

MISLEADING FIGURES.

There has recently been published phia Record. reports from experiment stations relative to the cost of producing eggs which were either misprinted or, if correct, misleading, for they place the ing to take up the work. From the food was based on buying at the highest market price, then, the figures inis of course high.

purpose of comparing the cost of dif- hard or inflamed. ferent combinations of food, and that the cost of the aggregate should not ject to troubles with the udder, and be averaged. Farmers who raise poultry would need to buy but little food easiness of the animal when one first for them, hence the tables referred starts to milk. In such cases take a to are misleading to the farmer par- little olive oil in the hand, after rub ticularly. Any man or woman of in- bing the udder and teats gently to re telligence and a little patience can move any soil on them, and rub it work the poultry problem out for gently but thoroughly into the skin himself or herself, and if done prop. of teats and udder. erly it will show that a fair average, the country over, is that a laying hen will make a dollar a year profit for her owner. Many hens will make more, but the amount named is a fair average and is a profitable figure when the money and time invested is considered .- Indianapolis News.

### THINNING STRAWBERRY PLANTS

thinning strawberry plants will be berries at the start. You do not say more for the purpose of seeking, than much about your soil or whether it is giving information on the subject, high or low land. If it is very low Last year was the first year I have land late frosts may injure the strawtried thinning and it proved very sat- berries occasionally. I should prefer isfactory, only it was too slow and up-land rolling land and yet some of tedious an operation the way I did the largest strawberries will bring the thinning. I just took an ordinary no money the first year. You might gardener's trowel and sharpened the need a surplus fund of money to carry point with a file and just chopped and you through the first year or two pulled till I thought I had the rows It takes time to start any enterprise thin enough, in fact they looked like Unexperienced men often overlook they were by far too thin but by this fact and therefore get into spring they proved about right. The trouble. When I left the bank to be thinning was done on the Johnson's gin fruit growing I was not surprised Early, mostly, which usually sets to learn that I could not get much plants several times too thick.

berries when weather and soil will Green's Fruit Grower, permit, cultivate early and thoroughly and try and have a good matted row before the dry hot weather sets in. The strawberry plant abhors dry, hot weather, but delights in damp, cool weather. So what thinning I do, I do after I get as many plants as I want, or rather I might say more than I want. If all kinds set plants as thinly as the Bubach lo, there would be but little need of thinning. I also find the Miller and the Challenge make plants here quite sparingly while on the other hand Cameron's Early Kansas and Senator Dunlap need considerable thinning.

# POULTRY NOTES.

Always select and keep the best pullets for yourself for in them is invested your egg product for the win-

One tablespoonful of sulphur mixed in the mash for each twenty-five hens and fed every second morning helps to grow feathers.

Thousands of thousands of incubators and brooders are in use, and more will be sold this year than in-

fest the head, throat and wings. Plenty of room and good ventilation are necessary. Fowls that are housed are much more delicate than those that roost on the fence or in trees.

If your chicks are troubled with gapes try a few drops of turpentine in the soft feed and apply a heavy coating of lime about the poultry house and runs to kill the earth worms in which the gape worm

breeds. The so-called egg breeders are comparatively small in size, active and of a nervous temperament. They are great foragers and are well calculated to secure a portion of their living when given free range.

Bran is excellent for poultry. It contains lime in large quantities, which will help in the formation of shell.

# HAULING MANURE.

haul the manure to the ground in the time to renew your supply, so that spring while the earth is hard. It when the busy season comes, and should be evenly spread and plenti- your machine gets out of order, you fully applied. It may be then plowed have the means at hand for speedy under at the first plowing. Some repair. Have on hand always a mod farmers prefer to haul out the manure erate supply of lumber of varied in the fall, in order that the frost thicknesses and widths for repairs may operate upon it during the win- that may be needed. ter; but this should not be done unless the manure is spread over ground that has been recently plowed, as the rains will wash away much of the Kas., proclaimed that all bachelors soluble matter. If applied in the of that town who do not take advantspring it will also be subject to such age of this leap year will hereafter danger, but not to so great an extent, have to pay a tax to the city. A man if the land is level. But for the heavy who won't marry when he has a labor of hauling manure over plowed chance, he says, isn't much of a citi ground, the best way to apply manure | zen and ought to pay a bachelor's is to spread it over the ground after tax. plowing, allowing it to remain until on it may be spread over the plowed Republic.

ground and harrowed in.-Philadel

INJURED TEATS IN COWS.

Cows that are confined in stanchions or tied with short ropes frecost of producing eggs at a figure quently injure themselves in getting master. which will discourage any one desir- up and down; then, too, injuries come frequently from the slipping of the figures given it is evident that the animal on floors that are not con structed so that liquid excrement can run off freely. These injuries are dicate results from combinations of likely to result in a permanent injury rations (many of them not at all de- to the teat if it is not given good and sirable) and an average struck which prompt treatment. It is a good plan to keep a quantity of pure olive oil Explanations should have been in the cow stable, not only for use on made so that the reader would have injured teate, but for general use on understood that the table was for the the teats and udder when they seem

Some cows are more or less sub that it is painful is seen in the un-

FRUIT GROWING.

Fruit growing and poultry keeping go well together, and yet you would have to keep your chickens confined during the season of picking straw berries or they would consume much of the fruit. Much can be accomplished on a farm of ten or twenty acres. If you desire to do most of the work yourself you should not What I shall write in regard to plant over an acre or two of strawrevenue from my fruits until the My aim is now to plant out straw second or third year after that

## RIPE ROT.

This disease is known as "Monilia fructigreen." It shows itself at the time the fruit is ripening. The skip turns brown or black. White spores appear on the surface. During damp weather the disease spreads rapidly. Fruit which is marketed apparently sound may in a day or two be found ruined.

The same fungus attacks the blos soms, leaves and small twigs, making them look as though nipped by frost sometimes killing them.

All diseased twigs should be cut out and burned, as is done with black knot. Spraying with copper sulphate before the buds open is recommended. This is followed by Bordeaux when the buds begin to swell and when the fruit has set. When the fruit is grown a spray of ammoniacal carbon ate of copper is used, which is repeated once a week till the fruit is gathered if the disease still persists.

HOW TO START APPLE SEEDS Apple seeds need a rich, well prepared seed bed. It is generally grant ed that they should be frozen. They should be guarded from mice. be safe to sow them in the fall, in a box with wide surface, where it can be watched or in some sheltered, quiet place, surrounded by boards, might do and then transplant in the spring, in nice rows, with plenty of room. Give them thorough cultivation, and either bud in the fall or graft the next spring, but make only one tree from one seed. Allow no rot grafting. Give care, and you will have an orchard your great-grandchildren will brag about .- Ella M. Hess in the Epitomist.

THE TOOL CHEST Every farmer or fruit grower should have a few carpenters' tools, sharp and in good condition, such as hammer, saw, hatchet, screwdri ver, augura. There should also be an assortment of nails, screws and The best method of manuring is to bolts of various sizes. Now is the

Would Tax All Bachelors.

Mayor Wyncoop, of Severance

Judge Mitchell, of Douglas, sets a the pulverizer and harrow are used, new pace in offering to perform free which will incorporate the manure in- all marriage ceremonies of couples timately with the soil. If the manure where it became necessary for the is hauled in small loads, however, and | woman to make the proposal of marspread over the ground from the wag- riage.-Topeka Telegram to St. Louis



"DON'TS" FOR ALL MARRIED WOMEN.

Don't make a god of a man unless you want him to make a fool of himself.

Don't treat him as if he were your

Don't talk too much. What you say will become more or less oracular. Don't agree with him until he is requires a certain amount of acid;

the Philadelphia Inquirer. Don't try to manage his business.

Don't scold him. Don't bite him with sarcasm. When pinching.

Don't tell him it is "his own fault." He is no more infallible than you are, worth of which will surely be proved but probably thinks he is; yet you later on. The outdoor girl of today need not tell him so. Be kind and is to be the mother of a race of stalsympathetic always.

Don't visit too much and entertain race is to be perpetuated. in proportion. A true man loves his home because it is the temple of domestic happiness. A true woman loves it for the same reason. The charm | ahead or fall a trifle behind, it matters is lost when it becomes a visiting not so long as she keeps in touch.

the kitchen window and entirely prohibt cards.

ly speaking, if "Ephraim is joined to health .- Illustrated Sporting News.

his idols, let him alone. Don't forget to occasionally remind him that he is an unusual character, different from any one you ever knew. He likes that. Always be discovering new and admirable traits. So long as language you are sure of a hearing.

Don't wear his ties. Don't read comics while he is hunt-

language. -"as my husband says"-he will tell you when to stop.

Always ask his advice. He will tell exactly what their point income is all about it. After that you may do best advantage. as you please.

Don't fail to admire his friends, even up, and has been answered by men if you use mental reservation.

mention the patience of Job when he has a carbuncle on the back of his Don't allow him to be snowed un-

der with religious literature when he is ill; and don't have the minister call oftener than the doctor. Don't fail to laugh at his jokes, to

encourage his ambition to live within his income. Don't be petty or spiteful, and, above

all, do not fret. married him-the chances are that she likes, without question, for many you do not wish it any more than he

recriminations will flee from your

# READING IN BED.

"Reading in bed has recently been the subject of an extensive newspaper discussion in the Daily Mail of London. The results of the controversy are of course nil, each contributor doubtless being resolved, from the arguments of the like-minded, to do exactly what he has heretofore done. i. e, to read in bed or not to read in bed, according to the convictions irrationally and indiscriminately formed before the newspaper undertook the office of public instruction," says American Medicine.

"Like every other doubtful custom. this one may be good or bad, according to the method in which it is carried out. If the position is literally prone, the habit is unqualifiedly bad, because in such a position the eyes are fixed upon the book, in a straining and harmful way, and the book cannot be sufficiently and properly illuminated by the lamp or light used. But if one edged with scallops bound with black sits, propped up by pillows, in much the same position of the head and trunk as when in a chair, there can be no evil conrequences, providing a good rich light is rightly placed behind and at one side of the head.

"The primary condition of scientific spectacles in case of the commonly existing refraction error should be observed, and is even more necessary in night reading than in that by daylight, The greatest argument for reading in bed is that the attention is not distracted by the discomfort of the body, the noises and interruptions usual at of gilt somewhere about you. other times. Let one take an erect position of the body and head, be assured that he has a good oculist, and so large and startling as hitherto. that his light is strong, white, steady and properly placed; he may then read tied in a huge bow under the chinwith impunity until drowsiness can but it's one of the "new" things. tions him to stop.

WOMAN IN SPORT.

Only a few years ago we used to athletics and wonderful feats slyly loop and two ends. their interscholastic matches at suit- tache braid mingled.

able games, very much in the fashion of their brothers. Now, what will be the result of these sweeping changes? Speaking as an ex-athletic who has enjoyed ample facilities for observing the effects of judicious exercise upon school fellws, I unhesitatingly say that the exercises and games now so eagerly followed by women cannot fail to be productive of great and lasting nauseated. The matrimonial system good. The benefits of scientific training of the muscles are wellnight inonly give it in wholesome doses, says valuable, the possible evils so few as to be unimportant. In these days the importance of a sound mind and a healthy body can hardly be overestimated, and only a deeply prejudiced he is proof against reason, try gentle person dare say that a vigorous, ridicule. He likes a little affectionate healthy outdoor girl is not the queenof her sex. That we today have so many of them is a blessing, the real warts of the future, so surely as the

Woman's place in sport is right beside her brother. Should she, in some particular branch of it, move sli-htly Then her magical influence will refine Don't throw the poker chips out of and elevate, without detracting from the value of his favorite pastimes, while she, in return, will learn many Don't call him a tobacco worm or a delightful things and find that pricewine vat. In other words, scriptural- less reward of outdoor folk-robust

#### CLOTHING MONEY.

Years ago few women were permitted any money of their own, and a certain sum, very often out of their own good settlement, was doled out you can set these out in attractive to them by their lords and masters. But we have changed all this, and, as a rule, wives have the spending of their own money, whether inherited or ing his collar button; take off yours earned. Few are put in the embarand give it to him; it saves time and rassing position of having to ask humbly for enough pocket money to dress Don't forget to preface your bright and appear like their fellows. An interest and most original remarks with nuptial arrangement as to what the spending should be is apt to more satisfactory to the woman than any plan Don't overlook his counsel; such as made afterward, and certainly the it is, it is volunteered for your good. happiest people are those who know you what he thinks and then forget and are prepared to spend it to the

Of late this question has cropped in various positions. A lawyer con-Don't talk Christian Science to him | siders that no one should marry until when he has the toothache, and don't they have an assured income, and a man owes it to the girl he marries to do all in his power to free her from financial worries. A newly married man was of opinion that how a husband can make an allowance for his wife depends upon his income, and it ed with the spending of money, if left widowed, are apt to suffer from their ignorance in the most trivial business matters.

A woman's testimony to the question is that a certain allowance should Don't tell him you wish you had not be given to her to spend exactly as a proud woman knows how galling it is to ask for her own private expen-If you but follow the golden rule, ses. A business woman's view is worth considering. An allowance, she considers, spurs on a woman to live within her means and to know the value of money. A man should not give his wife unlimited credit at shops, and then be indignant at her spending. Girls should have an allowance early before they marry to teach them how to spend when they in their turn become mistresses of households .-- From the Queen.

# BITS OF FEMININITY

For shirtwaists linen is certainly going to be the reigning fabric. Can you fancy anything sprightlier than one of those bright red rain-

coats on a dull, weepy landscape? Such a smart shirtwaist has the collar fastened to it with rows of fagoting.

One beit of embroidery linen is leather.

There is a new gauze ribbon, with the prettiest edge, just like frilly lace. It's going to be a race between long turbans and tricornes, but you can take your choice yet awhile. Dimities and organdies may be

gathered around the waist, but the wise woman will pleat her linen skirts Now begins the task of learning all over again the new names fashion has given old fabrics.

Don't flatter yourself you are dress ed up nowadays unless there's a flash It's pleasant to observe that on new

purses the monograms are not quite Just imagine a collar of gold cloth

A stock of Bulgarian embroidered linen is edged with black satin which also furnishes a drooping loop and With soft Madras waists stocks of hear vague whispers from the seats of the same material are furnished with learning of the gentler sex about secret scarfs which tie in front with the one

performed. Today common sense Linen canvas waists in all desirable rules, and our young ladies have their tones are embellished with designs in regular athletic meetings and play wrought hand needlework and sou-

# THE KEYSTONE STATE

## Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Four foreigners were cremated in a box car containing gasoline which caught fire ten miles east of Harrisburg. George Klinger, of Harrisburg, and William C. Lyter, of Lewistown, were badly burned. The men were employed by H. S. Kerbaugh & Company, on the Pennsylvania Railroad improvements at Enola and were being sent to Bainbridge to clear the ice from the tracks. One of the cars in which twenty-six men were carried, contained five barrels of gasoline. The men were nearly all asleep. One of the men struck a match to light his pipe. A spark landed on the gasoline barrel and in an instnt the whole interior of the car was a fiery furnace The men were awakened by the in-tense heat. There was a scramble to get out in which four were unsuccessful. They were trampled by the others and their bodies were afterward found burned to a crisp.

To increase its coal output, the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company is tunnelling to tap and draw off millions of gallons of water from the old workings of the Beechwood Colliery near Pottsville, abandoned fifteen years ago. Valuable coal veins in the old mine will be worked

Three thousand five hundred dollars, an annual pass over the lines of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad west of Phildelphia, and a good job are the terms by which Edward P. Keiffer, of Somerset, settled his claim for damages against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. Keiffer was a victim of the wreck of the Duquesne limited near Dawson on the night of December 23. He was badly burned

Charles Adams, 19 years of age pleaded guilty in court at Media to the charge of highway robbery and carrying concealed deadly weapons. and was sentenced to sixteen years in the Eastern Penitentiary. Adams held up three Chester citizens on the night of January 4, and at the point of a revolver made them give up their money and valuables.

An explosion of dynamite and gunpowder at the Pennsylvania Railroad improvements two miles west of Millersburg instantly killed James Kerns, a foreman, and Pietro Mazigotti, a laborer, and seriously injuring two other laborers. All of the men were employed by Thomas F Kerns & Son, railroad contractors. James Kerns, the dead foreman, was a nephew of the senior member of the

While returning to his home at Buck, John Todd was set upon by thieves and beaten into insensibility. His skull was fractured and one ear pounded off. He was robbed of \$200 in checks and \$55 in cash, the proceeds of a tobacco sale.

The new West Chester town counil has appointed these borough offiials: Borough surveyor, Nathan Rambo; street commissioner, John ( Heed; chief of police, Robert O. leffries, with the present force of lay and night patrolmen; Edmund H. Brown was re-elected president of the

ouncil. Governor Pennypacker fixed May for the execution of James Alexander and W. L. Hartley, at Pittsburg. The congregation of the First Bapist Church, of West Chester, has idopted plans for a new \$15,000 church o be erected this summer.

A class of thirty was initiated into he Bethlehem Aerie of Eagles at a meeting which was attended by members of the order from throughout

the Lehigh Valley. James McPherson, Clarence Carr and Micheal Collins, members of the 'Shirtwaist gang," of Bridgeport, were equitted of assault and battery with attempting to kill Frank Smith, farmer, and his wife.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company distributed among the employees the Altoona and Juniata shops \$552,982 pay for the month of Febru-It is the biggest amount ever paid for the shortest month of the vear.

General orders were issued from he headquarters of the N. G. P., con-firming the sentence of Rudolph H. Schaffer, Company L, Eighteenth Regiment, to take effect immediately. Schaffer was recently found guilty by general court martial of fraudulently btaining money and sentenced to be dismissed from the service. Several sportsmen living in Lower

Saucon and at Springtown have formed an association called the Landsdale Game Protective Club, with the object of restocking that vicinity with small game to take the place of that which the long, cold Winter destroyed. The farms of H. S. Mill, at Springown, has been leased and will be used as a game preserve. In Criminal Court at Media, Judge

Johnson sentenced Charles Kimball, of Chester, to eleven years in the Eastern Penitentiary. He was convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill and highway robbery, having assaulted and robbed George MacKenzil last Christmas Day. The victim was in the hospital for seven weeks by reason of the assault.

While Earl Davis and several other fishermen were out along the Brandy-wine, near West Chester, they discovered a sixteen pound carp frozen in a block of ice that had been deposited in the adacent meadow by the freshet a few days

Fire in No. 11 mine stable, 600 feet below the surface, at Tamaqua, killed thirty-seven mules. It may be necessary to flood the mine.

Chief Burgess Ellis C. Abrams, of Prospect Park, returned the light ordinance to Council with his veto, which has been sustained. The electric light company refused to sign an agreement with the borough and unless some action s taken by the body soon the town will be without street lights.

Cooking and sewing schools of a novel character have been established on the South Side, Hazleton. Girls employed n the mills gather at the homes of different fellow-workers two nights each week and those who are proficient in sewing and cooking teach those who are back ward in these branches of household

11 - permanently cured. No fits or nervous-ces after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Restorer. \$2 trial bottleand treatisefree Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa

The 15,000 convicts in England cost \$3, 00,000 every year.

80 Bushels Macaroni Wheat Per Acre. Introduced by the U. S. Dept. of Agr. It is a tremendous cropper, yielding in good land 80 bu. per acre, and on dry, arid lands, such as are found in Mont., Idaho, the Dakotas, Colo., etc., it will yield from 40 to 60 bu. This Wheat and Speltz and Hanna Barley and Bromus Inermis and Billion Dollar Grass, makes it possible to grow and fatten hogs and cattle wherever

JUST SEND 10C. AND THIS NOTICE to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and they will send you free a sample of this Wheat and other farm seeds, together with their great catalog, alone 100.00 to any wide-awake farmer. [A.C.L.]

soil is found.

Most young men are too much infatuated with themselves to be seriously injured in an ordinary love affair.

#### Use Atlan's Foot-Ease.

It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, ired, Aching, Bot, Sweating Feet, Corns and unions. Ask for Alien's Foot-Ease, a powder o be shaken into the shoes. Cures while you valk. At all Draggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. on't accept any substitute. Sample sent ann. Address Man S. Olmsted, LeRoy. N.Y.

Chicago Cattle Receipts. The total receipts of animals at the Chicago Union stockyards in 1903 were 15,713,515, a slight increase over the preceding year.

without thom. I was troubled a groat deal with torpid liver and headache. Now since taking Cascarets Candy Cathartic I feel very much botter I shall certainly recommend thom to my friends as the best medicine I have ever seen." Anna Bazinet, Osborn Mill No. 2, Fall River, Mass.



Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good, Do Good, Never Sicken, Weaken or Gripe, 18c. Zec. 18c. Neves fold in bulk. The genuine tablet stamped C C C. guaranteed to cure or your mency back. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N.Y. 601 ANNUAL SALE, TEN MILLION BOXES

# **FromPimples** to Scrofula From Infancy to Age

To those who have suffered long and hopelessly from Humors of the Blood, Skin, and Scalp, and who have lost faith in doctors, medicines, and all things human, CUTI-CURA Soap, Ointment, and Pills appeal with a force hardly to be realized. Every hope, every expectation awakened by them has been more than fulfilled. More great cures of Simple, Scrofulous, and Hereditary Humors are daily made by them than by all other Blood and Skin Remedies combined. a single set, costing but one dollar, being often sufficient to cure the most distressing cases when all else fails.

throughout the world. Cuticura Resolvent, rm of Chocolate Coated Fills, 26c, per vial of seut, 36c, 86cg, 36c. Depotes London, 27 Cha Sq.; Paris, 5 Rice de la Paix; Boston, 137 Colm Petter Brug & Chem. Corp., 80c) Props. Seed for "All About the Skin and Palip."