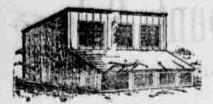
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PRACTICAL WINTER HOUSE.

How Powls May be Provided With Open Air Exercise in Winter.

The illustration shows a succesful attempt to solve the problem of securing open-air exercise for fowls during the season when snow lies thickly on the There is no denying the fact ground. There is no denying the fact that fowls need exercise in the open air during the winter season to secure the best results with them, but with the ordinary poultry house this is almost impracticable. If the outside door is opened, either the snow blows in or the whole house is made very

The house that is here shown is the familiar shed-roofed house, but having in this case a projection in front, sep-arated entirely from the main apartments to be used as a scratching-room. It is entered from the main room by small doors that can be closed at night,



Light Brahma.

while the outside air and sunshine are admitted through small windows close to the ground. The glass windows can be raised during the day, the fowls and the litter being kept within by wire netting, as shown in the cut. This scratching-room should have a gener ous coating of loam upon the floor, and upon this cut hay, straw or other litter should be placed. Grain scattered in this will be eagerly searched for, as there are few hens that do not enjoy scratching, even when they are not hungry, provided such scratching can be done where there is light and fresh

Such a house as is figured cas be extended to any length desired, accord-

Orchard Management.

In three years, says a writer, I im-proved the production of my fruit trees from fifteen to two hundred bushels, by treating them in the following manner: I first reduced the top one-fourth, then in the fall I plowed the soil as well as I could, it being quite rocky, and turned a short furrow toward the tree. As I worked from them I let the plow fall a little lower, and when between the trees I allowed the plow to run deep, so that the water would settle away from them in the spring. I hauled a fair quantity of coarse manure, pulverized it well, and marked out the aills, measuring each hill. I planted coru and beans, and harvested a nice crop of corn, beans and pumpkins. The following spring I repeated the same form of cultivation, and harvested the sec-ond crop of corn, beans and pumpkins. which paid me to satisfaction. which paid me to satisfaction. My trees began to grow very fast; and that fall I harvested sevenity bushels of very good apples. The following spring I manured for the third time planted it to potatoes, which grow very large, but rotted very badly. 1 made up the loss, however, by harvest-ing 200 bushels of here and narvesting 200 bushels of large and natural fruit. I changed the production of a yellow bellflower tree from threefourths of a bushel to seven bushels. and sold them for one dollar and twenty-five cents per barrel, which I think a very good return for my labor. From my experience I am of the opin-ion that most trees have too much top for the amount of roots and a deficiency of nourishment for producing a well developed fruit. I like fall or winter pruning. Always cover the cut

Russia has in the last year or two practically absorbed Finland, and emigration to this country has doubled in consequence.

English Board of Trade returns for fanuary point to improvement. The iron industry presents a more hopeful utlook and exports and imports have nereased \$27,000,000 over the same month last year.

An international newspaper exhibition will be held at Milan this year. English and American newspapers are asked to co-operate in order that the public "may see what journalism is in countries where it is more vigorously appreciated and extended."

A man down in Scranton has been suing his wife's relatives to recover \$3 for digging a grave for his mother-in law. The plaintiff lost his suit, the Judge holding that a man ought to be glad to dig his mother-in-law's grave for nothing.

The President of the freshman class of the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery, who was kidnaped by upper classmen while on his way to his class banquet, fired several shots at his captors, but killed no one because he was a poor marksman. He should have used chlorine gas.

We are pained to read that at the annual dinner of St. David's Society of New York, a Welsh benevolent association, several distinguished citizens sipped "gwyrdd-grwbancheredig" and pronounced it good. We have heard that kind of pronunciation before, but it was only after-dinner talk.

Although many Chinamen have learned English and a few have learned and have absorbed Occidental notions of morality from pretty Sunday school teachers, it is a fact that Celestial notions of propriety admit of attendance at Sunday school in the morning and games of fau-tan and other varieties of gambling in the afternoon.

The Paris Figaro of February S says: "In accordance with the request of a society called the 'Daughters of the American Revolution,' some pinches of earth were taken this morning from Lafayette's grave, in the Picpus Cemetery, by order of the Minister of the Interior. A tree of liberty in common oration of the American Revolution is to be planted in San Francisco and the earth is to be placed at its base."

E. P. West, a funny young man, in troduced a mouse into the White Clover Club room, an association of young women, at Hazleton, Pa., one evening last week. There was a commotion among the members, but it was not the kind that the joker looked for Miss Julia Beaman, the club's President, killed the mouse and then collared West and threw him downstairs. Now he is lying in a hospital with two broken ribs.

Miss Susan B. Anthony and her fellow-soldiers in the woman's rights army must have a mighty poor opinion of Iowa, whose Senate has just defeated a woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution. That in itself would not be so bad if it were not that the Legislature of the State is not as "advanced" as it was twenty-four amendment passed both houses and would have become a law had it not been for the adverse action of the succeeding Legislature. New York has toyed with the subject a number of times, passing a woman suffrage bill through one house of the Legislature and defeating it in the other on several occasions. Massachusetts, like Iowa, came nearer to adopting woman

The recovery of ex-Minister Edward Phelps is now assured.

The spring trade can now begin to boom. Chauncey M. Depew says that good times are about to set in.

Englishmen are beginning to wonder who will succeed Mr. Gludstone, There are no indications at present that he will have a successor, although an oc cupant may be found for his seat.

Carnegie & Co. have just paid a fine of \$140,000 for furnishing improper armor plates to the Government, and it is the largest fine that the Navy Departmen, has ever imposed, a just rebuke to this class of contractors.

One of the marked improvements in roduced by Commissioner Browning into the system of Indian education has been the adoption of a rule that children are not to be forced to go to schools outside of the reservations against the will of their parents.

Dr. William Moor, who discovered that permanganate of potassium is an antidote for morphine poisoning, is experimenting with strychnine and other poisons, and hopes to demonstrate that his remedy will be of value in nou-ralizing their effects on the human system.

The evangelist Moody is gathering audiences in Washington like unto those that marked his efforts fifteen years ago. Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Carliste and Mrs. Bissell were present the other day, and Senator Blackburn, of Kontucky, is a regular attendant.

The other day Deputy Meszlenyi, of the Hungarian Reichstag, offered an interpellation asking the Government to pass a law recalling Kossuth. The interpellation was received with laughor, because Kossuch has been able to ceturn whenever he desires to do so. ever since the Amnesty of 1867.

Mme, Sarah Grand does not see much that is admirable among modern writers. "With the younger men." she says in The North American Review "all that is usually cultivated is that dippant smartness which is synony mous with cheapness. There is such a want of wit among them, too, such a lack of variety, such monotony of threadbare subjects worked to death?"

The trip of Jim Corbett and Charley Mitchell to Florida was a pleasant little excursion, and was distinguished by the cordiality of the reception tendered the eminent artists, the prompt ness with which certain little legal complications were settled, and the conspicuous quiescence of Gov. Mitcholl. By the way, what has become of that eminent champion of law and order?

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who will probably succeed Gen. Howard as Major-General in command of the Department of the East In June, is out with a scarcerow cry about the defenseless ness of our scaports. No doubt our forts are rather dilapidated, and the new ones not ready. Still, there are 65,000,000 people in this country, and no foreign nation is going to excite them to combat.

No change in the practice of the Treasury Department has been occasioned by the recent decision of Attorney-General Olney that silver certificates are not lawful n have never been considered such in the Treasurer's office, but only recog nized as the representatives of lawful money. Hardly a day passes that silver certificates are not presented to the Treasury Department by banks retiring circulation.

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ith grafting wax or a thick paint. After removing the limbs by thinning out the centre of the tree, it has a tendency to make it grow broad. Too many varieties are bad, and hardy stock is all that is needed.

Whitewash for Buildings and Fences.

If people knew how easily whitewash is made, and how valuable it is when properly applied, it would be in more general requisition. It not only prevents the decay of wood, but conduces greatly to the healthfulness of all buildings, whether of wood or stone. Out buildings and fences when not painted, should be supplied once or twice a year with a good coat of whitewash, which should be prepared in the following way: Take a clean, water tight barrel or other suitable cask, and put into it a half bushel of lime. Slake it by pouring water over it bolling hot, and in sufficient quantity to cover it five inches deep, and stir it briskly till thoroughly slaked, when the slaking has been thoroughly effected, dissolve it in water and add two pounds of sulphate of zinc and one of common salt; these will cause the wash to harden and prevent its cracking, which gives an un-seemly appearance to the work. If desirable, a beautiful cream color may be communicated to the above wash by adding three pounds of yellow eclire; or a good pearl of lead color by the addition of lamp vine or ivory black. For fawn color, add four pounds of umber Turkish or American-the latter is the cheaper-one pound of Indian red, one pound of common lamp black. For common stone color, add four pounds of raw umber and two pounds of lamp black.

Fruit Tree Culture.

A writer in the Western Agthese rules, which riculturist gives are of wide application: 1. Instead of "trimming up" trees according to the old fashion, to make them long-legged and long-armed, trim them down, so as to make them even, snug and symmetrical, 2. Instead of manuring beavily in a small circle at the foot of the tree, spread the manure, if needed at all broadcast over the whole surface. 3. Instead of spading a small circle about the stem, cultivate the whole surface broadcast. 4. Prefer a well pulverized, clean surface in an orchard, with moderately rich soil, to heavy manuring and a surface cov-ered with a hard crust and weeds and grass. 5. Remember that it is better to set out ten trees with all the necessary care to make them live and flourish than to set out a hundred trees, and have them all die from carelessness. 6. Remember that tobacco if properly applied to them, and is one of the best drugs for freeing fruit trees rapidly of small vermin.

suffrage than it has ever come since.

Europe is very much at peace. The talk of armament and war has temporarily subsided, and fraternal courtesies and the visits of monarchs are the reigning topic. The Empresses of Germany, Russia and Austria are about to meet at Abbazzia, the great naval station of Austria on the Adriatic, and it is announced that the three Emperors will probably meet at the same time. The Emperor of Russla, who has been very seriously ill, needs a warm climate in which to recover from the effects of his sickness; and his brother monarchs may meet him there. It is also expected that the Emperor of Austria will pay a visit to France. This will be the first time that Francis Joseph has visited France since 1867, and his visit is considered an act of courtesy towards the Frenel Republic by the most conservative sov ereign of Europe. It has been a long time since Europe has seen things like this, and the reign of friendly feeling will be welcome to all.

The Chicago Record has this to say of the Greater New York: " 'Greater New York,' quite apart from its objectionable clumstness, would be us better than 'Bigger Brooklyn.' 'York brook' or 'Brookyork' is not euphoni ous, and its adoption would, moreover, be an open snub at Flatbush, Flushing and West Chester. The people of New town, Jamalea, Pelham and Hemp stead might feel hurt, to say nothing of those metropolitans who are actively engaged in the grazing, farming. poultering, fodder, dairy and garden truck industries in Richmond County It is understood that in Flatbush there is already a movement of hot protest against any name that does not it some way recognize the inalienable rights of Flatbushers. The citizens are thinking of offering for consideration a list of such names as 'Bushyork,' 'New Fintbush' or 'Yorklynfint,' which, while not good, are yet obviously superior to 'Jam New' or 'Newjam' (proposed by Jamaica) and 'Great Gowanus' (sug gested by some patriot on the wes end of Long Island)."

The comparative ease with which the Brazilian insurgent warship Aquidaban moves in and out of the harbor of Rio, under a galling fire from the forts with little or no damage to herself, has attracted the attention of members of the House who are interested in the subject of coast defences. The performances of the Aquidaban and her apparent disregard of the fire of the forts, according to dispatches from Rio, are causing some of the Congressmen to believe that after all it is impossible so to fortify a harbor successfully as to prevent warships from coming in or going out at their pleasure.

The President of the Woman's Suf frage Association of Kansas, Mrs. Laura M. Johns, has given up social and domestic duties, and is devoting all her time and energy to "the Cause." But is there any cause more vital to society than the thorough ordering of our homes? The home is the fountainhead of education, temperance, rellgion and morality, and of all that goes to the upbuilding of stable government and the progress of humanity. If all women followed Mrs. John's example in "giving up social and domestic duties" it is evident that there would be a new social era with a vengeance.

The financial breakdown of the republic of Guatemala is indicated by the official notification that the "Government has suspended payments on its external debt." This portion of the Guatemalan debt amounts to about \$6,000,000 and is held mostly in London. The expenses of the Government have for years been greater than its receipts, and it has become evident that there must be an annual deficit as long as money can be borrowed, the size of it proportionate to the amount that can be procured. This financial breakdown is a lucky thing for the republic. It is because of his inability to raise money abroad that Dictator Barrios has refrained from taking part in the hostilities between Honduras and Nicaragua, which have been raging for the past two months. He would unleash the dogs of war if he could feed them. .

Maps of the town and of plotted property furnished on ap plication.

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| Cranberries per qt | .10 |
| Tallow per lb | .04 |
| Shoulder " " | .10 |
| Side meat " " | .10 |
| Vinegar, per qt | .07 |
| Dried apples per lb | .05 |
| Dried cherries, pitted | .123 |
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| Cow Hides per lb | .02 |
| Steer " " " | .03 |
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