The principle thing in curing hams is to get them just sait enough to keep them and not so sult as to injure the flavor and cause them to get hard .-Hams should be neatly trimmed and cut rounding, to imitate as close as possible the bams of commerce.

Trim closely, so there shall be no masses of fat left at the lower extremity of the hams. The shoulders should be cut in shape convenient for packing, and they should be salted in separate packages from the hams.

Hams are cured by both dry salting and brine. When dry salting is employed the hams are rubbed often with salt and sugar. Between each rubbing they are bunched up on platforms or tables the surface of which is spread with a layer of salt, and each ham is also covered with sait. When taken up to rub, which is usually done five or six times, a shallow box is at hand in which to do

When brine is used prepare the pickle strong enough to float an egg and stir into it a sufficient amount of sugar and molasses to give it a sweetened taste. Some add a little saltpetre to color the meat, while others claim that it tends to harden the meat. In moderate quantities it is generally accepted as beneficial. Cover the hams with pickle and place the packages where the temperature is uniform and above freezing. For hams of twelve pounds four weeks will be suf-Scient; large hams must remain in the brine a longer time. In general, from three to seven weeks embraces the extreme of the time required for domestic euring of hams, varying as to size of the hams, temperature, and time when they will be required for use. When it is designed to keep hams through the summer, they must not be removed from the has used it for years, and says:

brine too goon. Shoulders require much the same treatment as hams, and both should be carefully smoked. The preservative principle of smoke is known as areosote. Smoke made by burning corncobs is recommended, but those engaged in curing meat on a large scale prefer smoke obtained from dry hickory that has been stripped of its bark. The smoking procos must not be too much hurried or the creosote will not have time to penetrate the entire substance of the meat. Ten days smoking are usually sufficient unless the pieces are very large and very

A process in ham curing practiced by some of the leading packing houses consists in creating the smoke in an oven outside of the smoke house, and passed through underground pipes into it. The smoke, rising from the floor to the top of the house, encounters two opposite currents of air drawn from the outside, The currents cause the smoke to form into a rapidly revolving horizontal column which passes among the hams. The smoke is not warm to heat the hams or hot air to blacken them. The hams under this process are smoked in very much less time than by the old method.

While canvassing hams has nothing to do with their flavor, it is a protection from insects, and will pay the farmer for the extra labor. Wrap each ham in coarse brown paper and then sew it up in cotton cloth cut to suit the size, following the shape of the ham, When covered as described dip them in a wash made of lime water and colored with yellow ocher. Hang up in a cool place o dry. The wash closes the interstices | burgh, Newark, and Atlanta, Ga., says: of the muslin, and the whole forms a perfect protection against insects. The room in which any kind of cured meat s stored should be dry and cool and the

A DOUBLE BOY .- M. Paul Bert has lately sent the editor of La Nature from Geneva, two photographs of a human monster exhibited there, living, aged 5 years, having been born in Turin in '77. It has two heads, four arms, and two chests, but one abdomen and one pelvis, and two legs, that is, it is double above the middle of the body. The fusion of the two bodies begins at the sixth rib, From due examination and what has been observed in previous monsters of the kind (they were named Xiphodyme by Isadore Geoffrey, St. Helair) it may be affirmed that there are four lungs, two hearts and two stomachs; the small intestine is double at its commencement but in greater part single. There are really two individuals. The right leg obeys only the right individual, who alone feels pinching on it; and similarly with the left. The sensibilizies of each half of the bodies is in exclusive rapport with the head of the same side. The two Individuals were baptized doubly under the names of Jean and Jacques. They are equally developed from physical point of view (excepting a slight club foot on Jacques' leg) and intellectually they are much alike. Their torallygence

is norma,; they reply to questions of visitors in French, Italian or German, They seem gentle and amiable, and also tively and often playing together while lying on cusions, or on the knees of their reputed father. It is said that they never have been ill. It has been shown, in the case of other double monsters, that one may have an inflammatory fever, while the other continued well; but the like would not occur with infectious desease or poisoning. Several cases of these Xiphodyme monsters have been re-corded in history; but very few have

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In 1881 the same state of affairs exist-ed; and as these seasons followed two flat irons, hold the iron on a grindstone In 1881 the same state of affairs existwinters of exceptional severity, the the. | for twenty moments or so, then wipe off ory became generally accepted that the carefully with a rag. To make this efloss of vitality was caused by the occur- fective the grindstone should be in morence of extreme cold before the corn had become fully dried out. In the lat- the iron still stick to the goods when in er season especially, this low tempera- use spit on it. ture occured so early in the season that corn which had been saved expressly for es put in an ounce of quicklime to a thin layers in dry lofts, was nevertheless it would grow.

This fall the corn crop is unusually late, owing to the unfavorable weather an early setting in of winter as we witnessed two years ago, there can be no doubt that much of it will be caught before it is fully matured. Moreover, judging from the experience of the past few years, we may reasonably expect early and severe cold during the coming winter. Should the experience of 1879 and 1881 be repeated next season the amount of loss entailed will be greater than it was then, because then, in both cases, we had comparatively good crops to fall back on, while in this case the present high prices have undoubtedly drawn nearly the whole of the small

crop of 1881 into the market, In view of these facts we would nrge upon our farmer readers to select their convenient insert them in a pocket of a seed corn early in the season, and then friend. not to depend upon curing it in the ordinary way, but either to hang it in the if you put half an ox-gall into two galsmoke house or kitchen, and subject it lons of tepid water. It might be well to to artificial heat, or to place it in some | put the goods in the water also. If the part of the house where it may be protected from extreme cold. In doing so, it must also be borne in mind that too its work put in the entire ox, reserving great a degree of moist heat is as dangerous as cold, since if the corn is allow- paratively useless for soup and would ed to mould its vitality will be destroyed .- Farm and Fireside,

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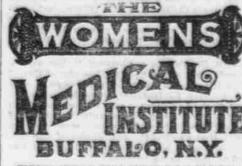
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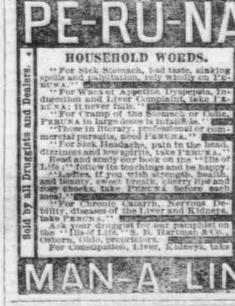
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3. Never buy a borse while in moth watch him while he stands at rest as you will discover his weak point sound, he will stand fairly and son on his limbs without moving any them, feet planted flat upon the gre with legs plump and naturally po If one foot is thrown forward with toe pointing to the ground and the h raised, or if the foot is lifted from y ground and the weight taken from disease of the navicular bone may suspected, or at least tenderness will is a precursor of disease. If the foot thrown out, the toe raised, and the brought down, the horse has suffer from lamnitas, founder, or the backs ews have been sprained, and be lad tle future value. When the feet are all drawn together beneath the horse, there has been no disease, there is a displacement of the limbs at least and was disposition of the muscles. If the box stands with his feet spread apan, or straddles with his bind feet there weakness of the loins, and the kidney are disordered. When the knees an bent and totter and tremble, the ban has been ruined by heavy pulling, and will never be right again whatever to or treatment he may have. Contracted or ill-formed hoofs always speak to

4. Never buy a horse with a cout or a milky blush in his eyes. They indicate a constitutional tendency to opthinalia in moon blindness, etc.

5. Never have anything to do with a horse who keeps his ears thrown backward. This is an invariable indication 6. If the borse's hind legs are scarred, the fact denotes that he is a kicker,

7. If the knees are blemlshed he is an to stumble 8. When the skin is rough and hard and does not move easily and amouthly to the touch, the horse is a heavy eater. and digestion is bad. 9. Avoid a horse whose respiratory or.

gans are all impaired. If the ear h

placed to the heart and a wheezing sound is heard it is an indication of trouble. THE MONARCH OF BELLE -Bells an used the wide world over. They are employed, as you know for different parposes; to call the people to church, to remind them of their prayers, to sum-mon the workmen to their labors; to warn the mariner of danger, as you may

Hesperus," when on that dreadful night the captain's little daughter says: "Oh I Father, I bear the church beli ring Oh! say what it may be?;
"Tis a fog bell on a rock-bound coast,"
"And he steered for the open sea." The poet Gray, too, mentions anothe

read in Longfellow's "Wreck of the

office for the bell when, in his beautiful "Elegy in a Country Church-yard," ; "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day." luding to the practice of putting or all fires and lights upon the ringing of bell called the curfew or coverfire bel which practice once existed in England and Ireland. Bells are of all sizes, fro the tiny silver tinkler around the of the pet kitten to the menster char bells weighing thousands of pounds But the king of all bells is the Car Kelokol at Moscow, in Russia. It weight no less than one hundred and ninety three tons, and is twenty-one feet in diameter and the same in height. In the tower of John the Great, at Moscow, is the most stupendous bell now in regular use, but this weighs only sixty-four tors The Czar Kolokola was suspended in a tower of vast strength in 1878, but two years afterward it fell down during a

fire, and a piece six feet bigh and three feet wide was broken from it. It a mained sunk in the earth until 1837, when the Emperor Nicholas had it raised and placed upon a pedestal of grants This giant communicator of sound has since been used in a chapel, and religious services are held in it. There are immense bells at the Vati-

can, Rome, but none are as large as this monarch of bells. The next largest h said to be at Pekin, China, which weight fifty-one tons. The largest in America s one in the Cathedrel, in Montreal, Canada, which weighs thirteen and a nalf tons .- Chimes. THE ANGELUS .- The following bear-

tiful instance of a providential escape from death occurred lately in Austria. Two brothers, aged nine and lour respectively, were playing towards midday at a brook close to a mill. The small brother happened to fall into the water. Immediately the elder brother, well aware of the danger, jumped into water, which though at that place shallow enough, began to flow rapidly is wards the mill, which was only twelf paces off. The younger brother, there fore, was in the greatest danger of ing carried away by the current, and not saved there and then he would torn to pieces by the wheel, meeting with certain and cruel death. Thesi er brother, aided by the current, neky enough to get hold of the young ne; already he had grasped with arm his half dead brother, but, as well ed certain, only to die with him. a fearfully lucreasing rapidity both thers were earried by the current t revolving wheel, and nobody seen hear the shouting and screaming of elder boy. Already the two bro were touching the wheel, and the eld one was caught in it; when, behold. that last critical moment the wheelsal denly stops—the Angelus bell is folling and bareheaded and praying appears miller, who, at the sound of the Augelor bell, had stopped the wheel and mill. the usual time of prayer and the midday rest, and both the brothers were save.

from forty to fifty years; horses are ge from twenty-five to thirty; ozen, about twenty; sheep, eight or nine; and dogs, twelve or fourteen. conseruing the ages attained by non-domesticated animals only a few isolated facts are known. The East Indians believe that the life period of the elephant is about three hundred years, instances being recorded of these animals having lived 130 years in continement after capture at an unknown age. Whales are estimated : reach the age of 400 years. Some rep tiles are very long-lived, an instance being furnished by a tortoise which was confined in 1633 and existed until 1753 when he parished by accident. sometimes reach a great age, the eagle and the swan having been known to her 100 years. The longevity of fishes to of-ten remarkable. The carp has been know to live 200 years; common rive trout fifty and the pike ninety years, while Gesner-a Swiss naturalist relates that a pike caught in 1498 bore a ring recording the capture of the same fish 267 years before, Insects are very short-lived, usually completing the term of their existence in a few weeks of months. Some even perish within a few and die upon the very day of enton their new life. As a general rule not to be applied too closely, large

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