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their lives.

COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS-LIKE MARRIAGES.

By L. A. Miller.

By L. A. Miller. The question is often asked, why is the question is often asked, why is it that there are more unhappy mar- ly and with the intention to be useful riages now than in former years. Are and happy in it, he will be, provided there more?

It must be remembered that the fa- by the one whom he has chosen to be cilities for hearing of them have been his confidant, companion and partner. increased to such an extent that the greediness of the people, and of newsgreediness of the people, and of news-papers for news of this character is bound by holy ties and felt that it so much greater than it was half a would be a sin indeed to violate even century ago, that a dozen cases of do- the smallest vow they had taken. They mesitic infelicity are heard of now, became resigned to the fate they had where, under the old style, not more than one would have become public they considered it a sacred duty to property.

In those days marriage was more of Thoughts of divorce rarely entered a commercial transaction than it is their minds. If a spirit of dissatisnow, which had a tendency to create faction arose they sought a way to put uncongenial alliances. It was an old it down. They made due allowance custom, brought from the mother for the weaknesses of each other's country, where it continues to the burdens. Paul said to Timothy that it present time. Parents did the match- was better not to marry. He evidently making. The social and financial fea- did not mean that for all classes of tures were the ones they looked after men, but for such as Timothy and most carefully, leaving cupid to shoot himself. Their callings required them in vain.

In some respects the commercial better for any man not to marry un-marriage was a good one; at least it til he is settled down. If he must had the advantage of being planned on a business-like basis. The whole affair was talked over coolly and dispas- away from home a great deal cannot sionately by the parents, much as if become attached to it as closely as he they were bartering a piece of prop-erty; love being one of the smallest he returns to it once a month, or two considerations in the transaction. The or three times a year. He is merely prospective husband was awarded a a visitor, and he feels that he is only dowery, or bonus for taking the girl off the father's hands. This bonus was expected to be a fair share of the ward it, and have a desire to return old man's wealth.

As un-American as this custom is, it had a deep hold here and it is only within a recent period that wives have not been expected to bring something more than their hearts and a few suits domicile. of clothes to their new homes. In the rural districts it is yet the custom for the parents to give each daughter a reader, but I will not, for should you not accept the result of my observaand saddle; where the parents are well fixed they give more.

The country bride usually has the making of her own match. She is aid-I give you the evidence chapter by chapter Many years of my life spent in the city and country has sufficed to ed and abetted more or less, however, give me a very intimate knowledge of by her mother and all the neighbor social relations; besides I have not women, except such as have daughters been a thoughtless observer, but have who are on the same trail. One reatraced up the causes leading to many son that country girls are allowed to of the graver cases of domestic infe-licity. If you have a home don't let have so much say in the matter is that if they should ever rue their bargain it be a discordant one. Adieu! they cannot jaw their parents about it. As a rule, however, they do not

rue it, since they are not as apt to make mistakes as town or city girls, because they are not so helpless and dependent. If their husbands meet

love, any more than there can be a FARM NOTES. union of oil and water. These can be agitated until they mix, but when al-

-Feed alfalfa as you would grain, not as you would hay. lowed to become quiet they separate and are still oil and water. Compulso--The soy bean will resist drouth better and also be less sensitive to an ry marriage is a travesty on a sacred rite; a sin against God and man; a excess of moisture than either cow shame and disgrace to any people. In peas or corn.

the first place it requires two persons -Colts frequently lose bloom and to swear falsely, to perjure them-selves; and in the second it cuts two flesh at weaning time. They should have been taught to eat hay and grain persons off from society and blights before being weaned.

-A poorly ventilated stable has The married state is the natural caused horses to suffer more from pulstate for man, and the one he should monary diseases during the winter than in summer. The average case of aim to reach and to honor. He is influenza, or even cold distemper, will guided toward it by instinct; gravitates toward it naturally and is aidnot require much medicinal attention if an abundant amount of fresh air is allowed the patient. Fresh air is needed to keep a horse in good health; it is equally important in cases of sufhe is supported in his determination fering from any respiratory trouble. The most skillful medical treatment will be useless without it. In olden times when a couple were

-Every now and then some section of the country is visited by some strangers, who, with smooth tongues, influence some farmers to go into a contract for furnishing or stocking an orchard. The contract generally calls chosen, and "come weal, come woe," for several hundred trees at about \$1 each. One-half of this money is paid meet it with cheerful resignation. on delivery of the goods and the other half at the expiration of five years, or the firm reserves the right to take one-half of the crop of the fifth year. In some of the contracts it is stipulated that the nursery company is to trim the trees for five years. In due course of time the stock is

delivered and the first payment collected. That generally ends the entire transaction; by the half-payment to lead rambling, unsettled lives. It is the farmer has paid the representative a big price for the trees, and they never return to trim the trees or even to collect the last installment. It is always safest to refuse to go

into any contract with strangers, and especially those who guarantee impossible things. That class of imposters hurt the legitimate business of responsible firms, and also discourage many in the growing of fruit.

-There is nothing mysterious about farming, and yet, to make a success, to it whenever separated from it. The the farmer must be a practical man. He must use common sense, and a man who is at home wherever he hangs up his hat, has no home at all. good deal of it. Farming, when con-Neither has the man whose presence ducted with the same skill, economy and enterprise which characterizes most other fields of industry, affords is not a source of happiness in his

domicile. I could give chapter after chapter of solemn facts that would startle the how the physical development than almost any other vocation of life, and its les-any other vocation of life, and its lessons and surroundings promote a higher moral and spiritual developtions, nor place confidence in my judgment, you will not believe even though | ment than any other calling. Therefore it pays.

To be successful, the farmer must judiciously apply his time and intelli-gently rotate his crops. He must know how to divide his time. The man who works from 15 to 18 hours a day is the man who got behind in his work. He planned wrong. Had he systematically arranged matters, and had used good, sound judgment, he would have had no trouble to complete a good day's work in 10 hours, and been up to date with all his duties. Ten hours working under a system will accomplish more than 15 to 18 hours other-Homer Folks, of New York, recently wise.

with reverses they can take a hand in managing affairs; or if they turn delivered a radio health talk choosing for his subject keeping the mind well. Every farm should have live stock of some kind, but the selection should out to be worthless, they can, as a "Often we hear people remark," he be according to the facilities and the said, "when they learn of some friend talent the man possesses in that line. when they get houses of their own to ble-death would be better than that!" Some men naturally take to horses, others to cattle, others to swine and manage, consequently are not disap-pointed when they find the new life but little different from that they left. truth. But times change. Even the go strongest on that line for which he grouch who insists the world is going is best fitted. It may be said the same to the dogs cannot deny that great of sheep, or hogs, or poultry. While progress has been made in health mat- it may be profitable to have a few of all the above, the farmer should not go INSANITY A MATTER OF HEALTH. too deeply with any that he does not "Insanity is a matter of health, as fully understand, or that he has no special liking for. Some farmers are always behind with their work for the reason that everlasting doom which some awful they have selected the wrong branch-They work hard and are economes. ical, but they are handling work they do not fully understand. Then, too, they use too much muscle at the sacrifice of brains. Some men are continually changing from one branch to another. Before they are able to give one thing a fair trial they change to another. It is only those who stick that succeed. The sooner one sticks to a certain line the sooner and better will he under-stand it. It is only the ignorant who learn anything by experience. Cleaning off all the rubbish left over from last season's gardening is the way to get rid of any insects. Leaves, stems and other litter should not be permitted to accumulate up to the time of planting. Weeds should be gathered and burned. Thoroughly working the soil over during the winter will destroy such insects as spend the winter on or a few inches below the surface. Generally this is done a month or so before planting time. The orchard demands humus. Unless it is furnished there will eventually be no trees. Where there is no sod, and where each fall the leaves are removed from the ground, the soil will finally get in that condition that even though fertilizers be used freely, it will be unable to do its best. Under conditions like that large quantities of barnyard manure or forest leaf-mould should be used to prevent deterioration of the soil. In bare orchards the trees are more readily health which a previous generation did not have is now placed almost at they are surrounded by sod, and partially winter-killed trees are apt to be attacked by bark beetles, which are as dangerous a pest as the San Jose Is Your Blood Good

REMARKS OF "SETTING" HEN

Some Pertinent Observations Supposed to Have Been Made by Somewhat Disconsolate Biddy.

People say I'm independent. Well, if I want to set, I'm going to and nobody can change my mind.

Men are so rough. They come and yank me off my nest like I was a necessary evil. I think I have a right to fly back at them sometimes.

I like women best. They come and pet me and lift me off my nest so gently that I wish I could thank them for it.

I haven't much use for an old hen that wants to set all the time. Twice is enough. I know one hen in the flock that set all last summer and started out bright and early again this spring. If the boss was onto his job he'd make a chicken dinner out of her.

ingly remarking "you can't keep those things secret." No date for the wed-Wonder why all the hens peck at me ding has been set. The romance be-gan while the young couple were when I ruffle up and go ouc into the yard to get a breath of fresh air. abroad about two years ago, the Bish-I hate incubators. They are going to op said.

rob us of all our chicks and before long we won't have any excuse for setting. People must think we don't want to be mothers.

I'm getting awful thin. People think we don't need much when we are setting all the time, so they throw in only a little ear corn and the rats get the most of it.

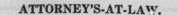
I wish somebody would invent a realfor-sure lice killer. I don't want anything to do with any quack stuff .--Farm Life.

IS LARGEST BARREL VAULT

Structure Built Many Centuries Ago Proves Value of Bitumen Used to Cement Mortar.

Oil seeps, large and small, occur throughout Persia and Mesopotamia. Asphalt played an important part in the enduring character of the buildings of the ancient civilization in that part of the world. One of the most remarkable instances of the use of asphalt or bitumen is the Arch of Ctesiphon on the River Tigris, about thirty miles to the south of Bagdad. This arch was built by Chosroes, one of the Sassanian kings, about the year 550 A. D., and of this famous structure two wings are still standing. It is "built of bricks laid in bitumen, and the original structure consisted of a large hall 163 feet long and 86 feet wide with a vaulted roof 95 feet high open at one end and closed at the other. The crown of the arch was 9 feet thick, and the wall supporting it 23 feet across at the base. The open end of the hall was flanked by two wing walls, rising to the height of the top of the arch and some 20 feet thick at the base.

The whole is built of large, flat. burnt bricks, some of them bearing a snakes hibernate, year after year, on collecting trips, the curator and his aides have made every effort to learn cuneiform stamp. The Ctesiphon arch has always remained the largest bar-



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Pleasant to take Children like land, son of Grover Cleveland, twice

the formal announcement.

COUGH!

President of the United States, be-

came known recently in advance of

Bishop Gailor, after first expressing

RATTLESNAKES ANNOY FEW.

Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of

reptiles of the New York zoological

garden, who is said to know more

about the creatures than any other

expert, while saying that there are many rattlesnakes in this country, no-

tably in New York and Pennsylvania,

declares that there are very few rec-

ords of injury from them. In a recent

investigation, where he questioned the

residents of districts where the snakes

were known to be numerous, he heard

of only one serious accident, and that

was to an intoxicated man who invited

impunity by Mr. Ditmars and his as-

sistants, and many of the snakes are

caught. A den about 125 miles from

New York, which was raided last spring, yielded many rattlesnakes and

copperheads, blacksnakes and serpents of other varieties. Many of them were

sent to the Antwerp zoological garden in Belgium. A rattlesnake's den is not a den in the general acceptance of

the term-a cave such as a large ani-

One den in the Berkshires is on the

southern side of a hill, where there

seems to have been an upheaval of

large rocks with big spaces and crev-ices between them. The sun throws

its rays there winter and summer, and

it is thought that there are hot springs

beneath. It is underneath these rocks

that the snakes hibernate in winter,

and on the last warm days in the fall

they may be seen sunning themselves

outside, on the doorsteps of their

home, and after a long sleep they

come out again in the spring for a few days and then, thoroughly warm-

ed and awakened, start off in pairs to

cover the country and find food. Where

they go it is difficult to tell, for Mr.

Ditmars says that covering the coun-

try where they are liable to be, it is

In discovering dens where the

very rare to find one.

mal would occupy.

Rattlesnake dens are raided with

disaster.

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such from choice, are true philosophers. They cannot see the advantages of changing a tolerable condition for one that may be intolerable, or at least no better than their present one. They are free to come and go as they lease; to indulge their taste without hindrane and to enjoy the society of whomsoever may be agreeable without fear of exciting jealousy. Why should our bachelor friend deny himself the many pleasures he would have to forego were he to marry? As it is, he is never at a loss for the society of ladies, whereas, if he had a wife the chances are she would soon lose her taste for going out and enjoying life as she did before marriage. She would be exacting about his return at all times and hold him to a strict account of his whereabouts when out of her sight. This is extremely annoying to a man, and it will drive him into forbidden paths sooner than almost anything else. The silliest part of this howl against bachelors is the demand for compulsory marriage.

Voluntary marriage is often bad enough, dear knows; but how much worse would compulsory marriage be, What is the result of the instances where it is practiced! Most miserable! Learning to love is all bosh, a delusion and a snare. One may learn to admire, but not to love. If there is them to return to their homes. not a natural affinity there can be no

AH FELL OUTEN DE BAHN LOF' WID MAH HAT FULL O' HIN-AIGGS JES' NOW EN LAW ME! SOME O' DEM AIGGS WAN'T JES' ZACLY FRESH !!!!

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ters, especially in the last 50 years. INSANITY A MATTER OF HEALTH.

BROKEN LEG.

A BROKEN MIND AND

much as tuberculosis. It is no longer the mystery it used to be when it was thought that to become insane was an fate had placed upon a person. To be accurate, we should not speak of insanity, but of mental diseases. That change in wording shows the progress that has been made. A person who is mentally diseased is today in this State cared for in a hospital, attended by a trained nurse, treated by a doc-tor, and in many cases cured, just like a person who is ill from any bodily disease.

THINGS OF THE PAST.

"In the same way, insane asylums with their hopeless atmosphere are a thing of the past in this State at least, and in their place we have modern State hospitals well deserving of the name hospital. About one-fourth of all the mental patients who are admitted to the New York State hospitals each year for treatment are cured and nearly an additional one-fourth are so improved as to render it possible for

MENTAL DISEASE CURABLE.

"Mental disease is not the tragedy it used to be. It is often curable. Much of it is prenventable. There are now over 40,000 persons under treatment in the New York State hospitals. Many, if they could have had the chance to receive early treatment when the first signs of their mental trouble appeared, could have been restored to full mental health without ever having entered a hospital. Recoveries are in direct ratio to the promptness with which treatent is begun. That opportunity for mental our very doors.

FREE MENTAL CLINICS.

"These same State hospitals are conducting in various cities through- scale. out the State free mental clinics to ly seek the advice of a well-qualified mental specialist. These clinics are verge of a mental breakdown, but are for all persons who find their 'nerves' interfering with their ability to get

along with people, to do their best work, or to get the fullest enjoyment out of life. Sensible people are overcoming any false pride they may have had about consulting the mental clinquires equally prompt treatment .---Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The orchard should be kept clean of which any one can go and confidential- | all unnecessary trash that has laid on the ground during the summer and fall, together with the leaves of such not only for those who are on the trees as are known to have sheltered pestiferous insects, and destroyed by fire

Where cover crops are employed they should be plowed under deeply in early spring, in order that the insects hibernating above ground may be hopelessly buried and perish. There is no objection to placing a straw ic. A broken mind is not more repre-hensible than a broken leg, and it re- sects are safely hidden for the winter, providing tillage has been followed throughout the entire season.

rel yault in the world, and furnishes valuable evidence as to the value of bitumen used in cement mortar.

"The Bloody Run."

The stream now known as Bloody Run, whose gorge may be traced in Elmwood cemetery, was formerly Parent's creek. The name was changed after the defeat and slaughter of Captain Dalzell and his company by the Indians on July 31, 1763. Just before daybreak on that day, Dalzell marched out of the fort of Detroit with 250 men. They made their way along the ridge on the line of what is now Jefferson avenue. The Indians were ambushed on both sides of the Parent's creek and when the soldiers had crossed the bridge at this point they were attacked. Only 90 men under Major Rogers succeeded in escaping

the massacre that ensued. This was an incident of the Indian war that resulted from the conspiracy of Pontiac. -Detroit News.

Thrifty. At the Kingsway theater, owing to the absence of one of the company, a recent matinee performance had to be abandoned and the audience were informed that their money would be returned. To the amazement of the Hebe in the bar, one of her patrons appeared and calmly asked for the refund of ninepence which he had expended on a lemonade. "But," gasped the astonished girl, "you can't expect your money back-you've had the lemonade." "Ah," said the optimistic one, "but I shouldn't have spent the money if I hadn't come to this matinee !"-London Opinion.

Grover Cleveland's Son to Wed Bish-

op's Daughter.

New York .- The engagement of Miss Ellen Douglas Gailor, daughter of Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in America, to Richard Folsom Cleve-

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of cases of people who have been injured by them. After basking for a few days in the sun at their dens in the spring, a small number, it is found, will stray down into the meadows and farm lands and are seen and killed. Occasional specimens are found in the barrens and open spots among low huckleberry bushes, but this is a small proportion of the large numbers that emerge from the dens, most of which go up into the rocky portions of the mountains and are never seen by human beings.-Ex.

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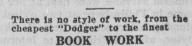
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