## VENEZUELA, GAME-COCK OF NATIONS.

Latin Republic That May Feel the "Big Stick's" Weight.

ITS RULER AN AUTOCRAT.

Character Study of President Castro Who Has Insulted the World For Years and Violated All Rules of Diplomacy-A Farmer Boy Who Is Now Immensely Wealthy.

The noisy little bantam that makes sharp discord in the barnyard of nations-that is Venezuela. Changing the metaphor, Venezuela is the tormenting aggravating small boy who escapes the chastisement he so richly deserves be-cause the big boys he pesters are afraid of being called bullies if they strike so small an antagonist.

But there is always some one who eventually takes the clamoring infant terrible over his knee and administers the right remedy in the proper place, and events appear to be pointing that duty to the United States, the self ap-pointed and unthanked guardian of the Latin republics, says the Kansas City Star. Several European nations have had the noisy pest in the proper atti-tude and the slipper poised to apply the smart, but the United States has always felt in duty bound to regretfully terpose the Monroe doctrine to stay the chastening hand. Now Europe may have the pleasure of seeing us put our obstreperous ward in the closet until he promises to be good, as plans are being elaborated in detail for the mobil zation of a joint military and naval force in Venezuelan waters as soon as possible after President Roosevelt obtains congressional sanction to resort to force against Castro. It may not be deemed necessary by the administration to make this martial demonstration, but the war and payy departments are both mapping out a tentative military move-

There is only one explanation of Venezuela's insufferable insolence. The "land of stand still" believes it is the peer, if not the superior, of any power on the globe and able to hold its own with the warrior nations of the earth One man more than any other is re sponsible for this exalted national ego That man is Cipriano Castro. One almost falls into the old language of royalty and adds "by the grace of God" president of Venezuela, for Castro the ignorant, Castro the relentless, rules as if by divine right just as despotically by grace of the farcical suffrage of the Venezuelans as does Nicholas in Russia or Abdul Hamid in Tur

Ignorant Cipriano Castro may be, but he is not unintelligent. If history bothers with him at all it must do him the Justice of admitting that he is a states-man subtle enough to have sailed the stormy seas of international diplomocy for nine years and escaped the punishment richly earned by playing one nation's cupidity against the anger of another to the end that Venezuela has alother to the end that venezueia has always managed to slip away and leave the bag in the other fellow's hand. Something about this extraordinary man is necessary to a correct understanding of a situation that has exhausted the patience of President Roosevelt and caused Secretary Root to say that diplomacy could do nothing more. It may explain a little of his character to tell that there is Indian blood in his veins. He was born in an obscure village in the mountains, and the fact that he is an "Andino" (born in the Andes) is one of his greatest blemishes in the eyes of the aristocrats of the nation.

eyes of the aristocrats of the nation. That he has risen in spite of that great drawback is only one more proof of the man's natural ability.

First a farmer boy, Castro later worked in his father's store, where liquor and groceries were sold. Among the lads of the village he was a leader, and he early established a reputation. and he early established a reputation as a rider and a fighter. Some writers have called Castro a coward. He is not. He fights, and he fights well. enemy has ever found him a laggard in war. The sword raised him to power. That he is ready, if need be, to quit the palace for the field makes his

Castro, the boy, got what equations the inadequate village school afforded. He supplemented this with reading, and it is certain that he can speak and write fluently. He is densely ignorant writers assert, of the power Venezuela. He has been heard to declare that he did not believe there was a finer city in the world than Caracas.
One of those revolutions which are so common in that part of the world

one of those revolutions ...

one when Castro was a young man.

He supported the government and led the forces of his state against the revolutionists. Victory rested with him olutionists. exile. For six years he remained on a ranch in Columbia. Among Castro's literary acquisitions

vas a life of Napoleon taineer saw in himself a counterpart of the Corsican. Castro took unto him-self a star and became a man of des-The sparit of revolution stirred within him. A handful of his mountaineers rallied under the banner of

revolt which he raised.

That feat which Castro now attemptad was no task for a coward. It was 500 miles over the roughest trails to the capital, where death would be the portion of defeat. Perhaps in an earlier

age or a more historic clime that march might be compared to Hanni bal's crossing the Alps. Castro lived on the country. The villages he passed yielded both provisions and recruits Caracas opened its gates. Castro was

It is needless to tell of the revoluthe Castro put down before he be can absolute. His hand was heavy and his enemies felt its weight. tro was "elected" president in 1899 The Venezuelan term is for six years A president is forbidden by the constitution to succeed himself. Most rulers of Venezuela have acquiesced in this sional president" for six years. When that time expires he will be eligible for

regular election again.
With Castro in power the Venezuelar congress became as useless as the pow erless senate of degenerate Rome. I eriess senate of degenerate Rome. It met only to sing the praises of Castro Days were spent in an attempt to find a title to fit his august person. "Grand marshal of the armies of Venezuela," "the marshal of victory" and "the founder of peace" were weighed and found wanting. At last the inspiration came. Hall him "Castro, the restorer of Venezuela," it was suggested. And it was so decreed.

it was so decreed. The most extravagant laudation was poured out upon him. He was something sublime, something omnipotent, irresistible, as a sign to the nations, the bright, refulgent star to which the world turned in admiration and awe, to all of which Castro bowed his mod-

est head and replied:
"But I ought to declare that I am hardly more than the agent of a some-thing superior that watches over the fortunes of virtuous people, of nation, called to fulfill the high destines of

civilization and of progress."

With his enemies dead, confined in dungeons, driven into extle or cowed into submission, Castro had time to devote to "a vigorous foreign policy."
There were various outstanding claims gainst Venezuela. These claims were seld in Great Britain, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Sweden and the United States. All of these nations tried to collect. Castro and his predecessors showed the collectors the door or made promises that were intended to be broken ises that were Intended to be broken. Finally Great Britain, Germany and Italy combined in 1902 in a blockade of the Venezuelan ports. Then Castro remembered the Monroe doctrine and appealed to the United States. The American minister, Herbert W. Bowen, was given full power by Castro to make an agreement with the creditors who came collecting with warships. Mr. Bowen suggested The Hague tribunal as a source of arbitration. The bunal as a source of arbitration. suggestion was accepted. The Hague suggestion was accepted. The fingue decided that Venezuela should pay a certain per cent of its revenues to its creditors. Castro agreed. Mr. Bowen returned to Venezuela and found that

Castro has played equally fast and loose with the United States. The European nations were merely creditors Castro hates the United States. The United States overshadows Venezuela Therefore Castro's star is dimmed. and Castro has sought to gain support abroad by giving concessions to Euro

Castro justifies his confiscation of American concessions by the assertion that they were secured illegally. It would be a tax on credulity to believe that this were not true. But Castro cannot cover himself with the cloak of morality. That stolen from the nation is not restored to the people even if Castro be the "restorer." It goes instead into the pockets of Castro and his gang. All visitors to Venezuela agree that the country is being robbed shameessly. Taxes are confiscatory. try is stunted. The spoil goes to Cas-

are several courses open to him. He may flee to some other country and spend the rest of his life in luxury. He night be able to continue his rule definitely. A revolution may drive him from power or an assassin may cut short his career. The future may be judged by the past in Venezuela as elsewhere. The safest prophecy is that Castro's fate is bound up in one of the

Tailored Waists For Women.

"Tailored effects" are to be among the fashions in women's shirt waists for this spring and summer. Cloths bearing big stripes, checks and polka dots will be favored. Blue, lavender, tan and black and white are the popucolors. R. M. Bowlby, a shirt ist salesman from Philadelphia, ich, he declares, is the shirt waist ion of the foregoing the other day at

sas City:
r tailored effects I mean three nch starched cuffs and plenty of plaits and seams, with a separate collar, man's style, to be worn with a man's style necktie. I'm talking only of me-dium priced waists, but they're the sort you'll see most, for the high priced Paris goods, and not Philadelphia, set the standard of styles."

The Decline of the Cowboy.

troy trousers. College trade kept on demanding them until the peg tops sold in much larger quantities than the cowboy style in the same material. The result has been that this year all

The summer resident looked curious-at Perry Jones, the sexton of the ametury meeting house, as she find her survey of the little church. "You say it seats 306 people?" she said, raising her lorgnette to gaze at him. "What a curious number!"

'I don't know why 'tis," replied Mr. Jones. Resentment at her tone was coupled with irritation at her calm survey of him through her impertinent eyeglass as he stared back at her.

'Strikes me it's a very sensible number. Three hundred in the body of the four in the choir, one on the organ bench and a campstool for Hollis Prouty that blows for Miss Cummings

he ought to stand all the time, being only a boy, but folks see things different in the country."—Youth's Compan-

A reader for a New York publishing house gives the following, quoted from a story submitted by an Indiana authoress, as being about the choicest bit of bungle he has come across in many

"Reginald was bewitched. Never had rones seemed to him so beauti-moment, when, in her hid her face."—Lippin-

## BIG LONDON STADIUM

Splendid Amphitheater Where the Olympic Games Will Be Held.

FINE ATHLETIC QUARTERS.

Great Inclosure In Which World Con testants Will Compete Has Cinder Track One-third of a Mile to the Lap-Room For 150,000 Spectators.

According to the official statistics and measurements issued by the English Olympic committee, the immense stadium at Shepherd's Bush, London, England, where athletes from all parts of the world will compete in the Olympic games of 1908, is the largest structure of its kind ever built for athletic exhibition purposes. Some idea of the vast-ness of the stadium can be gathered from the fact that provision has been made to accommodate more than 150, 000 spectators during the important meets of the two weeks' athletic carnival. Of this vast multitude close to 70,000, or a little less than half, can be comfortably seated during the com-

The building, which has been erected on grounds adjoining the Franco-British exposition, is composed almost entirely of cement, re-enforced by iron and steel. It is so large that the Grecian amphitheater at Athens could be placed inside the running track of the English arena. No effort has been spared to make it the most complete edifice of its kind ever erected, says the New York Evening Sun. The walls, which rise to the height of sixty feet, are built in the shape of a great oval, from which thousands of seats descend on an inclined plane to the edge of the bicycle track. Underneath the great arches supporting the structure accommodations will be made for more accommodations will be made for more than 100 rooms of various sizes for the exhibition of all manner of athletic and sporting paraphernalia and the quartering of the competing athletes. In the latter portion of the stadium the teams of America and the twenty add other countries that are expected.

odd other countries that are expected to be represented will find the most tain lockers, cots, pool and shower baths, rubbing tables and every other training apparatus that past experi-ence can suggest. Electric bells and ence can suggest. Electric bells and signboards will be installed in every room in order that the competitors may be notified from the judges' stand of the approach of events to which they may be entered to take part.

The athletic arena proper, in which athletes from all parts of the world will compete during the month of July. will be the most complete track and field that has ever been prepared for contests of the character which are scheduled. The work in this department of the stadium building was commenced just about a year ago, when the foundation for the running and bicycle tracks was installed and the turf seeded down in order that the grass might have ample opportunity to reach perfection before the date of the opening games. As a result of the care and attention devoted to the competitors' right of way, the field is said to surpass anything of like character in England, which is already noted for several modern courses of great ex-

larger of the two tracks, has been built of smooth cement for a width of thirty-five feet, with the turns banked at the proper angle for fast speed. This track measures two and two-third laps to the mile and will encircle the running track, which is only a few feet less in width and measures one-third of a mile to the lap. Inside the two courses a perfect sod field has been laid out which will permit of lacrosse, football and other classes of field games being played at the same time that the tracks are in use if the necessity for the double bill should arise. Some idea of the extent of the infield may be gathered from the fact that its greatest length measures 235 yards, while the width at the broadest point

is fust about 100 yards.
An innovation in the arrangement for ing of an immense swimming pool. which will be located on the infield dipool, which is entirely constructed of cement, will be 109 1-3 yards long and a trifle more than 50 feet wide. The will gradually increase until in the middle of the pool, where the high diving contests will be held, it is more than twelve feet deep. A system of water supply has been installed which will permit of a complete change of water once in every twenty-four hours, and, as the swimming races and other forms of aquatic sports are to be fea-tured, it is likely that the natatorium

The great structure, which, when completed, will have cost more than \$350,000, will be thrown open to the public on Saturday, May 2, when the first of a long series of strictly English athletic meets will be held in the stadium as a sort of preliminary tryout for the greater international competi-tion which has been set for the month of July. The programme for the Olym-ple meets will include every form of track and field competition, cycle racing, archery contests, lacrosse, football and open air cymnastics. Such ath-letic events as are not suitable for the stadium will be conducted on the grounds of clubs featuring these sports in or adjacent to London.

Salt In Digestion.
Wissen feur Alle had a symposium to discuss the value of salt in digestion. One of the physicians wrote that, while salt in moderation is good necessary, it ought to be taken apart from the meals, in much the same way as medicine. He bases his judgment on the way artificial digestion proceeds in the presence of marine

"How old is you little brother, my the skin the soothing mixture which the serve with drawn butter made from "He's not old at all, sir. He's nearly in 1460 was inhaled.—London Globe.

## GREAT GAME OF WAR A SEA PICTURE CRITIC

Novel Maneuvers In Defense of He Knew All About Ships and the Coast Around New York. Wild Ocean.

FOUR FORTS TO TAKE PART.

Target Practice With Solid Shot and Shell Will Be Carried on In Lower Harbor Next June-Over Six Thou sand Men In Action.

New York will wake up to find itself in a state of siege some morning next June. Added to the rumble of traffic will come the booming of great guns at the forts down the Narrows, the roar of the twelve inch monsters a Fort Hamilton and the spatter of the eight and six inch guns in the big forts behind their grassy embankments on the Westchester shore of the sound Troops from the armories in Harlem and the Bronx will be hurrying through the streets to re-enforce the artillerymen at the forts, and the screech of real solid shot and shell will go ricochetting over the heads of busy traffic in the lower bay and the

It will be nearer to the real war condition than the metropolis ever got before in time of peace, and as New York was never besieged by a modern fleet it will be nearer to what might happen than the civil war or any other war ever brought the city. Eight and twelve inch shells will be

shot and exploded, says the New York World, and at night the dull roar of glant mortars and the red stream of their flight will illuminate the heavens. In this novel feature of the coast de shell will be carried on by the mili tha coast defense companies of the city. They will be linked with the regular artillery in manning the guns of Forts Totten, Schuyler, Hamilton nd Wadsworth.

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This will be a distinct departure in the effort of the war department to increase the efficiency of the coast fortifications through the development of an effective auxiliary of state coast defense reserves. The best that has been done in the past was the subgulber. done in the past was the subcaliber target practice in which the state forces participated with the regulars last year. But now the coast artillery system has perfected plans involving the use of the genuine article in pro-jectiles, which are to be fired at fixed targets at 6,000 yards range from six ten and twelve inch breechloading rifles of the most modern type; also from twelve inch breechloading mor-

Under this well worked out scheme state militiamen will be allowed to fire the guns of all four forts for the first time. While the reserves will manipu-late the artillery, the range finding ap-paratus will be worked by the regu-lars, the object of this being to develop team work between the state and fed

ra! artillerists. Plans have been developed in detail for the New York maneuvers after voluminous correspondence between the war department and New York national guard officials. The defenses of the metropolis are the most impor tant along the coast, and the federal government is especially solicitous about the part the militia of New York may play in the eastern and southern sets of forts guarding this great port. The coast defense exercises commence at Mobile May 1 and conclude at Boston June 30. Between these dates guns will boom all along the Atlantic coast, with the New York maneuvers as the crowning feature of the great war

more reserves to these exercises than any other state. She will furnish thirty state coast defense companies, which are to be supported by two full regiments of state militia. The nearest ar proach to this contingent will be the fourteen state coast artillery compa-nies of Connecticut for the New London maneuvers, which will be held at New London simultaneous with those

ontinuation, but one step in advance? those undertaken under the direction of Colonel Murray, chief of artililery, last summer. Their purpose is the lery, last summer. Their purpose is the same—the creation of enough interest along the seaconst states to induce the states to form enough state militia coast artillery companies to furnish 50 per cent of the number of coast artillerymen necessary in time of war for one manning relief of all Atlantic de.

Sixteen hundred men are necessary twenty-five militia coast artillery companies, twelve each in New York and Massachusetts and one in Maryland. So beneficial were these maneuvers that by state legislation New York now panies, Connecticut fourteen, Rhode Island sixteen, District of Columbia four, Georgia four and Alabama four, while Maine, North and South Carolina are seeking state legislation for said. "What's this? Ships b'g additional companies.

The New York maneuvers will exsimultaneously in both the eastern and southern artillery districts, but the problem of each district will be independent of the other. All thirty of the New York militia companies will act as artillery reserves.

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naesthetics Known In Middle Ages. Lecturing before the Association of Surgeons of Munich on narcotics Pro-fessor Klein said that the process of reducing the sensibilities of patients with a view to making operations pain less was known and practiced in the middle ages. Bishop Theodorus of Chervira wrote a prescription for a pain destroyer in the twelfth century which contained opium, morphine and hyascum. A medical work printed in 1460 contains the first known treatise on inhalation, and we now inject under

ART COMMENTS OF A SAILOR

The "Death of Nelson" Reminded Him of How 'Arkness Come Off the Main Yard-The Blood Red Sky Without a Cloud That Foretells a Storm.

Crude perhaps and curious, the out come of a life apart, sailormen have yet an appreciation of the arts, writes David W. Bone in the Manchester Guardian

Once in the Walter gallery I was ooking at "The Death of Nelson." There was a man with the look of seaman standing near. He had a slight smell of drink and was chewing tobac-co. He, too, was interested in the pic-ture, and, recognizing me as seamanture, and, recognizing me as semina-ture, and, recognizing me as semina-like, he said something, and we got to like, he said something, and his times, talking about Nelson and his times, about ships and pictures. "B'gad, mate, them fellers" (the painters he mate, them feliers" (the painters he meant) "knowed what they was a-doin'. Look at that 'ere glim' (lantern), "Looks as its trimmin' was forgot w'en they brought th' admiral down, \* \* \* An' them eyes," pointing to a wounded seaman in the near foreground, "them's th' eyes o' poor 'Arkness wot come off th' main yard last yoyag any struck th' for real foul as' voyage an' struck th' fife rail full

He told me of the accident, how it happened, and by his eyes and rude, simple speech I saw it all. As plain beore me as the figure of the stricken seaman I saw 'Arkness come off the main yard, clutching wildly at the sheets and lifts as he fell. I heard him strike the rail with a sickening thud and its stretched. I saw the running igures on the deck, and—"'e never arsted th' night. We buried 'im out there. Taltal it was," said my speaker, nvoluntarily twisting a shoulder to an aginary southwest

There was a sea picture, a ship com-ng up to the Isle of Wight—clean curving sails, a good sense of movement and a fine, breezy atmosphere.
"Jest wot it is," said my friend,
"omeward bound. Let 'er go, boys!" burst of enthusiasm that made some visitor glance around, alarmed. "Omeward bound it is!" There were other fine pictures, but we did not feel that we had a right to do more than look at In this perfect mating of imperfect them and admire. With sea pictures it was different. They were our world, and who had the right to criticise the way a sea was moving off the sky if we had not? Too often had we watch-ed, anxious eyed, for a break in the clouds not to know the way of wind weak in, and thus, bred together, evon the water, the scud of a cloud erything may even up and the off-breaking free in a welcome shift. Well spring be just right, we knew the curve of a standing sail

A long legged Leghorn with poor color may be bred to a short legged

For a city of the sea Liverpool has no great representation of her fore-most industry on her chamber walls little call for sea critics downairs, so we went to an exhibition of modern art in the upper galleries. Here we found ourselves properly con-fronted. "Setting Sail After a Blow" it was, a large canvas, a ship pitching heavily in the swell of a recent gale and the crew putting the canvas on her. It held a great message for my mate (black smoke and an ever throbbing screw had not yet dulled his sea fancy). He was highly pleased. "Them seas wot ye gets off th' Plate!" He wanted to show some word of cheer, to swing his right hand to the left shoul-der in seamanlike admiration, but the cold gray eye of a tall hatted official was upon us-"Hub. sailors!"—and there was a group of young ladies near by worshiping at the shrine of a corporation purchase, so he contented himself by nudging me furiously. "That's wot I calls a picture," he said.

A sunset over water claimed our attention. A blood red sky with no clouds, only a slight density near the horizon. I said it was remarkable, problems uppeal. "That's where you perhaps unreal. "That's where ye ain't in it, mister! Look a' here! If ye wos t' take all th' colors in th' lock-er so's ye 'ad lots o' red an' yeller in, ye'd find a sky t' match it. Ain't ye ever 'eard o' what them dagos calls blood o' Chris'—them dagos wot loads ye ballest in th' Plate?" I had not heard. "Well, it's a sky like that, an'

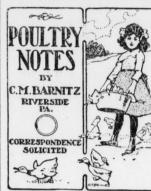
wos all comin' in: not rowin' same 's me an' you 'ud do; them shovin' th' oars 's if they wos pushin' Sixteen hundred men are necessary to man the eastern artillery district of New York at Fort Totten. Willet's Point and Fort Schuyler, on the West-Point and Fort Schuyler, it was an her drivin' New York at Fore Point and Fort Schuyler, on the West-chester shore, and 4.500 are needed for the southern artillery district, comprising Fort Hamilton, at Brooklyn, and and a big German bark driv' down on us an' took th' fore to'gal'n'mast out o' and the southern artillery district comprising Fort Hamilton, at Brooklyn, and an' a big German bark driv' down on us an' took th' fore to'gal'n'mast out o' and the southern artillery district ashore, 'eadgear. Two ships wos driv' ashore, an' that's wot comes out o' them skies wot they calls th' blood o' Chris'."

It was an impressionist picture that annoyed my mate—an impression of a seene in dock, with masts and funnels

The skunk will get there if you don't. Hope you don't meet and quarrel. Exand hulls all mixed up. The coloring was good, but the ships might have and. "What's this? Ships b'gad, or I'm a Dutchman!" He burst into a fit or rude laughter. "Ships it is, mister, an' look at them tawps'l yards! Ships wi' tawps'l yards below the main, an'

Boiling a Fish.

In boiling any fish you should put enough water in a large pot to enable a fish to swim in if it were alive. Add to this water half a cup of vinegar, a tablespoonful of salt, one whole onion, one dozen whole black peppers, one blade of mace. Take any fish and sew it up in a new piece of cheesecloth fitted to the shape of the fish. Put in the water and heat slowly for thirty minutes: then let it boil hard and fas for about ten minutes. Uuwrap and the liquor in which the fish was cooked and add to it the juice of half a lemon



THE WAY TO PERFECTION.

All's not gold that's told in ads., even though it's a Gold Rock ad. Winning birds are seldom mated, though this oft has been related to sell eggs and you. Not natural for a silver cup sport to sell eggs equal to his own to hatch show birds to compete with him at the next contest. You're a bird if you believe it. His "best in the world" aren't going to be sold to another sport who may turn a new breeding trick or have a new fake card up his sleeve to make the "best" better and thus relieve him of a quadruple cup. When breeders mate up they don't always take win-ners nor perfect birds. They might hatch something too perfect, just as people may get too awfully goody good. And then some of these perfect prize birds aren't just so perfect as they seem. Some have homemade perfect combs and spliced feathers and ed shanks and snowy bleached backs and indigo flight feathers, and when you buy them for a big price in the showroom and take them home in a month there is as big a difference be-tween their "before and after" as in the pictures of an anti-fat advertise

All's not silver that shines, even if it's a Silver Rock silver cup winner. So fair fanciers concede that it's not always best to mate prize winners nor perfect birds. Too much varnish spoils the picture. Bad traits come from somewhere—maybe three generations back. Anyhow the perfect birds, especially colored breeds, aren't generally a success, and so they adont a plan that success, and so they adopt a plan that

hen's good traits may cover the bad

hen with strong standard color.

A Silver Laced Wyandotte with a poor hackle is matched with a hen of perfect hackle that may be deficient in

perfect hackle that may be deficient in some points in which the male is true.

A Brown Leghorn may have a four point comb. To get the five point some will breed a five point female, while others will take a six pointer, claiming that the four and six point combs will neutralize into the regular five point comb.

Imperfections are thus offset by per-

rections to get the perfect.

Then there are the cockerel and pullet matings—not that cockerels form into stag parties and pullets organize girl bachelor clubs, but breeding pens are matched to bring certain color ockerels or certain color pullets. For instance, some Barred Rock fanciers like a rather dark cockerel, and they mate for it. They want pullet feathers to have narrow dark tips and all feathers to be barred to the skin, and they mate accordingly. So it's not so simple after all, and when a man at St. Louis paid \$1,000 for a hen it was not because he was a fool, but he ap-preciated the science required to build that hen and knew the pleasure and

profit that come from such a bon ton brain product to breed from. In society you have often noticed people try to even up in the same man-A brainless man will try to marby the new woman to make himself ook intellectual. A man with a slim come will strive to wed a woman mediae will strive to wed a woman with a fat bank account. But, as the chicken mating may be a failure, the brainless man may seem more non compos mentis, and the fortune may be a fizzle.

Don't use all the adjectives in the there.

Don't be a rotten nest egg fossil. China eggs for nests. No rotten nest

Don't mate more than six hens to one gobbler. You'll not have many Christmas turkeys to gobble if you do. Don't fall to exterminate the rats. If you can't hit a barn door, call out the N. G. They can make corks pop straight.

Don't forget to find the turkey's nest.

Don't forget that you are an i classed specimen of the fool species if you "lick" your boys for getting the chicken fever. It's an attribute of greatness, and if you never had it prepare for a severe attack of non composition.

Don't envy the prosperous poultry-man. People running machines get man. People running machines their fingers caught in cogs when they watch the scenery. Try the "oil of gladness" on your rusty wheels and shout over every fellow's success. Hump a little harder, and the band will soon serenade you.

SILVER ROCKS. Don't forget the Golden Rule When you're selling hens and cocks. If you do, you'll play the fool And be out the Golden Rocks.

Don't forget the Silver Rule When you're mating hens and cocks, Or you'll not be in the pool Where they coin the Silver Rocks.

Crossing Gold and Silver Dottes, You will mint a mass of brass; Neither gold nor silver spots And no Silver Rocks amass. If you're mixing Rocks and Dottes, Gold and Silver in one flock, You will lose the Golden Dottes And be out the Silver Rocks. Mating straight your hens and cocks ixteen to one's the proper creed To coin tons of Silver Rocks.

C. M. B.

FOMULAE FOR FEEDS.

Pounds is the basis for true feed, and the following may be added if desired: After a month or six weeks use this Pounds. 

If you desire to use forcing mash or broiler bread the following is the best Forcing mash: Pounds. Broiler bread: Pounds.

Mix well, stir in six raw eggs and milk sufficient to moisten. Put in greased pan and a slow oven. This cake should not be sticky nor served with ice cream.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

If you are raising broilers, a good fattener is wheat, scalded overnight, If your poultry run is full of plan-

tain, don't let your hens gorge them-selves or you will be plantin' them. What poultry prefer to eat is not always fit for the end in view. They

orefer fat producers. Antifat for fresh Beware of beef scrap that smells like

fertilizer. It's Chicago tankage. Re-ject scrap that's yellowish. It's Chihog-o cracklings.

One reason why English poultry look so untidy in the showroom is because they are shipped in wicker hampers. They look 'ampered.

Blackhead has about destroyed the turkey industry of New England. If baldhead was so fatal, there would be no deacons left in the front pews. When the small end of the egg is

elevated during hatching, the head grows in the wrong end, and thus deformed chick cannot come out, but in this and other cases you often come out the small end of th A poultryman's work is a series of

details. Itemize your day's duties and put the most important items first. Then shove them through, and do all if it's not beyond your strength. A small thing well done is better than big thing bungled. When you dress a fowl to sell feed it

nothing for a day before. This is the law in some states. Thus the digestive system will be empty. If fowl is full fed and to be drawn, make an incision around the rectum and tie the organ with strong cord. There will thus be no accident, and your fowl will not be When you permit your poultry to drink from the foul pools around the

manure pile, just remember that an egg is largely water. No wonder your young turkeys die when allowed to wade through such a mess. It's enough to paralyze a hog. If your customers see the picture it will paralyze your egg trade.

Death of chicks in the shell has various causes—weak males, lack of moisture and improper ventilation in incubators, too high or low temperature, old eggs and last, but not least, opening the door during hatching to count the pipped eggs or to show off the wonderful marvel of nature to an awestruck multitude.

The hard times, with the fall in prices, will count something to the poultryman on the feed question. Both oultry and squab raisers culled down o a minimum and now have the finest eens and lofts ever. That much good he high feed prices did, and you'll see the best stock raised this season in the history of poultrydom. It's a delightful chance you have to

make things hum this summer. Get but just the number of chicks or duckings you can feed well and care for. Then lay aside the spring fever and the summer prostration. After a good, happy hustle you may slack up in the fall long enough to receive congratulations and then boost the rooster for winter eggs. May you always get

During the winter season in Califor nia fresh eggs sold at 23 cents, storage extras at 17 cents, while wheat, oats and corn stood at \$1.85, bran at \$1.62\% and mids at \$1.90. Now, you eastern knockers who have been buying wheat at 95 cents, corn at 60 cents, oats at 55 cents, bran at \$1.30 and mids at \$1.40 and at the same time selling eggs from 30 to 60 cents, yes, you had better quit your knocking.

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