FARMERS' COLUMN.

Hints to Poultry-Breeders.

A correspondent of the Massachusetts *Ploughman* writes some good hints about the management of poultry to answer to an article on that subject:

"First, you say, if eggs in winter are wanted, the light Brahma or white Cochin is best for that purpose. An experience of ten years with fowls of different breeds has not brought about such a conclusion with me. I keep fowls for the eggs—black Spanish, white and brown Leghorns—and have no trouble about their laying in winter. I find as much trouble in keeping fowls cold in summer as I do in keeping them warm in winter. I keep Brahmas for hatching. They discount all other breeds in that line of business, and their motherly qualities are without a rival. I find the expense of food for twenty black Spanish, white and brown Leghorns, to be the same as that for fourteen Brahmas. There is no question in my mind but what the Plymouth Rock excels all others when brought upon the table as an article of food. For eggs, the Plymouth Rock still stands as second, which is saying much in their praise, when we consider the number of good laying breeds with which they have had to compete. A hen that lays one hundred eggs in a year is not an unprofitable one. Still she cannot be classed as a very profitable one. A hen to be in favor with me must produce from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and eighty eggs a year. At the latter figure I can make them pay three hundred per centum on the investment, besides the cost of food.

"If it is desired to obtain a stock of hens for laying eggs to sell when they bring the highest price, I like the hatching to take place the first week in May, if of the black Spanish, white or brown Leghorn breed. They will lay as soon as the tenth of October. From that time until the first of March is when I find it a good time to sell eggs. In the matter of feeding, feed so that your hens shall be healthy. The healthy hens are those from whom we may expect eggs, and not those who are extremely fat. When a hen does not lay four months in succession, I know no way by which she can be made to make up for lost time, any more than I can tell how a farmer can be made to make up the loss of two day's time per week in a grocery store discussing his neighbor's business. As for a hen not being profitable to keep for laying after she is two years old, I cannot endorse it, as I have hens that are four years old and still continue to deposit one dozen a month. Still I prefer young hens. In selecting hens to set, select eggs from those hens in your flock that you know are continually laying. Black Spanish, white and brown Leghorns, are not of much account for the table. To kill them for the market is folly."

Gapes.

We have learned to jest at gapes by making a free use of Camphor. We give to a chicken in a very bad case a pill the size of a garden pea. As soon as we see symptoms of gapes we give the birds water to drink which is strongly impregnated with camphor, thus giving to the chickens that which was a favorite medicine with our great grandmothers—"camphor julep." The treatment seems to explain itself. The gapes or the gaping is caused by the presence of small red worms in the windpipe. No medicine can reach them unless in the form of vapor. An hour after the chicken has swallowed the pill it smells of camphor. Camphor is a very strong vermifuge, and the worm dies.—*Rome Herald.*

Farm Notes.

Transplanting beets is nothing new; in fact, if they are taken up when about an inch through, the very best crops can be produced by that means, and far better than in the spot they were first sown. The soil becomes packed in the seed-bed, and when the beet is transplanted, the new, loose, warm, rich soil is just in condition to make it grow. There is no danger of wilting if the top is small and the roots large at the time the change is made. Transplanting always checks top growth and encourages root formation, hence to grow any root we have only to make a change of base.

The study of the principles of plant growth is very interesting: no man can fail to learn even from a cabbage head, and if he watches the usual course of events in a garden, many little matters will suggest themselves which may be turned to practical account. For instance, certain plants are very liable to be eaten off by insects during the first few days after they have appeared above the ground. Efforts to destroy the insects almost always fail.

If you are attacked by a dog and have a stick too light to hurt him with, hold it so that he can bite it, and he will do so; this gives you time and you will finally escape. Insects have a choice of food, and frequently like something else better than our plants which we wish to save. Potato bugs like some kinds of potato vines better than others. A row or two of such vines in a field will attract the bulk of the pests and save the ones which the farmer desires to protect. Melon bugs like radish leaves much better than melon leaves, and if radishes are planted in the hill the melons escape entirely.

Poisons in a garden or field are dangerous to poultry, animals and to people even, and are not at all necessary. There are many things which, as the cases arise may be done to avoid loss on a farm; weeds must be dealt with promptly; insects must be provided for; dry or wet seasons must be offset by drainage or cultivation. If the wheat crop in Nebraska this year had been drilled in rows for cultivation, we should have had a splendid crop of excellent grain and no weeds. Now we have so thin a crop that whole fields are abandoned on account of weeds, which the crop could not smother. The proper mode of cultivation on a farm is governed by no set rule; circumstances continually arise which call for something different from what was first planned out. The good farmer is he who plans to allow a variety in modes, as necessity may demand—change of mode, change of seed are as necessary as tillage itself. We fatten calves and all young stock by change of feed or pasture, and if we adhere to set rules or do as our fathers did before us, and only because they did so, we violate the laws of advancement. Ruts in the road are indictable here, and the man who allows ruts in his land is on a bad road, but he who does not learn from what nature before his eyes every season should go another quarter to night school, and be sure to take a candle with him.—*S. R. Mason in the Rural New Yorker.*

BURDETTE AND SOME MOSQUITOES ATTEND CHURCH.

But down at Musquash. Last Sunday night we all went to church down at Musquash, and heard Mr. Hopper preach, a pleasure that all Burlington will envy us. Mr. H. was down there helping the rest of us enjoy ourselves, and the Baptists of Musquash just pressed him into their service for one day. Well, I had been trout fishing all the day before and had waded down the river a few miles, and Saturday night I poured a bushel and a half of oats into each of my boots, and all the bright, sunny, Sabbath day they set out in the sun and basked, while I lounged around loosely shod in slippers, and extremely happy. I went to church this evening, and you can't imagine how easy and comfortable were my slippered feet. I thrust them out before me and admired them. In a moment or two a mosquito came sailing along, humming the refrain of a hymn the congregation had just ceased singing. This startled me a little, but not very much, because I always believed that the St. John mosquitoes could sing if they would. Well, this fellow sailed on, passed me, then he turned and came back, and I observed that he had a wicked look in his eyes, although, I reasoned, that was no more than one might expect of a mosquito that flew around on the Sabbath. Presently, still humming "Broad is the road that leads to death," the bird made a few circles and lighted on my slippered feet, making his landing about an inch above the slipper.

"Now, son," I said, "this is a little too much. I admire cheek, but you fairly gorge my admiration. I am sorry for you because I know your harmlessness and your stupidity. But your impudence is more detestable than your imbecility is touching and I am compelled to mash you."

I lifted my other foot to crush him, and I may live a thousand years if that mosquito didn't get the drop on me.

I haven't felt anything like it since seven years ago, when I tried to mend the family washboiler, and poured a tablespoonful of sizzling, glowing, bubbling solder down inside my shoe.

As I am a truthful man, when I felt the shot, I looked down, and that mosquito had his hind legs bent under him, his front legs stretched out and braced against my foot, while the venomous wretch, holding his mouth full of epidermis and stocking, leaned back, pulled, and shook his head savagely like a bull terrier, without ever breaking his hold. Just before I kicked him he let go and sailed around behind my head, while he was joining the congregation in singing:

"Brethren, while we sojourn here,
Fight we must, but need not fear."

I sat in silent enduring agony, wondering what kind of a bird the mosquash mosquito was, when suddenly another one came behind me, caught me by the heel, and I thought in my soul it would pull the leg off me before I could shake and kick it loose. And then it dodged about my ears, snapping at them as it went by, and humming with great affectation of feeling,

"I would not live always."

I was glad that it felt that way about it. It lived long enough to satisfy me, all the same. All through the service this inhuman banquet went on. The mosquitoes that came late didn't stand on ceremony, but drew right up and helped themselves. "Cut a little closer to the bone," the old ones will say to the new comers, "you'll find the meat sweeter." And close to the bone it was. I kept up a regular tattoo with my feet, until the senior deacon came over and whispered to me that the Dominion churches had not adopted the New York custom of applauding the good points in a sermon. Then I held my feet off the floor and kicked them straight out every time a new mosquito got the drop on me and made a bull's-eye, until a man sitting in front of me turned around and sternly assured me that if I didn't quit kicking his wife and children he'd throw me out of the window. I had wondered several times, in an abstracted sort of way, what the children were crying for. Once, in my suffering, I got my feet up on the pew and tried to sit on them, but the manœuvre seemed to afford the young ladies in that vicinity so much amusement that I had to give it up. I got hold of a window stick, and tried spearing the mosquitoes with it, like eels, but it attracted too much attention, and owing to my nervousness, was a failure anyhow. At last, either because it was all gone, or because they had enough, or because the service was concluded, the mosquitoes quit, and the last I heard of them as they started over toward the other side of the room to swarm on a bald headed man before he could get his hat on, they were singing with the congregation,

"Happy day; Happy day!"

Musquash is one of the pleasantest places in the world, and I think it must import its mosquitoes. I am now quite content with the St. John variety.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

Perquisites of Washington Pages.

One of the pages of the United States Senate, in a letter to the St. Paul *Pioneer-Press*, says: "We used to net $90 a month, but now it is only $75. The boy that gets the President's room is rewarded with $1,400 a year; the perquisites for the pages are considerable. A good one has no trouble in making $100 a month. A complete book of the autographs of Congressmen and the heads of departments brings $50. A page made three hundred dollars out of what was known as the 'dead-lock picture'—a humorous sketch. While the electoral commission was in session the boys had a good opportunity to make something. They speculated on the extra tickets of the Congressmen shelled out. I sold one to Lizzie Snow for $30; Washington people know who she is. I knew a boy who made $80 off of the bier of Chas. Sumner. He sold the flowers for $20; Wormley paid him $10 for one bouquet. When the casket was removed he watched his opportunity and cut the fringe from the bier. He sold it to the colored people for $60, dealing it out in pieces."

A Big Pair of Boots.

A traveler stopped at an inn for supper and lodging, and, on retiring, put his boots outside his chamber-door to be cleaned. In the morning he found them as he had left them, whereupon he rang his bell furiously. The landlord came, and, having heard the guest's complaint, he sent for "boots." The boy came—a tow-headed lout of sixteen or seventeen years, in corduroys and smock frock.

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"Boots, sur?" drawled the lout. "Whar be they?"

"There they stand—right where I left them," said the guest.

The boy looked down at the boots, then bent and lifted one of them into the light of a distant window. It was certainly an exceptional boot—really a monstrosity. "W-a-a-l," grunted the clown, looking up with a dubious light struggling upon his grimy visage, "coms to see 'em in ter lois und 'ey be summat loik boots; but, bless and save us, I could 'a swor'd, inter tim taybreak, 'at 'ey wer' a pa'r o' black leather portmanties!"

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