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Nervous
People wonder why their nerves are so weak; why they get tired so easily; why they do not sleep; why they have frequent headaches, indigestion and nervousness. The explanation is simple. It is found in that impure blood feeding the nerves and muscles. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, restores strength and vigor. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a simple, effective, and safe remedy for all nervous troubles.

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Unanimous Choice
The New York Morning Journal recently offered ten leading makes of bicycles as prizes in a guessing contest, giving the winners free choice of any one of the ten machines. The result was ALL of the ten winners selected Columbia Bicycles.

Columbia Bicycles
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DAIRY AND POULTRY.
INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.
How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

The Presidential Succession.
The Presidential and vice presidential offices have never in our history been vacant during a presidential term. The late President Harrison died in office—Harrison, Taylor, Lincoln and Garfield, but the vice president took up the office and survived the term. Vice President Grant, who had died in office, John C. Calhoun resigned to become senator from South Carolina. In 1886 the late President Harrison died in office, and the vice president, Chester A. Arthur, succeeded to the office.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.
It would seem as if every dairyman should be done with keeping scrub stock. Yet so much scrub stock there is still in the country. It costs just as much to keep scrub stock as to keep pure-bred blooded stock, but with a vast difference in results. The scrub cow gives perhaps one hundred pounds of butter fat in a year, while an improved cow produces three or even four hundred pounds of butter in the same period of time. The contrast is very plain and obvious. In one case we have nothing but lost opportunity and money losses. In the other reasonable profits and a comfortable, successful business. What with oleo and heavy butter production, the dairyman can afford to neglect the best chance he has. If he cannot fix market prices, he can produce large quantities of the best butter at lowest practical cost. Another thing to think of is whether or not the best and cheapest feeds are being used. The dairyman must be a close observer and student of feeding values and composition of feeding stuffs. He must not only know what are the best feeds for his own purpose but what are really cheapest for him under the conditions with which he is surrounded. What is the most economical feed for a dairy cow? The answer is the same for another. Gluten, cottonseed and linseed meals are now quite low in price, and as they are very rich

How to Buy a Carriage.
The great need of the times is a condition whereby the producer and consumer may deal with each other without the intervention of the middleman. The common carrier should be the only middle man. The Elkhart Carriage and Harness Co., of Elkhart, Ind., deals directly with the consumer. Their goods are shipped anywhere for examination on a trial basis. Every carriage, every harness, every article sold, warranted. One hundred styles of carriages, ninety styles of harness and forty-one styles of riding saddles. Send for their 112 page catalogue. This concerns does an extensive business throughout the United States.

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Concrete in Cow Stables.
Some one has said that you can't abstract fertility through a concrete floor. It is true. Drainage away from a manure pile indicates a lack of fertility. It is hard for some farmers to understand that the liquid manure contains all the digested portions of the food that are passed by the animal. These digestible parts are soluble, and not only quickest in their action as plant food, but easiest to run away if not held by a concrete floor. With concrete floors and plaster for an absorbent we may add much to the value of manure, not alone by saving the fertilizing value of the liquids, but by retaining moisture in the pile.—Rural New-Yorker.

Gladness Comes
With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the only remedy which cleanses the system, cleanses without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to take when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and sold by all reputable druggists.

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AYRSHIRE COWS.
The illustration on this page shows two Ayrshire cows, named "Olympic" and "Mabel." They are considered very fine types of their breed. The cuts are reproduced from the United States annual report. The consul at Leeds, England, makes the following report on the Ayrshire breed in the United Kingdom.

The Ayrshire ranks among the best cattle for dairy purposes. It has few equals for this, but is not held in high estimation for beef, because too small. The Ayrshires are good feeders when dry. They are a hardy race. Their home on the Clyde and near the Irish Sea consists of moorland, hills, and in some parts undulating surface of common clay. The hills are light, rocky, and with poor herbage. The narrow valleys have sweeter food. Toward the sea there are great stretches of barren sand. The climate is moist, and the district greatly exposed to continual wind and moist vapors from the Atlantic. There are a few tracts of useful land, but throughout the fertility is very moderate.

The origin of this breed is difficult to trace. No particular men seem to have stood out prominently as breeders or improvers. The chief excellence of the breed is supposed to have arisen from the peculiar circumstances of climate, soil and situation of several of the western counties of Scotland. The farmers in these districts noted the points that indicated good milkers, and, as a consequence, a very superior breed of milkers was established. No breed of cattle in Scotland produce a like quantity of milk, butter and cheese with the Ayrshire.—Farmers' Review.

Stable Floors.
In the Western prairie states wood is perhaps the most extensively used material for flooring stables for stock. It is largely used on account of its convenience and general adaptability, though there is a growing feeling that it is on the whole quite unsatisfactory. The plank floor is short lived; it is made water tight with difficulty, and above all it is objectionable for horses because of the sharp edges, or splinters. For cattle and hogs the same objections prevail to a considerable degree. Cement floors are gaining in favor and are quite acceptable though rather expensive. They should also be covered with plank for horses. The cement floor in a new stable barn have been in use over a year and have given good satisfaction. When well bedded they are very satisfactory for cattle, hogs and sheep. The station floors were made by laying three inches of concrete composed of one part of cement and four parts of sand or Portland cement, well mixed, and packed well on a foundation of sand and gravel, and the surface was then finished with a three-quarter inch covering of cement and sand in proportion of four of cement to seven of sand, and smoothed and level except as otherwise directed. These floors have worn well even where horses wearing shoes have walked on it. Such a floor is cold in winter, however, unless used inside of a warm building and bedded used freely. This kind of a floor may be made at cost of 10 cents a square foot.—C. F. Curtis in Rural Life.

Preventing Egg Eating.
In this issue E. S. Hatch asks how to stop hens from eating eggs. The editor of the poultry department of the Farmers' Review would suggest that where it is possible to do so, the building should be located in a protected position, where the force of the strong north winds will be broken. These winds will penetrate through every crack and crevice that makes an opening into the henhouse. It is not so difficult to keep the temperature even when the weather is calm. This is the main secret to success in the winter time, especially if you want healthy birds and lots of eggs.—Farmers' Review.

Advantages of the Silo.
1. The silo stores away corn more safely and more permanently than any other plan. Silage is practically fireproof, and will keep in the silo indefinitely.
2. Corn can be made into silage at less expense than it can be preserved in any other form.
3. The silo preserves absolutely all but the roots of the corn.
4. Silage can be made in the sunshine or in rain. Unlike hay, it is independent of the weather.
5. When corn is ready for the silo, there is but little farm work pressing.
6. Corn is worth more to the dairy farmer than in any other form.
7. At least one-third more corn per acre may be fed on silage than on dried corn, stalks or fodder.
8. Corn is fed more conveniently as silage than in any other form.
9. Silage is of most value when fed in combination with other food richer in protein. It is not a complete food.
10. Owing to its succulence and bulkiness, silage is the best known substitute for green grass, and is therefore especially valuable as a winter food.—Jersey Bulletin.

Sound Breeding Animals.
The greatest drawback in the way of progress in breeding and growing horses is the stubbornness of men who stand in their own light and refuse to change practice even when satisfied that gain will follow. They cling to the old broken down mares and persist in using the cheapest stallions, regardless of quality. What a mating will be likely to insure is of minor consideration, so that a self bred is not a complete loss. Some of the more progressive breeders have withdrawn their stallions from public service and admit only selected mares owned by men who are seeking to grow and develop the best. If there is a dollar for the owner of a sound mare, then he should be shown that he can avail himself of the best by the use of none but the best.—Ex.

A Dairy Money Crop.
Dairy products constitute a "money crop." They may be made to yield regular returns throughout the year. This has already been discovered in spots, and a good many individual farmers are reaping the advantages. Most of the cities and large towns report larger surplus of local or country made butter than ever before. And this is fast improving in quality, and becoming more acceptable to the consumers.—Ex.

Temperature in Poultry Houses.
Rucker Bros., Illinois—We use no thermometer. We try to keep the temperature just so warm 'tween. Do not use artificial heat, as we do not think it advisable. The fowls are more

Worth Knowing.
"Just look at that man trying to light his cigar," remarked an observing individual. He pointed, as he spoke, toward a smoker who had taken refuge behind the bronze sign of "The Lion Fighter" in front of the postoffice building. He had struck several matches, but as he held them in the hollow of his hand they flickered and one by one "Now, if that fellow knew the secret he could hold that match between his palms until it burned down to his fingers. All that is necessary is to open a little air space between the hands in back of the match to allow the circulation of air. By holding his hands tightly together he is unable to do this. He should separate the palms and puff the match out. Any one who is up to the trick of holding the hands slightly apart while the match is burning can light a cigar successfully nine times out of ten in the stiffest kind of a breeze."—Philadelphia Record.

When Bathing the Baby.
The best kind of soap to use when bathing the baby is made of two thick pieces of flannel with a piece of rubber cloth laid between. The rubber prevents all possibility of the dressing wet, and can easily be removed when the apron is laundered.

Two Lots of Piso's Cure for Consumption
cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 26, 1895.

Walter Baker & Co., Limited.
Dorchester, Mass., the well-known manufacturers of Breakfast Cocoa and other Cocoa and Chocolate preparations, have an extensive collection of medals and diplomas awarded at the great international and other exhibitions in Europe and America. The house has had an uninterrupted prosperity for nearly a century and a quarter and is now not only the oldest but the largest establishment of the kind in this country. The high degree of perfection which the company has attained in its manufactured products is the result of long experience combined with an intelligent use of the new forces which are constantly being introduced to increase the power and improve the quality of production, and cheaper the cost to the consumer.

Calling a Dog by Telephone.
An intelligent hunting dog who had strayed away from his owner in New Bedford, Conn., recently, and the finder notified the dog's owner in Winsted. The New Bedford man called up the owner by telephone for arranging or returning the dog's car, and while talking asked the owner the dog's name. "Hold him up to the telephone," was the reply. The part of the instrument was put against the dog's ear, and the owner called, "Dash." The dog recognized the voice, and set up a barking which showed his joy.—Boston Herald.

To Test Coffee.
To test coffee put a spoonful gently on the top of a glass of water. If the coffee is good it will sink to the bottom in a minute, but if chicory is mixed with it it will sink to the bottom at once, rapidly absorbing the water and also giving the water a dark reddish tinge.

The Conservative Woman.
Writing of "The Conservative Woman" in February Ladies' Home Journal, Mr. Ashmore, considering her "a companion," says this pretty tribute: "She is the woman who with her husband and her sons is the best company in the world. She is not only a companion, but a spiritual atmosphere, that is a rest to the weary, especially to the weary man. She is not a pig. She is in sympathy with whatever the man may be doing; in many ways she may help him with it, but when he has turned off the tram-bells of life she finds in her own sweetness, all the rest and all the happiness that can be given by a woman who sets her life so that it is like perfect music unto perfect words."

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Rattlesnakes, Butterflies, and ... ?
Washington Irving said, he supposed a certain hill was called "Rattlesnake Hill" because it abounded in butterflies. The "rule of contrary" governs other names. Some bottles are, well, positively labeled "Sarsaparilla" because they are full of it, so we don't know what they are full of, but we know it's not sarsaparilla that can be relied on to be all it claims. It's Ayer's. It has no secret to keep. Its formula is open to all physicians. This formula was examined by the Medical Committee at the World's Fair with the result that while every make of sarsaparilla was excluded from the Fair, Ayer's Sarsaparilla was admitted and honored by awards. It was admitted to the World's Fair because it was the best sarsaparilla. No other sarsaparilla has been so honored. God motto for the family as well as the Fair: Admit the best, exclude the rest.

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WATER
The secret of success in society is a certain heartiness and sympathy. A man who is not happy in company cannot find any word in his memory that will fit the occasion; all his information is a little inert. A man who is happy there finds in every turn of the conversation occasions for the introduction of what he has to say. The favorability of society are able men, and of more spirit than wit, who have no uncomfortable egotism, but who exactly fill the hour and company, contented and contenting.—Emerson.

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