

THE MARVELOUS NIGHT.

(Continued from page 2, Col. 6.) were gazing upon her: big, soft, brown eyes dilated with an exquisite wonder. They held her there immobile, with her long white gown, her tumbled golden hair, her eyes staring back blue. She tried to say something; but nothing would say itself. The brown eyes remained upon her. Beneath their ecstasy and their wonder, there was something that gave Maryan the wish to cry. Something dumb and pleading and loving and faithful, which she had seen last summer in the eyes of a great big doggie when, rolling on his back at her feet, he looked up at her and panted. Again, she tried to speak. "This time she succeeded. "Bonjour, p'tit Jesus," she said in French. The sad mouth trembled into an uncertain smile, and slowly the long lashed eyes closed again. The head fell back on Elizabeth's lap. "Beat his hands, Maryan, beat his hands, quick, quick," Elizabeth cried. Maryan beamed fearfully; she raised one of the hard red little paws in one hand, and with the other began to give it soft pats. "I am," assured Maryan, continuing her absurd little pattings. Elizabeth leaned over and unbuttoned the top of the miserable jacket. "Slap him there!" she cried. "No, no, hard, slap them hard!" cried Elizabeth. But Maryan was at the end of her fortitude. "I can't," she protested. "I'm afraid!" "Oh, Maryan, try!" "Nope," said Maryan, with abrupt decision. "I'm going to get mamma!" "Oh, Maryan, please don't," pleaded Elizabeth, stroking gently the pale forehead beneath her. She knew well that with the coming of elders the best of adventures crumbled, scorched with doubt as by some devastating fire. "Please don't. We'll get him well all by ourselves. Go to the kitchen, and see if you can find a piece of raw beefsteak."

FARM NOTES.

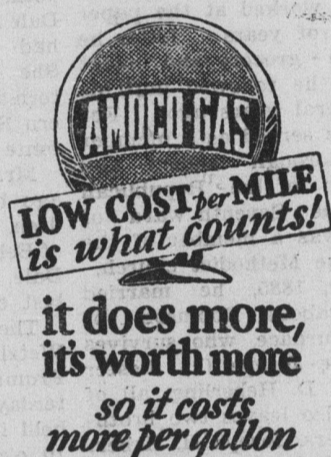
—Late fall and early winter are good times in which to haul lime and spread it on fields. Bad roads and spring work do not interfere with this soil improvement work at this time of year, Pennsylvania State College specialists point out. —Pennsylvania vegetable growers have prepared a fine program on production, marketing, and consumption for their annual meeting at Harrisburg January 21 and 22. Prominent growers and scientists will speak. —Pullets must be kept in good flesh if their egg production is to be maintained at a high level. Feeding a fleshing mash in addition to the laying ration will help. —Short courses in agriculture and dairy manufacturing will begin at the Pennsylvania State College January 5. These courses are designed for those who cannot spend a longer period at the college but who desire to become familiar with the very latest agricultural information and practices. Write to the Dean of the School of Agriculture, State College, Pa., for a catalog. —Prepare a definite plan before attempting to beautify the home grounds. Elimination of unsightly objects, use of color and planting materials, and proper location in relation to the house and grounds are important in putting the plan to work. —Apple tree pruning can be done now when the weather is favorable. Some pruning each year is better than heavy cutting at longer intervals. —Good cows fed well and properly cared for will return profits even under adverse conditions. Join the local cow testing association so the ability of each cow may be determined. —Interest in the slaughtering, cutting, and curing of pork, beef, and mutton at home is increasing among Pennsylvania farmers and homemakers. Demonstrations conducted by extension workers show how to select the right animal for slaughter and how to handle the carcass after butchering. —During the 10-year period, 1918-'28, the number of farm tractors in this State increased from 5000 to 35,000. Power farming methods have increased man's ability to improve his capacity, according to agricultural engineers of Penn State College. —Since plant materials are set out for permanent effect, consideration should be given when the plants are selected to the possible height and maturity. —Decreased egg production follows a sudden drop in temperature. The alert poultryman watches his birds and their consumption of feed in such periods. Some feed a moist mash on cold days when the appetites of the birds lag. —It is advisable to have a good variety of feeds in the grain mixture. Such a mixture gives a better quality of protein and provides a feed that is relished by the cows. —Brood sows should receive approximately one-half a pound of grain a day during the gestation period. About 10 days or two weeks before farrowing time corn should be replaced by bran and oil meal. —It is impossible to remodel old type poultry houses so that they will provide fresh air and at the same time control frost and moisture as satisfactorily as a new, well planned one will do. There are, however, some simple things that can be done for the old poultry house that will make it much more comfortable in winter.

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There is probably nothing that can be done to make an old house more comfortable than to put in a straw loft overhead. If the loft is built straight across just enough to be out of the way so that it is not necessary to stoop, overhead cold will be reduced and a proper temperature can be maintained. The thickness of the layer of straw should be anywhere from 12 to 18 inches after it has settled.

Shutter-ventilators are much more reliable for ventilation than muslin curtains and in remodeling a shutter ventilator can often be substituted for one sash of an old window. Floor space for birds can be increased by constructing dropping boards and at the same time sanitary conditions will be greatly improved. Many common poultry diseases are spread through infected droppings.

New York city is particular about its eggs and local shippers find it profitable to meet the requirements of this market, says Prof. J. C. Huttar, of the New York State College of Agriculture. A good case, new white fillers, and white eggs, uniformly graded, give the New York buyer confidence in the quality of the eggs. If a certain brand has a reputation for uniform grading, a buyer may examine a few eggs in one or two cases and buy accordingly.

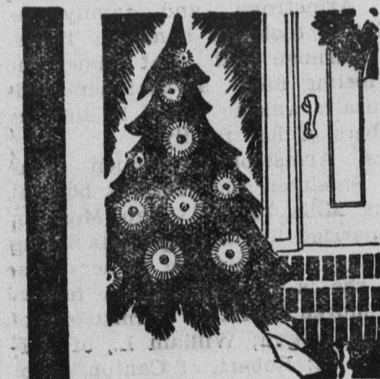
When a patron in a restaurant orders two fried eggs and the waitress brings him one with a light yolk and the other a golden orange, he thinks something is wrong with one or the other and sends them back to the kitchen, even if they are perfectly good eggs, a New York city restaurant buyer recently told Professor Huttar.

A light yolk, or one that appears light before the candle, is in demand. One class of trade discriminates heavily against an orange or red yolk. Yolks appear reddish because the candle if they have been subjected to warm temperature for more than one or two hours. No doubt this is the way most of the New York State produced eggs got their bad name, says Professor Huttar.

A recent dispatch appeared in Harrisburg papers under a Lewis town date line stating that the National Air Transport has let a contract for the erection of a \$500,000 brick building to house a radio broadcasting station near Belleville. This is not correct. The N. A. T. has no intention of changing its route but will continue to fly its planes via Sunbury and Belleville. It is possible the Transcontinental Air Transport, carrying mail from Philadelphia, via Harrisburg and

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