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THE

CELESTIAL FOWLS.

Chinese Chicken Markets and How They are Supplied.

The Heathen Seller and Purchasor of Fowls---Mysteries of Under-ground Chicken Markets

San Francisco Chronicle.

The tender white meat of young chanticleers, have years ago ingrafted a taste upon Mongolian pallates which is sought to be gratified even in that can be imagined. The roosters never crow, the hens don't cluck, they can hardly stand, and the total darkdeath; for the poorest Chinaman is neveried without being accompanied on his trip across the Styx by the chickens fatten, nevertheless, in resinewy framework of what might have been a fowl, if it had been fed. usually rich and abundant. They find been a fowl, if it had been fed.

THE HEATHEN CHICKEN THIEF.

grip which allows the most loudly- small margin of profit. mouthed hen but one short and stifled cluck before being consigned to the sack, where the partners of her joys and sorrows has preceded her, never again to welcome the rising disc of the morning with his defiant crow. Chicken stealing is a acter than the anticipations of a few profession with the Mongolians. There weeks ago, although bad enough in is scarcely a citizen finding delight in comparison with those of last year. The favorable turn in conditions agrigrowing his own Easter eggs whose en roost has not suffered from the depredations of these people. Wash-ington alley furnishes a ready market for all the roosters, hens and chickens greatest shrinkage is in the San Joawhich may be brought there. They are sold for food only, and woe to any finely bred or fancy fowl which finds its way into this market, for though to breeders it may be worth dollars, to the Chinamen it is of value only in proportion to corpulency. Economy of space is the first rule in the chicken trade as in all other domestic or commercial arrangements of the Chinese. The chicken coops are piled in halls, balconies, cellars, under the sidewalk, in fact, in every place except where their exposed condition might tempt the ubiquitous thief to steal for a second time the booty of a suburban hen-robbing excursion.

THE MONGOLIAN MARKET.

The Chinese chicken market presof the alley at the opposite end. When an American visitor enters these precincts, not knowing what particular trade is carried on in its dark recesses, he is apt to be much startled on hearing the lusty crow of GOV. HUBBARD'S DAUGHTER, thing more luscious. some cock penetrate through the Egyptian darkness of the Chinese How the Girl Who Eloped With a rookeries; a crow, too, which never fails to awaken a lively remembrance

ough in picking up everything warrant it, all of which proves that she which may have any imaginable is not "living in poverty," as thouvalue than their celebrated Parisian sands of people all over the country, confreres. The remnants of food who have become interested in her

confreres. The remnants of food which are gathered up by these scav-engers and which are too far gone to be used as human food furnish the means of raising hundreds of chick-ens. Underground where no ray of the sun ever penetrates, in passages where even Chinamen will not stretch the mats which form their beds, these obickens are ranched in cours. They welfare, will be happy to learn. Ex-Gov. Hubbard intends going to Europe with his family this summer, but Nellie will enjoy herself at the watering places along the shore close to New Haven, and possibly by-and-by will accompany her husband when he gets rich enough to foreign lands. When Uncle John diagonal and accompany her husband when pellets, as well as the tougher mus-cles of aged American barnyard are the sickliest examples of poultry Shepard a fortune, the coachman may

The Exploit of Two Boys Who

Brought Down Their Game-From the Albany (Oregon) Democrat

One day last week T. P. McKnight a ready market in Chinatown, as well proprietor of the pleasure resort at This peculiar love for poultry has educated John to be the most expert chicken thief of the age. He may with perfect safety and large odds be pitted against any chicken thief that ever jumped a barnyard fence in the corr poultry base of the poultry trade. The corr small however, as the prices are of the meat on their backs and coveras in our regular markets. Whenever sunny south. Long practice has very small, however, as the prices are of the meat on their backs and cover-taught the Chinese chicken thief a usually so high that they leave but a After coming home they thought some wild animal might carry away the meat they left behind before they

California Crops. San Francisco Chronicle, July 9

and his little brother Clyde, taking their blankets, guns and dog, started back, expecting to camp with it. Soon after arriving at their destination they discovered a couple of elk, and by slipping on them managed to kill both. A few moments after their dog cultural during the two or three weeks commenced a terrific racket a short for the construction of a canal cultural during the two or three weeks preceeding the harvest time put a much improved face on affairs. The greatest shrinkage is in the San Joa-quin valley where, along the vast wheat tract known as the West Side, clear from the upper part of Alameda county to the Mussel Slough country in Tulare, the crop falls Alameda county to the infusion bloggin country in Tulare, the crop falls off from 40 to 50 per cent from that of last year. In the Sacramento val-mal. But they were not to get it in the sacrament wheat ley also, especially in the great wheat counties of Butte and Colusa, the crop is only about half that of last year. Further north the reports are better, some of the counties showing better She was only about twenty or thirty some of the counties showing better than usual even in good years. Santa Clara, Napa and Sonoma, which are every year becoming more and more orchard and vineyard sections and less devoted to cereals, make a very light showing in grain, but more than com-pensate for it in other products. The reports from the extreme southern counties are of a more encouraging The Chinese chicken market pres-ents a busy scene at times. Early in the morning the country dealers ar-rive, the customary two baskets slung over the pole. There is nothing to in-dicate that these baskets contain chick-ens, as their tops are always covered. A good many of the vegetable ped-dlers have the confirmed habit of nab-bing a lonely chicken whenever these sprouts and cabbage. The trader of course knows his men, and makes his own prices One after another these this year is a marked improvement in boys dressed their game, camped out fellows sneak in and drag one or two hens from under the covering, after which the burden is shouldered again, and with one hand tightly clasping the money, they amble at a jog trot out berry largely offsetting the compara-tive falling off in quantity of the yield. On the whole, the reports are encouraging, showing that the harvest ever since, and judges that they will have about 1,500 pounds, the elk will considerably exceed the anticipaweighing from 300 to 500 each. They tions of a few weeks ago. sent us down a few streaks, and we

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FUNERAL MEATS.

People with anti-Chinese proclivities are apt to conclude that chickens are not made to be eaten by Chinamen. Chickens, fowls and roosters of all breeds and of all conditions may be found on Washington alley. The old hens are kept solely for funeral sacrifices, the heathen's practical materialism outweighing even his reverence and sorrow for departed kinship. The purchase of such a chicken is nevertheless carried out with the same calculating shrewdness sion. Meantime Shepard obtained regarding quantity and quality as if the animal was to be eaten with the chopsticks, and if the dead is honmained for about three months, and ored by but little chicken meat, he is ed and all sorts of rumors became certainly honored by a vast amount current as to their whereabouts. One of commercial shrewdness, which has been expended in its purchase. The Chinaman appears to value this sort of sagacity the more as it saves money for him, and by some kind of intri-cate reasoning he thinks the dead also rose above the dignity of pure invenshould feel gratified at the intellectual tion. triumph rather than at a post-mortem gastronomic treat. The days immedi-ately preceding the Chinese new year of course are the busiest for the Chifacturing concern and has made a nese chicken dealer and thief alike, large amount of money, which he has carefully salted away. He is worth for chicken meat on this occasion is what mince pies are for the New Engcertainly a clean \$100,000. Moreover, landers on thanksgiving. On these days the Mongol even sinks some of he married a rich maiden lady a few years ago, who has enough to take the habitual gravity which accompanies him always in mercantile trans- care of herself for many long years if actions. The chicken in the coops are never at rest then. One after another they are matched out, weighed and handled, and either put back or consigned with tied feet to the capacious sleeves of the buyer's tunic.

FEEDING THE FOWLS.

Individual preferences here as else-where hold full sway, and the old where hold full sway, and the old then set about to finding business to rooster rejected by one is sure to be suit him, and found that he could taken and found answering by the form a copartnership with a well es-next comer. The food of the chicken tablished livery establishment in New while under John's tender care is nat- Haven, and at once the ready uncle urally confined to the minimum, ex- at Middletown made the necessary decepting, perhaps, some particularly posit and the business relation was fine birds which are fattened for the formed and still goes along prosper-rich Mongols of Commercial and Sacramento streets. The Chinese princi-Shepard's sudden departure from ple of economy evidently teaches Hartford after he retired from the that anything that eats and is itself shoe business.

to be eaten, had better be eaten Not only is the former coachman do-quickly to save any unnecessary ing well in his business, but he is conto be eaten, had botter be eaten quickly to save any unnecessary double conversion of alimentary mole-cules. The trade, of course, is not confined to chickens only. Geese, ducks, turtles and many other living and crawling things here find a ready market. In some of the dark and dingy recesses of Chinatown peculiar avocations are carried on, one of which is that of raising chickens, not for the Chinese market only, but that of the white man as well. The industry of the chiffonier is entirely in the hands of the Chinaman in San Francisco, and they are even more thor-

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Along. Hartford Letter. The romatic story of the elopement down is one that will meet an "amen"

then both himself and wife disappear-

sisters, and that she had left her hus-

band for good. None of these stories

Shepard has an uncle living in Mid-

of Miss Nellie Hubbard, daughter of in every heart. The Christian fortifor the poor rooster, who is cooped up in a dark recess to line the fat stomach coopeman. Frank Sheard, which heroic desire to live if possible but to coachman, Frank Shepard, which heroic desire to live if possible, but to of some rich Mongol in the near fu- went the rounds of the press two years die bravely and resignedly if he must ture. And even the most defivit ago, should be supplemented now by the chivalric devotion to and careful the true story of the life of the young thought for his wife and children and married couple, in order that they may mother, have given the country an ex-

have the benefit, rather than that it hibition of high manhood and nobility of character most salutary. The effect will not be ephemeral. General should go abroad that Shepard himself was, indeed, so shiftless a fellow that he could not provide for the sup-Garfield on his bed of death, as it port of a wife. promised to be, has elevated the Amer-Soon after the marriage Shepard ican people. They will not soon for-

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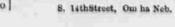
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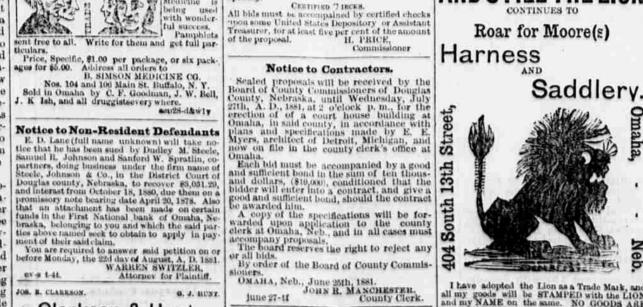
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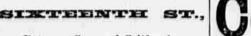
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