The Farm.

Hens Eating their Eggs. H. P. Willmantic (State not given, inquires for a preventive and cure for this habit. He says his fowls were well supplied with animal food, fresh grass, and pounded oyster-shells, in addition to grain, yet devoured their eggs. It is a common error to suppose that some deficiency of diet causes this vice. The H. P. Willmantic (State not given a common error to suppose that some deficiency of diet causes this vice. The appetite for animal food cannot be so satiated that a nice fresh egg will not aste good as soon as hunger begins to taste good as soon as integer begins to return. The habit of egg-eating is first acquired by fowls devouring a thin-shelled or shelless egg, and then trying to repeat the delicate fare by pecking at those with thick shells; or by

some accident an egg may be broken, and thus afford the first lesson. It fre-quently happens that hens when shu up and driven to straits for occupation up and driven to straits for which will scratch among the straw or other litter of their nests, and thus break eggs, and so get a taste. When one learns to litter of their nests, and thus break eggs, and so get a taste. When one learns to break them on purpose, the rest soon imitate. If hens must be kept in close confinement, make the nests in covered boxes, with a low, dark, covered passage-way a few feet long leading to them, which is lighted only by an acceptance of the angle is the large coupul. aperture at the end just large enough for a fowl to enter. The conse-quence will be that while the birds will also generally a cure, for even a hen that is so far demoralized as to eat her own is so far demoralized as to cut her own
eggs as soon as laid, will not often dolt in
a dark corner. But the best preventive
is a free range for fowls, in which eggeating as well as plucking and devouring feathers, is rarely or never acquired,
because fowls find plenty to do
that is legitimate without following abpormal practices, and if one doe learn evil the rest are not huddled clos by to watch every motion and learn also. It has been suggested that nest eggs of some hard material be placed where egg-eating hens may peck at them unavailingly until wearied, and thus be diverted from their bad habit, but we have repeatedly seen fowls ruit ed by this vice in places where artificia ed by this vice in places where arthress, eggs were always kept. Another rec-ommended cure is to remove the con-tents of an egg-shell, fill a with ground cayenne with a little paste added, when the fewls will break it, fill their beaks hurriedly in the strife for possession and then run around as it they had bee eating coals of fire. While the smart lasts they avoid eggs, but will soon re-lapse. Sometimes the bills of offendlapse. Sometimes the bills of offendi-ers are burned off with a hot iron until so blunt that they cannot break eggs with them. But in impatience at their ill-success they will sometimes scratch the eggs about, trying to make impression upon them in some iv, and thus break them after all. way, and thus break them after all. So the darkened boxes for nests are to

arely stand upright, and not make hem so dark at first that they cannot them so dark at 11st that they carnot find their way, but instead, commence with a twilight, and after they become wonted, narrow the opening that admits the light. We devote considerable space to this item because the trouble is compared to the contract of the contract mon, its cause much misunderstood case, a whole flock of valuable fowls are killed as incorrigible. Should Land Lie Long under Grass. In a system of farming which makes grain and root crops the main products, in which the land is devoted to tillage, and pastures and meadows are secondary in importance, I think experience proves it unwise to let a field remain longer than two years under grass. If longer than two years under grass. It the object sought, by letting the field remain in grass, be to fertilize it thereby, two seasons are enough to get the best effects from clover which, of course should be the crop used. If the field is allowed to be under grass a long time. a turf of June grass, white clover, red

a turi of June grass, white clover, red top, or thmothy is formed, the soil is compacted, and the roots of the grasses compacted, and the roots of the grasses in tilling a hoed crop and often are not killed the first season, but grow and damagethe succeeding grain crop. Wire worms and grubs are more apt to work in a corn-crop that is planted on a stiff ean be regulated according to our wisnessymms and grubs are more api to work in a corn-erop that is planted on a stiff soil, than on a tender, young clover lay. I have observed that those farmers raise the best crops who do not let the fields lie more than two years under the left to the judgment of the breeder. As to the age of the stallion, little need the subver. Then manute and ulant corn. I have observed that those farmers raise the best crops who do not let the fields lie more than two years under clover. Then manure and plant corn, sow barley or oats the next year, then seed with clover again and Summerseed with clover again and Summer-fallow for wheat. Later years we have more trouble from the corn grub than formerly, we think so at least, though this enemy to corn was familiar to the Indians. Where killed by the cultivation given the corn, and live over and damage the grain fol-

lowing; and that wire worms and grubs are apt to work more injury in the old sod than a new one.

Mowing a good field for tillage, several seasons in succession, injures it for bearing grain crops; it is nearly as bad as other cropping. A field that lies two years under clover should have one crop of the clover pastured, or else permitted to go downon the field. A crop of clover hay followed by one of seed, taken from a field, runs it as much as any grain crop."—Rural Honc.

See the mare, age makes little difference. After full growth she may with safety be put to breeding; nature will disqualify her for breeding; in her own proper time. Her careases should be long; she should be broad on the loin and larger in proportion than the horse; and yet, with these qualities, there should be compactness of form and shortnesses of leg.

The average height of horses in the United States is about fifteen and a half hands; and if the parent stock be larger, lowing; and that wire worms and grubs

Trimming Apple Trees.

A New Hampshire correspondent enters the following protest against the robbing of apple trees of what nature has provided for them in either limbs or roots, under the fallacious idea that this is the way to secure their health and productiveness, and says: "If, for any reason, it becomes necessary to reany reason, it becomes necessary to reany reason, it becomes necessary to remove limbs, the best way I have ever found, especially if the limb is pretty large, is to girdle it by taking off a belt of bark, slime and all, say two inches wide all around the limb, down as low as I want to cut off, in the latter part of August. I let the limb remain on the tree until the next season, when the wood becomes hard and dry like a bone; then I saw it off, just above the bone; then I saw it off, just above the ring of new wood that will have formed ring of new wood that will have formed all around the limb at the bottom or lower edge of the girdling, and then spread on grafting-wax. In this way I have taken off some quite large limbs from both apple and pear trees, with perfect success; and I have now several limbs that were overlooked when small, which I girdled last Fall in this way, and which will be taken off the coming gasson. For small limbs that interfere

season. For small limbs that interfere with others, or that for any reason, must necessarily be cut off, I prefer the month work, being careful always to cement over the wood.

ant association, or combining for aggressive purposes, have been recognized, but searcely to the extent the subject

Improvement of Live Stock. Inferior stock should be got rid of as soon as possible. It is a very erroneous practice to waste provender by feeding animals which will make no adequate return forthe outlay, Old horses, cows, and sheep are very unprofitable stock; the former are not vigorous enough to the former are not vigorous enough to perform the labors of the farm, when the ost needed. Old milch cows are not fit

A horseman whose horse is given to s'nying, ought never to permit himself to evince nervousness nor punish the animal for exhibitions of timidity. Whenever a horse directs the points of his ears in directions of the state of t

when he will resume his way in a quite mood. But if chastified for shyligh, is seven the mill most after the will have two objects of fear instead the will have two objects of the instead to the history of the control of the contro

stituents. It is aimost butter when skimmed.

Rosa's butter is of such an extraordinary yellow color, for Winter, that it has been suggested to us, that a person's reputation for veracity would be in some danger, who would assert it had not been colored artificially. To satisfy such doubters, one of our best chemists and druggists, O.S. Hubbel, himself a devolution of the Jerseys, informs us a very simple test is found in alcohol. This speedily washesoutannetto, carrotjuice, or any foreign matter not derived from the cow. It may also be stated as one reason, perhaps, for the fine quality and color of Rosa's butter, that the hay fed to her is what is known as green grass hay, proverbially sweet and nutritious. Some of C. L. Sharpfess's fields have not been ploughed for twenty years, and are well set with this kind of grass, which when once fairly in, is kept up by top-dressing.

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About Breeding. As the time for turning mares, kept or breeding purposes, to horse, is at and, I venture to give a few plain utes for breeding, honing it may set from more experienced breeders, and abler writers than myself. I believe be said. A stallion twenty years old is

as good as one younger, and just as sure a foal-getter; and there is abundant evidence to show that many stallions have not become celebrated as first-rate foal-getters until well advanced in years. But if there is one point absolutely especially the generalized of the surprotection of the surprotection. sential, it is compactness. As much goodness and strength as possible, conlensed into a little space. He should not exceed sixteen hands in height, and perhaps should not be less than fifteen; weight from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds; should be short on the back; chest broad, with a lofty and well-arched crest; round, and well ribbed up to the huckle bone.

where the mare is larger than the horse, than in any other case. The progeny will, as a rule, inherit the general or mingled qualities of the parents; peculiarities of form and constitution will also be inherited. This is a most important but neglected consideration; for however desirable, or even perfect, may have been the conformation of the sire.

every good point may be destroyed by the defective structure of the mare. Many farmers seem to think their mares to valuable, and their service worth too much on their farms for breeders. But

The Cow's Intelligence. That cows have memory, language, signs, and the means of enjoying pleas-

out scarcely to the extent the subject merits. Travelling in Italy many years ago, we visited some of the large dairy faums in the neighborhood of Ferrara. Interspersed amongst much low lying unhealthy land, remarkable for the prealence on it of very fatal form of anthrax in the summer season, are fine undulating pasture lands, and the fields are of great extent. We happened to stop at a farm house one fine Autumn afternoon when house one fine Autumn afternoon when the cows were about to be milked. A herd of over one hundred was grazing homewards. The women took their positions with stool and pail close to the house, and as the cowsapproached names were called out which at first we thought for dairy purposes, and old breeding ewes produce small, weak lambs and very light fleeces. The improvement of his stock should be the constant aim of the farmer. This may be done by selecting the best breeding animals that can botatined. No money is more judiciously expended than that which goes to produce superior stock, the breeding animals, male and female, must be of the best quality and they and their progeny must have abundance of good provender at all seasons. Young stock of all kinds are sometimes injured for want of suitable food and shelter at the most critical period of their lives.

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evince nervousness nor punish the animal for exhibitions of timidity. Whenever a horse directs the points of his ears in a certain direction, as though distrustful or afraid, the reins should be pulled in an opposite direction, thus diverting the attention of the animal from the object ausing the perturbation. If, on the other hand, force or harsh means are used tocompel an acquaintance with the object feared, the horse will be doubly excited, if not unmanageable. We have found, in cases of shying or halting at real or fancied objects of disquiet, that stopping the horse and using soothing language answers a good purpose. If the object is stationary, the horse, after a short time, will most usually advance in the direction of it, approaching cautiously till satisfied that no dauger is to be apprehended,

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