
Thesday, July 30, 1872.
FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS


Cattle Raising in Texas.
The employees of the cattle-raisers of
district organize hunting parties eac district organize hunting parties each
spring and fall, in order to brand thio calves. Each stook-owner is required by law to
have a regular brand and ear-makk recor-
ded in the office of the county clerk. In ded in the office of the county clerk. In
the semi-annual hunts ench calt is branded with the brand of the cow it follows or
sucks. A calf not found accecmpaning any cow is liable to be appropriated by the
party who can firat brand it. Parties attempting to brand, or otherwise appropri-
ate cattle, without first making the proper record with the county clerk, are liable to a
fine of $\$ 25$ for each offense. Without such a public record no stock-raiser could pro.
teot bimself from depredation by leg. prosecution. Or late years parties have dams. The increasing demand for beef
has created a stronger temptation for thi illicit pursuit, necessitating greater efforts
For the gathering of the animals for sale hut of late the cattle-raisers have been employing permanent agents, but in different
parts of the country, paying them 50 cents for every calf branded and \$1 for bvery steer herded for sale, A pill of sale is given to brands, carmarks, de., which must
shown to the cattlo inspector, who, in re
twrn. issues a certificate to the effect that the cuttie cucresnond to the bill of sale
He keeps a permanent record of his officin spection.
Among the noticeable changes made in
the cattle business, since the close of the late civil war, is its concontration in fower
hands. The smaller owners found their stock not meet their and hence their profiti generally sold out, either to the larger proprietors or to the tailow and hide dealers.
Bat fow men now in the business have less than 1,000 , branding about 250 calves.
The herds range as high as 50,000 ; the number of calves branded being from 20 to larger ranches are maintained from 2,000 to aanpueroses with remounts. Large numbern tallow. Some of these dealers sell to purchasers on the spot, while other ship direct
to New Orleans or drive to Kansas. Sovwintering from 2,000 to 3,000 each on th line of the Kansas Pacific Railroad.
cows, calves, yearlings, and two-year-olds. A party selling 1,000 stock-cattle would and charge a unitorm price for the whole.
The present price is $\$ 5$ per head in specie.

## Girding Limbs for Fruit.

A correspondent of the Hartford Courant
after giving some directions in regard tothe care of fruit trees, removing grass and weeds foom the roots, manuring the soil,
washing the bodies with soapsuls, adds: the shape of fruit, girdle the limbs, It has been tried and foumd to be a perfect success. In 1868, Mir. P. R. Russol, then o Bolton, Mass,, selected five healtlyy trees or different varieties, and, when in blow, gird led a large limb on each. Those limbs had
double the fruit to be found on eithor cqual parts of the same trees, and the apples wore
mach larger and smoother. In 1860 ho ve peatod the experiment with the samo suc ons. Dr. Gove's farm in Botoon, and with a inkeeffect. Mr. Russel, removing to Vine-
land, N. J., treated his treos in the name way, and was again rowarded with applos
harge and fair, that dung with tenacion grip to their lyanchos. The phitonophy in oming sisects sting the fruth, which be coming sickly, dropsto the groumd. In the
spring, the sap goes up the woody filre of pring, the sap gocs up the woody filure of
the troe, but returus in the bark. Girdil the bark, whilo the tree is in blossom or autumn, at whith time the girded parto will have healed: hence the limbs, thus full of nap, will have virtaally enough to retain mado with a peuknife, clean through the of a pipe-stem."
E3The London Lancet, which is au
thority on such nubjects, gives the follow ing unique curo for bose felonas As soon as the disenso IF felt, put over the spot a
Aly-blister about the size of your thimb-fly-blister about the sizo of your thumb-
nall, and let it remain for nix hours, at the oxpiration of which time, directly under the surface of the blister, can be seen the con
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