ABOUT THE FARM.

fints for Farmers and Busy Housewives to Appreciate.

Fowls need careful attention at this season if they are expected to lay during cold weather. Put them through the moulting season as quickly as possible by good feeding and plenty of exercise, taking care not to fatten them. Whole wheat is excellent for them, provided it is placed among chaff and rubbish so that they must scratch for it. The early Spring pullets will probably begin to lay when they are five or six months old. If the laying habit is formed at this early age egg production is increased, and the fowl becomes more valuable for future

The careful economy shown by many owners of village and city lots in utilizing vacant spaces is a lesson to many who own more land than they can properly work, and allow waste places to go unused about the house and other buildings. These are, indeed, just the places for grape vines, especially if trellises are built, so that the vines need not cling to the buildings or run over the roofs. If there is little vacant land at the bottom run the trellis higher. Roots will run and thrive under stone or brick walls, and a crop of grapes may thus be grown from land that is capable of producing nothing else.

The pruning of Tea and hybrid roses should be left until early in Spring. the ground by pegging. Then, at the protect the lower part of it, and if the of rich bloom. upper part should be injured it can be cut away in the Spring.

France and Spain to further protect great variety of climate of this country give Americans much longer sea-Georgia, North and South Carolina, Delaware and New Jersey, and returning it comes from Nova Scotia and Maine southward. Railways now extend from Manitoba to our northwest to New Orleans, and when the problem of cheaper transportation is solved, will give the residents of the Mississippi Valley more fruit luxuries than any other people ever before enjoyed.

A is useless to sow wheat when the soil is not in proper condition. To be in condition it should be compacted and moist near the surface. If the soil has been hardened by heavy rains, in the past score of years. It is bedo not try to mend it. Drill the seed in as shallow as possible, so as to cover the grain, and if not all covered drag it and then leave it. Wheat thus sown if the land was plowed up and made any can be found which can be relishso mellow that the seed is necessarily covered to a greate? depth. But so long as dry weather continues, keep the wheat seed out of the ground. It is better to sow late with the soil in proper condition, than to get a large a constant use of it for twenty years. and unnatural growth in dry, hot weather. It is to be always remembered | breakfast when at home, where it was that wheat needs a moist, cool climate, to be had cooked thoroughly, frequentand seeding should be delayed until this can be obtained.

It may not generally be known, but it is nevertheless true, that there is a forestry division in the department of should be cooked at least one hour. agriculture. We hear little of it, and practically it accomplishes nothing. A committee of the American Forestry you wearing those big spectacles tor?" Congress estimated that thirty billion feet of lumber were taken from our forests during 1888. With the vast to let 'em know I'm not a doosid snob, fires that have raged during 1889 in Oregon, Idaho Washington, Montana and California, it is impossible to calculate with accuracy the amount of often has scales over her eyes as well. timber used and destroyed, but the destruction of forests certainly has been larger than is commensurate with safety for the future.

Our people have never been characterized by the provinciality that prevents one country from learning by the experience of another. Therefore it it is wise to know what other nations a circus aeranaut at present." are doing in this regard. Russia knows the value of the forest, and in sections where trees are sparse, forbids the ase of wood for furt on railroads and

steampoats. France and Germany have well organized forestry departments, and the expense attached to operating them is considered a wise governmental economy. It is reported that British India has a forestry department of great value. The expense of operating this department for Lower Burmah for 1888 was \$516,345, from which the government received a net income of \$593,345. This money was expended for surveys, protection from fire, supervision of the losses, etc.

The sum allowed by the United States for the conduct of our forestry department is \$75,000 per annum. It can be fairly estimated that to build our present railroad system more than 100,000,000 acres, or one-fifth of our present forest area, were stripped during the last fifty years, and the next fifty will very likely call for more than double that amount, and it is quite true that the annual consumption of the forests equal twice the amount of material supplied by annual growth. A large expenditure is necessary to handle the matter properly, but like subsidizing American steamship companies, it is an output of a million to bring in five

The clematis, next to the rose, bids fair to become the popular flowering plant of the day. It is entirely hardy, a rapid climber and a most profuse bloomer. The colors embrace the most beautiful tints, purple, lavender, scarlet and white, some of the flowers in the larger blooming varieties being quite six inches or more in diameter, and very showy. With careful train-Rose plants having flexible shoots ing a strong plant will attain to a conshould be bent down and fastened to siderable height the first season, often covering an entire frame or trellis, approach of severe weather, they can and whether trained over lattice work be covered with leaves and straw, over or pillars or left trailling upon the which a little soil can be be placed to ground, their large, star-shaped flowers keep them in position, or some brush | are produced in the greatest numbers laid over the litter, and stones on them from the last of May to October. Old will keep it in place. Strong-stemmed | rockbeds are a capital place for this rose plants can be strawed up and thus rapid climber, and several varieties protected. Drawing the soil up eigh- planted together and clambering over teen inches or more in a mound about | the rough surface of the rocky heap the base of a rose plant will effectually | will soon turn it into a gorgeous mass

Prof. Patrick of the Towa Agricultural Experimental Station, has dis-London has this year the luxury of covered a cheap, easy, simple and valstrawberries five or six weeks, and uable process by which to test the per now talks of getting this fruit from | cent of butter fat in milk. At the State Fair, it was by his test, added the season. The immense area and by other scientific men, that the contest was settled between the cows which were contesting for the premisons in fruit than are common any- um. We saw Prof. Patrick go through where else. All along the coast fruit | the whole process, and it was done in is brought successfully from Florida, a few minutes, and to the satisfaction of all close and scientific observers. It certainly is the true way. But the richness of the milk should not and probably was not the exclusive evidence of the superiority of the cow for milk and butter. The per cent of the butter fat in the milk of the various contestants should be multiplied by the quantity each cow gives in a certain time. Prof. Patrick's test is destined to greatly simplify and render exact the settlement of this question.

> There has been an immense increase in the use of oats as an article of diet | then, and you skall have the vest. coming an almost indispensible article in many families. And we frequently come across persons who never admired, but still more who have eaten, but ed at public hotels. The almost uni- night, versal fault is in cooking it too little-Oat meal needs thorough cooking, and when it is not done people become disgusted with and abandon its use. After scarcely doing without it for a single ly visitors at our table first decline to take it, but after being urged find it to-day?" very palatable, and want to know where such oat meal can be had. They | for?" had never tasted any like it. Oat meal

Cholly-"Fweddy, old boy, what are Fweddy-"Because all the snobs, don't y' know, weah a single eyeglawss. I weah these labge spectacles bah Jove!"

Justica holds the scales in her hands all right enough, but the trouble is she

Street-car cenductor (to driver) -"I wonder what that man is running so for." Driver (looking back)-"Mebby the fool wants ter git on. G'lang."

WILLETS-"Whatever became of young Ponsberry, the poet who used to go around here with his head in the MILLETS-"He is still at it. He is

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Maud-I think it quite likely, if Mr.

AN ACT OF CHARITY .- Johnny-"Can't I have another penny?" Mother - "You extravagant boy! What did you do with the one I just

gave you?" Johnny-"I gave it to a poor old woman with only one eye." Mother-"That was a good boy.

Here, you can have another penny." Johnny (next day)-"Can I have a penny to give to that poor old woman

Mother-"Yes, you can have one. What do you want to give it to her

Johnny-"For a stick of candy."

IT WAS OF GOOD MATERIAL,-"I'd like to ask how you killed this chick-en," said the homeless young man to his landlady. "Why, the girl cut its head off, of

"With a hatchet?" "To be sure; you seem uncacountably "No, but I would like to know where you buy your hatchets."

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Jinks-"No; but I squeezed her

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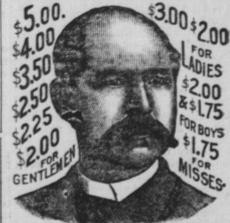


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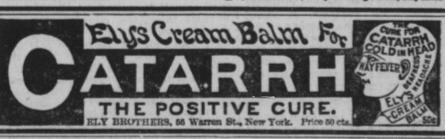
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