is very pleasant to see, from the point of view of the general well being, but there is one tendency shown to a slight extent in the farm statistics which is not altogether encouraging.

The average size of the American farm in 1080 was 133 acres. The average size in 1890 was 131 acres. This is a very small difference, quite unim: o tant except that it shows the tendency in the size of farms to be in the wrong direction.

If many farms had not become much larger in the decade through the absorption of smaller ones, or the taking up of large domains in other ways then by the homestead and preemption laws, not even the small increase that is noted in the size of the average farm, small as it is could have taken place.

ur National and tate land legis lation should encourage neither the formation of large landed estates nor the reduction of farms to a very small size. Either of these tendencles would constitute a public evil. but of the two, a tendency to large very dogiske, and his old name of barking wolf is very appropriate estates is undoubtedly the worse. Youths' Companion.

The Masher's Mistako.

An elderly lady, says the New York Journal, who keeps a fashionable up town school and who lays no claim to good looks, tells the follow ing as a oke on berself:

"The other night I left the home hou-e. It was pouring with rain. had on a heavy mackintosh and a thick well, but no univella. I started to walk home, when a swell looking Victor man approached raised his hat with a mashing smile and asked me to come under his umbrei a. I took his arm with a smile and walked w th him to my door. He said sweet things all the way. When I reached my door I thanked him for his sheltering escort. He suggested a little supper. I said

Young man, who do you take me for?' at the same time raising my veil and looking at him in the full glare of the electric light. He um ned half way across the street and cried: " The devil!""

Turned to Thoughts of Love.

In Kansas they say a young fellow is sweet on a girl when he helps her the lining of a young man's hat and to propose within a month. In Maine the signs are favorable when a young man asks the livery stable keeper for a steady horse that will og along with the lines thrown ab ut the whip. In Texas that absent m ndedness which denotes love is attributed to a yo ng man who forgets his revolver when he goes to a dance. In Lower (anida the ardent habitant begs a wooden shoe from his sweetheart to keep his tobacco in .- New York Recorder.

A Force of Nature.

The teacher had up the class in primer of natural philosophy, and she had told the young-ters the story of Newton and the apple. "Now," she in uired, "what makes

the apple fall to the ground?" Not a hand went up for some moments, and then a dirty one belonging to a small boy slowly are a

"I know," he sa d. "Weil," smiled the teacher, approvingly, "tell the class." "'C suse it's rotten."

Washington's Many Widows.

There is one widow to every sixteen and a half of the population of Washington; the whole number of widows. as appears by the recent ensus report is 15,000. The excessive proportion is accounted for by the fact that employment in many branches of the Government service has been found for the widows of suidiers.

1 's the ice man's summery way of dealing with his customers that

A DRAGON-FLY has 12,000 leness his eye. This is what lens cache ment to his view.