

Farmer's Department.

Management of the Poultry-Yard. A good deal of experience has taught us that success in the poultry-yard depends as much upon good general management as upon any other one thing.

When the eggs of any hens in the yard are kept for the purpose of raising young chickens, and when little attention is paid to the particular hens reserved for laying, it will in general be found that the profits are small, and the quality of fowls raised rapidly deteriorates.

In addition to the usual plan of selecting only the best formed and quickest hens for breeding purposes, we have found it of advantage to pay considerable attention to the age of the fowls which we retain.

It is in order to have eggs during winter, besides the usual appliances of meat, lime, sand, bones, etc., we always make sure of having early chickens. The pullets of this year commence to lay in October or November, and will throughout the winter.

It is a wonderful how rapidly hens lay. We often see accounts of hens not laying because they are too fat. When considering the case with hens, often as soon as they cease laying for a season, we have often thought, if only the true way to state the case is that they fattened because they did not lay.

There is no need of clover as a renovator of the soil. It is not generally appreciated. It makes excellent hay, and when consumed makes a manure very rich in nitrogen.

There is no medicine at all equal to clover in its use. It is a very strong root plant and penetrates the soil to a great depth. The mechanical condition of the soil is very much improved by the decay of these long tap roots.

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For the Young Folks.

By-And-By.

A SKETCH FOR MOTHERS.

OH! isn't it beautiful? Just like a real live baby. Just what I wanted, papa. How did you know? and Carrie danced about the room in a perfect tumult of delight.

"To-day?" I guess you can wait a little. I don't see how I'm going to do it to-day. It's a good deal of work, Carrie, to dress prettily."

"Mamma, you'll make a white dress, won't you? It's a baby-doll, you see. And, oh! mamma, will you make a pink one too? Let me see—I should like a long white dress, real baby-clothes you know; but I guess I could play better if she was a year old, or two years. I guess I'll have her dresses short. And can she have a flannel skirt, with a little bit of worked edge—just a little, tiny bit of work, mamma—that won't take long—a scallop or a chin-stitch?"

"Oh, mamma, splendid!" exclaimed Carrie, springing up, and merrily letting Lily fall in her embraces. And when her father came home, she had a great deal to tell him of the beautiful things her baby was to have.

"That afternoon, a lady called, and in the course of conversation, she inquired—"Have you read 'Hospital Life in the Army of the Potomac'?"

"I have just finished it," returned her friend, "and will lend it to you, if you wish."

"Poor Carrie! The book came, and her doll's wardrobe was again deferred. Once she had it, she would say,—"Isn't that baby dressed up?" he asked, with some surprise, as he saw her playing with it.

"Mamma is going to dress her as soon as she's finished a book Mrs. Jameson lent her," Carrie answered. He said no more, though she thought he looked rather serious.

DRUGS & MEDICINES.

HOOPLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS.

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DRY GOODS.

MILLER'S STORE.

FRESH ARRIVAL OF FALL AND WINTER GOODS. The subscriber has just returned from the cities with another large and select assortment of SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

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