Miscelaneous.

Breaking Up of a Sitting Hen.

The city man who goes into the country to spend the summer must make up his mind to learn something of the routine of rural life. A New York man who is spending the hot weather season with a family on Pine street, was asked by the lady of the house if he would take a hen off the nest, as it wanted to sit, and she didn't want it to.

'Certainly,' said he, and immediately started out to the barn where hens were kept, to crush out the maternal prospects of this particular one.

He went straight to the nest to lift her off and reached out his hand for that purpose, but immediately drew it back again and tucked it up under the other arm, and squeezed it a little, while he drew up his lips as if about to say something. Then he stood there and stared at the hen, and she lifted up her head and stared back at him, winking her eyes with singular velocity.

'Get off, won't you?' said he, after a pause.

She made no response. He drew out his hand and looked at a red spot on one of the knuckles, and then put the knuckle in his mouth to cool it, looking all the while at the hen, and wondering how on earth she moved so quickly. The longer he eyed her, the less inclined he felt to touch her, and finally he climbed up a post to a beam which ran over the nest, and working his way out till he got just above the hen, took off his hat and shook it at her and advised her to get off. But she only looked up at him, one eye at a time, and clucked ominously. He told her if she didn't leave he'd come down there and kick her through the barn, but immediately gave up the bloodthirsty design when he reflected that it was a dumb animal and couldn't reason like a human being. Then he happened to think of his pantaloons which were white linen, and rubbed his fingers on the beam to find them full of black dust, which led him to work his body around to look at his pantaloons, and while making this natural move he suddenly slipped, made a plunge to renew his hold, shrieked for help, slipped again, and then came down on top of the hen and the nest, smashing them both to the floor, upsetting a barrel, and filling the air with dust, feathers, hen noises, and shrieks. When the family reached the barn the unfortunate man, looking something like a circus poster on legs, had got on his feet, and was turning around and rubbing his head in an abstracted manner, and every time he turned an omelet on a white linen base came to view, while the hen stood up in the farthest corner on one leg, with a look of mingled astonishment and reproach on her countenance. After five minutes of industrious application with a chin the gentleman was escorted into the house where his head was bathed with spirits and his comfort generally attended to.—*Danbury News.*

A Bride's Long Waiting.

The Toledo Blade says: Yesterday occurred the happy ending of a long and weary waiting on the part of a lady who was once the fairest of the fair daughters of Toledo. Eleven years ago she was betrothed, with her parent's consent, to a young man of fine character, but without what is considered the most desirable of possessions next to that, namely, money. Hesitating to take his beloved from her pleasant home to subject her to the trials is that poverty entails, he bade her farewell to go west to seek his fortune. She had letters from him full of hope and cheerful exceptions, until he reached Omaha, when they suddenly ceased. The days wore into weeks, and the weeks into months, and then into years, but still no word from the absent one to the expectant girl, who waited and watched all in vain. His friends gave him up for dead, but she, with a woman's persistency refused to think so, and declared her belief that he would some time return to claim his bride. Suitors came and went, the light of her eyes became dim from weeping, the roses faded from her cheek, and gradually withdrawing from the scenes she had graced with her presence, her very existence was almost forgotten by society.'

Two weeks since, while sitting alone in her quiet parlor, the bell rang, and in a moment more the door opened, and a gentleman entered the room. The bronzed and bearded man had little resemblance to the slender youth to whom she had plighted her troth so many long years before, but the eye of love could not be deceived, and in a moment more she was clasped in the arms of him for whom she had so long watched and waited. His story was soon told. Leaving Omaha with an emigrant train for the Pacific coast, it was attacked by the Indians and he was taken prisoner and carried away into the far interior. Every effort to escape was futile, and he was passed from one tribe to another, going farther and farther away from civilization' as the months rolled on. At last, by a fortunate chance, he managed to deceive his jailers, and, after incredible hardships, reached San Francisco three years from the time he left Omaha. Here he encountered and old acquaintance from Toledo, who in answer to his inquiries about the dear ones there, told him that his betrothed was a wife of another. Stunned and heartbroken, he made no attempt to communicate with any one here, and was not undeceived until a few weeks ago, when on a visit to San Francisco from his inland home, he had again received tidings from an old neighbor that sent him homeward as fast as the cars could bring him hither.

The denouement was what might be expected, and the happy pair started for their Ohio home.

The Slain of Strong Drink.

"At the entrance of one of our college chapels lies a nameless grave—that grave covers the mortal remains of one of the most promising fellows ruined through drink. I received not long ago a letter from an old school fellow, a clergyman, who after long labor, was in want of clothes and almost of food. I enquired the cause: it was drink. A few weeks ago a wretched clergyman came to me in deplorable misery, who had dragged down his family with him into ruin. What had ruined him? Drink. While I was at Cambridge, one of the most promising scholars when a youth years ago, died in a London hospital of delirium tremens, through drink. When I was at King's College, I used to sit next to a handsome youth who grew up to be a brilliant writer. He died in the prime of life, a victim of drink. And why is it that these tragedies are daily happening? It is through the fatal facinations, the seductive sorcery of drink, against which scripture so often warns. It is because drink is one of the surest of 'the devil's ways to man, and of a man's ways to the devil.'"—*Temperance Herald.*

The hoofs of horses are round and flat; in the ass they are oval and hollow, and in the zebra they are oval at the toe and square at the heel, by the spreading of that part which is termed the frog. This causes the limb to stand more vertically upon the pastern, and gives a sharp, firm tread upon declivities.

The Most Successful Farmer.

The most successful farmer is the one who knows how to save and wisely apply everything about his premises in the shape of manure. After having exhausted every resource of his own, the farmer can look around for commercial fertilizers—if he should need them. In the first place see that everything possible is saved in the horse stable. I like to have this stable nice and clean. I have a tight floor of oak plank just a little sloping. I keep constantly on hand a supply of saw dust, and keep the floor littered with it. All liquids are absorbed in the sawdust, and being mixed with the other ingredients, it becomes a very valuable manure. It will heat quickly and become 'fire fanged' if allowed to accumulate too long a time. My plan has been to haul and spread it almost as fast as made on whatever field I was pasturing or intended to plough for some crop. My method with cattle is different. In winter I keep them all stabled and have a constant supply of litter under them sufficient to keep them clean and dry. Whenever the accumulation of manure gets too large I haul it away, spreading it immediately. In the day time I let the cattle run to a straw stack in the barn yard, which is small in compass and supplied with a pump for watering.

In the spring I pile all the accumulations of the farmyard in a compact heap and let it remain until after harvest, by which time it will be thoroughly fermented and decayed. If there should be any dry straw remaining in the stack, I see that it is thoroughly mingled with the debris of the heap, so that it may become decomposed. I usually have a mowing field in which I intend to put corn the next season. As soon as this is mowed, I spread all the manure from the barn yard; I then pasture the field, and continue hauling manure on it during the fall and winter until it is covered. I have a trough which conducts all the waste water from the kitchen and wash house to a receptacle prepared to receive it immediately behind the privy. Here I have a large heap of sawdust, leaves, muck, etc. Each day the contents of this receptacle are poured over this heap with a long handled dipper. Settled in the ground under the privy is a tight box; every few days the waste water is turned into this, and then the contents poured over the compost heap. A thick layer of sawdust is spread in the hen house, from time to time, thus keeping it neat, and also diluting the droppings of the poultry until it becomes a most valuable manure, and is easy to spread and handle.

Clover Hay.

When cured all right it is the most valuable of all kinds of hay. But that is the difficulty. One day's sun will not cure it, and if it would such a curing would nearly ruin it. It will pay to do it right. But it takes work and care and wisdom. If cut in the forenoon, it should be raked into windrows before the leaves begin to break. If the weather be fair and settled, it can remain in windrow until the next afternoon, when it should be put in large cocks and stand one day and night. During this time it goes through a partial sweat. Then spread it out to air and keep it moving so that no part of it will get too dry. Then haul to barn or stack and it will not heat or blacken.

But there is no safety in cutting or curing clover hay without muslin caps for the hay when in cock. After the clover is partially cured, no matter whether in swath; windrow or cock, if rain comes it is ruined without covers. A large number of careful farmers who cut clover hay have muslin covers made of four yards of muslin a yard wide, making the cover two yards square. They are hemmed all around with a strong cord in it, and holes in each corner for sticks to pass through and stick in the hay to hold the covers. Twenty-five covers would be enough for four tons of hay at a time. And one ton of clover hay would pay for the covers, and if taken care of they will last twenty years. But when once procured for the clover the farmer will find their convenience and profit for his timothy as well. Muslin is cheap and they can be made in the family if the organ is not in the way. Very little clover hay is saved in Iowa in a good condition. Much of it is worthless. If we could be assured of as clear weather as they have in California in the summer, there would be no demand for hay caps; but with our fickle weather much timothy and nearly all clover is spoiled, much of which could be obviated with a few caps.—*Iowa Register.*

Drink for a Family Cow.

A writer in the *Southern Farmer* says: His cow gives all the milk that is wanted in a family of eight and that from it after taking all that is required for other purposes 260 lbs. of butter were made this year. This is in part his treatment of the cow: If you desire to get a large yield of rich milk, give your cow every day water slightly warm and slightly salted, in which bran has been stirred at the rate of one quart to two gallons of water. You will find if you have not tried this daily practice, that your cow will give twenty-five per cent more milk immediately under the effects of it, and she will become so attached to the diet as to refuse to drink clear water unless very thirsty. But this mess she will drink almost any time, and ask for more. The amount of this drink necessary is an ordinary water pail at a time morning, noon and night.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned Administratrix of D. A. Watson, deceased, will expose to public sale upon the premises, on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1878,

at eleven o'clock in the forenoon the following described real estate, situate in Madison township, Columbia county. Beginning at a post on the south side of the State road leading from Catawissa to Muncy, a corner of John Swisher's, thence by land of said Swisher south forty-nine and a half degrees west sixty-three perches and one-tenth to a stone, thence by land of same south forty-three degrees, east seventeen perches and two-tenths to a post, north forty-nine degrees east fifty-four perches and six-tenths (by land surveyed for David Phillips) to a post at a lot of Hugh McCollum, thence by same north forty-five degrees west three perches to a post thence north forty-two degrees east nine perches and five-tenths to the aforesaid State road, thence by the same north forty-nine degrees west eleven perches and eight-tenths to the place of beginning, containing SIX ACRES and seventeen perches strict measure be the same more or less, on which are erected a swo-story

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situate in said township of Madison, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post on the south side of the road leading to White Hall, thence by land of John Swisher south forty-five and a half degrees west twenty perches and five-tenths to a post, thence by land of Allen Watson north forty degrees east twenty perches and four-tenths to a post, corner of said Watson, thence north forty-five degrees west two perches to the place of beginning containing TWENTY PERCHES and one-tenth of a perch strict measure be the same more or less.

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MARY A. WATSON,
Administratrix.

july 26, '78-4s

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Matthew McDowell, deceased.

And now July 1, 1878. Whereas Peter Ent, Executor of Matthew McDowell, deceased, died October 28, 1876, and O. P. Ent was appointed his administrator and on the 26th of July A. D., 1877, filed a final supplemental account of Peter Ent, deceased, late acting executor and trustee under the will of Matthew McDowell, deceased No. 12, September Term 1877. That on the 11th day of November, 1877, O. P. Ent died without having paid over the funds of the estate of Matthew McDowell, deceased, and Saul H. Ent was appointed administrator de bonis non &c. of Peter Ent, deceased, and Robert S. Ent administrator of O. P. Ent, deceased. Now, therefore, on motion of S. Knorr, Attorney of Alice McDowell Legatee and by consent of Hon. C. R. Buckalew, Attorney for the present representative and holder of the funds of the estate of said Matthew McDowell, deceased, C. G. Barkley, Esq., is appointed Auditor to ascertain the profits received since the filing of the account by O. P. Ent, deceased, and distribute the fund of the estate of Matthew McDowell to and among the parties entitled thereto.

BY THE COURT.

Notice is hereby given that the Auditor appointed by the foregoing order of Court will meet the parties interested for the performance of his duties at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg on Friday the 23d day of August 1878 at 10 o'clock a.m., at which time all parties must appear and present their claims or be debarred from a share of the fund.

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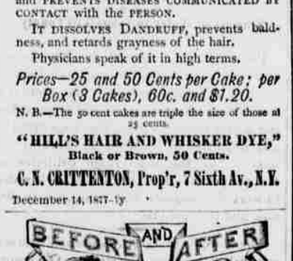

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