There will be no rival

ments you know of have been made.

may tell you that the fund has been of

dress the same as that of the letter."
"What signature to the dispatch?"

"None is required. Go at once, and return as soon as possible." "I shall start immediately," said I,

hours, and in that time it ought to have some effect."

He bowed gravely, and I left hin

house, I hurried across the plain to Mrs. Weston's, harnessed the bay more hasti-

ly than he ever had been harnessed be-fore, and started him off briskly along

New York with which Lamar had com-

beginning my journey homeward.

Sam Carpenter gave me a friendly

I must go on to Lamar's; but I'll come

back as soon as I can. Things have hap

pened which may make a great differ-

I left her somewhat piqued, perhaps,

by my brusqueness, and drove on toward the house on the knoll. John-

son was awaiting me at the base of the landward side of the elevation.

from the buggy.
"Nothin' for the last hour or so. Soc

asleep. He was still seated in his chair, but his head had fallen forward upon

the desk, and his arms hung motionles

Lamar was beyond the reach of his

As to the manner of his death I was

not long left in doubt. Beside the desk

was found a little phial in which re-

mained a few drops of a solution of arsenic. Months before I had brought

him the poison, to be used, as he had ex-

plained, in certain of his chemical ex-

saed him so relentlessly close upon him, and with a mortal disease daily sapping his strength, he had chosen thus to end

his troubles. He died, I think, as he had

lived, strong in his passions and his

It was to be desired, for many reasons

ly follow a disclosure of the circumstances of his end. Johnson and I could be depended upon to keep our counsel, and old Martha probably had heard nothing of the attack, and had

no reason to suppose her employer'

death to have been due to other than

natural causes; but even a suspicio

of suicide would give rise to most un-

pleasant gossip, and quite possibly to an official investigation. By law, a cer-

tificate of death had to be filed with

the town clerk. I realized the weight

the people would attach to Banks' sig-

question of its accuracy arose, and de

termined to secure it. My senior heard what I had to say of the facts—enough,

probably, to give him an inkling of the truth. Then he seated himself at Lamar's desk—I had taken him to the

house on the knoll to view the body of its late master—and filled out a certifi-

"This will, I think, meet your re quirements," said he. "It is not too

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Whatever business was occupying Lamar, it was not the sort to be disposed of quickly. Hour after hour passed and still he did not rejoin us. At last I climbed the stairs and, knocking at the door of his room, asked if there was anything he desired us to do.

"At present, nothing," he answered.
"No use tryin' to nudge him," Johnson observed, when I returned to the living-room. "He'll let us know fast enough when the time comes. You'd WOULD YOU MAKE MONEY? better get some sleep, doctor, if you can curl up comfortable in a chair. I'll stand watch."

Nothing better suggesting itself, I tried to follow the fisherman's advice, "Am I not free to do as pleases me with at first with very indifferent success." my own? Moreover, I have yet another The events of the evening had not been of the sort to make one sleepy. So I sat in my corner speculating on the probable outcome of the encounter. What Lamar's plans would be it was difficult to foretell. Physically he was in poor condition to undertake further a telegraphic message. Please write flight from his enemies, yet he would hardly dare to remain without estabin poor condition to undertake further flight from his enemies, yet he would lishing a small standing army. Johnson had covered himself with glory, but he was but one man; and I did not enumerate myself as part of the belligerent force. Again, the excitement and worry the presence of his enemies rising. "Take my advice and get some rest, if you can. I need not tell you extremely bad effect upon Lamar, agravating his disease and cutting short even the scant allowance of time I had last night. I shall return within three estimated as his. If anything could have overcome my extreme repulsion for him, it must have been the cool for him, it must have been the cook courage he had displayed in the face of danger; but, though I appreciated man he had been even a few hours being I appreciated fore. In that strong morning light death's seal appeared to be upon him. hibited it in such trying circumstances.
What would Dorothy have to say such part of the tale as I could tell her? I was thinking more of her and less of

Lamar, when my eyes closed for wearl-Johnson's hand on my shoulder brought me back from my dreams.
"He's called for you," he said. "He wants you to go up to his room."
"Very well; I'll go; but what's the

time?" I asked, grinding my knuckles into my eyes.
"'Most six o'clock. The sun's just 215 South Main St., BUTLER PA Reaching the head of the stairs, I

heard Lamar's voice from the rear room, one which he had never before nvited me to enter.

"Come in," he said. "I regret to have detained you so long, but my task is at last completed."

In spite of his efforts to maintain the old steady tone, his voice sounded hoarse and full of weariness; and all that it suggested was more than borne. Nor did I draw rein until the farmhouses were close at hand and I saw that it suggested was more than borne out by his face, upon which fell the cold Dorothy at Mrs. Clark's door. light of the morning, revealing with pittless distinctness the traces of the struggle of an indomitable will against physical weakness. His pallor was ghastly, the skin was drawn above the temples, the checks were sunken, the ghastly, the skin was drawn above the temples, the cheeks were sunken, the lines about the mouth were grown to fulrows. His eyes burned with a feverish fire. The hand which rested on the desk at which he sat shook, notwithstanding its support. I had never seen the man in such a state—so completely mastered by his infirmitles. How he had been able to work through the night was almost beyond comprehension, though the bottle of brandy at his elbow showed that he had had the aid of a stimulant. It had carried him through, but at a fearful price. Plainly, it was no longer a question of weeks or months with him; his days, perhaps

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Moderate prices his hours, were numbered.
On the desk before him lay a sealed letter, a check book, a sheet of paper covered with figures and the little black valise which he had guarded so jealous-ly on our journey to Rodneytown, and which I had not rested eyes upon since the day of our arrival.

He motioned me to a seat beside him "Dr. Morris," said he, "last night's visitation warned me to perform cer tain duties which, in view of my fail ure of health, had too long been neglected. I desire your assistance in the completion of them." "I am at your orders," said I. "For the little while that remains for you,"

I added, to myself. He opened the hand bag and tool from it a paper, which, upon being un-folded, appeared to be a petition or agreement of some sort; for appended several closely-written paragraphs me no time, however, to decipher either text or names. Striking a match, he set fire to the document, which was burning briskly before he dropped it to the floor. As the flame grew I saw that about it lay several little heaps of

fluffy ash, no doubt all that remained of other papers he had chosen to put out of the way. He watched the fire "If the question arise, as it may, yo an make oath that a document of thi appearance was destroyed," said La-

mar. "You may feel free to do so. No one suffers by the destruction of it, though many might by its preserva "I will certify to the fact," said I.

"But who will make inquiry about it?"
"Possibly no one. But, if inquiry is made, they who ask will understand." He opened the check-book and passed it to me. It was one I had given to him months before, though, as the funds deposited in the bank at Trent stood in my name, he could have had little use for the book. In fact, none of the printed forms had been filled in. "I desire to make provision for John-son," he explained. "He is deserving of a reward. Make a check to his

"Very well," said I, picking up a pen. "For how much?"
"Five thousand dollars."

I looked at him in wonder. Was h I looked at him in wonder. Was he playing a practical joke of some sort? But he met my gaze, and repeated his words: "Five thousand dollars!" After all, to a man in his position the fisherman's services certainly had been valuable. I filled up the form, and tore t from its stub. Lamar took the slir of paper and thrust it into his pocket. "You comprehend the reason in these matters," said he. "It is necessary to arrange with an eye to the worst. fear a sudden failure, a collapse. I such should be my end, I wish to hav my affairs in order. For Johnson pro vision is now made. To Martha, who has been a faithful servant, I would give, let us say, \$500. I count upon you to arrange the matter."
"I will do so," said I.

HEIRS TO A THRONE.

Early Exploits of the Two Sons of the Archduke Karl Ludwig. Two young Austrian princes, who, by the death of their father, Archduke Charles Louis, are brought into the line of immediate succession, bear a popular ill-repute which would have been excessive even in the Munich or Stuttgart of a generation ago, says the Saturday Review. Both are reputed to be unable to read and write correctly any one of the languages in which an Austrian ruler is "You have paid me well," I broke in. But he continued:
"As for you, I desire this: when my death comes, you will regard as your own the money deposited in the bank in

supposed to be proficient.

After the suicide of Archduke Rudolph, in 1889, an effort was made to train the mind of the elder of these cousins, Archduke Francis Ferdinand. your name. There will be no rival claimant. From my memory of the account you submitted recently, I am convinced that you will find a considerable sum remaining after the two pay-He was sent on a tour around the world, and the pretense was carried to the length of issuing a record of observa-

"But why should you make me such a bequest?" I began. "I thank you, He is the prince who scandalized Vienna in his youth by halting a peasant funeral procession which he met while riding, and compelling the mourners to hold the bier while he leaped his horse backward and forward over the coffin. His uncle, the emperor, thrashed him with a stick for this exploit, although he was at the time a grown man. but—"
"It is no case for thanks," said he. He poured a little brandy into a glass though he was at the time a grown man and an officer in the army. His brother otto is the hero of another exploit, in-"This I desire you to place in the post at the railway town at once. Then send volving a public insult of the grossest kind to his own wife, for which the Austrians were delighted to learn that he experts, who found that the ore ran in

also felt the emperor's cane.
In explanation, though not in defense, of their vicious worthlessness, it Is remembered that these young men inherit not only the worst qualities of the degenerated Hapsburg blood, but are grandsons of that criminal lunatic whom Englishmen still remember. When he told of his great fortune, there was a wild rush to the place. A but are grandsons of that criminal lunatic whom Englishmen still remember. whom Englishmen still remember—the | weighed approximately 20,000 tons, and Neapolitan "Bomba."

GAME BUTCHERS' WORK.

Wanton Slaughter by Hunters in the Jackson Hole Country.

The American Field jumps upon the foreigners who come to the United States, seek out those localities where most of the big game is to be found, fore. In that strong morning light death's seal appeared to be upon him. Cautioning Johnson not to leave the the Bassettville road. I drove fast that morning, as fast as even the swift roadster cared to go. The telegraph operator was just coming on duty when I of the big game migrates south to it, as a warmer climate is to be found in band which slides on the stick, like to reined up beside the platform of the railway station, and to him I lost no time in committing the message. Its address, which I copied from that of the letter, was the banking house in wantonly. If these men would kill a couple of heads of each kind, taking care of the meat, and following up wounded game, little or no objection

municated previously. Five minutes later I had posted the letter, and was would be made. These hunters, some of whom are Americans, pass through the national park on their way home with wagon loads of skins and horns. The law in relation to transporting game reads that "possession within the park of the dead bodies or any part thereof of any wild bird or animal shall be prima facte evidence that the person or persons having the same are guilty of violating this act." With this act behind him the superintendent could squelch the wholesale slaughterers of game in the region of the Yellowstone park. Capt. Anderson, the superintendent, is urged to make an effort to enforce the law. What would be better yet would be the annexation of the Jackson's Hole coun-

> MOURNING ON MEN'S HATS. Prevalence of the Custom and Various

Degrees of Grief Indicated. The custom among men of wearing nourning upon the hat is increasing in nce rather than decreasing Crape, however, which was formerly exclusively used for this purpose, has now been almost entirely supplanted by bombazine. Years ago it was cusomary to sew on a row of tiny black beads, set at a little distance apart, along the seam of the band where it was joined at the side, but this is now very rarely done. There is now put on around the hat over the lower edge of the band, where it meets the brim, a narrow silk ribbon to make a finish. For loss of wife the band of mourn-

ng worn upon a silk hat is carried to within an eighth of an inch of the top; for the loss of a parent the band is car-ried to within an inch of the top; for relatives other than wife or parent, the band is worn three-quarters the height of the hat. The mourning band for a silk hat is

specially fitted to it and made for it; for straw hats and for soft hats an English cloth band is provided, which can be slipped down over the crown of

"Anything new?" I asked, as I leaped The "Feminist" Congress. the international "feminist" con At the international "feminist" con-gress which was held in Paris last after you left he called me up and give me somethin'—I guess you know what. Since then I've heard nothin' from him." month Mme. Maria Pogon was proposed as president, whereupon Mme. Leonie Rouzade rose and said that there were I ran into the house, climbed the stairs, and knocked at Lamar's door. some lady doctors present who should have precedence over the mistress of a There was no response. I softly turned the knob, thinking that he might be lodging-house. That made trouble, and Mme. Rouzade was so sore beset that she arose again, and exclaimed: "Do not insult me; my husband is here, and he is a member of a municipal I sprang to him, raised him, and caught sight of his face. One look was enough. ouncil." This appeal to the tyrant nan utterly scandalized the delegates, and an uproar ensued, which is said to have had a disastrous effect upon the nerves of the audience.

Mummifying the Dead A method of mummifying the dead by bsorption of humidity and gases after the body is placed in the coffin has been devised by an Italian named Vercelloni. The body seems to be preserved as if in ife, excepting that the color is the yelowish copper tint peculiar to Egypt-

Detroit's celebrated park, Belle Isle, was purchased by the city in 1879 for \$200,000. Since then over \$1,000,000 has een spent in beautifying the spot. Proper Place for It. She (sentimentally)-What poetry

He (sadly)-Yes, a great deal of my poetry has gone there.—Tit-Bits. Modern Love. He-When did you love me most? She-The day you had your pay

raised .- Town Topics. She-What superb teeth she has! She-Why do you think so? He—She told my sister she inherited them from her mother.—Bay City Chat.

Doing Well. "So Pitkins has gone into the shoe business. How is he doing?"
"Fine. He's selling his goods right and left .- Brooklyn Life.

Still in Evidence. Mrs. Nagger-The lecture business seems about played out.

Mr. Nagger (sadly)—Yes, all but the curtain variety.-Town Topics.

Canadian Miner Found a Monstrous Lump of Precious Metal.

A prospecting miner returning, wear ried and disgusted, from an unsu

SUDDENLY BECAME RICH.

rich in gold that in an instant he is a onaire, says the New York Jour-It reads like a fairy tale, but it is to be true.

There is sail

truth of Martin Nelly It was on Monday, April 27, that Ne was returning to Rossland, B. C., at an unsuccessful prospecting trip in the Salmon river district. He had reached the Columbia river at a point six mics north of Trail Landing, B. C., at about noon, and, selecting a site on the bank of the stream, at the foot of Lookout mountain, sat down to eat his dinner. As he munched his humble, food he noticed a huge bowlder, half buried in the sand, in a dry portion of the river bed, not far from where he sat.

When he had finished his meal he walked over to the bowlder, examining tions which he was said to have written.

Walked over to the bowlder, examining all that he really derived from the jouriti in a casual manner, and then, as his ney was a malady from which he is now experienced eye detected signs of the slowly dying. slowly dying.

He is the prince who scandalized sought for months, he attacked the

value all the way from four to fifty eight dollars to the ton. When he told of his great fortun

that, in round numbers, it will prove

A Novelty from France That Closes Lil

kite. Folded up it looks somewhat lik a small rolled-up umbrella; open and then lay themselves down to the ready to fly its shape is like that of the work of slaughtering it with rifles. A kite commonly known as the bow kite. favorite resort of these game butchers. It has a single upright stick, which is is the Teton Basin. Here are found elk, deer and antelope, which are being killed off rapidly. The Teton Basin, Jackson's Hole, is much lower than the National Yellowstone park, and much of the big game migrates south to it, as a warmer climate is to be found in the valley. It is here that the hunters from abroad congregate, and in spite of the Wyoming state laws kill game place it is held there by turning a little metal button attached to the kite sticl under the band to which the braces ar attached. As the ribs are raised their inner ends, where they meet at the stick, near the top, bow up into a light metal holder which projects slightly o either side of the stick and which holds the two parts of the bow in line.

The kite is covered with light muslin; muslins of various colors, so that some of the kites are red, some blue, and so on. The tail is of string with little parti-colored bunches of muslin cut tings attached along its length, as lit tle bunches of paper are sometimes at-tached to string kite tails; at the end there is a little bag in which may be placed a marble or other weight, if more ballast is required, in a high wind.

NO CALF THERE.

The boy was starting out in the world to make a living, and possibly a name for himself. His father had given him some money and a great deal of advice. He had a situation in prospect, and as he had never taken kindly to farm work. it looked like a good opportunity for him, says the Detroit Free Press. "Thur's one thing I wanter say ter

ve." the old man said as he handed the youngster his luggage out of the spring wagon at the station, "an' I want yer to understan' thet I say it in all kindness Ye're goin' away from home weth purty "An' at the same time ye're goin' te

move inter the neighborhood o' the wicked whur yer foot's liable ter slip "Wall, whut I wanter say is jes' this Home's goin' ter stay right here whur ye kin allus turn to it. But times her

"I know it dad " "So ye might ez well understan' the the folks ag'in, ye'll git yer wish, but ef ye come back lookin' fur fatted calf, ye're powerful likely ter get disap-p'inted."

been mighty hard lately an' this farm never wan't no great shakes no how."

Guarding Against Accidents It was a London diamond broker and he was trying to get into the social swim. At last he received cards for a certain imposing function, but, unfor-tunately, about the same time, was forced to assume the leading role in an unsavory police court case. "You ave done it," exclaimed his friends. "You vill get a leedle note to say der dance has been postponed, and you vill not be told when der day is!" "Nod so," ex-claimed the Jew; "I have der invitation to Somerset house taken to get it stamped. It is now a contract."

Westminster hall has been closed t lance, since the dynamite explosions 11 years ago. The St. James Gazette suggests that it is time to take away the policemen and to let visite. he public, except when under surveilthe hall freely. First Street Railroad. The first stret railroad was laid in

New York in 1832, between the city hall Preserving Quiet "Who was that ringing at the front oor last night?"

"What did he want?" "He wanted the baby to stop crying.
It kept him awake."—Bay City Chat.

Hopeless.
She-Poor Mrs. Weed! She regularly attends those spiritualistic seances band's spirit.

He—That's silly. The poor fellow never had any.—Brooklyn Life.

Not a Question of Arithmetic "I hear you're very good at arithme tic, Bobby," said the visitor, pleasantly "Sure," returned Bobby, without look-

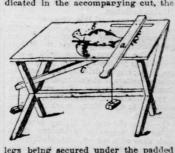
ing up from his play.
"Well, if I should tell you when you papa and your mamma were born could you tell me how old they are?" asked the visitor. "I could tell you how old pap is,"

answered the boy.
"And not how old mother is?" The boy shook his head.
"Arithmetic hasn't anything to do

with a woman's age," he said.—Chicago

CAPONIZING TABLE.

A Subject of Great Interest to Farmers Living Near Cities. About four years ago, through the are not an intimate friend, I was with some trepidation that I entered into it, but now, after knowing of its merits and its few if any disadvantages, If the botte I wonder that caponizing is not better known and more widely practiced than it is. Anyone with a little enterprise it is. Anyone with a little enterprion, can successfully perform the operation, and grow capons to perfection, and In either can when necessary to trial they will when necessary to the control of the rim in the case of the control of the rim in the case of the control of the rim in the case of the case of



ever (a) at the operator's right, and the wings by the loop of strong cloth (b) attached to the lever (c) at the left and coming up through the hole in the left center of the table, passing around the wings. The weights on the two levers should be in proportion to the size and strength of the bird; then after pluck-ing a few feathers from the side of the cockerel just in front of the thigh, cut a slit between the last two ribs, well up towards the back, and after adjusting the "spreader," the operator can see what remains to be done very plainly. Some cut only one side, but I prefer to work from both sides, as it

is much more convenient, and usually takes no longer. Some care should be exercised in performing the operation lest the large artery following along the backbone is ruptured, since that would cause the mmediate death of the chicken; still there is no loss, for he only provides us with a good broiler! Then, too, another thing to expect is from 15 to 25 per cent. "slips"—these are cockerels on which imperfect operations were performed, and as they mature the comb grows, and as they mature the comb grows, and to all appearances they are roosters. Possibly the most important factor of all in a successful operation is having the cockerel at the proper age. I am better acquainted with the Plymouth Rocks than any other breed, and with them about 314 months seems to be the them about 31/2 months seems to be the proper age. Those breeds which mature much earlier, like the Leghorns, should be operated upon much younger, while a Brahma could possibly be caponized when five or six months old, and not have much danger attending the work.

As soon as caponized the chicken should be given all the ground feed and drink it wishes, for it is hungry, since, in order to facilitate matters, the cockerel should be fasted about 30 hours previous to the operation; in three days' time the wound should be healed

over, and in two or three weeks it would be quite difficult to find even a scar. Now we have a bird that will put on flesh at a surprising rate; the meat is of a delicious flavor and very tender and juicy, and with the same amount of feed, a capon will weigh about a third more at a given age than if left as a rooster. It is well worth the trouble to have the noisy young cockerels trans-formed into a quiet, lazy bird, even if we were recompensed in no other way, but the price to be obtained for capons is what pleases the grower of them most of all, as the regular quotations range from six to ten cents above the ordinary chicken. I well remember the first year I engaged in this department of my poultry work, when I sold 20 capons averaging eight pounds at 25 cents per pound, one of which dressed top, and price, a larger bird and a quiet bird.

skin. White skinned fowls usually sell at a less price than yellow-skinned fowls.

ber of fowls drink from it. Young ducks drink water every day
W. Waters, in Journal of Agricult
with all the control of the with all they can drink in a convenien place while they are eating.
Carbolic acid is a poison, and too much

should not be used. Ten or twelve drops in a quart of water is enough. For cholera double this quantity. After the turkeys are ten days old they may be turned out every morning after the dew is off and be allowed to stay out all day, unless there are hard

sible now. It is natural for them to forage. They will lay more eggs on the food that they pick up than if kept in a yard and fed well.—St. Louis Republic

Very Odd.
"I don't know why it is, but I am always saddest on a Friday," said Miss "I don't understand how that can be, either," replied Mr. Skidds, "for the last day of the week is a Sadderday."— To Date.

All of a Kind. "How can you say that Japson is not a bright, capable man? Why, all of his friends say that he is one in a thousand."

"Yes, but the trouble with Japson's friends is that they belong to the sam thousand."—Brooklyn Life.

Between the ladies: 'Isn't there a portrait somewhere "Yes. Jules Lefebvre painted her." "Indeed! I supposed that she painted herself."—L'Illustre de Poche.

Vanished Pleasure. "Are you enjoying house-cleaning this year, Mrs. Fudger?" "No; we have such a large yard that the dust from our carpets can't fly over on the neighbor's washing."—Chicago Record. A WORD ABOUT HIVES. Made at Home Are as Good a

e ordinary bee-keeper, and for ost bee-keepers, for that matter, no we is better than a plain, simple Langstroth hive It is simply a plain box a bottom board and a cover, but these influence of an intimate friend, I was persuaded to experiment in a small way with capons. The departure was practically a new thing for me, and it was its three-eighths of an inch narrower than the other board composing the narrower than the other board composing the sides. This gives an entrance posing the sides. This gives an entrance h of the front of the hive. once having given it a trial, they will never fail to caponize all their cockerels that are not desirable for breeding purchase that are not desirable for breeding purchase the following size of the bottom is nailed fast a cleat will be needed on the front end of that are not desirable for breeding purposes, and thus be able to furnish their table with a delicacy which our wealthy epicures of the city prize very highly.

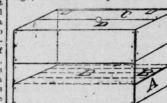
front makes an entrance. The operation, says a writer in the Orange Judd Farmer, is performed on a table made for the purpose, about 3 feet high and 1½ feet wide by 3 long. The bird is placed upon the table as indicated in the accompanying cut, the | cnd. Langstroth frames are 91/4 inches space of three-eighths of an inch be-tween the frames and the bottom, top tween the frames and the bottom, top and sides of the hive. In this climate there is no necessity for halving, mitering, or devetailing the corriers. Just a plain lap-joint well nailed is sufficient. The frames are made of seven-cighths lumber, pieces of boards of the right length being cut off and then threeeighths-inch strips being sawed off the edges. The top bar is nailed on with 1½ inch wire nails, and seven-eighths will answer for the other joints. All er for the other joints. All

After the hive is made give it two preferable because this color does not handy with the hammer, and they an tracted honey can be produced by sim-ply setting one hive on top of the other, or they may be tlered up three high if of half-inch lumber and is just about the same size as the hive except that it is not so tall, it being three-eighths of an inch deeper than the size of the sec 41/4 by 41/4, and the super should, in that and to the bottoms of these partitions of an inch, thus forming a sort of ledge that will support the sections when they are slipped down between the parson, in Prairie Farmer.

FUMIGATING BOX.

An Excellent and Simple Device for Ridding Hens of Lice.
In making a fumigating box for ridide it with all the convent

the purpose perfectly, and such a fuhigh, and remove a portion of end



shown at B B. Next remove part of the top, and hinge (leather straps tacked on will answer) as shown at C. At 9½ pounds, and a well-known lawyer paid me \$2.37 for the same. So we see the advantages are threefold—a better the advantages are threefold—a better the hen in on the slat platform, and shut the lid down tight, leaving her head protruding. Now take a pan with Black feathered fowls have a white a shovelful of live coals in it, sprinkle on the latter a tablespoonful of sul-phur, slip it under at A, and let the hatched too early. Taking one year with another June is plenty early to have them hatch.

A filthy drinking fountain will breed not only kill the lice on her own body, disease sooner than anything else, and but the feathers will be so saturated easily becomes foul when a large num- as to also drive them from the little chicks, as she covers them. Try it .- G

Profit Depends on Management. Profit in fowls depends on manage ment. Few realize how much profit may be made from a small flock of hens. One farmer's wife began last year with 50 hens and ended with 73. a profit of \$56.78, and the eggs sold for pound. This little flock is, then, clearly showers.

Give the hens as much liberty as poscilear \$1,000 for it brought in the interest

The way to grade up the cattle is to

Two Paths to Knowledge "We learn to do by doing,"
I think the song doth run;
But to my mind
More things we find
And learn by being "done."
—University Courier. POPULAR SONG ILLUSTRATED.

