

Chicken Lore.

Ordinarily chicks raised with hens are hardier, as it is so easy to neglect brooders. But give the chicks in the brooder as good care as the hen does her brood, and there will be no difference. By the artificial methods, especially in raising broilers, chicks are forced ahead at a much more rapid rate than when in charge of a hen.

The average hen lays best in spring and the early part of summer. The practical poultryman, however, by good housing, good feed and good management, has his hens divide up their product more, so that the results are more even throughout the fall and winter as well as the rest of the year up to molting time.

A broiler is a chick of 1 1/2 to 2 pounds in weight, and anything over that is classified as a spring chicken, according to Farm Poultry.

At a meeting of the Luzerne Medical Society recently, says the Wilkes-Barre Record, it was exemplified that hypnotic influence was capable of being used as a remedial agent. Dr. Long exhibited a patient from the hospital, who for a year or two has been developing a morbid growth in or around the gullet, and who has experienced great difficulty in swallowing, so much so that he had to be fed with milk through a stomach tube.

The resident physician at the hospital had succeeded in hypnotizing him, and during the influence he was able to swallow with little or no difficulty. Dr. Mengel, senior resident physician at the hospital, gave a demonstration to the society. After a few passes the patient was easily rendered hypnotic and was entirely under the control of the doctor. There was sight or absence of sight, feeling or absence of feeling, etc., just as the doctor willed. The patient was hypnotized completely and on being awakened had no recollection of anything that had occurred. That he was not shamming was shown by the fact that the doctor could stick pins into his body and place burning matches against his flesh without making him wince. The demonstration was most interesting and was followed by discussion. It was generally agreed that hypnotism had an element of danger and was not to be resorted to except with great caution. Dr. Taylor mentioned the fact that in Belgium a law had been passed making it illegal to employ hypnotism.

Under the House apportionment Allegheny and Philadelphia gain a Congressman each. Allegheny also gains a Senator and four Representatives. The legislative apportionment bill gives Allegheny county four more Representatives. It makes no change in the representation from Philadelphia, although the geographical construction of nearly every district is changed. The legislative ratio is 26,000. Under this ratio there will be only 202 members of the House, instead of 204 as at present. Blair, Cambria, Clearfield and Jefferson each gain a representative by the new apportionment, and Bedford, Chester, Huntingdon, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset and Bradford each lose one.

Men working in tanneries out in Sullivan and Lycoming counties have received a heavy cut in their wages. Some papers laid it to the tariff. Hides were put on the free list in the McKinley bill and were left the same in the Wilson bill. The price of leather keeps going up, and at a meeting of shoe manufacturers held in Boston last week it was voted to raise the price on all shoes from 10 to 25 cents a pair. "This rise in prices is forced upon manufacturers by the advance in hides." Were the wages of the workmen in tanneries cut down for the same reason? Were either or both affected by the tariff? Will some political Ananias please stand up and explain matters?—Braintrim Messenger.

The Evening Star estimates the extra cost of the Compulsory Education bill, if it shall be enforced, in the city of Philadelphia at \$250,000. This is probably an underestimate. But the Compulsory Education bill is one of that character of statutes that are never enforced. The city has neither schoolhouses nor teachers for all its children, nor money to build the schoolhouses or to pay the teachers. But it is proposed forthwith to drive the army of untalented youngsters into houses that are not, to have them taught by teachers who have not been employed, and to pay for all with money that has not been collected. This is cart-before-the-horse legislation based on the cart-before-the-horse idea that education should be a matter of pains and penalties instead of a matter of grace and option.

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

How the State is Divided by the New Apportionment Bill.

The report of the Committee on Congressional Apportionment divides the state as follows:

First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—Philadelphia.

Seventh District—Chester and Delaware.

Eighth—Montgomery and Bucks.

Ninth—Northampton, Monroe, Pike, Carbon and Wayne.

Tenth—Berks and Lehigh.

Eleventh—Lancaster.

Twelfth—Lackawanna and Susquehanna.

Thirteenth—Luzerne.

Fourteenth—Schuylkill and Columbia.

Fifteenth—Dauphin, Perry and Lebanon.

Sixteenth—Bradford, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming and Union.

Seventeenth—Tioga, Potter, McKean, Cameron and Clinton.

Eighteenth—Northumberland, Montour, Snyder, Juniata, Mifflin and Centre.

Nineteenth—Huntingdon, Franklin, Blair and Fulton.

Twentieth—Adams, York and Cumberland.

Twenty-first—Fayette, Somerset and Bedford.

Twenty-second—Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first wards of Pittsburg; city of McKeesport; all the borough and townships of Allegheny county, between the Youghiogheny and Monongahela river from junction to eastern boundary line of Pittsburg and the Allegheny river.

Twenty-third—All of Allegheny county north of Allegheny and Ohio rivers.

Twenty-fourth District—The First, Second, Third, Sixth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Twenty second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth wards, Pittsburg, and all the boroughs and townships of Allegheny county lying south of the Youghiogheny river and the Monongahela river, from its connection with the Youghiogheny to the eastern boundary line of Pittsburg and the Ohio river, and the township of Neville, in Allegheny county.

Twenty-fifth—Armstrong and Westmoreland.

Twenty-sixth—Indiana, Clearfield and Cambria.

Twenty-seventh—Washington and Greene.

Twenty-eighth—Lawrence, Butler, Venango and Mercer.

Twenty-ninth—Erie and Crawford.

Thirtieth—Jefferson, Clarion, Forest, Warren and Elk.

RECALLS LINCOLN'S DEATH.

Capt. Silas Owen, of Cohoes, N. Y., owns a valuable bit of yellow pasteboard that reads: "Ford's Theatre, Friday, Orchestra, Section D, No. 173." It is the coupon for his reserved seat in the theatre the night Lincoln was shot, thirty years ago. Capt. Owen says: "I was Captain at that time of the Primrose, of the Potomac flotilla, and my executive officer was William H. Flood, whose home is in Washington. Flood and I went to the theatre that night together, and by the merest accident left our side arms on leaving the Navy yard. If we had brought them Booth might never have escaped from the scene of the assassination, as he was within easy pistol-shot of us in his hurried flight, and Flood especially was a quick and accurate shot. Our seats were on the right of the main aisle and just three rows back of the musicians." According to Capt. Owen's story Flood instantly climbed over the box parapet and was helped by Miss Harris, of Albany, N. Y., daughter of United States Senator Ira Harris. He raised the President's head, which had dropped down upon his breast, and was the first man in the audience to reach the scene. Miss Laura Keane, the star of the play, also got there in a few seconds. The assassin rushed by her and made a jab at her with a dirk that slightly cut her sleeve. The story that Miss Keane's dress was all stained with Mr. Lincoln's blood is pure fiction, though it obtained wide circulation. Col. Rathbone, who was also in the box with the President, met an untimely fate by falling from his horse in Albany a few years ago.

A Minister's Experience With Heart Disease.

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Lippincott's Magazine for June, 1895.

The complete novel in the June issue of Lippincott's is "The Battle of Salamanca," a stirring tale of the Napoleonic wars, from the Spanish of Benito Perez Galdos, an author of high repute in his own country, but hitherto too little known in America. It is followed by a brief account of "Galdos and his Novels," by the translator, Kollo Ogden.

William Thomson, a pioneer of the days when the California trail was new, relates a wild Western adventure of long ago, "Beset in Aravaipa Canon." The other stories of the number are, "As a day in June," by May D. Hatch, and "Interwoven Strains," by J. Percival Pollard.

Under the title, "William Shakespeare: his Mark," William Cecil Elam shows how largely the speech of illiterate Virginians is that of the corresponding class in England near three centuries ago, as preserved by the great dramatist.

In "The Tyranny of the Pictorial," Sidney Fairfield exposes one of the most prominent fads of the day. He complains that pictures, especially of women, occupy too largely the place of reading matter; and all who are familiar with our illustrated papers and magazines—as who is not?—must admit that he hits the mark.

John Gilmer Speed writes with full knowledge on a topic of great practical importance, "Improving the Common Roads." W. D. McCrackan furnishes a sharp essay on "The Referendum and the Senate," and Dr. Charles C. Abbott an interesting study of Thoreau.

The poetry of the number is by Ella Gilbert Ives and Madison Cawein.

Between frosts, bugs, droughts and ever so many other things the farmer has a hard lot. Weeds are among his deadliest enemies. The Department of Agriculture in Washington has been giving attention to this subject, and aside from the Russian thistle gives this list of nine species of weeds which have worried the farmers during the past year: "Prickly lettuce," "bracted plantain," "horse nettle," "buffalo burr," "spiny amaranth," "dagger cockle-burr," "wild carrot," "wild oat," and "false flax." The seeds of many annuals retain their vitality for several years, so that, if they once become abundant in the soil, they are likely to germinate at irregular intervals and thus cause trouble for a long time, even though no fresh seeds are introduced. In such cases the only thing to be done is to keep at it, preventing seed production year after year by mowing or by other means, thus gradually reducing the quantity of weeds and preventing further spreading. In cultivated fields the land ought first to be burned over, in order to destroy as many as possible of the seeds that lie on the surface. Subsequent cultivation will kill the seedlings as they appear.

"Yield not to misfortune."

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USURY DENOUNCED.

Judge McPherson Scores Outside Building Associations Doing Business in This State.

Last week there was tried before Judge McPherson at Harrisburg the case of the New York Building and Loan Association against David Slaughter. The plaintiff is a New York corporation doing a so called building association business in this State. The action was to recover from Slaughter the sum of \$3,500, which had been loaned by the plaintiff to him on a mortgage, the dues, fines and interest on which amounted to a sum in excess of twelve per cent. per annum on the principal.

The defense was that the foreign corporation has no right to do business as a building association in this State, and that all interest, etc., in excess of six per cent. per annum is usury. The defense was sustained by the court, and a verdict of \$2,749.44 in favor of the plaintiff (being the amount of principal due by Slaughter with six per cent. interest) was rendered by the jury, subject, however, to the reserved question of law whether there can be any recovery at all in the action, which was a proceeding on the mortgage.

In his charge to the jury Judge McPherson said that associations like the plaintiffs are scattered all over the country, and what their character is and by whom they are managed nobody knows. "They send their agents to our State," he said, "and undertake and agree to do business with our citizens and lend them money. They undertake to violate our laws, and it is much to be feared that in some instances they have gone further than the violation of the usury laws and have become traps for the unwary. They have no right to come here and make contracts upon which they can collect more than six per cent. interest, and I think if it was definitely understood that they could not charge more than six per cent. interest they would soon change the field of their operations. In my judgment, we would be the gainers by that. I, for one, would be heartily glad to see them all leave."

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PENNSYLVANIA'S FRUIT CROP.

A Large Amount of Damage Said to Have Been Done by the Cold Spell.

The State Department of Agriculture has received reports which indicate that a large amount of damage has been done to the Pennsylvania fruit crop by the recent cold spell, but it is too early to estimate the extent of the injury. Second reports, however, indicate that the damage is not so great as at first suggested. This is especially true in relation to the interior portions of the State.

Along the northern and western borders the crops of Niagara and other early grapes have probably been irreparably injured.

Owing to high winds in the southwestern portion of the State during the two colder nights frost was prevented and slight damage is reported. Few farm crops are hurt, not having been advanced enough to sustain injury.

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