

THE FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Paralysis in Pigs.

Pigs are subject to a weakness of the spine by which the controlling movements of the hind limbs are paralyzed. This is often constitutional, and arises from breeding pigs so defective. When young sucking pigs are affected in this way it no doubt comes from the mother.

Root Pruning.

The experiments were made on the apple and pear. An apple tree eight or ten years old, which had scarcely made any fruit buds, had done best when about half the roots were cut in one season and half three years later, by going half way around on opposite sides in one year and finish at the next pruning, working two feet underneath to sever downward roots.

Common Sense in the Poultry Yard.

Common sense is too often uncommon sense, and that is the reason why novelty in this sentiment is its application to poultry keeping. It is not my intention to criticize nonsensical ways, but to show ways sensible.

The "poultry" that everybody keeps are technically designated "fowls," or "barn-door fowls." As a rule they are kept in a small flock, fed chiefly on what no farmer misses. On such farms, the flock of twelve to forty hens will pick up a living without receiving a particle of grain from May to October, including both months.

This is the best way to keep fowls, provided they can be induced to lay where their eggs can be found while fresh. To accomplish this a house of some kind is needed where the fowls may be shut in occasionally for a few days at a time, so as to make them nest and lay in convenient places.

That Muck may be of its greatest value.

That muck may be of its greatest value—for it has valuable elements of plant-food in its structure—it must be treated or brought into proper condition, so that the elements may be made available to the plants that are to use them. The muck should be dug in the fall, and there is no better time than now, during this dry spell, when the swamps are dry and can be worked to the greatest advantage.

What is it?

What is it that has three feet but no legs, is all body, no limbs, has no toes on the feet, no head, moves a great deal but never uses its feet for that purpose, has one foot at each end and one in the center of the body? This is a queer creature in some respects, and is very popular among the ladies and some gentlemen. It never walks, but goes with its feet where the head is dragging the other foot behind. These feet have nails, but no toes, no heels and no bones in the feet. Answer—A yardstick.

What's in a Name.

Ex-Governor Bowie, of Maryland, the owner of the famous horse, Crickmore, while pleasantly chatting with the managing partner of a heavy advertising firm in Baltimore, was somewhat surprised by the question addressed to him, whether he would be willing to grant the privilege of rechristening his favorite horse for the sum of \$5,000. The offer, certainly a tempting one, was curtly and flatly refused.

Do You Want

Do you want a spring scale that can be carried in the pocket? PARKER'S PATENT POSTAL AND POCKET SCALES. For Sale by All Druggists, Stationers and Hardware Dealers.

FACTS AND COMMENTS.

A convention of humorous paragraphers is talked of. The unfortunate city upon which this somber affliction will fall has not yet been named.

Mr. Mulhall, a leading English statistician, estimates that the United States is accumulating wealth at the rate of about \$2,500,000 a day, or, in round numbers, at \$1,000,000,000 a year, and that all the indications point to a continuance of this condition.

Widowers will be in the ascendency in Washington this season, as the President is a widower, the new British minister is also, and so is Mr. Allen, the Hawaiian minister, now the dean of the diplomatic corps. There are also several widowers in each house of Congress.

A Chicago correspondent, looking over a mercantile directory for 1872, finds on the black list the entry: "Z. Guiteau, Charles J., lawyer." Turning to the definition of the letter "Z" he finds "Z—Inmate uncertain and often precarious. Defer indefinite the payment of debts. Law suits to collect same would be useless. No credit or favors should be given."

The English postoffice authorities are trying the experiment of supplying postmen in country districts with bicycles and tricycles. They are particularly in Ireland, where the distances to be traversed by foot-messengers are longer than in Great Britain. The authorities are watching the experiment with a considerable degree of interest, owing to the fact that not a few casualties have occurred in the use of their new means of locomotion.

Bob Obolens, a character of note in St. Louis, is dead. His father was a blue Presbyterian minister, his wife was from a wealthy and respected family, and his own conduct was above reproach until he was about forty. Then he killed an enemy in a street encounter, and was sent to the penitentiary for twenty years.

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SUNDAY READING.

Be Happy.

It is the easiest thing in the world to be happy. If men and women could only think so. Happiness is only another name for love, for where love exists in a household there happiness must also exist, even though it has poverty for its close companion; where love exists not, even though it be in a palace, happiness can never come. He was a cold and selfish being who originated the saying that "when poverty comes in at the door, love flies out of the window," and his assertion proves conclusively that he had no knowledge of love, for unquestionably the reverse of the axiom quoted is nearer the truth. When poverty comes in at the door, love—true love—is more than ever inclined to fanny, and do battle with the enemy.

Let those who find fault with their surroundings, search in their hearts for the cause. A few kind words, a little forbearance, or a kiss, will open the way to a flood of sunshine in a house darkened by the clouds of discord and unamability.

Religious News and Notes. A Swedish Baptist church has been organized and recognized at Worcester, Mass.

A training school for evangelists, collectors and Bible readers will soon be opened in Paris.

Four missionaries sailed recently from Philadelphia to the Presbyterian Gaboon and Corisco mission, Africa. The French council of state is considering the project of a decree for assuring religious liberty in the army.

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A fish is a dependent creature, and it never comes out of the water on its own hook.

Those ignorant, nervous persons, causing you to feel scarcely able to be on your feet, constant drain that is taking from your system all its former elasticity, driving the bloom from your cheeks; that continual strain upon your vital forces, rendering you irritable and nervous, can easily be removed by the use of that marvellous remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Irregularities and obstructions of your system are relieved at once, while the special causes of periodical pain are permanently removed. Will you heed this? See "Truths."

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An Immense Hammer.

The largest steam-hammer in the United States has gone into operation at Pittsburg. It weighs 1,000,000 lbs., while the anvil block under it weighs 100 tons. With a full head of steam it will strike a blow of ninety tons, but, as this tremendous weight is not always necessary in hammering, it can be made to strike as light as desired. It has a thirty-eight-inch cylinder and nine-foot stroke. The ponderous blows make the earth vibrate for a radius of nearly 200 yards. The big hammer is for forging steamboat shafts and other heavy work.

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