

A COLUMN FOR FARMERS.

SOMETHING ABOUT RAISING VALERIAN ON THE FARM.

It is Proving a Profitable Crop to Several Farmers at Hancock, Vermont. What Two of Them Have to Say About the Labor and Profits of the Business—A Clay-loam Soil.

In collecting the notes on "The Cash Crops" which were printed some weeks ago, the "Rural New Yorker" learned from E. A. Fassett, a subscriber at Hancock, Vt., that farmers in that neighborhood found considerable profit in producing valerian root.

Valerian root is quite largely used in medicine as an antispasmodic. It is impossible to get at the exact amount imported or used in this country.

E. A. Fassett says, "This question was asked me last fall: Why don't we see anything in agricultural papers about valerian?"



crops often couldn't write about them if they tried.

Valerian culture was first introduced in this section by Dr. William Huntington of Rochester, Vt., about thirty years ago. He has been a dealer in valerian in this section ever since.

After the ground has been thoroughly prepared, it is furrowed out two feet apart. The roots are plowed out of the ground, where they were left the fall before, and separated by cutting the clusters of roots apart.

Mr. C. Dowell, also of Hancock, Vt., says: "I have grown valerian twenty-four years; my best crop was 2,100 pounds, and the poorest 100 pounds."

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE RAMBLE IN THE WOODS.

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TWO LITTLE WHITE CHICKENS.

Two such pretty little white chickens! They belonged to Neddy and Floy, and their names were Fido and...

"They're all the hen's got," said she, putting one in Neddy's crooked apron.

"Neddy and Floy were very sure they would take good care of the little, fluffy, white things, though they hadn't the least idea what a 'real Leghorn' was."

"But they're worth more," said Neddy; "because they'll lay eggs, and hats won't."

"They were opposite Col. Bell's big house just at that minute, and down across the lawn rushed a tiny, white dog, barking and snapping."

"And that was not all that happened; for Neddy, who had sprung to the rescue, dropped his own white chicken, and in an instant the dog had shaken that, and was lying by the side of the other."

"Then Floy and Neddy began to cry, not softly, but with a perfect storm of tears and reproaches, which very soon brought the little dog's mistress to see what the trouble was."

"She was a very pretty lady, with a sweeping white dress and smooth brown hair, and a soft voice."

"Then they were real leghookers, too," said Floy, sorrowfully dabbing her eyes with her checked apron.

"Never mind," said she, "horns are hookers sometimes." And Floy took courage.

"We were going to buy Aunt Chatty's sewing machine with the first eggs they laid," said she, "because she's poor."

"And then a goat-cart," said Neddy. "But we can't now, because they won't lay any."

"Naughty General!" said the lady, trying hard not to laugh.

And the next day she really did order her carriage and drove into the city, where she bought a very nice sewing machine, which she sent by express to Aunt Chatty, and she bought the very prettiest little carriage that could be found to harness Fido into;

And it also happened, which is not so common, that she had better than almost anything else to make people happy.

CHILDREN'S SAYINGS.

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A little girl who had been to the circus for the first time in her life greatly amused the family on her return by telling them she "saw the elephant eat with its front tail."

One day little Esther's aunt received a letter. While reading it she dropped the envelope on the floor. Esther picked it up and handed it to her, saying: "Auntie, here's the skin of your letter."

Little Ethel, less than three years old, saw a man walking along the street with his arm in a sling.

THE HOUSES WE LIVE IN.

POINTS FROM ARCHITECTS AND HOME-MAKERS GENERALLY.

Some Valuable Information About the Seasoning of Timber—A Pretty and Convenient Cottage That Can Be Built For Less Than \$1,000—How to Test the Purity of the Water Supply.

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A CHEAP AND TASTY HOME.

A House for Less Than \$1,000, With Furnace for Heating.

Any architect can furnish plans and specifications from which the house here shown can be built for from \$500 to \$800, and be heated by a furnace. Every good builder will contract for a completed house at those prices.

Instead of making the corner square where the partition divides the parlor from the middle room, make it octagonal, if heated by a furnace, by nailing coarse woven wire to the studs to plaster on, leaving space behind to run up a ten-



THE FINISHED HOUSE.

inch round tin hot air flue, with asbestos for safety and to retain heat. In the corner, over a twelve-inch hole in the floor, nail a triangular piece of sheet-iron, with a ten-inch hole in it, for the hot air pipe, and several small holes for the circulation of air, to insure safety and keep the pipes cool.

No one will object to the octagonal corner after seeing one tastefully decorated and remembering it affords the round hot-air flue, which enables a small furnace to prove durable, do great work, and secure great comfort at comparatively little expense.

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