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ine face of even negative and affect tionate disparagement she is moved to deciare berself.

One thing, indeed, it was to own yellow, time-stained valentine, and quite a different one to be of the dimpled throng who crowded the Jonesville postoffice on Valentine's day. "I reckon them young ones would think it was perfec'ly re-dic'ious ef I was to git a valientine at my time of hife," Miss Jemima said, aloud, to her looking gians one morning. It was the day before St. Valentine of the year following her day of tears. ville postoffice on Valentine's day. following her day of tears. "But I'll show 'em!" she added, with

next day a great envelope addressed to Miss Jemima Martha Sprague came in with the package of lesser favors, and Miss Jemima suddenly found her-self the absorbing center of a new in-self the absorbing center of a new in-self the absorbing that after having

thirty miles of Jonesville.

of the family. it save in an added tenderness. And, of course, he could not know. tional.

The valentine had hitherto always been mailed in Jonesville-her own town. This Bostmark had been noted and commented upon, and yet it had seemed impossible to have it otherwise. But this year, in spite of many complications and difficulties, she had resolved that the envelope should tell a new story.

The farthest point from which, within her possible acquaintance, it would naturally hall was the railroad town of-let us call it Hope. The extreme difficulty in the case lay

in the fact that the postoffice here was Fourteen years ago she had been in was the flush of this, her only romance, and kept by her old lover. Ell Taylor. sweeter than a St. Valentine's day had brought a reticent bachelor days, selling plows flute, her step great, thick envelope, in which lay, and garden seed and cotton prints and

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR provided, and the shepherd should

when who took charge of the eld wer's room in Hope and who had a investigating way with her; pro-loced seven or eight torn scraps of aper collected at this period from his man hower or each of which

"You sha'nt never want for a fresh some resolution, as she turned to her the again every year long as I live,

piness was a resurrection from the For ten years her self-sent valentine | dead, and belonged to the Easter seawas a mystery to the other members son, and there was no one to object. Miss Jemima showed her new valen-

rigid reticence in regard to all those On the anniversary upon which this that had come between that and the little record of her life had opened, old one; and so, seeing the last one the situation was somewhat excep- actually in evidence, and rejoicing in

tale. While it is a good thing to study wool. But with equally good managedairy breeds, it is even better to study ment the lambs may bring to when 8 dairy cows. Success with the cow is of 9 months old \$5 or \$6 a head. And the fundamental problem in dairying. It may easily be that these lambs may

class; fail for behind. One of the first essentials is to be able to distinguish a good dairy cow from one that is not

dairy cow at all. It will be observed that there is a wider range of variation between the individual cows in any one breed than between the breed themselves; so the selection of a breed is only initial step in dairying. Generally there is a widdr relative variation between the cows of a single dairy herd than between the several dairy

OUR RURAL READERS.

Dairy Indusify to Ireland.

According to the registrar general's

escapes because the polson is carried of through the milk, and we minet albreeds. A great many farmers say they have to time to read. This is just the reason, way consider the results of any disas a rule, why they do not succeed betease in a nursing ewe as so much poison to the sucking lamb. Then the ewe ter. The man who does not read may be a hard worker, but he is apt to have a poor judgment. A look over the must be treated, but with care, for the same reason that the medicine will afcountry will convince any man that the country will convince any man that the fect the milk. It will be sufficient to most successful farmers are invariably change the food of water of the ewe and give the lamb a single teaspoonful the most intelligent. - At a meeting of the Edinburgh Association of Science of castor oil, followed in an hour by and Arts, Mr. John Laing, F. I. C., a dose of five to ten drops of a mixread a paper on "Dairy Products, from ture of finctures of laudantim, thu- baking powder is almost helpless in barb and Get Them, and as We Ought to Get spasms, while a few feeds of linseed have been obliged to settle down to use Them." In order to get the best re- and bran mash will tend to put the nothing but the Royal. It is stronger sults from the dairy, cows should be ewes in a healthful condition. Dairy- and carries further at first, but above fed and kept under the best possible men are specially careful of the feed- all things, it is the only powder that conditions. He was of opinion that ing of their cows; the shepherd must will endure the severe elimatic changes grass grown on sewage lands was not be equally careful of the feeding of the of the arctic region."

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pended upon. Shelter should be

cold, which is fatal to the weaklings.

However in this particular case, it DAIRY AND POULTRY. that, to the effect that the winds are ARE YOU TO LIVE IN ALASKA?

The universal article of diet in that take care that is the lambs are dropping they and the dama should be led or driven to the sheltering shed, which country, depended upon and indispensable, is bread or biscuit. And to make needs only the simplest protection the bread and biscuit, either in the against winds mostly, but also against camp or upon the trail, yeast cannot be the cold rains. The dry cold wind is used-it must be baking powder; and not nearly so injurious to the weak the powder manufactured by the prolamb as the cold rain. This evaporacesses of the Royal Baking Powder tion from the skin produces excessive Company, miners and prospectors have learned, is the only one which will According to the registrar general's In choosing a breed it must be con-report, says British Dairy World, the sidered that the mutton will be the stand in that peculiar elimate of cold number of milch cows in Ireland in main source of profit for the future. and dampness and raise the bread and bisenit satisfactorily.

1896 was 1,429,795, or 13,422 below the the fleeces being the second considera-These facts are very important for average of the preceding five years. tion. Consider an example. A small From this is would seem as if foreign flock well managed may bring even as every one proposing to go to Alaska and the Yukon comitry to know, for should be be persuaded by some outfitter to take one of the cheap brands of baking powder, it will cost just as much to transport it, and then when The dairy industry in some districts be one and a half or even twice as he opens it for use, after all his labor has made about as much improvement many as the even. The lambs may in packing it over the long and difficult as it can under present conditions, un-til the cow and her management is im-\$2 a head. The balance goes to show or a lot of spolled powder, with no proved. It is universally recognized the greater profit of the meat. We strength and aseless. Such a mistake that many of our butter makers rank must think of this and at the same might lead to the most serious results. among the foremost of the world, but time also think, not so much of the Alaska is no place in which to experitoo many of our dairy herds, as a special market lamb reared in a hot ment in food, or try to economize with house at great cost, but those that your stomach. For use in such a come in the early spring easting noth- climate, and under the trying and ing for care or feeding over the pas- | fatiguing conditions of life and labor ture. Let the wool pay the cost of in that country, everything must be keeping the twe and there is a profit the best and most useful, and above of 100 per cent from the mutton alone! all it is imperative that all food sup-The prevalent disease of young plies shall have perfect keeping qualilambs during the first three months of ties. It is absurd to convey over such life is diarrife with cramps and difficult and expensive routes an artispasms, by which the weak young cle that will deteriorate in transit, or things perish very quickly. This is in , that will be found when required for most all esses due to something wrong with the feeding of the ewes. The ewe me to have lost a great part of its

value. There is no better guide to follow in these matters than the advice of those the have gone through similar experienco. Mr. MeQuesten, WIQ is called "the father of Alaska," after an experience of years upon the trail, in the camp, and in the me of every kind of supply, says: "We find in Alaska that the importance of a proper hind of baking powder cannot be overestimated. A miner with a can of bad ginger. This will allay the Alaska. We have tried all sorts, and

some resolution, as she turned to her bureau drawer And she did show them. On the next day a great envelope addressed to Miss Jemima Martha Sprague came Miss Jemima posted a note on the revolved about her awhile few of in steel wording in the church on Easter supplied toward twirf finding light that the state and lover's idea bachefor or widower within a radius of to have it then, as he said their hap

As the years passed, if her brother | tine to the family before the welding began to suspect, he made no sign of came off, but in spite of all their coaxing and begging, she observed a

competition in butter was telling its much as one dollar a head for the

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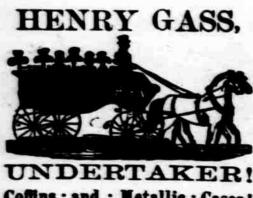
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And not a waist in all the town was entine. neat as Eveleen's. Oft before her ivied window in the snowdrifts or the dew He had lingered, looking fondly at the them had not been borr, but they tapers shining through, But the maiden was as bashful as her of it. beauty was divine.

So now he sought to woo her with a arose a foolish lovers' quarrel-Eli had dainty valentine gone away in anger-and that had been the end.

maid with curis

of gold.

Her voice

Before him on the table lay a rose of Disputes over trifles are the hardest to mend, each party finding it difficult velvet red. A fillet wrought of silver just to fit her

curly head. A string of coral, rosy like her glowing finger tips. And frosted sugar plums to melt like

1 kisses on her lips. And yet he could not make a choice. till Cupid, straying near,

Behind his gilded quiver hid a smile that held a sneer; "Go write," he said, "a pretty note, and ask her to be thine. And seal it with a kiss to send by old

St. Valentine." The lover took a scented sheet, in hue of palest pink. And on it with a siender quill he wrote

in blackest ink: "Dear Eveleen!-sweet Eveleen! thy name is my delight. It maketh music in my heart from morning until night. 'Tis mating time for all the birds, and

happy things are they. "THIS LOOKS MIGHTY SUSPACIOUS. But I am left a lonely man to sigh my life awav-

To sigh my life away, my love, if thou wilt not be mine. for so slight a cause. Oh, come to me, fair Eveleen, and be And so the years had passed my Valentine!"

hearts.

found joy again?

Across the purple eventide, and over hill and dale heart. And then came the memorable The moon, a silver crescent, flung her first anniversary when the children of glory like a veil. the household began to celebrate the And still he sat a-dreaming of the lips he longed to kiss.

When inward swung the oaken doorwhat vision fair was this? A slight and graceful figure all in ruby velvet dressed. With a tear upon her lashes, and a lily on her breast. He felt her arms about him in their

snowy whiteness twine: the old valentine. "I come to thee, my dearest love, to be thy Valentine!"

Oh, ye laggard lover pining like the youth of olden times For a shy and lovely maiden, find a lesson in my rhymes. Do not woo her at a distance, sighing at her garden gate.

Lest another boldly enters and you find yourself too late. Do not send her cards of satin scattered o'er with flying doves. And a wreath of roses tended by a host of dimpled Loves. But a frankly written letter, with your

heart in every line: And she will come, like Eveleen, and be your Valentine.

-Minna Irving.

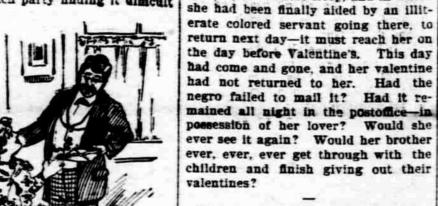
THE LOST YEARS.

patent medicines, and keeping postoffice in a small corner of his store.

The oldest children had been very As Miss Jemima pondered upon the small when this resplendent confection thought of sending herself a valentine had come into their home. Some of through her old lover's hands, the colhad all grown up in the knowledge impossible green to rosy red.

Instead of dreading, she began ar-Shortly after she received it there dently to desire this thing.

But the only possible plan by which



SIS MIMIE."

ever, ever, ever get through with the children and finish giving out their valentines? Miss Jemima had not long to wait. and yet it seemed an age, before the distribution was over, and she felt rather than saw her brother moving in her direction.

"Bigger an' purtier one 'n ever for Aunt 'Mimie this time-looks to me like," he said, as at last he laid the great envelope upon her trembling knee.

"Don't reckon it's anything extryin partic'lar," she answered, not at all how?" knowing what she said, as she conto forgive the other for being angry tinued her work, leaving the valentine where he had dropped it: not touch-

ing it, indeed, until she presently For ten long years the beautiful val- wound up her yarn in answer to the entine had lain carefully put away. supper-bell. Then she took it, with For five years Jemima had looked at it her work-basket, into her own room, with tearless eyes and a hardened and dropping it into her upper bureau drawer, turned the key.

As she sat to-night looking at the outside of the envelope, turning it over and over in her thin hands, great hot tears fell upon it and ran down upon her fingers, but she did not heed them.

It was even dearer now than ever before, after this recent passage through her lover's hands. At this thought she raised it lovingly and laid it against her cheek. Could he have handled it and passed it on without a

With a new, strange tremor about thought of her? Impossible. And her heart and an unsteady hand she since he had thought of her, what must took it out, and when in the light of have been the nature of his thoughts? awakened emotion she saw once more Was he jealous-jealous because someits time-stained face and caught its musty odor, she seemed to realize heart a valentine? again the very body of her lost love,

and for the first time in all the years the fountains of her sorrow were great pains and trouble from a sample tell the boys about it. broken up, and she sobbed her tired catalogue and ordered from a distant heart out over the old valentine. Is there a dead-hearted woman in all ated with love symbols.

God's beautiful world, I wonder, who would not weep again, if she could, over some of life's yellowing symbols -symbols of love gone by, of passion cooled-who would not feel almost as if in the recovery of her tears she had | fied by the yellowed sheet within. And

For the first time since the separa--to realize its recovery. tion, she clasped the valentine to her And so, with thoughts both eager bosom and called her lover's name and fearful, she finally inserted a hair-

SHE LAID IT LOVINGLY AGAINST HER CHEEK her happiness, they would only smile

or of the scheme began to change from | and whisper that they supposed he and she had been "quar'lin' it out on them valentines."

"I ain't fitten for you, Jemimy, honey, no mo'n I was eighteen years she could manage secretly to have the ago," he said, his arm timidly locking valentine mailed in Hope-a plan over her chair, the night before the wedwhich she had lost sleep, and in which ding, "but ef you keered enough about me to warm over the little valentine I erate colored servant going there, to sent you nigh twenty year ago, and to return next day-it must reach her on make out to live on it, I rackon I can the day before Valentine's. This day keep you supplied with jest ez good quality. ez thet, fresh every day an' hour. But

> befo' I take you into church I want to call yo' attention to the fac' thet I'm a eriminal While to the state's prison for openin' yo' mail-an' if you say so, why, I'll haf to go." "Well, Eli," Miss Jemima answered,

quite seriously, "ef you're li'ble to state's prison for what you have done, I don't know but I am worthy to go to a hotter place-for the deceit I've practiced."

"Well," said Eli, "I reckon ef the truth was told, the place where we jest nachelly both b'long is the insane asylum-for the ejiots we've acted. When I reflect that I might 'a' been ez happy ez I am now eighteen year ago, an' think about all the time we've lost- Well- How comes it that Easter comes so late this year, any-

FINIS.



1-Mr. Short-Lengthy, old boy, you'd a died laughin' to see the comic Valentine I sent to Hawkins. Ha. Ha! I happened around just as he opened body else was sending his old sweet- it. Ha! ha! ha! Say, but honestly it's a shame to guy the poor fellow so.

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a proper or clean feeding for milch nursing ewes. cows. Milk obtained from cows fed exclusively on sewage grass was very much inferior: from every point of

Milk from sewage grass gave way very special attention, writes E. O. Roessle readily, not so much to acidity, but to in Country Gentieman. It has some- board ship or in damp climates, and is putridity, and the butter and cheese thing to do with egg production, more, the most highly concentrated and emfrom such milk were very inferior in in fact, than most of us imagine. There cient of leavening agents. Hence it is

Using Paper Linings. Information has reached us that some of the Western selleitors for New York houses have been telling the

creamerymen that there was no necessity for using parchment paper lining in their tubs, and that goods packed in that way would not sell any more readily nor bring a higher price, says the New York Produce Review. We are surprised at the length of time it takes

to get a good idea through some men's heads. Why anyone conversant with the New York trade, and who attempts to keep in touch with the changing needs of this market should try to convince a butter maker or a creamery secretary that paper lining is unnecessary and has no practical use is bevond our comprehension. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," runs

an old saying, and the value of the paper lining has been determined by the severest kind of use for more than a year. It has grown in favor steadily and a very large number of creamerles are using it all the time. Page after page has been written about its value as a protection to butter, the aid given in stripping, etc., and buyers at home and abroad have come to look upon the paper lining is essential to perfect packing. As soon as foreign buyers became interested in our butters they asked for tubs with the parchment lining, having learned to know the value of that class of goods ered until they are well toned up by in the English markets. Now comes an interesting demand from home buyers for that style of packing, and there good hour, and it could be combined are strong evidences to prove that within another year three-fourths of

the trade will call for paper lined butter. There have been instances already this season where the butter brought a little more money because the tubs were lined with parchment. and most receivers can cite cases where the preference was given to that kind have forgotten what a help the flock of of packing over other consignments. It poultry is to the housewife. A small peer. will only be a matter of time when creamerymen will be forced to use the pense. When one has not a flock of paper lining to maintain the standing hens the waste from the kitchen is of their product, and the sooner this is painfully apparent. Especially is this recognized and the newer method so if the family be large and more espeadopted the better it will be for the cially so if there be many children in trade.

Feeding Young Lambs.

generous liberality, it is also necessary be used in large quantities. Next to to feed the lambs as well, says a corre- milk they are the most convenient spondent of American Sheep Breeder. form of food and have nearly as many

The Water Problem.

Now, let us consider the question of view, to the milk obtained from cows water. It is a very important question | Baking Powder exclusively. fed on natural sweet meadow grass, and one which has not received much them ice cold water, at 7 o'clock if the morning, with their food. And yet how mask and sometimes put red pepper in

> then we give them ice cold water. Of course this is not consistent, and it is in my opinion injurious. If you have a flock of fifty dunghills running at large in your barnyard and roosting in your wagon shed, do they run at daylight to the horse trough for a drink of ice water? This is an instance because t is nature. No farmer would bother himself to water these hens in winter. When they want water, they know when and where to get it. If you watch such a flock carefully, you will find them drinking after the sun has been up several hours and after they have picked up a breakfast from the

manure heaps and have actually done half a day's work. Is it necessary, therefore, for us, with our more valuable thoroughbreds, to put water before quality we are striving to cultivate. namely, egg production? Some breeders give their flock hot water. This is a good idea, but difficult to follow if would require too much labor. Winter of the day!" layers, I consider, should not be watexercise and food, or until the sun has

warmed the coops. Ten o'clock is a with the grain feed at this time.

Poultry for Economy.

It seems hardly likely that any farmer readers of The Farmers' Renumber of hens may be kept at no ex-

it. Much food must be thrown away because it becomes old before it can be disposed of. When one has a flock While it is necessary to feed the ewes of hens all of this surplus food may be while they are nursing the lambs with turned into eggs. Fresh eggs should

It is for the same reasons that the United States government in its relied expeditions, and Peary, the famous arctic traveler, have carried the Royal

The Royal Baking Powder will not cake nor lose its strength either on is no more serious mistake made in indispensable to every Alaskan outfit. caring for a flock of layers than to give It can be had of any of the trading companies in Alaska, but should the miner procure his supplies before leavmany thousand breeders are doing this ing, he should resist every attempt of every winter. If we give them a warm the outfitter to palm off upon him any of the other brands of baking powit, we do it to warm them up-and der, for they will spoil and prove the cause of great disappointment and trouble.

PEDDLERS IN MEXICO.

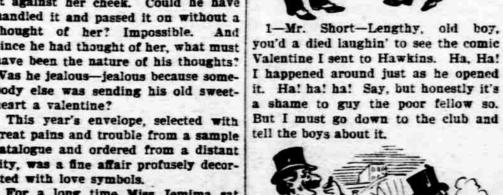
Why an Old Woman Wouldn't Soil All Her Honey at One Time.

While traveling in Mexico a few years ago I had a funny experience with a Mexican vender which goes to show what little business ability the lower classes have," said E. F. Guignon of St. Louis. "I was en route to look at some mines away up in the mountains. At the station where we left the train to take the stage I saw an old woman selling some honey. She did not have more than ten pounds of it altogether and as it looked so good them, tempting them to injure the very I wanted to buy it all to take along with us. I asked our interpreter to buy it. Much to my surprise the old woman would sell him but two boxes, claiming that if she sold it all to him she the flock is a very large one. With a would have nothing to sell to other few hundred head it would work per- people, neither would she have anyfectly, but with a thousand or more it thing else to do during the remainder

FADS IN FLOWERS.

Florists' shops abroad are much different from the ones in this country. In London, for example, funeral freaths and emblems are displayed in the windows, with their prices attached. Some are view lack a good flock of poultry. attractive, others very hideous. Lichen There may be, however, readers living is fashionable there for crosses and in the towns or suburbs of towns that wreaths, and from this grisly-gray background calla lilies and white roses

> Set pieces, the "gates ajar," broken columns and floral pillows, are always painful, for, in the first place, the natural grace and beauty of the flowers is destroyed, and in the next there is no excuse for the emblems. Flowers for the dead should be scattered in careless handfuls-then only are they comforters, with their graceful beauty unimpaired. The modern custom of adding to a death notice the words, "Friends will please omit flowers,"may be traced to the reluctance of the survivors to be confronted with those



city, was a fine affair profusely decor-For a long time Miss Jemima sat enjoying the luxury of nearness to her lover that the unopened envelope had brought her before she felt inclined to confront the far-away romance typi-

yet she wanted to see even this again

day, and tiny comic pictured pages began flitting in from their school sweet-In the youthful merriment of those budding romances Miss Jemima seemed to see a sort of reflection of her own long-ago joy, and in the faint glow of it she felt impelled to go to her own room and to lock the door and look at

