FARM NOTES.

-If you have not already done so by all means requeen all colonies with young queens, as this will in a large measure prevent swarming next season.

-For comb honey a hive a little more body is preferable, as it forces the honey up into sections just where it is wanted.

-Ther are some 800,000 beekeepers in the United States. More than 500,000 are farmers who keep bees as a side line, obtaining honey for home use and a small

are not exposed to frequent freezing and

-Clean out the chaff and hayseeds on the barn floor and scatter it over bare throughout the entire year. places in the lots and pastures. This scattered seed represents good money value, and it should be put to good pur-

-If you want spinach for use in early spring, at the time when dandelion greens are ripe, sow seed in September or October. Frequently it does not winter well, especially it not protected by covering lightly with litter.

-Whatever form of lime is used, if it is in a fine condition, either as the result of grinding or of slaking, the best method of applying it to the soil is by the use of a lime spreader. The ordinary fertilizer drill does not spread any of these materials well except the very finely-

should be planted in autumn. Among floods will be a thing of the past and the principal advantages are leisure time, better physical condition of soil and the early establishment and consequent earlier growth of trees. Owing to its less hardy nature the peach is to be excepted irom the fall planting.

-Not very long ago fifteen tons of cold-storage butter from Chicago was seized by the federal authorities at Jersey City, New York. It was on its way to the restaurants of New York, and its rankness was noticeble even to people alongside the train. The railroad employees objected to handling it, and the

butter was sent to the dump. ter part of September for making the colonies strong in bees and stores for from the stronger ones, and this can be

The diversification of crops for the purpose of distributing labor throughout it does between the federal governthe year needs little if any comment. However, it is doubtful if the full benefits of scientific diversification are attainmen who would put in a large acreage of one variety of oats or one variety of wheat, whereas labor could be used much more advantageously if more than the beautiful that the lead in the preparation of a comprehensive plan of development. We pledge the enactment ed in every instance. We have known more advantageously if more than one of laws permitting and providing for variety were used, so that harvest time joint action and joint contribution of could be extended over a longer period.
One reason why winter wheat is increasing in popularity is because it ripens early, thereby enabling the farmer with a given amount of help to harvest a larger crop during the year than would be the for flood prevention in the western case if only spring grains were seeded. part of the state."

-The results of different treatments of hogs came to my notice last spring, when a neighbor sold two average pigs eight weeks old to a man who did not have any other hogs, says a West Virginia correspondent of the American Agriculturist. He bought the two hogs to make pork the next fall and, of course, wanted to give them a good chance to do their best. They were fed wheat middlings, milk and scraps from the table, in addition to the pasture they gathered. They were grade Chester Whites, farrowed in April. These two pigs dressed between 150 and 175 pounds each when about seven months old.

The pigs that had not been sold and out of the same litter were allowed to run on pasture, and when corn was ready to feed they were fed enough corn to put them in pork condition, but when slaugh-tered at about the same time as the other two they only weighed sixty-five or seventy pounds each. There was a difference of nearly 100 pounds between these well fed hogs and their mates not so fed, and it was wholly due to different treatments. It is easy to see which was the more economical pork producer—the well cared for hog or the one which got enough feed to barely live until fattening time. The difference in value was almost \$10, as pork sold at 10 cents a pound here last fall. The two well cared for hogs did not eat near \$10 worth of feed from the time they were separated from their mates until they were slaugh-

-When I see so much indifference as to the kind of horses raised on farms, I often wonder what the outcome will be, the middle states build storage reser-

of pure-bred mares and their foals. There will be no question as to their high price at selling-time. The same care and feed will raise the pure-bred and the mongrel

Take, for instance, a high-bred coach mare, high-headed, tull of vim, proud, sensitive, quick of motion, bred to a sensitive, quick of motion, bred to a Shire stallion, large, clumsy, slow and steady. What is the result? In most cases a mixture of both breeds. Breed her to a full-blood son of her own stock. What a beauty we have! Let every farmer begin at once to breed just as near as possible to the stock of horses represented by the mares.

as possible to the stock of horses represented by the mares.

Cross-breeding gives us the balker, the kicker, the ill-shaped horse. The oftener a mare is served by the same sire, the stronger will be the likeness of the progeny to the sire; hence, the absolute importance of breeding the young mare for the first time to a pure-bred horse. The first impress rules strong over the sucfirst impress rules strong over the succeeding ones. I had a Morgan mare in fact, is to keep pigs."

An Ohio Holestein bread

Pittsburgh Commission Takes Lead In Money Value to Pennsylvania-Power Development a Feature.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 22.-That the next legislature will take a comprehensive grasp of the water problems of Pennsylvania will be one of the principal shallow in the brood nest than the regular | results of the work of the Flood Commission of Pittsburgh, which recently spent \$125,000.00 in finding out how the millions of cubic feet of water that -Onions to keep well must be stored in a cool and dry place. A little freezing does not necessarily hurt them if they of the state, its conclusions are applicable wherever rivers exist which do not keep within their channel lines

> The Flood Commission has found that floods in the Allegheny, Mononriver can be absolutely prevented by the holding back of the flood waters in reservoirs. The prevention of floods alone would warrant the expense of building these reservoirs, but it also has been discovered that the water held back can be made to produce wealth to the state. It also has become evident through studies that what can be done on the western rivers can be done on all the rivers and streams in Pennsylvania.

If the state takes a firm grasp upon its water resources at the next ses--Where practicable the fruit orchards sion of the legislature the destructive the water that formerly did so much damage will be used to benefit navigation, to develop water power and to improve the quality for domestic and manufacturing purposes. That the Republican party in the state realizes the importance of taking up the water question is evidenced by the following plank in the platform adopted at the last Republican state convention:

"Particularly do we deem it advisable for the State of Pennsylvania to take a firm grasp upon its water problems. Transportation, flood preven--There is no better time than the lat- tion, reclamation, sewerage, water power and other incidents of water flow are questions of extreme importtheir long winter's sleep, and in this respect "a stitch in time is worth nine."
While there will be little brood reared

The description of extreme importance to the commonwealth. While these questions present different asance to the commonwealth. While the last of this month, yet the weaker pects from the national the state and colonies may be strengthened by giving the municipal viewpoints, their soluthem frames of sealed brood and bees tion cannot be adequately and efficiently effected except by some plan of harmonious and co-operative action. pressing upon it, and the counties and municipalities, with their limited powfunds for these purposes. We pledge immediate state appropriations for the improvement of the Delaware river and the port of Phliadelphia and

The Democratic party also realized the importance of this subject as fol-

lows: "We commend the special studies of flood conditions such as that recently concluded in the western part of the state and urge the enactment of legislation carrying into effect the recommendations that have been made for the control of floods, for increasing the navigable flow of rivers, for the development of water power and for bettering the sanitary conditions of our rivers. We advocate the co-operation of the State of Pennsylvania with the counties of the state and with the national government in the construction of storage reservoirs and other works to carry the above outlined benefits into effect, believing that these are matters in which the state is vitally interested."

It is expected that this action of the two big political parties in the state which followed shortly after the publication of the report of the Flood Commission will have the effect of passing the necessary laws at the next session of the legislature.

The Pennsylvania Floods.

The devastation and ruin wrought by the Pennsylvania floods merely represent the inevitable working of cause and effect. Until the people of Farmers pay more attention to every other kind of stock, even to the chickens on the farm, than to the horses.

What a beautiful sight is a barn-lot full try has been stripped of its protective. try has been stripped of its protection of forest. The watersheds are a huge sink, collecting the rainfall in one irresistible torrent. The conditions will never grow better in that regard until the forests are brought back into existence, and that will take a generation's work and care to ac-

The Only Way. Upton Sinclair, commiserating with young poet, argued: "It is exceedlugly difficult in this commercial age for a poet to make a living by his pen. The only way for him to do so

was a mule; three other colts gotten afterward by a full-blood Morgan sire had the distinct markings of the mule as to ears and a stripe down the shoulders. It's a matter of vital interest, this of breeding up our line of horses.

—An Ohio Holstein breeders' association reports an increase in membership of two hundred per cent. in the past three years. It now has one hundred and fifty members. There ought to be more such flourishing agricultural clubs.

WILL MEAN A BIG SAVING NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

Showing That Rivers Have a Real How P. T. Barnum Came Near Humbugging Himself.

> Great American Showman Paid Doctors to Certify to His Sanity When He Wished to Make His WIII.

> > By E. J. EDWARDS.

While P. T. Barnum, the great showman, not only humbugged the American people, but also openly confessed annually cause damage and disaster it, saying that they were fond of bein the form of floods can be made a ing humbugged, there was one Amerifinancial asset to the state. While the can citizen whom he was careful nevcunning though he was as a business man, almost invariably getting the best of every business deal in which he took part, with the result that he accumulated a fortune of some four or five millions of dollars, there was a time when he all but humbugged gahela and the upper part of the Ohio himself as completely as he ever did the American public.

The late John Platt, who in his day was esteemed one of the ahlest, shrewdest and most honorable lawyers practicing before the New York bar, was a sort of general counsel for Mr. Barnum for years, with satisfactory financial results to both parties con-

One day Mr. Barnum, all excitement and enthusiasm, bounded into Mr. Platt's office. He pulled from a pocket what looked like a legal paper and waved it before the lawyer.

"Mr. Platt," he cried, 'I've hit upon a plan which will put a stop to any attempt to contest my will in case any one should be disposed to go to law over the way I have left my money." "What's the occasion of all this precaution?" asked Mr. Platt.

"Well, you see," was the reply, "I notice that there are a good many will contests these days. There was one recently down in Connecticut, near where I live. They actually broke the will on the ground that the maker of it was not mentally competent-didn't know what he was about-when he drew up the will.

"Now, when I read of that, I said to myself, 'Nobody has ever accused you, P. T. Barnum, of not knowing what you're about while you're alive, but there is no telling what they may say of you after you're dead. You'd better fix it so that they can't cook up any story of that kind on you when you are in your grave and can't answer back.' And," triumphantly tapping the legal-looking document, "I've done it-I've done it, Mr. Platt."

"How have you done it?" inquired

"Oh," rattled on Mr. Barnum, "I went to see two of the best known ters and insanity, and I said to them, 'I want you to give me a certificate that I'm all right mentally, perfectly competent to make a will.' So they asked me a few questions, and thumped my head, and said that I was all right, and gave me the certificate, and I defy anybody to break my will when a certificate of that kind is shown."

"Barnum," said Mr. Platt, looking up into the glowing countenance of his client, "on that statement I'd break the will for fifty dollars."

"Eh, what! You would? How?" stammered the nonplussed showman. "Why," retorted Mr. Platt, "all I'd have to do would be to go into court and show that you were so doubtful of your own mental competency to make a will that you hired two doctors to tell you exactly what you wanted to have them tell you; and under these circumstances the certificate wouldn't be worth the paper it is written upon."

For several minutes Mr. Barnum was completely taken aback and said nothing. "Why," he exploded at last, "I came pretty near humbugging myself, didn't I?" Then he tore up the precious certificate, and, I believe, made an entirely new will.

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The Food Faddist's Fix. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was congratulated in his office recently on the fact that he, like the poet Maeterlinck and other famous men, has taken to the motocycle.

"And has motocycling benefited your health?" his congratultor, a journalist, ventured to ask.

"I think it has," Mr. Rockefeller replied. "I won't ask you, though, to take note of my clear eye and good color, or I might find myself in the food faddist's fix. "A food faddist was lecturing to a

large audience on the marvelous results to be obtained from chewing soup or eating nut butter or something of that kind. He was not a very imposing person physically, but, swelling out his chest, he slapped it thrice with his palm and cried: "'Friends, two years ago I was a

walking skeleton-a haggard, miserable wreck. Now what do you suppose brought about this great change "He paused to let his words sink in,

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