

Bellefonte, Pa., August 27, 1909.

FARM NOTES.

-Save a few of the old turkey hens as the two year-old is a better breeder than the young hen.

-A recommended remedy for cabbage worms is to dust the worms with wheat flour or middlings.

-When raising turkeys for market medium sized ones will be found better than extra large ones.

- Over 70 counties and colonies of the world now use American farm machinery. Last year Argentina bought nearly a mil-lion dollars' worth.

-A New York man, who has an orohard of 1000 trees planted 20 feet apart each way, plants current bushes five feet apart each way except in every other space run-ning the longest way of the field.

-Many farmers in Indiana this year abandoned sweet corn as a vegetable crop, and put in more acres to wheat. As a result there will practically be no sweet corn in Indiana next year for canning purpos-

The business men of Columbus, O., have completed a cement cistern with a capacity of 100 barrels which will be filled with apple juice next fall. A pump will be inserted the liquid will be free to all. Columbus is a "dry" town.

-The Long Island Experiment Station reports that with wood ashes and manure used for three years smooth, even and large potatoes were produced that had a fine flavor. With a high-grade potato "fertilizer" they report a very small yield of under-sized potatoes with poor flavor.

-Thinning of fruit should not be delayed. Pick off all defective fruit to prevent contagion and to allow the rest of the fruit on the tree to grow larger and more per-fect. When seeds form in fruit a large amount of strength is taken from the tree, and this is especially true of peaches and the kindred stone fruits.

-T. A. Cleever, of Centerville, Pa., clipped ten fleeces of wool that produced 170 pounds, the heaviest weighing 23½ pounds. Edward Lisle clipped 45 sheep, which produced 4500 pounds, an average of 11 1-0 pounds to the sheep. The sheep weighed 5235 pounds, an average of 115 pounds, after they had been shorn.

Go through the orchard at this season and out out the suckers and mutilated branches. The suckers extract unnecessary nourishment from trees, and mutilated branches will injure the trees more or less and are unsightly in the orebard. Burn immediately all branches infested with blight or other diseases to keep the disease from spreading.

-Experiments at the Wisconsin experiment station show that hemp is a great eradicator. Land that was badly infested with quack grass, Canada thistle and wild mustard and other types of weeds was cleaned up by a crop of hemp which grew to a height of 10 or 12 feet. Some Wisconsin farmers manage to get a profit of shout \$40 an acre from the hemp crop.

-What abominable hog pastures you find the country over! In spring and summer they are all overturned and uprooted dried stubble. This is all because we don't have good pasture to start with and we try to keep too many hogs to the acre. We have a great deal to learn regarding the science of making pork on grass.

-It is claimed that thousands of dollars' worth of weeds are annually imported into this country to be used in making medicine. Such weeds as wild mustard, burdook, jimson, dandelion, which our farmers consider great nuisances, are sold to our chemists in large quantities. A quarter of a million dollars was paid last year for 5,000,000 pounds of wild mustard

-Investigations made by Prof. G. F. Warren, of the Cornell Station, in Western New York orchards show that 30 per cent. of the orchards examined in Wayne county were not fertilized: 60 per cent. received barnyard, and a few orchards also received some commercial fertilizers and green manures. The fertilized orchards gave a yield of 55 bushels per acre more than those not fertilized.

—Grace Fayne 2d's Homestead, a Holstein-Friesian cow, valued at \$8000, died recently at the Harvey A. Moyer farm, just north of Syracuse, N. Y., from pneumonia. The animal was heavily insured, and held the world's butter record of 35 55 pounds of butter in one week, and the 30 day record of 134 18 pounds. She broke a former record of 35.22 pounds for a week. One of her calves sold recently for \$2000. her calves sold recently for \$2000.

-At the big beef packing houses the hoofs are assorted into three grades, the white ones being used for a certain grade of button closely resembling the better quality of pearl buttons. A striped hoof is flattened into a plate through processing the content of the striped boof in the striped better through processing the striped boof in the striped better through processing the striped boof in the striped better through the striped better through the striped better the striped better through the striped better the striped better through the striped better th is flattened into a plate through pressure under heat and used in the manufacture of cyanide and chrome. Scraps of hoofs ground up into a fine powder make a nitrogenous fertilizer for grapes and other

—Fruit and vegetables require plenty of moisture for maturing with size and high flaver. When the weather is dry keep the onlivator going between the rows, repeating every three or four days. Use a cultivator with many small shovels and run the shovels only two or three inches deep. Cultivate the plants when they are young to make them grow rapidly and when they are older to furnish moisture for good ma-

The Maine Experiment Station de-clares that two eggs a day from a hen is an actual possibility and proves it by one of its own hens with a trap nest. She has laid two eggs a day for periods of five days in succession, and frequently in periods of three or four days. The writer also runs trap nests on his farm, and can certify that every year he has one or two hens that produce two eggs in one day—one is laid produce two eggs in one day—one is laid early in the morning, and one late in the

-A French bookkeeper made a test which satisfied-him that the sense of direction is more finely developed in the bee than in the pigeon. He took a dozen pigeons and a dozen bees about eight miles from his garden and there released them. To recognize the bees he dusted them with flour, and had a friend stationed near the hive and had a friend stationed hear to five and well in view of the dovecote. The first bee arrived home exactly 15 seconds before the first pigeon, and their compan-ions followed in due order.

AN IMPRACTICAL JOKER.

He Thought It Was Very Funny to

Fire the Hayrick. Practical joking, "the meanest form of wit," is common in Hungary. Formerly the pranks used to be coarse, if not dangerous, but that is changing now. The only saving grace of the Magyarian practical jokes, says W. B. F. Bovill in "Hungary and the Hungarians," is that they are not perpetrated in a spirit of bitterness.

One of the most famous jokers of the old school was Jozsa Gyuri. Exiled in one of the most inaccessible parts of the great plain, he lived and died "a prodigal and a buffoon."

A story is told of Jozsa going to spend a night with a Couat Keglevich. Wishing to be impressive, he journeyed thither in a beautiful new coach, of which he was very proud. On being shown over the grounds by the count his attention was directed to a remarkably fine hayrick. Hay was then standing at a good price. After supper Jozsa drew together some friends. and the rick was soon nothing but a heap of ashes

The next morning when Jozsa wanted to continue his journey his wonderful carriage was not to be seen

"Why, my friend," said the count, "you yourself burnt it last night. The fact is my coach house wants repairing, and as the evening threatened to be wet we put your carriage under the rick to keep it dry."

A MAN OF LUCK.

The Story of the Test by the Eastern King's Minister.

A king once said to a minister. "De you believe in luck?" "I do," said the minister.

"Can you prove it?" asked the king. "Yes, I can."

So one night he tied up to the ceiling of a room a bag containing peas mixed with diamonds and let in two men, one of whom believed in luck and the other in human effort alone The one who believed in luck quietly laid himself down on the ground on his blanket; the other after a time found the bag and, feeling in the dark the peas and stones, ate the peas and threw the diamonds to his companion. saying. "There are the stones for your

idleness." The man below received them in his

blanket In the morning the king and the minister came and told each man to keep what he had found. The man who believed in trying got the peas which he had eaten; the other got the diamonds.

The minister then said, "Sire, there may, you see, be luck, but it is as rare as peas mixed with diamonds, so let none hope to live by luck."-An Eastern Fable.

Teaching Him a Lesson.

The new mail carrier on the rural free delivery route glanced at the name on the letter box by the roadside, slouch hat who was resting his sun browned arms on the gate and look-

ing at him. "I see," he said, "your name is

Holmes." "Yes."

"Beverly G.?" "Yes, I'm the man that lives here." "Any relation of Sherlock Holmes?"

gravely asked the carrier. "No, sir," answered the farmer, "but I'm detective enough to know that you're not a very good judge of human nature. You took me for an ignoramus because I've got my old working duds on. I'm Sherlock Holmes enough to look at a man's face and eyes before I size him up as a- Some mail for me? Thanks."-Youth's Companion.

Men and Their Feet.

The Frenchman's foot is long, narrow and well proportioned. The Scotchman's foot, according to anthropologists, is high and thick, strong. muscular and capable of hard work. The Russian's foot possesses one pe culiarity, the toes being generally "webbed" to the first joint. The Tartar's foot is short and heavy, the feat of a certain type of savage, and the toes are the same length. The Spaniard's foot 's generally small, but finely curved. The Englishman's foot is in most cases short and rather fleshy and not, as a rule, as strong propor-tionally as it should be.—Argonaut.

Javelle Water.

Wherever water is used in preparing bleaches it should be soft. The alkali in hard water affects all chemical substances. Javelle water is a standard preparation for bleaching white things and removing spots and stains, but it must not touch colored surfaces. To make it dissolve half a pound of washing soda in a pint of boiling water and mix it with a quarter pound of chloride of lime dissolved in a quart of boiling water. Stir well, let settle, pour off the clear liquid and keep closely corked in a dark place.

A Nose For the Truth.

Exact truthfulness, according to a writer in the London Sketch, had its proper reward in the following in-

Teacher-Now, can you tell me wha the olfactory organ is? Bey-Please sir, no, sir. Teacher-Quite right.

Tough Skin.

Gunner-And now comes a professor who declares that fruit is just as healthy with the skin on as it is peeled. Guyer-H'm: I'd like to see somebody start him on a diet of pineapple.-Chicago News.

Great thoughts reduced to practice become great acts.-Hazlitt.

His Skill Has Much to Do With the Brilliancy of the Gem. When the expert looks at a diamond he can tell you in a moment where it

came from and even whether it was cut lately or some years ago. He knows by its color whence it comes, for the color of the Brazilian diamond differs from that of the South African, and even in South Africa different colors are found in different mines.

THE DIAMOND CUTTER.

In the rough the diamond has little brilliancy, for there is a crust that must be cut away before it can properly refract the light, and it is this power of refraction which makes the brilliancy of a diamond and has ev erything to do with its value in the market. The skill of the diamond cutter has much to do with bringing out this brilliancy. He must do the most he can with the rough stone before him and lose as little as possible of the precious weight in the stone.

Diamonds are found in all kinds of queer shapes, for the carbon may be in any position while being crystallized, and the act of crystallization may affect only parts of that carbon. When the expert cutter has a rough diamond before him he judges almost instantly how it will cut to the greatest advantage. If it inclines to the pear shape he will make a pear shaped diamond of it. If it be square or round the cutting will follow the natural lines as closely as possible, so that the loss

may be reduced to a minimum. To make the stone as brilliant as possible the diamond cutter cuts many facets so as to refract the light from as many points as he can. A full cut brilliant has at least forty-eight facets. and so expert are the cutters that they often cut diamonds so small that it requires a hundred to weigh a carat. Each has forty-eight facets.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Bright Boy. "Now, Tommy," said the teacher. "you may give me an example of coin-

cidence.' "Why-er," said Tommy, with some hesitation-"why-er-why, me fadder and me mudder was both married on de same day."-Harper's Weekly.

Shrewd Girl.

Ella-Bella is an economical girl. Stella-There is no doubt about that. She is engaged to a clergyman, and he says that she asked him if he couldn't perform the marriage ceremony and save the wedding fee.-New York Press.

National Pride. Sleepy Silas-I see dis paper says England and Wales have 750,000 paupers. Weary Watkins-Dat's just like de English, allus blowin' about somethin'!-Yonkers Statesman.

An Octopus in Captivity.

The New York Aquarium has recently obtained an octopus after a search lasting over several seasons for one representative stopped his horse and spoke to the of its kind. It is nearly three feet in exextremity of the opposing one, and has the ability to change color at will, which it does especially when attacked or molested. Hiding and crouching in the creviers and grottoes of submerged reefs, its body assuming the same color as its surroundings the monster easily captures all kinds of marine animals with its tentacles. In the Aquarium it is fed on live rock crabs, which are seized by a quick out-thrust of one of the snake like arms. The octopus has a grotesque walk or crawl, dragging its eight legs, and swims clumsily, in a backward manner, bringing all its limbs into play It seldom lives long in captivity.

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The Way of the Deserter.

On the bulletin board in a postoffice one frequently sees a proclamation announcing in large type that a reward of fifty dollars is offered by the government for the appre-beusion of So and So, who has deserted from the United States Army, and accompanying the notice are two pictures of the man in question, showing his full face and profile, together with a complete and accurate description of his personal appearance.

When you consider that such a procla-

mation is sent broadcast throughout the country to every village postoffice, con-stable, police station, sheriff, and United States marshal, it is evident that the deserter has but a very slender chance of es-caping detection. In addition to the ordi-nary marks of recognition, the soldier car-ries with him the inevitable manuerisms of the service, especially that peculiar stride which characterizes the profession be has followed and which is more difficult to disgui-e than the lockstep of the convict.

Fully four-fifths of the men who desert from our Army are of foreign birth. This does not imply that the vast majority of our eulisted men are naturalized citizens, but simply that a great many of that class are professional army deserters and have had records behind them in Europe. After deserting from a foreign army they came here and, being unable to secure work, joined our forces. But the old dissatisfaction with the soldiering life again became too strong to be resisted, and the result is another desertion and, the almost certain result, a term in the guard-house or in the national prison .- Harper's Weekly.

-For many years the stronghold of the woman suffrage movement has been considered to be in the Western States. The prejudices there were less crystalized; the sentiment of fair play was somewhat stronger and the proportion of women was not large enough to arouse the spirit of rivalry. The last few years, however, have seen a wonderful awakening among the vomen of the East, and it looks as if those of the West would not hold their supre-macy much longer. This recent interest is especially noticeable in New York State, and it seems not improbable that the largest city in the United States may be-

come the centre of the organized work. There has been a strong favorable sentinent in this State, as was clearly shown at the time of the last constitutional convention in 1894. At that time a petition asking that a clause giving the franchise to women should be put into the new Constitution was presented, which was signed by 332,148 individual names. and memorials and petitions signed officially by labor unions, granges, and other organizations brought the signatures up to 600,000. The anti-suffragists presented a petition with 15,000 names of both men and women, and not of women only. The official report can be had by sending a few stamps to the national suffrage headquarters, Warren, Ohio. In the face of this only referendum ever taken on the question in New York State it seems incredible that the anti-suffragists should claim to represent even a very small minority of public sentiment .-Harper's Bazaar.

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