of skill and industry on the part of their former occupants. The fact that some of these farms have been made profitable demonstrates that more farms are abandoned because of inducements in other directions to individuals who cannot make the farms pay more than for lack of capacity of the soil.

-A fungus disease which attacks the leaves, leaf stalks, fruit stems and canes of red currants, and known as athracnose, appeared the past season in the Hudson Valred currants, and known as athrachose, appeared the past season in the Hudson Valley, according to a bulletin issued by the Geneva experiment station, and it will also attack black currants and gooseberries.

The remedy is to spray with Bordeaux mixture, making the first application before growth starts, the second as the leaves are unfolding, and then at intervals of 10 to 14 days until the fruit is two thirds grown.

-Most of the so-called lung trouble with which sheep are said to be affected during your local dealers. which sheep are said to be affected during the winter is due to foul quarters, but the lungs are not affected, though the cough would lead one to think they were. The would lead one to think they were. The language of a catarrhal nature and is alcost to make room for the biggest line of language and light harness we have ever most always accompanied by a running of mucous at the nose. Sheep afflicted in the manner described should be kept in clean, fairly warm and well-ventilated stables at night, and the feed should be liberal in quantity and of the best quality. Separate the affected animals from the well ones and feed them envised ones and hran for and feed them crushed oats and bran for grain, with plenty of roots and hay of good quality. For the catarrh mix equal parts of gentian roots, dried sulphate of iron and quality. powdered giuger and stir a teaspoonful in the grain food of each sheep daily. For the discharge in the nostrils use a syringe freely with water in which about 2 per cent of chloro naptholeum is placed. This treatment will probably put the animals right the matter has gotten into court, the first

sets from those he raises, the very largest trees. Of course, all of them are but one year old from bud, but the small, whiplike ity. trees are discarded and only the largest and strongest growing trees are set. The reason for this is that these strong trees are more vigorous than the smaller ones, hence will make a better growth the first year, an important period in their career. Of cherries, plums and pears a thrirty 2-yearold tree is best, even though they cost considerably more than the 1-year-old trees.

-Just at present there is considerable controversy over the feeding of bran to horses, some writers taking the ground that when bran is fed at about one-fourth of the entire grain ration it causes colic and inflammation of the bowels. Others say that bran may safely compo the grain ration without bad effects. It would seem as if it was one of the

questions that each man who keeps horses must decide for himself in the light of results of both plans. In the experience of the writer it has been found that certain horses, predisposed to colic, should not be fed a great deal of bran when oats form the main-grain ration, but the quantity may be increased without apparent harm when corn takes the place of oats largely. It is presumed that, with some horses, the com-bination of oats and bran in the stomach forms a gas which is not present when bran and corn are fed together. With other horses, as stated, it is possible to feed oats and bran or bran and corn in equal quantities without bad results.

-It is not the flock that occupies the costly house or the flock that is petted and fed on dainties that turns out the eggs during the winter. Some of the most successful poultrymen in the country, who raise eggs during the winter, have houses built of cheap material and in the plainest manner but these houses are warmand well ventilated and the fowls are fed properly and cared for properly. The beginner, and with beginners are included the farmers who first take up poultry raising as a serious part of farming, is apt to treat his fowls too well, and they get over-fat in consequence. With a warm, well ventilated house and a scratching shed wherein the fowls may take the needed exercise, a varied ration of grain, a fair amount of green food green cut bone or meat, preferably in the form of meal, and plenty of grit, with an abundance of clean, fresh water, are the things needed to bring winter eggs, and of these, next to the water, and the grain food, the meat food in some form is most essential. It is not claimed that the hens are certain to lay well during the winter with the ra-tion indicated, but simply that it will bring eggs if it is possible by any human agency to bring them.

—There is a serious objection on the part of planters to prune the roots of trees at all severely before setting them, and yet this practice, in many cases, is what is needed for the tree to live at all. It is considerable of a shock to a young tree when it is dug out of the hursery and shipped, perhaps hundreds of miles to be set in a soil entire-ly different from that which it occupied from the planting of the root-graft, and it must have both top and root shortened to give it the proper start. In sections where drought is more or less prevalent it is a good plan to root prune the young tree, with a view to making it as drought-resisting as possible, and to do this the cut in the root should be obliquely downward, never upward or straight across. The downward cut means that the natural growth of the young rootlets will be downward, instead of in a lateral direction; hence they can better resist the drought. This is by no means a new theory, but is a plan practiced by many successful orchardists and one well worth remembering next spring when trees are to be set. If experience in heavy soils seems to make other methods desirable, well and good, but see that the roots are shortened in some way to correspond with the pruning of the tops. With the average thrifty young tree one is not at all apt to overdo the cutting back of the tops if they keep in mind the proper formation of the head that is to be formed

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