## Agricultural Department.

R. W. FURNAS, EDITOR.

About Flowers. A correspondent of the Prairie Farappealing voice for information in growhave long ago convinced me that farmmethods which so many horticultural received by hundreds of your readers-

I am always ready towards helping along every good thing that will promote pleasure, to give or recieve them !

I would urge upon every woman in your own beautiful land to cultivate at the culture, and refinements of town or capital. city life because we live on a farm. Having tried both. I now bless the day, and E. S. B., of Broome County, N. Y., a deceased physician's memory, that asks, "What is the peculiar excellence sent me into the country to live.

I am getting away from my subject, they set ?" and if the Editors of the FARMER will First. They are more hardy, easier indulge me in talking with the wives to raise; they do not roam so much as and daughters of their many subscribers, the common turkey; they are double, I will give them a little insight into my treble, and sometimes quodruple the method of cultivating flowers, without size of the common, and are also more hot beds and cold frames. I have neith tender in flesh, besides being a much er one to grow mine. God gives the finer flavored bird for the table. blessed sun and flowers for all, and I We have seen turkeys that weighed leave such methods to the rich. I am upward of 40 lbs. and know of a number talking to those who cannot afford the that have weighed over 50 lbs. Andrew expense of time and money, and yet are Johnson had a present of an old gobbier anxious to cultivate a variety of beautiful for New's Year's dinner that dressed BILLIARD HALL 'AND SALOON,

in all its varieties, and easily grown urist. in medium soil, neither too rich nor too poor, worked up fine and the finer the

after the frost is out of the ground, and when it is really necessary shut them make it off in squares, about five inches in a poultry yard and feed them; and apart, and sow the seeds along the mark- adopt this simple rule for feeding fowls, ed places. Cover them a fourth of an known to most housewives in the country inch deep- When three or four inches who have change of poultry, but it may in hight, transplant. (Mine bore rough be usful to amateurs, and as it is very terms. treatment last spring in transplanting, short we print it. Here it is: Don't and flourshed finely.) Water well feed too much. That is all: though we REAL ESTATE AND TAX PAYING when transplanting, and cover during may add that food should never be given the heat of the day, for a week, and they to fowls unless they are hungry enough to will do for themselves after that. Do "run crazy" after it; and just as soon not forget to keep them supplied with as they stop running crazy, you stop of them blossom the first year. All to eat at leisure. that have plants out in the open ground now, should see that they are well covered, as freezing and thawing is death \_A correspondent of the Prairie Farmer to them. Throw straw loosely over them | writing from Marion Co., Ill. says: Cov-

How to tell Good Flour. and the best and surest test of flour is to | bit to the check hook. color; if it is white, with a yellowish or drive up on the bit in good style. straw-colored tint, buy it. If it is very white with a bluish cast, or with white is of inferior quality, though of fancy one. brand high priced and white as the virgin snow drift. It has been either too low Such flour whatever may be its branded luck in hatching." reputation, though its price be at the lowest figure will make good, light, nutritious bread.

fore-quarters for 25c. The fat on the of Western farmers up to a change of

Smoking Bees-A Correction. A correspondent of the Prairie Farm

er says: "A good piece of dozy wood one foot in length, and two inches in diameter, will last an expert beekeeper J. STEVENSON. long enough to overhaul, at least a dozen colonies, and will not hang fire even where temporarily laid aside. The adverb "not" negatives the meaning that I wish to convey. Dozy wood, well dried, will burn freely when it is necessary, mer says: Many of your subscribers' to lay it aside for a few minutes, and it wives and daughters, have sent up an let alone will burn itself up. This is one of the essential features of dozy wood. ing flowers "without so much trouble." and which is not possessed by tobacco Now, years of observation and reading preparations, or cotton rags. Cotton rags, which are used to some extent are ers wives have little time to the elaborate very objectionable on account of the time and trouble that are taken up in their writers surround the cultivation of those preparation before they can be used for beautiful gifts of God, and I am not sur- smoking bees, and also because they prised to recieve so many inquiries and make them more or less irritable. They entreaties to tell them my method. Some dislike the smoke of rags so much that have assured me it would be gladly they will even sacrifice their lives by Will do BLACKSMITHING of all kinds tumbling into the fire

No practial beekeeper has any use, unless he has some selfish motive to subthe good, the true and the beautiful; serve, for the so-called "bee-charms;" thus, I am a possionate lover of flowers, they are a base imposition upon the bee and the greatest pleasure a friend can keeping fraternity. It is much better. give me is a new variety, and yet, I in case you have money to give away, to never could tell which was the greatest give it to the poor, not in heathen lands, B L A C K S M I T H but to those in your own localites.

As machienery cannot be used to its least a few flowers and, more especially, fullest extent and with the greatest econthe woman of our country homes, for omy on small farms, Mr. J. Harris says they of all others, need some mental in the American Agriculturist that in relaxation after the toil of the day is this county we must have larger farms. over; and a few moments after the sun The tendency is already apparent. We is down, will accomplish much. I live on may deplore it, and argue against it, but a farm, and have for the last few years, cannot stop it. He adds: It is certainly and know something of what I write, far better to have a small farm highly when I say, that farmers' wives and cultivated than to have a large one half daughters do not cultivate the beautiful tilled. But a large farm may be cultias much as they ought; they labor until vated as highly as a small one-and at "too tired to move" and then sit down to less expense per acre. In England, as a knit or sew until bed time. Let them rule, the largest farmers are the best commence cultivating flowers, and that as farmers. One of the most highly cultiextensively as possible, and when "too vated farms I ever saw contained over tired to move," go out in the midst of 3,000 acres, and I do not recollect ever them and see if it is not refreshing to seeing a farm of fifty acres or less that the weary body. Let her take her chil- would at all compare with the more libdren with her and interest them in erally managed large farms. This is very this really pleasant work. There is different from what it is here, and one no good reason why we should eschew main reason is, a deficiency of working

of the Bronze Turkey? how heavy do

over 20 lbs. We own a gobbler, seven Antirrhinum, or Snap-dragon seems to months old, weighing 25 lbs., and a hen be the rage now, and it is really a beauty turkey weighing 22 1-2 lbs. - Horticult-

Solon Robinson, in his book, Facts for Farmers, says; "If you don't want hens Prepare the bed as early as possible in mischief, feed them; and at times water for two or three weeks after trans- thowing feed, and never--no, neverplanting. They are perennial, but many leave feed lying by your fowls "for them

A CURE FOR TENDER MOUTH IN HORSES. er the bit with one or two thicknesses of harness leather, take the check rein out of the gag-runner on the sides of The proof of a pudding is in the eating the bridle letting the straight from the

cook it, but it is frequently desirable to The iron rust on the bit causes a canknow how to select good flour at times ker sore in the corners of the mouth, when it is very inconvenient to apply this which makes a horse very unpleasant to test, and at such times it is well to ob- drive. The leather will heal the sore. serve these rules: First, look to the and in two weeks time, the horse will

TIMOTHY AND CLOVER .- A corresponspecks in it, refuse it; second, examine dent of the Northwestern Farmer, gives its adhesiveness, wet and knead a little the three following reasons why clover of it between your fingers; if it works and timothy seed should always be sown soft and sticky, it is poor; third, throw together: First, the clover being tapa little lump of dry flour against a rooted penetrates deeply, stands drouth, smooth surface, if it falls like powder, it mellows the soil, and the timothy grows is bad; fourth, squeeze some of the flour much stronger and holds up the clover. in your hand, if it retains the pressure. Secondly, if sown for pasturage, the that too is a good sign; fifth, place a timothy almost universally prevents the thimbleful of it in the palm of the hand clover from "swelling" the cattle. Thirdand rub it gently with the finger of the ly, hay is too binding, especially for other hand. If it smooths down under cattle, and clover too succulent, hence the finger, feeling silky and silppery, it both together are better than either al-

An Eastern poultry breeder says, in ground or made from damaged wheat' the Stock Journal, that he packs eggs or perhaps having an unusual percentum for shipment for long distances as folof gluten-murdered with dull burs, and lows: "We wrap each egg in separate will never make good, light wholesome piece of paper. They are then packed bread. But if the flour rubs rough in in a box with sawdust; this box is then the palm, feeling like fine sand, and has put in a large one and hay stuffed around an orange tint, purchase confidently. it to prevent jarring. We have numer-Flour that will stand all these tests, it is ous letters from persons that have pur- CITY safe to buy. It will not disappoint you. chased eggs, saying they had the best of

A writer in the North Western Farmer says that the grain-growing West The largest sheep ever seen in Amer- will soon be practically shut out from in the most satisfactory and workmanlike manner. ica, it is claimed, was lately sent by Mr. the South as a market for their surplus John Colly, of Albion township, Canada, grain, as that region will soon produce a to Hitchcock & Son, of Faneuil Hall surplus which can be sent to the New TEACHER OF MUSIC. market, which was on exhibition this York market weeks in advance of its week in the market. The sheep was of western competitor. This change in the Leicester breed, three and a half market relations, will compel one in the years old, and weighed, alive, 458 line of production at the West, and the pounds; dressed, 358 pounds; and \$100 beet; for sugar purposes, is selected as best calculated to secure beneficial results. ters to be sold at 50c. a pound, and the It will take some time to educate the mass ribs was eight inches thick. It was a this character; but that it will be made REAL ESTATE AGENTS, AND wonder, even in Hitchcock & Son's stall, is scarcely a matter of doubt, unpopular DEALERS IN LAND WARRANTS AND AGof fifty years standing or more in the as the sorghum and sugar business now

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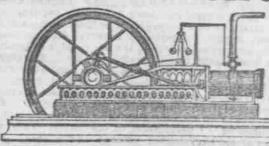
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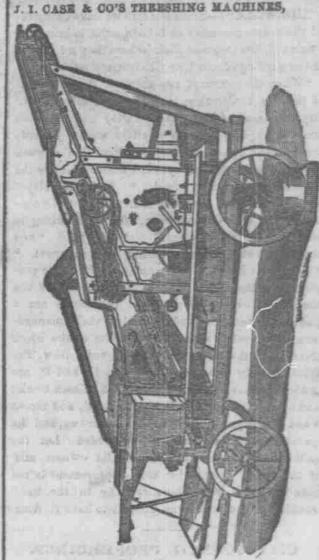
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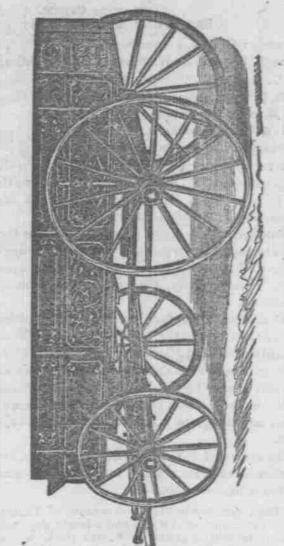
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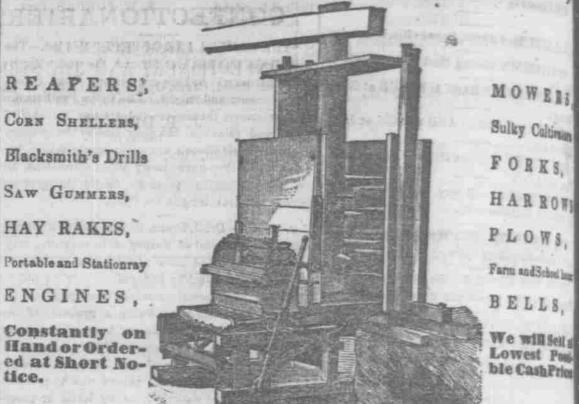
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