

In-son of British Commons, there are ten newspaper editors in the British House of Commons, six printers, four tailors, three stationers, two butchers, three hotel keepers, six lent farmers, one coal merchant and one cab proprietor.

Steel in Shipbuilding.
Steel has been used for shipbuilding only about twenty years, yet it is estimated that ninety-six per cent. of the vessels built at the present day are of steel.—Hardware.



FOR THE STRAWBERRY BED.
Get your strawberry plants as near home as possible. The Burbank is a good variety. As soon as the plants arrive spread the roots out and moisten with mulch. Get the strawberry plants out just as early in the spring as you can prepare the land. Cultivate a great deal to keep weeds down even though you see no weeds. Do not cover in the fall until the growth has ceased. Cover with marsh grass for mulch. Next best is horse manure with lots of straw. Leaves may be used if they are removed in the spring.—New England Homestead.

NEW BIDDING METHOD.
Here is a brief description of the method practiced at the Texas Station: After cutting of a bud with some wood attached cut an slip of bark, with some wood attached to it also, down about an inch, leaving it still attached at the lower end. This must be made about the size of the cut bud, so that the bud will fit evenly over the cut place. Part of the loose slip should be cut off and the bud slipped down between the wood and the slip. Tie the bud tight with radia or cork string. Success has been attained with this method in January. The buds soon knit firmly and can be forced out in spring. This method can be used to advantage in dry weather when the bark refuses to slip, or on stock which failed to take when budded in the usual way during the summer. Roses and many kinds of trees have been budded in this way. This method greatly prolongs the season of budding and will to that extent somewhat lessen the cost of the work.—The Silver Knight.

EFFECT OF FOOD ON EGGS.
The Rural New Yorker has lately been making inquiries from prominent poultrymen in regard to the effect of feeding upon the size of eggs; also whether the size will make any difference in the number which a hen will lay. The varied answers show that even the most experienced feeders are very much in the dark upon this subject. It may be inferred, however, from the answers that the grains have much less effect in increasing the size of eggs than have meats, bran and other nitrogenous foods, but grains fed in excess will make the hen too fat, and she will lay smaller eggs. Small eggs will retain until abnormally large. As to the effect on the number of eggs opinions are about equally divided. Perhaps the answer to either question depends more upon the breed than upon any particular food. The ideal food for laying hens as given by Mr. L. K. Felch is as follows: "The combination of thirty pounds of corn, fifteen pounds of oats, ten pounds of wheat, ten pounds of barley and fifteen pounds of wheat bran, thoroughly mixed, gives the largest number of eggs possible. This is used as the morning feed, with twenty-five per cent. of meat feed, the afternoon feed being mixed grains."

HOW TO PACK BUTTER.
Butter is never so good as when used within one week from the time it leaves the churn. It possesses then a delicate aroma and a peculiar, indescribable flavor, which soon passes away and is never present thereafter; but butter properly made can be kept sweet and in good order for months. Get the butter in good condition as soon as possible after churning and pack it firmly in gallon or half-gallon jars. Those containing five or six pounds are preferable. When the jars are bought ask the seller, as he marks the weight of each, to number them, so that a record of the amount of butter in each jar can readily be kept. Pack the jars level full, tie a round piece of strong, thick cloth over the top and place it bottom side up into a new, large crock. Do not pack butter made at different times in the same jar, but store only those jars that can be filled at one churning. Make strong brine, using all the salt the water will absorb, adding to each gallon a teaspoonful of saltpeter and a teaspoonful of granulated sugar. Soak the brine and skim it thoroughly. When cold strain through a wet thick cloth into the crock. Add more brine from time to time to keep the jars covered two inches in depth. Tie a thick cloth over the crock to protect from dust, and over this piece a wooden cover to exclude the light. Do not keep the crock on the cellar floor, even if it is a cemented one, but on a platform if possible, with slate underneath the crock to insure free circulation of air. This will prevent mold forming on the bottom of the crock. Several smaller crocks may be used in which to store the jars rather than use the large crock. To clean jars and crocks, use a bath of hot lime water or strong hot soda water.—New York Farmer.

WOMAN'S LONG HOURS.
SHE TOILS AFTER MAN'S DAY'S WORK IS DONE.

What She Has to Contend With—Work That Sooner or Later Breaks Down Her Delicate Organism.

The great majority of women "work to live" and "live to work," and as the hands of the clock approach the hour of six, those employed in stores, offices, mills and factories, halt closing time with a sigh.

They have won their day's bread, but some duties are yet to be performed, and many personal matters to be attended to. They have mending to do, and into the night they must look neat, and they have no time during the day to attend to personal matters.

Women, therefore, notwithstanding their delicate organism, work longer and more closely than men.

They do not promptly heed such signs as headache, backache, blues, pains in the groins, bearing-down, "all gone" feeling, nervousness, loss of sleep and appetite, whiteness, irregular or painful monthly periods, cold and swollen feet, etc., all symptoms of womb trouble, which, if not quickly checked, will launch them in a sea of misery.

There is but one absolute remedy for all these ills. Any woman who has to earn her own living will find it profitable to keep her system fortified with this tried and true woman's friend, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which speedily removes the cause and effects a lasting cure.

TEMPERANCE.
When you springs from the vine And change the form of wine, The evil seeds In such smooth words and tones Will not a hint of cure To soul and home and purse, Will grow bad deeds.

A legion cups are tithed, But each, or coarse, or fine, Will wait the breath; They tempt souls to their fall, And bid them from the grace Sweet first, at last as gall, The end is death.

WHISKY AND CRIME.
In a recent issue of the North American Review was an article by the Hon. J. C. Parker (senior deceased), who for twenty-five years was Attorney General of the State of Arkansas. During this period nearly a thousand lives were lost in the State by the use of whisky. He said that during the last six years there have been 43,902 homicides in the United States, an average of 737 per year. In the same number of years there were 111,111 executions and 111,111 lynchings. These startling figures show that crime is rapidly increasing instead of diminishing. In the last year 10,000 people were killed in the United States, whereas in 1880 there were only 4,200, or less than half as many as in 1885. This increase is due to the use of whisky. The crime which destroys human life is the crime which whisky has played in this awful carnival of blood, Judge Parker said.

RAISING SQUABS.
The main advantage of raising squabs for market over other poultry are these, says a poultry paper: Less competition, less trouble in attending to young, the old birds do all the work, and when a pair of pigeons are once firmly mated they will remain so and do well for ten or twelve years unless separated by accident or disease.

This, as any one can see, adds greatly to the profit. From a pair of first-class birds you can depend on raising eight or nine pairs of squabs per year, which can be marketed at the rate of at least forty cents per pair, while the cost of feeding the old birds will not exceed \$1.25. They lay two eggs for a sitting, one day intervening between the laying of the first and second egg. The incubation takes about eighteen days, and while attending to the young in one nest they generally build another nest and have eggs before the young are capable of taking care of themselves. The young, when ready to fly out—which will be when about thirty days old—are marketed. The birds breed all the year with the exception of the molting season.

The first thing connected with a business of this kind is to have good, warm quarters, although artificial heat should not be used. On almost every farm there is some small lot or building which might be used for a pigeon cot if properly sheathed with paper or otherwise.

As pigeons do very well in confinement, those who wish to keep them in this way must build an aviary made of poultry wire. In the interior arrangement of the house two sides should be given to nests, of which two should be provided for each pair of birds (nests should be about one foot square and one side for roosts, of which the inverted V shape is the best).

We now come to the stock, which must be good, strong, vigorous birds, which are good parents and prolific breeders. We find all this in the homer, which derives its name from all day long, women may have convenient places in which to purchase that which degrades and makes them unfit for the duties of wife, mother, sister or daughter.

It is to the advantage of the city to grant, for any consideration of money, this franchise to develop the weakness of the weak.

Are the evils flowing from the use of intoxicating liquors lessened by legalizing the saloon? This is one of the moral questions in which you are bound to let your conscience speak.

A WIFE'S COMPLAINT.
A majority of the mothers complain of the neglect and brutality of their husbands, caused by excessive drinking. Some of them are hungry and almost shelterless, not because they are poor through illness, or because of lack of work, but because the men spend their wages at saloons. One woman, aged about thirty-five, told a story more than half a century long in a few words: "I married a man who was going to me as a young and nice looking fellow. My mother did the same thing with the same result, and her mother met the same fate nearly sixty years ago. I was the only one who got a drink. I got a drink and I am successful in saving her poor little life. If my husband had treated us right, I should have come here with a baby, not would I have to depend on the man for my support. I have to get up at 4 o'clock and get back to bed at 11 o'clock. I wish the rum-runners of the city were sunk at the bottom of the lake."

WHAT THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC DOES.
Sixty million dollars are annually expended in this country for the purchase and punishment of criminals, made possible by the liquor traffic; and 40,000 criminals are kept in prison because of the crime which they are committed by the liquor traffic. Add to this all the other expenses of government caused by the liquor traffic, such as the large amounts of money expended for the purchase of the paper claims that have been made such by the liquor traffic, and you will discover that the amount annually expended by government in consequence of the traffic in such a country as ours is enormous.

BANDERS OF DRINK.
This is the testimony of Police Commissioner Andrew D. Parker, of New York: "My individual testimony is infinitesimal as compared with the testimony of generations of public observers, of statesmen, of statisticians, of scientific and religious men, and of the masses of the people, all producing agency that anywhere approaches the liquor traffic in its dreadful enormity. I am not a prohibitionist, nor a Puritan, but a member of a church, but no man with eyes in his head and with the least particle of heart or conscience can fail to recognize the danger and the hardship that intensify to our Anglo-American civilization, especially when it does its work on our nervous American organizations."

ONE WOMAN'S PROHIBITION RECORD.
Prohibition has prevailed for twelve years in Dalton, Ga., a town of 4500 inhabitants. During this time its property has increased in value thirty per cent., its crime has decreased sixty per cent.; its terms of court, both civil and criminal, have been reduced one-half; its police force has been reduced one-half; its police force has been reduced one-half; its police force has been reduced one-half.

Died in Their Blue Coats.
Almost all of the \$2000 appropriated by the State of Iowa for the payment of the expenses of members of the Second and Third Infantry Regiments, who were compelled to change their gray uniforms to blue ones during the early days of the war, lies unclaimed in the State Treasury.—New York Sun.

Bullet in a Hallstone.
Colonel Clark R. Westcott, of London, who has been spending a couple of months in Chicago and the West, in the interest of a syndicate which owns considerable mining property in this country, is responsible for the following account of a singular natural phenomenon. His story is as follows: "One hot day a couple of weeks since I was riding along a mountain road in Colorado on my way to a mine in which I am interested, when I noticed high above me, soaring in majestic circle, an eagle. I had a 46-90 Winchester slung across my back, and it was but the work of a moment to unslung the gun and fire at the bird, which appeared to be directly above me. The shot was a clear miss, and not caring to waste any more cartridges, I was about to ride on, when I started to hear what I took to be the dull 'thump' of a stone thrown by an unseen hand, which fell into a little gully partly filled with leaves, within twenty feet of me.

"I looked carefully about me in all directions, but could see no sign of a human being, and then dismounted, and scraping back the leaves, was astonished to find a piece of ice as large as a goose egg, and about the same shape. I was further astonished to discover my rifle ball firmly imbedded in its center. I have speculated a great deal over this phenomenon since that time, and the only solution I can see is that the ball in passing through the cloud gathered the moisture and held it by its whirling motion, so that it was frozen at a higher altitude and fell to the earth as I have described."—Chicago Chronicle.

Napoleon's New Trees.
On West 129th street and St. Nicholas avenue, Washington Heights, stand a number of remarkable trees. They were formerly in the grounds surrounding the old Jumel mansion, which is now known as Earl Cliff. They are Egyptian cypresses, and have a history like everything pertaining to this remarkable mansion and its grounds. They were sent as a present to Napoleon Bonaparte from the Sultan of Egypt, as a gift of honor, and arrived at Paris, France, after the Battle of Waterloo. Stephen Jumel, who was in France at that time, and a personal friend of Napoleon, succeeded in gaining an audience with the Emperor the night before he was banished to the Island of St. Helena. Napoleon presented these trees to Jumel, who brought them to America on the clipper ship Eliza, which he had chartered with the hope of aiding Napoleon to escape to this country. These trees, when brought here, had their native earth still clinging to their roots. They were planted as described above, where they flourished and grew to a large size, spreading out their peculiar branches wide over their adopted soil, a mute reminder of the decay of Empires, as well as people.—New York Times.

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