

Bellefonte, Pa., June 27, 1890.

Farm Notes.

As egg producers the Houdans claim their place among the first; they are non-sitters, and if not equaling in the number of eggs the Leghorns and Hamburgs, they out-strip them all in weight, as two large, white eggs will turn the scales with three Leghorn or Hamburg eggs. The eggs of Houdans are usually very fruitful. The chickens very healthy and fast growers, and not subject to most diseases which attack young chickens; both chickens and old fowls are very meaty, tender, and fine in flavor, and valuable as

The striped beetle is the enemy that prevents the melon and cucumber grower from realizing a crop. The Rural New Yorker's remedy is one that should be tried. Into a pail of land plaster put sufficient spirits of me.' turpentine to give the plaster a strong flavor. In the morning (after the plants have had sufficient growth) scatter a small pinch on each hill. The odor drives away the beetles, and a second application is seldom necessary.

The importance of washing or curneys she may drink 100 pounds, the evidence of a sunken reef, hastened to-80 pounds passing off through the skin, wards the stern of the vessel. carrying with it matter that should be eliminated from the body. Unless the water passes off freely the milk will the cow, curry or brush her, and rethe skin in order to promote free perspiration.

Smut on oats is now easily destroyed in a very simple manner. The Department of Agriculture, in its "Journal of Mycology," states that if the seed be treated with scalding water, which is poured over the seed, and the seed immersed in the hot water for a threw it over board. It caught on the botfew minutes, no injury will be done the tom and the vessel swung around, bow fungus is propagated are destroyed.

The Massachusetts Ploughman says of the vessel is at anchor. there is no truth in the belief that some seeds, such as cucumbers and equashes, improve with age for several years. They are never so vigorous and good as when fresh, and slowly lose their vitality until at the end of a number of years they are quite uncertain.

Professor E. F. Ladd said, at the last meeting of the New York State | rain. Dairyman's Association, that, taking the results of the dairy conference of last year, he finds that in some cases less than thirteen pounds of milk were required to produce a pound of butter; at other conferences as high as thirtytwo or thirty-three pounds were re-

H. P. Hopkins, of New York, avers that every time he churns unripe cream he loses. He says: "When cream is a trifle acid it is sufficiently ripened. I prefer a concussion churn to the friction churn. White specks in butter come from coagulation of the milk, which settles to the bottom of | the cans. They should be washed out

properly. -crab grass-is easily destroyed when young, but it grows rapidly, and extends its roots in every direction. It will crowd down every other plant in its way, and the only mode of preventing its occupancy of the soil is to begin the work of eradicating as soon as it puts in an appearance.

The sheep that has been sheared will now be more thrifty than the one heavily covered with wool. The heat is very injurious to sheep unless they can have a cool place to which to resort, with plenty of fresh water. They seek their food early, rest during the day and graze again late in the afternoon.

It was never intended that ensilage the exclusion of grain or hay. The and it hurts me yet, occasionally. ensilage is to supply the place of grass in the winter season. Sow your corn now, and it will provide you with excellent addition to the regular food at the proper time.

Never ship poultry to market alive in summer, as they suffer greatly on the journey. Kill all kinds of poultry, dry pick them and pack the carcasses in ice. The extra price obtained will pay for the labor of dressing, while less loss will result from shipment to market.

How to cheapen the cost is to aplpy the cost where the product will be the largest. It is not profitable to feed some animals, for a pound of food given to inferior stock will cost just as much as a pound of food given to choice animals.

Clover should be cut just before the heads begin to turn brown. To cut it sooner is to lose a portion of the nutritious matter, while to cut it after the blossoms turn brown is to permit it to become more woody and less succulent.

As the roots of red clover equal twothirds the weight of the stalks the plowing in of a clover sod leaves in the soil a large amount of valuable nitrogenous matter which cannot be so cheaply procured in any other manner.

Young strawberry beds will quickly be overrun with crab grass at this sea son, the best preventive being to cultivate the rows after every rain, which

will push the strawberry plants ahead. Land plaster will often cause a field of grass to show growth after it is apparently exhausted from frequent cropping. Plaster and ashes make an excellent combination.

If the land for the turnip crop is not ready there is no time to lose. It should be well worked and made fine. As soon as the new crop of seed comes in is the time to sow.

Not So Bad as He Expected.

Two soft, white arms go stealing around his neck, and a fair, peach-like cheek is rubbed caressingly against his own. Faintly whispered "Dear papa," and "Darling old boy," and "Don't you love your own caramel!" reach his startled ears as he vainly attempts to pull himself together and avoid the loving, sugar-coated attack which he well knows is coming.
"Well,daughter mine," he finally asks,

"what is it? Not another new dress, surely?'

"Oh, no, papa darling." "H-m-m, that's good. And it can't be the milliner again?"

"No, papa, love." "H-m-m, better still. It isn't the florist?' "No, you dearest papa."

want a trip to Europe, do you?" "No, you lovely old dear." "Well, what in the name of good-ness do you want, my little girl?" "Darling papa mine, I don't want anything—at all—that is—Jack wants

"H-m-m, Great scott! You don't

### Knew His Business.

A small fishing schooner was crawling along the shores of Puget Sound, driven by a light wind, one day recently She was an old-fashioned craft, manned rying the cow for the purpose of pre- by two men, a captain and a mate venting disease may be shown by the The mate, who was stationed on the fact that while a covernay discharge bow of the vessel, suddenly espied a 20 pounds of water through the kid- tide-rip ahead, and thinking it was

'Captain Blank, there is a reef dead ahead!' reported the mate.

'Hump!' replied the captain, withbe more or less contaminated. Wash out changing the course of the vessel. The mate went forward and watched move the dried matter and scurf on the tide-rip uneasily for some time.

Finally he again went aft.

'Captain,' said he, 'we are getting dangerously close to that reef.' 'Mr. Mate,' growled the captain, savagely, 'you take care of your end of the vessel and I will take care of mine. The mate said nothing now, but go

ing forward he seized the anchor and seed, while the pores from which the to the wind, with everything shaking. 'Captain,' said the mate, as he again went aft, 'I have to report that my end

## Proverbs About Rain.

The past few months in this latitude have been so dry (?) that we feel that our readers will all be interested in some old "saws' concerning signs of

When there is unusual clearness in the atmosphere, and objects are seen very distinctly, there will probably be rain. When clouds are gathering toward the sun at setting, with a rosy hue, they foretell rain.

Evening gray and morning red, Put on your hat, or you'll wet your head. If rain commences before day, it will stop before 8 a. m.; if it begins about noon, it will continue through the afternoon; if not till 5 p. m., it will rain through the night; if it clears off in the night, it will rain the next day. If it rains before seven, It will clear before eleven.

If it rains before sunrise, expect a fair afternoon. If it rains when the sun shines, it will rain the next day. If That persistant pest of some sections clouds appear suddenly in the south, expect rain.

Rain from the south prevents the drouth, But rain from the west is always best. When rain comes from the west it will not continue long. If rain falls during an east wind it will continue a full day. If an assemblage of small clouds spread out or become thicker or darker, expect rain. Small, inky clouds foretell rain. Dark clouds in the west at sunrise indicate rain on that day. If the sky after fine weather becomes heavy with small clouds, expect rain.

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