Feeding Straw. In experiments made in feeding straw It was found that linseed meal and cut straw fattened steers more rapidly than linseed menl and hay, as the straw proved the better substance for separating the linseed meal and preventing cloying in the stomach. Cornmeal and cut hay, however, proved to be a better ration than cornment and cut straw.

How to Save Trees.

If you bore a quarter-inch hole into the heart of a fruit tree, or any kind of a tree that is infected with insects and fill the hole full of dry sulphur. and plug up the hole, it will cure blight, make the tree strong and healthy and in no way injure the tree. This is a boon to fruit trees, as the sulphur goes through all parts of the tree, being absorbed from the heart and makes a good healthy color.

Sheep on Every Farm.

Every farmer should have a flock of sheep, as they will destroy more weeds than one man with a four-horse team. They also are instrumental in enriching the soil. They can be kept with little labor and pay for themselves with the annual wool clip. About the only time that they need especial care is during the lambing season. If you are not provided with a sheep barn, put two or three ewes and lambs in the hog lot. A low house eight by eight feet will accommodate that many nicely.

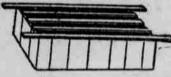
Exercise For Young Chickt.

Chickens from the time they are two weeks old should be made to hustle during nice weather. Those that sit around and wait to be fed soon droop and die, while those that are kept busy either by the hen or by scratching in the litter of brooders look thrifty and grow fast.

Exercise is absolutely necessary to with either unless we compel them to to unload hay into the loft from the

work in preference to having the food pitched roof dormer window that is in pans.-Home and Farm.

Convenient Shipping Crates. The top strip on each side of cratshould extend four inches at each end of crate, as no handles can be placed on the coop that will be quite so convenever stripped, as in the latter case the



birds get their feet bruised and broken Most transportation companies will return shipping crates free of charge, and in this case it pays to have good, neat coops. Such coops should be made strong, but of light, thin material, lath for instance. Trap door in tep, side strips up and down, not lengthwise. Wheat or other food in the bottom of a coop often hurts the sale of fowls if they are sold by weight When coops are stripped up and down then, when desirable, feed may be given the fowls in vessels placed outside the coop. Neat appearance helps to sell all products and is one of the essential factors in securing topnotch price.-New England Homestead

Horses Suffer For Water.

Allow me to call attention to a subject of interest to horse owners-a practice that, to my mind, is decidedly wrong. It relates to the watering of horses. All dry feeds are absorbents of moisture-and many of the ailments that the horse is subject to, even when not showing any definite symptoms, are owing to the lack of fluid, and es pecially water. If the perves are des sicated from feeding dry feeds through lack of fluids, then it is certain that other tissues are also suffering from the same cause, and the wheels of the machinery are being clogged by reason of waste matter which is not properly carried away.

Water does a threefold service-it feeds, it moistens, and carries way the cinders of the body furnace. For the want of it the animal is exposed to many and various dangers. I want to emphasize that the way the majority of people water their horses, or fail to water them, is wrong. To illustrate: A farm team comes from the field at night, or a road team from the road, or is idle in the stall. It is the usual practice to water them before feeding; that is all right. They drink or they do not drink, just as their systems demand for the time being, and often they do not need water until they have been replenished with food. The feeder gives them the night's feed, sufficient until morning

The owner or driver or feeders con sole themselves their horses are well cared for, not taking into consideration that it takes feed and water both to make a healthful digestion. After the horse has eaten a quantity of the night's feed go to the stomach of the horse and find the feed in its dry state, except the salava that was used to masticate it, and as a general principle and sound philosophy, in a majority of cases the feed is not moist enough for proper digestion .- O. H. Smith, in Farm, Field and Fireside.

Before weeding out stock on the dairy an actual test of each cow should be made and conducted over a period of several monshs. The test should be impartial and conducted in the interests of the cows themselves. It will not pay to keep the cows that fall be low the standard of milk and cream duction, and it will be found that every year there will be more or less change in the animals. Cows that last year held a good record may show signs of failure this season. This may be due to age, the food or other causes. If the cause cannot be re-moved or remedied it is time to replace the animal by better producers. Just now good milen cows are high priced. the animal by better producers. Just now good miles caws are high priced, are antural products, while her imports and it may not pay to be too exacting are exclusively manufactured articles.

in weeding out stock if new ones are to be purchased to take their place. On the other hand, there was never a better time to sell animals which are not paying for their keep. Market prices are high for cuttle, and by a little judicious feeding and fattening an old cow that has lost its usefulness may be made to show up well at the butcher's stall. With grain and all feed high it will not pay to carry on the list longer than necessary any cows which are not making good records or showing promises for the future.

Dairying pays to-day and will pay better in the next year or two for the simple reason that farmers are going to raise beef cattle for market instead of dairy cows. The high prices for beef cattle have already stimulated breeders and farmers to greater efforts in this direction. In the desire to get returns for their money as quickly as possible in beef cattle, the dairy cow will be overlooked, and within a year or so there will be a dearth of good milkers. Then it is that the dairy interests will have a boom. There will be a premium for good old cows, and prices for butter and milk are bound to increase. This nearly always follows a boom in beef cattle, but often times not until six or twelve months after.-E. P. Smith, in American Culti vator.

Improving a Barn.

There are thousands of barns like the original of that shown in the cut scattered throughout the country, the roof space in which is but little, if at all utilized, largely for the reason that the roof space is inaccessible. A barn was recently seen by the writer in which this difficulty was solved by the inser



both the adult fowl and the growing tion of a roof window similar to that chick, and we cannot hope for success shown in the cut. This gives a chance outside, either by hand or by a hay Brooder chickens especially must be fork, and whereas the loft before was made to scratch in litter. At first they dark and poorly ventilated it is now may prefer to get their food by easier light and airy. The style of window ways, but they can soon be taught to that is shown is much better than the sometimes put upon roofs. The style shown admits of having a large square window in front-especially useful if ? hay fork is to be used.

The advantage of thus changing a barn is that the loft can be floored over and the hay and straw stored in the nient. The bottom should be boarded, second story, utilizing the space clear to the ridge pole. This leaves the first floor clear for a sile and quarters for the stock, giving more room for the latter, and affording a warmer barn. since many buildings are kept cold almost wholly because of the big empty space in the top-heated air al ways rising because lighter than cold air. With a window in each end of the barn above, and the new window in front, the loft will be as light as the first floor, while in summer this means of ventilation, with the loft floor to separate the upper part of the barn from the lower, will cause the lower part of the barn, where the stock is confined at night, to be much cooler than it otherwise would be .- New York Tribune Farmer.

Better Farm Returns.

The farm is not only a source of revenue to its owner, but offers him many opportunities for improvement in busi ness. While the farmer may meet with tune during unfavors sons, yet if he owns the farm he has at least the means for employment, and he need not be idle during any seasor of the year. The farm, however, does not yield crops free of charge to the farmer. The fertility of the soil may be sold in the form of produce and the land cease to be productive, but in such misfortune the fault is more with the farmer than with the farm. The value given everything grown upon the farm comes from the labor applied, and the profit derived from the labor is large or small in proportion to the skill of the farmer. Labor can be wasted when not judiciously applied or it may be made to bring large returns when the farmer fully understands how to employ it to his advantage. When the farmer sells wheat, corn, cattle, milk, etc., he sells labor, and if he can produce these articles with the least outlay for labor his

profits will be proportionately larger. The crops produced on the farm are valuable according to the cost of production, and not entirely for the prices they may bring in market. A crof may also be much more valuable or the farm than in market, as it represents raw material ready to be converted into something that will bring a higher price when sold. The harvesting of a crop does not end the labor necessary to make it more valuable Labor is required in grinding the grain cutting the feed for stock and handling the products derived from the live stock, and much of the labor can be bestowed during the winter season when outdoor work on the land is not required. Even the manure made or the farm is one of the crops, but has the advantage of being already at the market where it is wanted. The manure heap is one of the storehouses of the farmer in which he stores materials use another season, and from which he also derives a profit in other

forms With the introduction of improved agricultural implements, and the cheap-ening of plant foods in the form of fertilizers, the cost of production is much lower, in proportion to prices obtained. than formerly, as any farmer who has experienced the harvesting of grain it. the past, before the advent of the harvesting machine, knows, and yet the prices of all kinds of meats are perhaps now higher than at any previous time. The farm has not really kepi pace with the markets, and those ers who complain that "farming does not pay" should consider whether they as individuals or a class, have takes advantage of all the inventions and im-provements that have been made in their interest.—Philadelphia Record,

WOMAN'S REALM.

AN EMERGENCY WOMAN.

A Gentlewoman With Sense Who Intro-duces a New Vocation.

"Several years ago I was left in a position that necessitated my making money," said a woman to a Chicago Inter-Ocean reporter. "I had no specialty, no training for self-support. I was a gentlewoman with common sense and good judgment. I knew a good deal about housekeeping and its problems, as every conscientious woman who has had a home of her own does, but I was not willing to take regular employment in domestic service. At first I tried to find a place as companion or secretary, but such places were scarce and I hadn't the training for them.

"In the meantime I helped several of my acquaintances through times of domestic storm and stress, and, though I bated it, allowed them to pay me.. A wealthy woman who knew of me through a family connection was called to a sick busband in Southern California. She had small children and no one save the ordinary nurses to leave them with. It occurred to her that I might be willing to take charge of the house and family and she sent for me in a great rush. I went and stayed for three weeks. They paid me

"It was while I had charge of that home that I thought of making emergency work my profession, and the more I thought of it, the more the plan opened out and the more possibilities it presented. I talked the scheme over with a number of women who could be depended upon to give me employment and tell others about me. They all agreed that there was need of such services, and that they, personally, would be glad to know of some one to whom they could turn in any domestic complication.

"I put my pride in my pocket and was willing to help with anything from tiding a woman through a sudden los of servants to superintending housecleaning or running a wedding. Of course there are always caterers to be found, but unless one employs the best, pays a big sum and goes in for an elaborate affair, the caterer doesn't always fill the requirement. Ordinary entertainments need what I've heard servants call 'the lady touch.' A woman of refinement and good breeding knows how to do things in a fashion that is quite distinct from the ordinary caterer's methods. She understands china and linen, too. She has a knack with flowers. She knows exactly how to make a room all that is comfortable for an unexpected guest.

"Illness gives rise to a number of calls for me, though I'm no trained nurse. I'm a fairly good nurse as amateur nurses go, but my work is more often outside of the sickroom than in it, taking charge of the bouse, the children, and attending to outside matters. Very often I've taken invalids away when there was no member of the family who could go, and the person was not ill enough to need a trained nurse. In the families where I have obtained a hold and where they know me well, they have learned to depend upon me and would rather have me at hand than a strange professional, even if they have to pay me as much or more than they have to pay to the professional.

"I've helped a great many young and shoals. In most cases they have the daughters of families where I have been called in, and so they have grown used to thinking of me as a help in time of trouble.

"It isn't a very imposing profession is it? I'll never make a fortune at it. and I know some of my friends look upon the work as menial, but I had no one talent, and I needed money."

An Anecdote of George Eliot. When George Ellot was still Miss Evans, and before she had begun to write novels, she used to frequent an old book shop on the Strand, where she left a very unfavorable impression on one young man who was at that time an assistant in John Chapman's shop. His description of her is that of a remarkably ugly young woman of universal knowledge, whose delight it was to use the Socratic method in conversation, but without the Socratic benevolence of Intention. The result was that the young men at the dining table (the shop had a boarding house for its employes and guests) who heedlessly hazarded an opinion were very soon made to feel not only that they knew nothing of the subject under discussion, but that they knew very little indeed of anything. Now a young man does not relish being badgered and made a fool of by a pretty woman, but it is intolerable to be sat upon by an ugly one, at least such was the feeling of our informant, and one consequence of this treatment was that in after years, when Miss Evans had become George Eliot, one man could never persuade himself to read Adam' Bede, or to admit that the author was other than a very intolerant person and an intolerable intellectual prig.-Harper's Weekly.

Mme. Humbert's Jewels. In Paris the curious are througing to see the jewels of Mme. Humbert, which have been placed on exhibition, and by their splendor adorn the tale of how a clever woman fooled a nation, if they do not point a very obvious aforal. To have narrow flowered ribbons around be sure, Madame now is a fugitive and them. s separated from her jewels, but she had them and enjoyed them for many a day. There are in the collection two magnificent dog collars of pearls, one with fifteen rows and the other with six. She was fond of novelties, and had an ape with a magic lantern in an enameled brooch, cocks in diamonds. swallows and parrots in brilliants, a horse, a dog jumping through a boop, a house and a rabbit in gold, set with brilliants. An ornament for the bair sented a horn of plenty, and a dog collar of unusual design had gold sea. Porto Rico are worn by young givis, rabs act between pearls. Even more impressive than the jewels is the collectory of the straw-like fibre.

made for the doges of Venice, old pitchers, jugs, cups and basins from the tables of royalty and nobility form part of the collection. It is a sight which Parisians are enjoying to the utmost,-New York Press.

Modish Jewelry.

Marquise rings are the thing for the little finger.

The beauty of pearls is as much appreciated as ever. Our native pearls are called sweet fresh water pearls.

They must not be paved, however. One lone, seel-shaped stone (called navette), surrounded by brilliants, is the

Chrysophrase dight, rich, green enbochons) is one of the favorite semiprecions stones.

Another softer green stone also in favor is jade. The imperial jade comes from China, or rather it doesn't, because it all goes to the crown now. They simply won't hear of celling this pretty green stuff.

A fashlonable jeweler offers a sixtyeight-inch rope, pearl necklace, containing 20,000 pearls, for \$1000. Such a necklace is finished with tassels and is knotted in a variety of

ways.-Philadelphia Record.

Subtle Changes in Styles. To the casual observer the styles of this year are very different from those which obtained favor last year. But change in fashion is always subtle; we never really rush from one distinct mode into another, and one may realize this by recalling how gradually we dis carded the puffed sleeves, adopted those that were tight fitting, and again discarded these in favor of the bell sleeve which at present absorbs our attention to the exclusion of all others, says the Delineator. And it should be noted | concrete aid.' that although this sleeve is adopted by the multitude it is by no means bebe stout and short it will add noticeably to the rotundity of her outlines. However, a fashion of this kind gives an opportunity for many fanciful dain. finesses in the way of undersleeves and lace trimmings, while it always has the advantage of supreme comfort, orevided it be not too exaggerated.

The Gloves of 1902.

Gloves are shorter than they were, for general wear. The ones with two buttons, and even the one-button length for the long sleeves, and with the preference in favor of the wash kid-more expensive to start, but, as the name im plies, capable of being constantly kept clean. There are, to wear with elbow sleeves, which still continue in favor, long gloves of glace or Suede in all the light colors. White is preferred, although with a light gray gown or a very light tan it is a fad of this season to have the gloves of the same shade To wear with tailor gowns or for the ordinary street gown, a heavy tan kid is considered quite the best and smartest. Gloves are worn larger than they were, a fashion especially adapted to warm weather, but also practical for the heavier kinds.-Harper's Bazar.

Smart Women's Pets.

Society women always seem to be starting some new fad, and the latest thing in pets is, apparently, a viper of some sort.

Lady Constance Mackenzie, the sister and helress of Lady Cromarty, carries about with her a small snake, which she feeds on fish and other delicacies, while Mrs. Arthur Cadogan, the sisterin-law of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has made a pet of a python. She brides through the first domestic reefs | feeds it with live rats, and varies its menu with an occasional frog. says Home Notes, Mrs. Cadogan's is nine feet long. Though it dislikes strangers, it is devoted to its mistress, and will even get onto her bed to be

To Hold Up a Coat.

A modiste gave this general directio. for raising the long coat: "Take a big handful in the very centre of the back of the skirt and lift it and the skirt all together. It wrinkles the coat inevitably, but there is no other way."

A Trim Little Watch Fob.

A trim little watch fob is formed of soft bands of leather, the lower edge cut in an inverted point, and the other turned over about it and finished with a ping-pong racquet in mother-of-pearl set in a frame of gold.

For extremists in fashionable foibles are shoes with aluminium heels in Louis XV. style.

Ping-pong shirt walst sets have a small pearl representing a ball, set on a tiny gilt racquet.

White embroidered batiste gowns, having an interlining of chiffon, are very dainty and soft in effect.

A crown of bright green, a brim of white and a binding of green is the startling combination of a broad felt hut.

Pretty inexpensive muslins are woven in ribbon stripes with a floral pattern in delicate colors scattered over a white ground. The swell thing in parasol and um-

or golden copper combined with silver in artistic designs. Silver belt buckles, which look like pieces of old iron roughly cut, are charming when made with dark blue

brella handles is the new burnished

opaque or green translucent stones. White felt hats, which are pretty if not as altogether as attractive as those with hand-painted white kid bands

Among the light silk gowns it is no ticeable that the skirts are cut in seven and nine gores. The seams are usually invisible, being disguised under fagot stitching or insertings of lace.

A gown of dark blue taffeta had the entire blouse laid in horizontal tucks, stitched with white. The sleeves in bishop style were also tucked, flaring full above the cuff. The skirt is tucked to the flounce.

Maguey belts made by the nutives of Porto Rico are worn by young girls. The belts are narrow, and come in the tion of silver. From old churches They tie in front with tiny ropes held firmly by a clever adjustment of sail-collected. Dishes and wine coolers or's knots.

own he was lecturing and after painting

the tavern as a place of contamination even for the abstainer, asked:

that there is no place a man should go and of which he should tell his mother

and sisters, unless he might take them,

oo, there? Should there be any such

"Oh, y-e-s!" came drawlingly from

The audience was roused from its spell of admiration for the orator, and

turned to look at the owner of the roice in the rear. Gough smiled as

hough he thought no discussion pos-tible, and blandly asked:

"Where, friend, would you go, tell-ng mother and sisters, but refusing to take them?"

Not By Breast Alour.

At a ministers' meeting the other day Rev. Dr. Rainsford was telling of the futility of trying to comfort persons in distress with Bible texts. "I had an

experience in my early career," he said, "which made such an impression

on me that it has saved me from many mistakes. Whenever I tried to per

suade an Irish member of my flock to pay more attention to his church duties

he would make an excuse that it tool

him all his time to carn a living, and

would touch my heart by his explana-tion of the difficulty of making money.

ive by bread alone.'

'But," I exclaimed, "A man does not

"The barber's," was the laconic reply.

rear scat.

'Don't you all agree with me, friends

Once in a New England

"I SUFFERED TERRIBLY John B. Gough, the famous temper since writer, was a lover of a good story and told an anecdote well. He WITH FEMALE WEAKNESS:" was likewise exceedingly earnest at times, and when in the mood did not like the introduction of levity into his

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—Mrs. E. M. Müner.

"No, your Reverence," replied Pat-k, "sure he needs a bit of meat and regetables as well. Since that time," said the doctor, " have resisted the temptation to ladle out cant in place of human sympathy and

A Lapse of Memory

work, but overconcentration, overnice-ness in clinging to one settled rule till the nerves rebel. A Chicago woman tells the following her newest grandson. oungster was being dressed for his first What is most needed for recreation is relaxation. In carrying burdens, either mental or physical, there is nothing like "changing hands" often. sit to Sunday-school. Now, Johnny-boy, when they ask rou who made you, you are to say 'God.'

Remember, now."
"All right, mamma," said the young hopeful, and was led off by his nurse. "Now, Johnny, who made you?"

"Now, Johnny, who made you?" Johnny stood up, wiggling with delight. "Why-er-er," the small face began to look doubtful; "er-er, please sir, mamma told me, but I've forgotten

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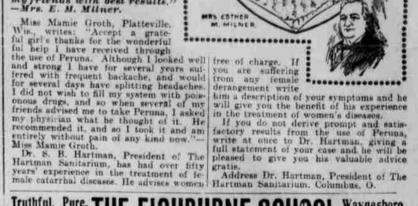




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