

THE CULTURE OF CARP.

The following article on the subject of carp culture we take from the Westmoreland Democrat.

In many sections of Westmoreland county there are persons who very rarely taste fresh fish. Because of their remoteness from markets, and because of the further fact, with the exception of the ridge country, all the streams have become depopulated through the wash of the coal mines, a very large majority have come to look upon a fresh fish as a luxury.

There is no good reason why almost every one of the 5,400 farms in Westmoreland should not have its carp pond. In the hope still further to cultivate the interest of the subject we offer some facts and hints on carp culture.

Ponds may be made of almost any size. One-quarter of an acre, it has been estimated, stocked with yearlings, will produce about 2,500 pounds of carp for use annually.

A pond should be located at a sufficient distance above the house, where the drain pipe for emptying is placed. The kettle should be a foot or 18 inches deeper than the other part of the pond, and be connected with the farthest part of the pond by a ditch about one foot deep and three feet wide.

The fish spawn in their second year. It is said a female carp, weighing 4 or 5 pounds, contains from 400,000 to 500,000 eggs. Aquatic plants are generally placed in ponds on which the spawn may be deposited.

With a plow, scow and shovel a pond can readily be constructed. Fish for stocking the pond can be procured from the State Commission without cost, or from some of the successful carp culturists in the county at a small expense.

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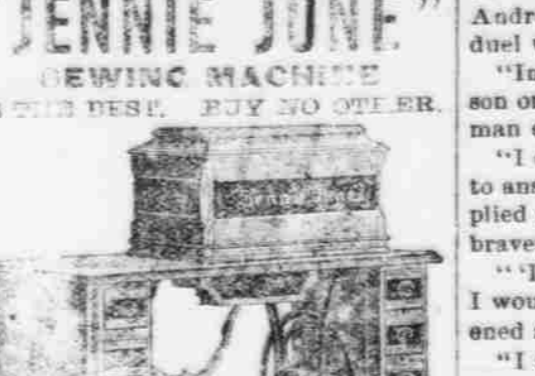
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A Famous Duel.

In a southern paper the conversation between General Harding and General Jackson, relative to Jackson's duel with Dickinson is given.

"I don't know that I am competent to answer that question," said he. "I replied, 'The world regards you as much braver as is possessed by any man.'"

"If that be so, sir," said the General, "I would say I have been as badly frightened as a gentleman ought to be."

"No," said he, "it was when I went on the field with Dickinson. I knew him to be a cool, brave, determined man, and the best shot I ever saw, and I never expected to leave the field alive."

"Under the conditions of the meeting we had a right to reserve the fire, because I knew that Dickinson could shoot so much more quickly than I could."

"The world is greatly mistaken about my having an ungovernable temper. I never gave an exhibition of temper without my judgment approved it."

At Ceriano in Italy during the recent earthquake, a poor fellow who lived by hauling milk was buried under the ruins of his cottage a little way out of town.

Anthracite Coal. Anthracite was discovered in Pennsylvania in 1790, by Nicholas Allen. This Allen, according to the stories and traditions that have been handed down about him must have been a kind of American Rip Van Winkle.

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