the American Farming Population Diminishes.

Dr. Helland writes in the June num-ber of Scribner's Monthlu : There is some reason for the general disposition of American men and women to shun agricultural pursuits which the observers and philosophers have been slow to find. We see young men pushing everywhere into trade, into mechanical pursuits, into the learned professions, into insignificant clerkships, into salaried positions of every sort that will take them into towns and support and hold them there. We find it impessible to drive poor people from the cities with the threat of starvation, or to coax them with the promise of better pay and cheaper fare. There they stay, and starve, and sicken, and sink. Young women resort to the shops and the fac-tories rather than take service in farmers' houses, where they are received as members of the family; and when they marry, they seek an alliance, when practicable, with mechanics and tradesmen who live in villages and large towns. The daughters of the farmer fly the farm at the first opportunity. The towns grow larger all the time, and, in New England at least, the farms are becoming wider and longer, the farming population is diminished in numbers, in some localities, degraded in

quality and character.

It all comes to this, that isolated life has very little significance to a social The social life of the village and the city has intense fascination to the lonely dwellers on the farm, or to a great multitude of them. Especially is this the case with the young. The youth of both sexes who have seen nothing of the world have an overwhelming desire to most life and the second to the world have an overwhelming desire to most life and the second to whelming desire to meet life and to be among the multitude. They feel their life to be narrow in its opportunities and its rewards, and the pulsations of the great social heart that come to them in rushing trains, and passing steamers and daily newspapers, damp with the news of a hundred brows, thrill them with longings for the places where the rhythmic throb is felt and heard. They are not to be blamed for this. It s th most natural thing in the world. If all of life were labor-if the great object of life were the scraping together of a few dollars, more or less—why, isolation without diversion would be economy and profit; but so long as the object of life is life, and the best and purest and happiest that can come of it, all needless isolation is a crime against the soul, in that it is a surrender and sacrifice of noble opportunities.

Imprisoned Fifteen Months for Doing a Good Deed.

The New Haven Register publishes the following singular case: On the 10th instant a very singular case was tried before the Supreme Court. It was the case of Frank Beane, a sixteen year old boy, who had been imprisoned for the last fifteen months, awaiting trial on the very grave charge of placing obstruc-tions on the Naugatuck Railroad track near Beacon Falls. All the witnesses for the State testified positively that the lad took off an obstruction from the track, thereby saving an approaching train with its living freight from injury. The jury, after a very few minutes' de liberation, returned a verdict of not guilty, and the boy was discharged. As there is no provision by statute for recompense in such a case, the accused must himself bear the whole burden of the long imprisonment, the imputation | pay it. on his character, and the bitter consciousness of suffering from well doing. In view of this, there were those who went so far as to advise suing of the railroad company for damages.

But the main fault seems to lie elsewhere than in the company, though there was blundering all around. The magistrate before whom Beane had his preliminary examination was in error in binding him over for trial. We understand that he did it in the face of the earnest protestation of a member of of mine; it wasn't my trunk. the bar who was present. Judge Sandford states that in all his experience he has never had so singular a case tried before him. We suggest that as a simple matter of fair return for services rendered, to say nothing of other con-siderations, the Naugatuck Railroad Company should present the boy Beane with a suitable sum of money for his brave act. Even a fraction of the value of the property which would have been destroyed had not the obstruction been removed, would place him well off pecuniarily.

A Goose's Love.

Though Rome was saved by the cackling of geese, their reputation has never been enviable, for to style a man a goose implies a very low estimation of his abilities. But geese have many redeeming features. Dr. Wight, of Dedham, who is a goose fancier, tells a thousand singular instances of their habits. He has one noble old gander who has refidelity. A friend sent to the doctor and when mating time approached, the food, and her kind owner carried her to the house. After some days, thinking honorable in the East. that her heart was healed, he carried her to the pond. When within sight of the water, the false one, with his new bride, came sailing by, when the divorced one glanced at him, buried her head, gave one quiver, and died in her owner's

She is supposed to have died of a broken heart, although there are people son by who intimate that death was caused on account of the near approach of Thankshave been slaughtered at any rate.

TROUT BREEDING. - The Taunton (Mass.) Republican says trout raising is al distinction. As to the hero commisthree gentlemen. They have an estate upon which there is an excellent spring ; and have erected suitable sluice-ways and a breeding house for trout, and also a dwelling-house for the man who devotes his time to the rearing of this rare fish. The number now in the breeding tanks is estimated at forty-five thousand, varying from one to three inches in length. In the sluice-way trout, some of them weighing two or the same way that they were themselves been appointed liquor agent of Dalton, three pounds.

A Story about Baniel Brew.

rather a fancy for him, asked him if he wouldn't like to make a little money.

The minister replied that he never speculated nor gambled in stocks, not believing it to be right; besides, he was believing it to be right; besides, he was believing it to be right; besides, he was only worth some fifteen thousand dollars, and could not afford to peril it.

Mr. Drew, after some further chat, said tritious, and acquires at an early age the plumpness of the Dorking at maturate other breeds, however, profit was quite promising. The arrangement was accordingly made. Some weeks later the divine came over to New York and called at Mr. Drew's office to ascertain the result.

"Well," said Uncle Daniel, "the fact is, that thing I told you about has busted; but I promised to guarantee you against loss, and I will keep my promise."

So, figuring up the amount invested, with simple interest, Mr. Drew handed over a check, and the pastor congratulated himself upon the result.

"But," said he-and here is where Uncle Daniel's joke comes in—" but, Mr. Drew, I teld one of my elders what you had agreed to do with me, and he went and bought a little stock." "Did he?" said Uncle Daniel. " Why,

how sorry I am! I'm afeered he has lost some money."
"Yes," continued the good man, "and he told another of the trustees, and he

went and bought some."
"You don't tell me!" "Yes, Mr. Drew; and the brethren thought it was so good of you to give me a p'int that they all went and bought.'

"Well, I'm so sorry!" " So am I." "Well, they must have lost considerable money-must have pretty much cleaned em out. They oughtn't to've

done it. Buyin' stocks you don't know nothin' about is mighty risky business. You tell 'em that." "But, Mr. Drew, they're nearly ruin-

"Shouldn't wonder; and I'm truly sorry."

The good parson returned to his flock, most of whom had already astertained the true condition of things. Somebody had "unloaded" to the country brethren. Probably it was not Uncle Dan'l.

Amusing Street Car Scene.

The Washington Star relates the fol-

towing:
The passengers on one of the Riker's street cars laughed some yesterday morning at a scene between the conductor and a well-dressed young man from Georgetown. As the car was passing down the avenue, the young man at the time standing on the platform taking it easy, with one foot on a trunk, he was approached by the conductor and his fare demanded. He quietly passed over his

five cents. Conductor-I demand twenty-five cents for that trunk.
Young Man, (hesitatingly)—Twenty-five cents. Well, I think I will not

-Then I shall put the trunk off.

and after going some two squares, approaches the young man, who was still as calm as a summer morning, and in an angry mood says: Now I have put your trunk off, what are going to do about it Y. M. (coolly)-Well, I don't propose to do anything about it, it's no concern

C. (fiercely)-Then why did you not tell me so?

Y. M.-Because you did not ask me, and I told you you'd be sorry for it.
C. (furiously)—Then go inside the

Y. M .- Oh. no, you're good enough company for me out here. At this juncture a portly German merges from the car, and angrily says:

Mine Gott, you feller, where is mine Y. M .- My friend, I think that is your trunk down on the avenue there. German—Who puts him off? I hafe

the monish to pay him. I will see aboud The car was stopped, and shortly afterward the conductor was seen to come sweating up with the trunk on his back

enjoy half so well as did the passengers. Executions Among the Jews.

The Hebrews had no executioner. fused even the leap-year advances of the most beautiful goosey on the pond, and has maintained his celibacy (on account kin, by the right of blcod-revenge; in of the bad example of his owner, we other cases, criminals were stoned by presume,) through many years. The the people, the witnesses setting the exdoctor owned a pair, who for several ample; and when the king or chief or-years renewed their pledges of mutual dered a person to be put to death, the faithfulness, and seemed to exhibit a office was performed by the person t constancy most remarkable, giving whom the order was given, and this was constancy most remarkable, giving whom the order was given, and this was promise of at least a silver wedding of generally a person whose consideration in life bore some proportion to that of two beautiful females of the same the person to be slain. Thus Solomon species, which he placed on the pond, gave the commission to kill Joab, the commander-in-chief, to Benaiah, a perold gander, won by the beauty of young Miss Goose, described his old companion, and paid his devoirs at the new comer's mand which the death of Joab left vashrine. The deserted one refused all cant. In fact, the office, even of a regular executioner, is not by any means dis-

The post of chief executioner is, in most Oriental courts, one of honor and distinction. Thus, when there was no regular executioner, it came to be considered a post of honor to put a disfin-guished person to death; and, on the other hand, the death itself was honorable in proportion to the rank of the perwhom the blow was inflicted. It was the greatest dishonor to perish by the hands of a woman or a slave. We giving, at which time the goose would see this feeling distinctly in the narra- other cities now in the full tide of intive where the two princes much prefer to die by Gideon's own hand than that of a youth who had obtained no person-

carried on extensively in Berkley, by three genflemen. They have an estate upon which there is an excellent spring: the distinction of having slain two chief enemies of Israel, as well as because the rules of blood-revenge made it necessary that the execution of those who had slain his own brethren should either be perfermed by himself or a member of his own family. It seems very probable, continue on the globe. There is no rest from all that transpired, that Oreb and Zeeb had slain the brethren of Gideon, there are several hundred much larger after they had taken them captive, in

AGRICULTURAL

The "Editor's Drawer" in the June number of Herper's has this story:

Apropos of Mr. Daniel Drew's contract with Duncan, Sherman & Co. to deliyer five millions of dollars of Eric stock during the year 1872 at 55, we have this anecdote of that eminent spechace the property of the Brahmas and Cochins will, under the Brahmas and Cochins will, under elergyman in New Jersey, and having almost all circumstances, prove the most desirable, they being the least liable to be perfectly legitimate, and proposed, if ity. There are other breeds, however, the parson would act upon his sugges- which are said to be desirable to raise tion, to guarantee him against loss, for the table. Many claim that the while the prospects for a handsome French breed of fowls are of this number, but this we very much doubt, as their flesh lacks that buttery, golden color that attracts the eye of the epicure. They may prove valuable as egg-producers, but they lack many good qualities as a table bird. Dorkings are undoubtedly at the head of the list as table birds, but of late years, have become so subject to disease that we ques-tion the feasibility of rearing them profitably for market in our changeable

orthern climate. As egg-producers, the Hamburgs are claimed to stand at the head of the list. This claim we are prepared to dispute; for, as winter layers, we find that the Brahma, Cochin, Leghorn, Poland, and Houdan stand relatively in the position here named. That the Hamburgs are good egg-producers we admit; but that they are any better than a number of non-setting fowls, so called, we deny. The richness and meatiness of their eggs are not to be compared with those of the Poland, Leghorn, Houdan, or Brahma. Poland, Leghorn, Houdan, or Brahma, and their legs lack the size of those named. All things considered, we have no hesitancy in saying that for eggs we should name the Polands, for the table Dorkings, and for early marketable chickens Brahmas and Cochins.—People's Practical Poultry.

wood always injured if not destroyed in distressing malady be prevented the winter, by using straw, rags and bar- satisfied this remedy is of great value. rels to cover them. General Worthington, of Ohio, who has raised figs there for thirty years, after many fruitless trials finds that simply laying down the limbs on the ground and covering with six inches of soil is the best protection. bear at two years, and these two varie-bear at two years, and these two varie-ties will produce fruit from July to October. With this protection during winter, any soil that will grow good to-winter, any soil that will grow good to-the immense physical good is has vrought throughout the length and breadth of the land. cream and sugar. The plants are set ten to twelve feet apart. It is much regretted that more attention is not paid

Vagaries of Fashion.

to the culture of this fruit."

may be sorry for it.

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Johnson's Anodyne Liniment will give oduced is absolutely painful. A ra- | relief in cases of Caronic Rucumatism tional person often feels like asking why, if a woman has a neck like a skeleton, she must tell the world so. Why, our State, that we show a larger proportion of good horses than any other State in the Union. This, we tell them, is owing to two and fold her fat into a tight low dress because it is the fashion? Why must she draw a hard line around her shoulders, that seems to cut her in two, and ers, that seems to cut her in two, and wear sleeves which are mere straps to keep her gown on, without caring, without knowing, whether her arms are models? Why must she wear trimmings of great O's and X's and vandykes on her skirt, so that at a little distance the first thing about her that strikes the eye is the trimming? Why, if very tall, must she take the arm of a very little man, and make herself and him look absurd? Why will she draw attention to her want of color by wearing red or arsenic green? Why, with red hair, is her dress pink? Why, when in a very pale dress, does she lean against the wall, which the barbarity of English ignor-ance has papered with white? Why, with black hair, does she carry a heavy burden of jet flowers, combs, and im--a part of the performance he did not possibly thick plaits, that makes her head look like an elephant's on an antelope's body? Why will she trust to the very moderate gifts nature has en-dowed her with, to fight against the most abnormal disadvantages? These are only a few of the insure mistakes that nearly all girls commit, many of them girls with artistic tastes and capacities in every direction except dress, whose eyes you may see shine with pleasure at sunset or a flower, which nevertheless bey steadily refuse to take a hint from.

Will the Present Civilization Continue?

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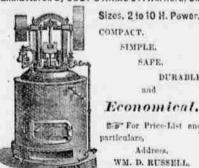
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