## FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

ITEMS OF TIMELY INTEREST TO THE FARMERS.

A Broken Horn---Cure for the Stretches---Disease in Fowls---Brains, the Farm er's Remedy.

#### A BROKEN HORN.

When cows are at play, they frequently break off the horns; that is, the outer shell of them, leaving the inner core, which will bleed, and is very tender. There is nothing serious about this, and if the bleeding core is wrapped in a farry bandage, it will heal in a few days, and soon become covered with new horn. It will never regain its shape, but will always be deformed .-New York Times.

#### CURE FOR THE "STRETCHES."

"When a sheep has the 'stretches,' culturist.

#### DISEASE IN FOWLS.

Fowls are subject to a disease known as anthrax, the results of which is to produce boils or purulent swellings on various parts of the body. Sometimes the combs turn black and at other times bluish, both showing that the blood is darker toan usual, whence the name of the disease, which means black. It is contagious, and generally fatal, so that it is not worth the trouble and time to try to save them, but it is best to kill the diseased ones and purify the house by burning sulphur in it and limewashing it, by which the others may be saved. It is well, too, to give the other fowls each a teaspoonful of solution of hyposulphate of soda in water as strong as it can be made-a saturated solution, as it is termed-once a day, and mix a little of it in some soft food. It is encouraged by giving too much grain food, and no fresh green food, such as chopped cabbage, which is a natural substitute for the grass obfained in the summer.

### BRAINS, THE FARMER'S REMEDY.

years ago. Anybody who could hold a always an advantage to give the plow or a cradle or a scythe, and knew swarm a frame of a brood from some be a notable event. But it is more than enough to sow and plant and reap at other colony to commence housekeep this-far more the proper season, could farm. All ing on. Never allow a swarm of bees there was to do was to plant corn and to remain long after settling, but hive sow wheat and oats and grass seed, har- them as soon as possible. Swarms vest and market them. The animals often return to their hive after issuing. that were bred did not amount to much | This is evidence that the queen has not anyhow. In the East the local butcher taken wing with them, and she may be would come around and buy the calves, found crawling about the hive, having and as a cow was a cow it did not make bad wings and being unable to fly. any difference how long she lived. The business was dead easy, as far as management went. It was then all work and no management, but now the management is the principal things. The farmer must think, and think hard. He finds it necessary to diversify his crops, more than ever, and he is often at a loss to decide in which direction to do it. He has the braids to compete with both on and off the farm. Bogus butters, cotton-seel oil bard, and adulerations of every one of his products that can be adulterated are placed side by side with his productions in the market; and it is of no esp for him to grumble about it. While he is grumbling, the other fellow gats the money. He must not grumble, but think and pian. He must recognize the fact that agricultural pursuits, like other lines of business, have their complications, and that nothing on each but the exercise of the gray matter in his head will unravel them .- Farmar's Voice.

#### -SEED POTATOES.

nite number of eyes on each set. No sticks to it. more.

from one eye to the half potato.

seed required in planting entire tubers. stand out against fraud, trickery and idol in the public esteem, and his fam! Taking the average of many experi- deceit wherever found. ments, it was found that for every 100 bushels of net salable crop grown from single eyes, there were 114 bushels from two-eve pieces, 131 bushels from quarters, and 139 bushels from halves, than a poor one. Have the good one. | plete is about \$90.

but only 129 bushels from planting | Ewes with poor teeth need especial whole potatoes. These results favor the use of harves as seed pieces, if seed | cannot est hard grain. of equal value per bushel; but, when seed potatoes command a very high be better than none on a poor farm. price per bushel, quarters may be used to advantage. It is better to place in one hill one large piece than several very small ones of the same aggregate weight. Small potatoes can sometimes be used for seed with profit, in which case they should be planted whole.

"Leading growers are careful to select for seed medium to large tubers of good shape, and their example should be followed."

#### SWARMING OF BEES.

While dividing has taken the place of swarming to a very great extent, substituted by any division. A natural others to steer clear of them. writes D. H. Thing, "pour down its any division of equal strength will do. let down one suspender, and find out throat a pint bottle full of a decoction. It will take a division all of twenty of thoroughwort (Eupatorium perfolia- days to eatch up to a natural swarm man, tum), made as strong as possible by in condition for storing honey. It steeping until as black as ink. Do this makes some difference where the divithe first time the sheep begins to sion is located after the colony is distretch, and it has never failed to cure, vided. If it is set in the same apiary, in my forty years' experience. Gather all the old bees, or the working force, and dry the herb, so as to have it on will return to the old location, and no hand for the purpose."-American Agri- work of any consequence will be done for ten days or more. If the same division is taken one or more miles away, then but little if any of the working force returns; hence they are in much better condition for business, but will not even then equal a natural swarm. When honey is the sole object, I have

receive the best results, we must use tion without something of this kind. not discovered the queen in hiving, see | iodine ointment. that all the bees are in the hive. A small cluster of bees left on the outside may contain the queen, and if so, they are liable to swarm off again, and may them an abundance of ventilation, either by enlarging the entrance, or shading the hive from the hot rays of the sun, or both, and especially if the swarms are large. In swarming, bees Slipshod farming will never again fill themselves with honey to the utpay in this country, if it ever did. It most limit; hence more ventilation is

## A CROP EVERY SIX WEEKS.

lettuce; and a valuable one, too, I as- than a thousand years. sure you. When I was in Columbus, in January, I went over to the State Uni- a similar sort-such as the Isthmain versity. Of course, I gravitated at games; but those, though highly reonce toward a large greenhouse, 100 garded, were of far less dignity and infeet long or more. The center bed, per- terest. When one speaks, then, of the haps eight feet wide, contained a crop Olympic games there arises in the of Grand Rapids lettuce almost ready mind a picture of those vast gatherings to cut and it was one of the most where all Greece, though at the very beautiful sights I think I ever saw. time divided by civil wars, remember-Professor Hunt seconded my exclama- ed for a brief period that its borders tion that there was hardly a plant in bounded one people-a people of one the hands of the florist that made a blood, one glory, and one destiny. The more striking and beautiful display hold of the Olympic festival on the than a full crop of Grand Rapids let- ancient Hellenic world is seen in the tuce when it is just in its prime. The fact that from 776 B. C., time was transplanted once into the flats before year intervals between the games. going into the large beds, a sufficient ly on hand to fill up the large beds just many customs of the classic ages. In as soon as the cutting is made. In this general, all these legends ascribe the once every six weeks. I cannot give founder. Sufficient time had passed The best way to cut seed potatoes is you the figures just now; but at this for the early form of this festival to a problem upon which uo two farmers date, March 10, we are sold out on let- have gone into decay, before it was reagree, and concerning which number tuce, and are paying a neighboring vived and had a historic beginning. less experiments have been tried by gardener fifteen cents per pound for This occurred under the patronage of farmers generally, as well as by experi- what we sell. It would be a poor crop Iphitus, king of Elis, and Lycurgus, the ment stations. Results at all the sta- indeed that did not average half a celebrated lawgiver of the Spartar tions have been carefully studied by J. pound to the plant, and the plants commonwealth. It is fixed at or about F. Duggar, who concludes (Farmers' stand seven inches apart all over the 884 B. C. This revival soon lighted a Bulletin No. 35, United States Depart- bed. Of course, you have got to attend living spark which fired Greek blood ment of Agricusture, that it is more to things, and know your business, to everywhere, and in less than half a cen-"important to cut the tuber into com- harvest a crop every six weeks; but tury the festival became national in pact pieces of nearly uniform size than anyone who is really anxious, and has character. to shap the pieces so as to have a defi- average skill, can learn the trade if he

piece should be entirely devoid of eyes, After I was made happy by seeing names. As time rolled on, and the and the majority of the seed pieces how successfully they managed the let- Greeks (who were, you know, great should be large enough to support at tuce greenhouse Professor Hunt took sailors and merchants) pushed their least two eyes, and better three or us over to the creamery-I guess that maritime enterprises, and established is what they call it-and showed us The yield from planting the seed or how they teach Ohlo boys to make butbud end is larger than from the stem or ter by the use of all modern inventions children of the greater Greece, everybutt end of the tuber, the eyes on the and appliances. Everything was as where from the distant borders of Per seed end being first to germinate, and neat and tidy, and bright and clean, as sia to where the city of Marseilles now hence of especial importance when an the appliances in the office of a city stands, assembled to struggle for the early crop is desired. The total crop in- merchant; and the students were using creases with every increase in the size all the modern inventions in the line of of seed pieces from the single eye to the electricity, chemistry, etc., taking the whole potato; this increase occurs subject in a scientific way, from the both in the large and in the small pota- proper caring for and feeding the cow the athlete and on his community as if toes, but chiefly in the latter. The net until the gilt-edged butter, cream or he had been the successful general in vield of salable potatoes increases with cheese is ready for a class of customers a great battle. His name was added to every increase in the size of seed piece who are ready and willing to pay for the brazen tablets recording the cele the finest food product that skill and brities and benefactors of his native "The half potato affords a larger net science can bring out. I hope our ex- town. If he died on this field of honor, salable crop than the whole potato, on periment colleges will teach the boys, account of the excessive amount of above all things, to be honest, and to flush of victory,-he became almost an

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A good plant takes no more room

care if such ewes are kept at all. They

potatoes and crops are assumed to be | It does not cost much to buy a half dozen sheep, and that sized flock would

> A good general rule in sheep husbandry is that the sheep must be petted. It is a timid animal and cannot be kicked and ought not to be sworn at.

Economy and the ability to perform hard work are needful for the average farmer, but to know what and how to do it are equally important to be successful.

Did you ever consider the matter and count up how much you lose annually by not securing the very best seed oats and corn? Now is the time to have it under advertisement.

Don't be atraid to report your sucswarming is preferable in many in- cesses or failures. What has benefitted stances, says A. H. Duff. A good swarm | you will help others, and your stumbof bees, for real business, cannot be ling blocks pointed out will enable

swarm for the arst twenty days will Is your horse well shod, and does his store double the amount of honey, and harness fit him? If not, put on a pax in many cases five pounds to one, that of boots one size too large or small, and for yourself how he feels, says a horse-

> Sheep will both feed and clothe a man, which is more than can be said of other farm animals. Many level-headed farmers still believe in the poor, despised sheep, despite the low prices of recent years.

Barn manures are generally more economically used when applied to farm crops than when applied to orchards, says an exchange, yet they can be used with good results, particularly when rejuvenating old orchards.

Vegetables, such as cabbage, turnips, always obtained the best results by al- beets, onlons and potatoes are relished. lowing my best colonies to cast a and will amply pay for the extra trouswarm, if reasonably strong. It is true ble you may be put to in procuring we cannot count largely on swarms if them. In fact it is barely possible to we hive them in empty hives; but, to make a success of winter egg produc-

either empty combs or foundation in- If the udder is hard and hot, after stead. The swarming limit should ex- lambing, it should be formented by fretend to first swarms only, as there can quently and continuously applying to it be no advantage in after -swarming. a cloth dipped in hot water. Repeated Second swarms often do well, but it washings with cold water produce the weakens the parent stock to such an ex- same effect, but more slowly, and with tent that it is not profitable. In hiving a greater tendency to dry up the milk. swarms, be certain that you have the If the lamb is dead, and there are inqueen in de of the hive. If you have durated tumors in the udder, apply

#### THE OLYMPIAN CAMES.

#### leave you for good. After hiving, give They Were Part and Parcel of the Life of the Ancient Greek.

These closing ten years of the nineteenth century may be called the period of international games. If the Greek gymnastic festival of April, 1896, signified no more than a series of games was not much trouble to farm fifty required than at any other time. It is over which the glamour of a glorious offering the hospitality of the country, past lingers like a rich sunset, it would the memory and spirit of an institution which shed a peculiar luster on the history of classic Greece. It entered into the life of the ancient Greek to an extent which we of to-day can scarcely realize. It was associated with his religion, his civic pride, his ideals of art, and his highest patriotism. This institution was the Olympia festival, celebrated evers four years at Olympia, on the river Alpheus, near the boarders of What kind of a crop? Why a crop of Elis and Pisa, and so kept up for more

There were other national games of seed is sown in flats and the plants are measured by "Olympiads," or the four

The remote origin of this festival is number of plants being kept constant- hidden in myths, as is the case with so way they average a crop from the beds games to the demi-god Hercules as

Only contestants of pure Hellenia blood were allowed to enter their colonies throughout the whole length and breadth of the Mediterranean, prize wreath. The interest of the Greek face in these games became a passion. To win a victory in any of the contests reflected as much glory on -as was often the case, even in the ly was ennobled and enriched by public decree.

The cost of a West Point outfit com-

## WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

ENGLAND'S LATEST RAID ON THE MAHDI'S DEVOTED DERVISHES.

Strength of the English Nile Carrison--resses from Cairo to Wadi-Halfa.

In Egypt the Soudanese troops are kept separate from the black Egyptians proper. They are used only as infantry men. They are considered the most reliable soldiers of the army. Soudanese serve in the army as long as they are fit for duty, but the Hgyptian fellahs serve only six years. The English-Egyptian army consists of the battalion, squadron and battery, and contains at present between 10,000 and 12,000 men. Almost half of the army is stationed in Lower Egypt, in Cairo, Suez, Alexandria, and in Saukim on the Red Sea. The half is on the Nile, the halfway between Egypt and the Soudan. Saukim is the starting point of the best army way to the capital of the entire Soudan, formerly Khartoum, now Omdurman. In the present expedition against the Mahdi, Dongolla will form in all probability the basis of operations.

Since the Dervishers made their last vain attempt at Taski in 1888 to push Egypt's protective wall against the Mahdists. The excellent position of the army, of which the troops in Lower Egypt form the reserve, is primarily due to the Nile, the only military way. Distant marches to the south of the stream are impossible on account of the lack of water in the desert. The outposts of the Mahdi, who is still considered a rebel by England, although no shots have been exchanged for six years, reach the third cataract. At Assouan the civic Egyptian authority ends, as there begins the military province which includes the part of the Nile valley guarded by the army of occupation. The province is under the direct control of the sirdar, or commander-in-chief of the Egyptian army. It is noteworthy how long England keeps a colonial country in which safety is not absolute under military authority and in quasi state of siege.

wharf opposite the island of Phila, is Two river cannon boats armed with a fortune. cannon and two Enfield guns, insures the communication, which is carried on Ly ten steamboats. Between Assouan fortified. Here the boats plying be- est quality at that. ween Assouan and Wadi-Halfa stop two squadrons, a mule battery and two all things to be humbugged. camel corps. Small forts on both banks | The manufacturer, I am told, sells a does picket duty to the south. These of excellence. forts may do well enough as protection enemy with good artillery.

is a burning one. Although the Eng- beef. Sometimes it is almost black. I'sh officers are obliged to regard in various ways for the country's ruler the bones are boiled for the makers of and his government, and on that account have retained a number of Egyptian officers as battalion comman- by butchers from the poorer quarters. ders, the English officers nevertheless, They get the first pick from the barrels have succeeded in gaining the full con- into which the flesh has been thrown, fidence of the soldiers. Another com- and bright and early next morning mendable point is their success in in- their purchases are on sale as beefstilling into the men a self-confidence, steaks. There is no special harm in a comprehension of military honor and this, except the fraud. I have eaten a pride in their calling. When one remembers what the Egyptian soldiers tinguished from beefsteaks unless it is used to be, how many deserted, how many crippled themselves to keep Eagle. from starving in the army; when one has seen the dirt-covered fellahs in their villages, when one has known the groveling, Flavish, hated, despised feliahs, then must look upon the self-confident appearance of the clean and well-clad soldiers of to-day. Unfortunately the men remain in this condition only so long as they are absent from their dirty villages. But it has been roved that something can be made of the groveling, poor dirty fellahs. As the Soudanese soldiers are married, as a rule, more than one-fourth of them recieve leave of absence every week, the leave lasting twenty-four hours, to visit the village of the Soudanese women near the forts. The men on leave, however, are obliged to drill during the daytime. Sarras, the furtherest post, has one cannon, and two Maxim guns.

Sarras lies near the Nile. The last British war against the Dervishes resulted in the well remembered Nile slaughter pen. It occurred in August, 1889. General Grenfell feigned retreat, drawing the Dervishes late a trap in which their entire force was slaughtered.

The Dervishes were themselves out by desperate and repeated charges. The | lamb, "the wolf gets his rights."-Atchbrunt of the assaults was borne by the infantry line of the Twentieth Hussars, out the Egyptian cavalry and the Egyptian borse artillery rendered excellent service.

butchery rest upon the English and and about 100 pounds of honey.

their Egyptian allies. Long after the fate of the day had been decided, after all hope of recovering their lost ground must have been abandoned by the fanatical Dervishes, they continued to hurl themselves upon their foes, only to be mercuessly moved down as ripe grain before the reaper. They refsed About 12,000 Soudanese and Black all quarter and gave none, but with a Troops on Hand .-- A Chain of Fort- grim detesmination that knew but two issues to a light-victory or deaththey fought as bravely and as stubbornly when the deadly fire of their enemies had cut great swathes in their ranks and when every movement was hampered by the piled-up bodies of their own dead, as when first, with unbroken front and confident of victory,

they faced their foes. It was while leading the scattered remnants of his brave warriors in this forlorn hope that the Dervish learder. Wad-el-N'Jumi, fell, pierced by a buliet, in his brain. His followers, nothmg daunted by his fate, dashed themseives, over and over again, upon the pitiless and unbroken line of rifle-barels in front of them, and kept up the fight long after every vestige of organization among them had been de stroyed, and when nothing was left for the scattere's fanatics but to sell their lives as dearly as possible.

## PREPARING HORSE MEAT.

#### into Lower Egypt, the Nile army forms A Comparatively New Industry in the United States.

The use of horseflesh for food is a comparatively new thing in the east, but it is growing. One of the important monthly magazines has in preparation an extended article, which will appear soon, devoted to the scarce but thriving industry.

I met the other day the artist for this magazine, who lately received the commission to prepare pictures for the forthcoming article. He had considerable trouble in executing the commission, because the horse meat business is at present conducted as if it were

There are laws against the slaughter and sale of food of diseased animals, equine or bovine, and that may explain why the artist experienced so much difficulty in passing the barriers of the trade. By a little finesse, however, he did get into the largest butchery in Everything necessary can be taken as the East, or perhaps in the country. It tar as Assouan by boat from Lower is situated in that sparsely settled part Egypt. A short railway winds about of Brooklyn called Centerville. The the cataract. Assouan is occupied by owner kills about three hundred head two battalions, and with the railway of horses and mules a week. As his profit is something like \$10 a head it protected by a number of small forts. appears that he is on the high road to

It appears that all the "red bots" between the two cataracts the safety of (Frankfurter sausages) sold at Coney island and on the streets of New York are horse meat or mule meat, to say and Wadi-Haifa lies Korosko, which is nothing of their being of the very low-

The owner of this plant courts seever night. It is also the starting point creey. All his "critters" are brought to of the great caravan way to Berber him and all his manufactured product and Khartoum. Wadi-Halfa, below taken away under cover of night. This the second cr.taract, is the principal is out of deference to the great public, position of the troops guarding the which is perfectly cogrizant of the naboundary. Here are four battalions, ture of his business, but loves above

of the river protect the approaches to great part of his product to a firm the place. A railroad along the right which makes a specialty of the dainty bank of the river, about twenty miles known as "chipped beef." Its brand, long, passing around the sataract, leads on very handsome tin boxes, may be to the outpost, Sarras, which is also seen in the best groceries of almost any fortified. A corps of twenty camels large city, and is an accepted standard

The slaughter of a horse is very against such an enemy as the Derv- much like that of an ox. The animal is isnes, but they would be worthless, knocked in the head and its throat is without exception, if attacked by an cut. The skin, which is stripped off instantly, fetches from \$2.50 to \$3 at In an army composed of people of the tannery. It is the hind quarters different races the chief question is that go to the chipped beef factory. whether the soldiers are reliable—that Housewives can invariably distinguish is completely in the hands of the offi- the bogus product from the real by the cers. In Egypt this question especially color. Horse meat is much darker than

The hoofs go to the glue factory and phosphates.

This man's place is thronged at night borse steaks. They are not to be disbecause they are tougher.-Brooklyn

## Men and Their Hats.

"Well, well," remarked a leading hatter the other day; "everybody has smiled at the vanity of women as they take long and fond glances at their reflections in the store windows, but woman is not a marker for the ordinary man. The uglier a man is the longer it takes him to suit himself with a hat, and the oftener does he look into the glass while buying one. I have an unusually prepossessing customer, who would exhaust the patience of a Job. He came into the store the day after the spring styles arrived and consumed two hours and ten minutes in getting a hat that pleased him. The next day he returned the hat and had one made to order. This man is so ugly that nothing could improve his looks but a mask."

## A Modern Fable.

A wolf in skulking about looking for opportunity to satisfy his hunger, came in sight of a number of shepherds engaged in discussing their wrongs, When the shepherds discuss their wrongs," said the wolf, grabbing a ison Globe.

## A Rich Find.

A hunter in Bracken county, Ken-It was a scene of revolting slaughter | tucky, last week cut down a tree to get such as could scarcely occur where at a possum, and when the tree came both combatants are civilized soldiers. down he found it contained four pos-Nor did the responsibility for the sums, two coons, five young squirrels

#### TEN-YEAR-OLD KING.

"aharajah Krismarajah Is the Ruling

Sovereign of Mysore. Maharrjah Krismarajah Wagayar Badadur are the official titles of a Hindu boy not yet 10 years of age, who is the King of Mysore. He is one of the chief native princes of India, and his



TEN-YEAR-OLD KING OF MYSORE.

late father, whom he has succeeded to the throne, was known as the "model prince of India." The young Rajah is being prepared for the lofty position he will occupy with great solicitude. He has English and native tutors, who will turn out a prince and a pundit at the same time. During his minority the affairs of the province are conducted by his mother and his late father's minister, Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, as coregents. The wouthful maharajah was recently visited by Lord Elgin, viceroy of India, and the occasion was celebrated with much eclat. The little fellow is an adept scholar and speaks English as fluently as any boy of his age. In his studies he is as far advanced as boys four or five years his senior would be in this country. He is modest, but realizes well that he is a trifle more important than anybody else in his neighborhood.

#### Easy Come, Easy Go.

The man who cresps along bent over, with ais spinal column feeling in a condition to snap like a pipestem at any minute, would readily give a great deal to get out of his diemma, and yet this is only the commonest form by which lumbago seizes on and twists out of shape the muscles of the back. This commonly known as backache, a crick in the back, but by whatever name it may be known, and however bad it may be, 10 minutes vigorous rubbing with St. Jacobs Oil on the afflicted part will drive out the trouble and completely restore. It is a thing so easily caught, it may be wondered at why there is not more of it, but because it is so easily cured by St. Jacobs Oil may be the very reason that we hear so little of it.

Cieverness is a sort of genius for instru-mentality. It is the brain of the hand.

# Spring Medicine

Your blood in Spring is almost certain to be full of impurities-the accumulation of the winter months. Bad ventilation of sleeping rooms, impure air in dwellings, factories and shops, overeating, heavy, improper foods, failure of the kidneys and liver properly to do extra work thus thrust upon them, are the prime causes of this condition. It is of the utmost importance that you

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