

An Eccentric Hen.
A Poland (Me.) farmer has a very eccentric hen. She was originally a plain brown leghorn. When she mottled two years ago she came out with a nice new dress of white. Last fall, when she again changed suits, she put on a dirty dark garb. The feathers are put on in a "hit-or-miss" fashion, which gives her a very respectable appearance.—St. Louis Republic.

A sprained ankle kept in hot water for twenty-four hours will soon heal.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.
Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Three-tenths of the earnings of a Belgian convict are given to him on the expiration of his term of imprisonment.

Pilo's Cure is the medicine to break up children's Coughs and Colds. Mrs. M. H. BURN, Sprague, Wash., March 5, 1904.

In London each day 400 children are born, 250 enter school for the first time, 150 persons enter married life and 200 persons die.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Tinsmith and other Chinese cities have no lights at night except such as come from private houses.

Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Bottle and treatment free. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 361 Arch St., Philadelphia.

In nearly every street in Japanese cities is a public oven, where for a small fee housewives may have cooking done for them.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c, 50c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Millions of pairs of doll shoes are sold in this country annually, the greater part of which are imported from Germany.

Salt Rheum

That Terrible Itching, Burning, Smarting, Swelling

Which ruins pleasure, interferes with work, prevents sleep—yields to the blood-purifying effects of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has cured thousands of cases, it will cure yours. Remember that

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is America's Greatest Medicine.

Hood's Pills easy to take, easy to operate.

New Zealand's Birth and Death Rate.

The New Zealand birth rate continues to attract the attention of statisticians. It has steadily declined until it is now slightly under twenty-six per 1000. In the last sixteen years it has fallen more than twelve points. Population increases, but the number of births remains virtually stationary, and so the rate per thousand sinks. The births numbered between 18,000 and 19,000 in 1882, and they number between 18,000 and 19,000 in 1896. If the rate goes on falling it will in a few years be on a level with that of Ireland, if not of France. Two things save the colony from an arrest of the growth of population. First the death rate—4.3 per thousand—is the lowest recorded of any country in the world; second, there is a small but appreciable immigration. Those who hold that a high standard of education and comfort involves a decline in both the birth and death rates have here a confirmation of their theory. The average of children in regular school attendance in New Zealand is higher even than in Scotland.—London News.

TWO GRATEFUL WOMEN

Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"Can Do My Own Work."

Mrs. PATRICK DANNEY.

West Winsted, Conn., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—It is with pleasure that I write to you of the benefit I have derived from using your wonderful Vegetable Compound. I was very ill, suffered with female weakness and displacement of the womb.

"I could not sleep at night, had to walk the floor, I suffered so with pain in my side and small of my back. Was troubled with bloating, and at times would faint away; had a terrible pain in my heart, a bad taste in my mouth all the time and would vomit; but now, thanks to Mrs. Pinkham and her Vegetable Compound, I feel well and sleep well, can do my work without feeling tired; do not bluish or have any trouble whatever.

"I sincerely thank you for the good advice you gave me and for what your medicine has done for me."

"Cannot Praise It Enough."

Miss GERTIE DUNKIN.

Franklin, Neb., writes:

"I suffered for some time with painful and irregular menstruation, falling of the womb and pain in the back. I tried physicians, but found no relief.

"I was at last persuaded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and cannot praise it enough for what it has done for me. I feel like a new person, and would not part with your medicine. I have recommended it to several of my friends."

Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. The price of coffee. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

Tastes like Coffee
Looks like Coffee
Is what you grocer gives you GRAIN-O
Asks for no special treatment.



Fertilizing Handown Land.

It frequently happens on every farm that a small section gets worn out from continued cropping, or from an unequal distribution of manure or fertilizer. Such lands may be plowed and receive 150 pounds of high grade fertilizer, containing about eight per cent of available phosphoric acid, ten per cent of potash and some little nitrogen, in the form of nitrate of soda. Harrow and sow buckwheat, followed by rye after cutting the buckwheat, and in the spring sow with clover. The land will be in good condition for use the following season, especially for some such crop as potatoes or a general collection of vegetables, followed the second year by corn.

Plowing Under Dew.

There is no doubt that dew contains many valuable fertilizing elements, and that it is an advantage when it can be turned under the soil before the morning sun has evaporated it. We have known farmers to get up early in the morning to hoe cabbage while its leaves were still wet with dew, and every jostle with the hoe sprinkled a little in front of the freshly moved soil, which quickly absorbed it. We have sometimes plowed under clover while wet with dew or rain, and have wondered whether this did not make the green clover rot more quickly than it otherwise would. In such cases, however, we should have more faith that the clover would rot quickly if the surface were harrowed down as soon as the furrow was turned. At this season plowed land is more apt to be injured by drying out too quickly than by anything else, and either the harrow or the roller should quickly follow the plow.—American Cultivator.

Bees in the Orchard.

Many fruit-growers do not thoroughly appreciate the value of bees in an orchard, or there would be more orchards with bees in them. Their value in an orchard was demonstrated in a most practical way at the Oregon Experiment Station some years ago. A few peach trees were forced into bloom in November, and a colony of bees was placed in the house when the trees began to bloom. For several days, however, a heavy fog prevented the bees from working; although the flowers were open, not a bee was seen upon them. The first bright day the bees set to work at once, and remained at work so long as there was anything for them. The result was that not a peach dropped at the stoning season, the time that all unfertile fruit falls. The crop was so heavy that it had to be thinned out. As a check test, one tree was protected so that not a bee could get to it. On this tree all the fruit dropped at the stoning period. Bees and other insects have a duty to perform in the orchard, for which there is no substitute provided. This is the distribution of the pollen from flower to flower and from tree to tree. They insure success in the orchard, and every fruit-grower should encourage the bees in their work by not spraying, or doing anything that would be injurious to the bees while the trees are in full bloom.—Massachusetts Ploverman.

Hens and Gardening.

The two do not usually thrive in conjunction—at least, the garden does not thrive if the hens do. We all know how exasperating it is to see the fowls scratching and picking about among our choice plants and vines; but unless they are in some manner restrained there is no certainty from day to day of their leaving them unmolested. The best way is to inclose the garden with some sort of fence. If pickets are employed they will need to be long ones, unless the fowls are of some of the Asiatic breeds. Wire netting is excellent, but in width which will be effective quite expensive. A combination fence of pickets and netting may be built cheaply, and will hold in defiance any hen. Make the picket fence as usual, then stretch two-foot wire netting (the galvanized article, such as is intended for fencing) above that, fastening it firmly to strips of wood nailed to the fence posts and extending the necessary length above them to hold the wire. The fowls will make no attempt to scale this fence, and the garden will thrive and the housewife's face wear a smile instead of a frown when she goes to get vegetables for the table. On the average farm it is usually advisable to give the fowls their liberty at least during a part of the day, and by thus providing for the safety of our treasured plants they leave the range of the barnyards and surrounding grounds at will.—W. C. Rockwood in the New York Tribune.

Feed for the Dairy Herd.

The crop of fodder corn has come to be of so much value to us on our farm for late summer, fall and winter use that we would no more think of dispensing with it than we would with our potato crop for table use. A few years ago we did not think that such a crop was worth while, for our farm is a natural grass and stock farm, the pasture often getting such a growth in the early spring that the stock are unable to keep it "gnawed down," so a large growth soon develops. Usually when the dry season comes on there are large quantities of this old dead grass standing in the pasture field. We used to think that was "good enough for the cows," although they would always shrink at such times in their daily food, but it did not like this, for when a cow gets to "drying off" we have found it one of the hardest things to get her back to her normal food. So we began to give the fodder corn a trial, and now after five years of experience without a failure I do not hesitate in recommending to all farmers who keep cows the necessity of having on hand in autumn a nice field or "patch" of fodder corn.

Any time after the regular field crop

A TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

The Saloon-keeper's Motto—Major-General Miles Issues an Order For the Entire States Troops to Refrain From the Use of Any Canteen.

Though the temperance ranks are trying to stop honest folks from buying my good liquor, all their trying for, in spite of all their crying, our business is in no danger. And I boldly stand, replying: "Whatever is right."

What care I for mothers, sighing? Or for hungry children, dying? For I quickly send them flying. If they come within my sight, With a report from my hand, Here I stand, my weapon ready: To both prayers and threats, replying: "Whatever is right."

A Glorious Army Order.
Major-General Miles has issued the following order to the army: "The army is engaged in active service under climate conditions which it has not before experienced. That it may perform its most difficult and laborious duties with the most practicable loss from sickness, the utmost care consistent with prompt and efficient service must be rendered by all, especially by officers. The history of other armies has demonstrated that in a hot climate abstinence from the use of intoxicating drink is essential to continued health and efficiency.

Commanding officers of all grades and officers of the medical staff will see carefully the effect of the use of such light beverages—wines and beer—as are permitted to be secured at the post and camp exchanges, and the commanders of all independent commands are enjoined to restrict, or entirely prohibit, the sale of such beverages if the welfare of the troops or the interest of the service requires such action.

"In this most important hour of the nation's history it is due to the government from all those in its service that they should not only render the most earnest efforts for its honor and welfare, but their physical and intellectual force should be given to their public duties, unimpaired by the use of any intoxicating, stultifying, weakening or impairing their faculties and strength in any particular. Officers of every grade, by example as well as by authority, will contribute to the enforcement of the order.

"With a view to avoid extreme suffering among wounded horses or mules on the field of battle, it is hereby ordered that a veterinary surgeon and some other person detailed by the commanding officer, will accompany troops in an engagement, whose duty it will be to put an end to the agonies of all horses or mules that in his judgment are suffering to a degree requiring such action on his part."

Why France is Decadent.

Here is an interesting thing: A French author, E. Demolin, has lately published a book on "The Frenchmen of To-day" (Les Français d'aujourd'hui), in which he finds that the decadence of the French people, the vulgarity of their literature, and the incapacity for self-government are due to the vineyards of France.

That is to say, the cultivation of vineyards has retarded the agricultural pursuit of the nation and rendered very little labor or ingenuity or mechanical skill, it has produced a people indolent, unwilling to assume the initiative in the march of progress, and the sterner virtues of olden times and the vices of idleness and profligacy.

M. Demolin is not speaking of the remote vineyards, but of the vine-growing; but the whole world has been ringing of late with the warnings uttered by the College of Physicians of France relative to the rapidly growing evil of intemperance. So it appears that "wine is a mocker" at both ends of the line—in its production and in its consumption. In either or both it is a powerful enemy of the human race, and a political foe of the nation. The ease with which the vine is grown has tended to destroy the diversity of French agriculture and to make the country singularly dependent upon other countries—acting upon France such as the cotton industry has acted upon certain of our Southern States.

The viticultural commission of California is invited to a general meeting of the vine-growers of the world at the beautiful vineyards of France and Italy, and to receive over the blessings of the vine.—The Vindicator.

Temperance Work in Norway.

The temperance women of Norway have done some telling work in a quiet way. The enactment of a law which prohibits a liquor-seller from employing any woman but his wife in connection with his business. Last year a national temperance celebration was held, and all those who were engaged in, or sympathized with, temperance work joined in a grand parade, in city, town and hamlet. Of the ten thousand who participated in the Christiania demonstration, one thousand were children.

Alcohol's Effect Upon the Body.

According to the report of the researchers of Dr. Deleau, of France, on alcohol, in relation to disease produced by the action of microbes, it seems that, on the whole, the effect of alcohol is to weaken the resistance of the tissues to microbe attack. A drunkard vaccinated at the Pasteur Institute for rabies was attacked at the same time as a child bitten by the same dog. The man drank all through his treatment. He died of rabies, while the child became well and safe.

Advice of General Sherman.

General Teunep Sherman was at one time addressing the young women of the New York Normal College, and said: "Girls, don't make a mistake, or the slightest degree, addicted to drink. I know what I am talking about when I say that you had far better earn your own living than to take the awful risks involved in such a marriage."

Temperance Notes.

Sociability is not dependent upon liquor. Carvers are captured; but the rum devil is still loose. The brother's blood stains the entrance to every saloon. Don't drink intoxicating liquor with the expectation that it will make a man of you. On the contrary, it may make a beast of you. The number of persons proceeded against for drunkenness in England and Wales in 1897 was 157,258 compared with 169,229 in the previous year. Normally, once so free from intemperance, and so prosperous, has begun to show the effects of the elder-brandy industry established there twenty or more years ago. An old legend says that the devil once gave a wicked man a portion of three great vices, one of which was drunkenness. The man chose this as being the least sinful. He became drunk, and committed the other two.

The British Army.

The standing army of Great Britain and Ireland, the United Kingdom, consisting of England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, is 163,569 officers and men. The "effectives" by the latest returns are 588,340. The regular forces in India are 76,995 men of all ranks.

Japan's First Steamer.

At the Japanese are proud of the first large ocean steamer they have built. It was constructed at Nagasaki, is 462 feet long, of 6000 tons, and has a speed of fourteen miles. It has been named the Hitachi-Maru.

Attacked by a Pike.

A healthy suspicion of fish stories need not make us unduly sceptical about the tale of a pike which comes from the River Barrow, near Carlow, Ireland. A man who was shovelling gravel out of the stream was attacked by one of these fresh-water sharks, and was so severely bitten in the leg that he had to be taken to the hospital. It was that pike's last bite, for the man killed him with his shovel—an unorthodox but, in the circumstances, excusable proceeding. The fish weighed thirty-six pounds, which, we are told, is "for Ireland, a medium size." Here is room for the play of philosophic doubt. The heaviest pike ever caught by Mr. Jardine, our most expert hunter of jack, weighed thirty-seven pounds, and anglers rarely see a pike weighing anything like so much, although they are not infrequently heard of. That this fish had a mind to swallow the man's leg we entertain no doubt, for his leg has often enough done such things. There is even a story of how a pike caught a fox in some such way, while jack have occasionally seized the snout of a drinking cattle. Sometimes in his noble haste, the jack will hit the angle's float, unconscious of the nice plump bleak or gudgeon dangling just below.—St. James's Gazette.

A Library Disappears.

Belgrade's national library, which opened with 40,000 volumes on the shelves, has been closed on account of the disappearance of all its books. It was intended to be a circulating library, but the people who took out books never returned them, and, on investigation, it was found that the books passed from one reader to another till they could no longer be traced.

All fresh-water snakes in India are poisonous.

Stone in Her Stomach.
From the Gazette, Blandenville, Ill. The wife of the Rev. A. B. Adams, pastor of the Belford Christian Church at Blandenville, Ill., was for years compelled to live a life of torture from disease. Her case baffled the physicians, but to-day she is alive and well, and tells the story of her recovery as follows:

"About six years ago," said Mrs. Adams, "I weighed about 140 pounds, but my health began to fail and I lost flesh. My food did not agree with me and felt like a stone in my stomach. I began to bloat all over until I thought I had dropped. I had pains and soreness in my left side which extended clear across my back and also into the region of my heart. During these spells a hard ridge would appear in the left side of my stomach and around the left side.

"These attacks left me sore and exhausted. All last summer I was so nervous that the children laughing and playing nearly drove me wild. I suffered also from female troubles and doctored with ten different physicians without receiving any relief.

"My husband had been reading in the newspaper a paper of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I had done more this summer than in the past four years together. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People cured me and I think it my duty to let other sufferers know it. Hundreds of equally remarkable cases have been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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An Improved Balloon.

In an improved balloon the basket is carried by four air cells adjustably mounted on a railing around the basket, making it possible for the remaining cells to support the aeronaut if one cell should collapse.

Two Remarkable Towns.

The towns of Romano and Lost Springs, Kan., have each a population of about 200. Neither town contains an idle man or boy, a tippler, a dog, an unoccupied house or a place where liquor is sold.

The Submarine Torpedo Boat.

If warfare with ordinary craft on the surface of the water is deadly, how much more so will it be when our navies are equipped with destroyers that slip along unseen and unsuspected far below the surface of the sea in a position practically unassailable and can plant a score of torpedoes or lay the trains for blotting out of existence a whole fleet, while the entire navy rooks tranquilly on the waves without the remotest idea that an enemy is near? It is more than a century since the first attempts were made to build submarine boats. Since that time many experiments have been made in this same direction, most of them without any results that would lead to the further pursuit of this idea. Within the past few years, however, there have been several boats constructed that seem to approximate success. The Holland boat has points of excellence worthy of the consideration of experts. The main requirements of a torpedo boat are the capacity to remain for a given time under water, complete manageableness and the fundamental elements of safety. The risk of being locked up in an iron shell and submerged for any length of time, with danger of suffocation or explosion, is too great to be taken without a reasonable assurance of coming out alive. A successful torpedo boat would unquestionably be a most formidable element in a naval engagement. The world is looking on with interest whenever such boats as the Holland are put on trial. Not alone would these boats be a terror to a fleet, but they could approach the very wharves and warehouses of even our smallest cities, and do their deadly work unseen and unannounced.—New York Ledger.

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Mr. Greville was persuaded when he was over sixty years of age to attend a spiritualistic seance.

Poster, the pre-arranged medium, was in great form, and the revelations were astounding. Greville sat silent, and his aged, wizened face was emotionless as a mask. Suddenly the medium grew excited and said to the old gentleman: "A female form is bending over you. Oh, the extraordinary likeness!" Greville sighed. "She lifts her hands to bless you." Greville sighed again. "It is your mother." "Ah, poor thing!" said Greville. "I am glad."

"She smiles. She says all is well with her." Greville sighed again and said, "I am delighted." "She says she will see you soon. You are old, and you must meet her before long." Then Greville quietly observed: "That's very true. I'm going to take tea with her this evening." Tableaux.—London Graphic.

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