- OF LOCAL INTEREST TO -WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS

Sparrow Pest.

Agents for the department of agriculture have been experimenting for the past three months with devices to trap English sparrows has been determined upon that these birds are harmful to the fruit trees in the Spring, eating as they do into the buds and destroying the cores.

Marketing the Egg.

The farmer who is constantly complaining about the hens laying all over the barn and sheds is the one who considers it a waste of time to clean out poultry houses more than once or twice a year. The majority of bad eggs a farmer takes to market is caused by the hens hiding their nests in some out-of-the-way place, and, not being found by the farmer until they have become stale, consequently that is what keeps the price of farm eggs down. City people, as a rule, know that on the farm popultry does not get the care and attention it should, and therefore will pay from five cents to ten cents a dozen more for city laid eggs than for those from the farm. More especially in communities where there are a great many sick people who take their eggs raw. As it has been said before, teach your heas to lay in the laying houses and gather the eggs every afternoon. Keep them in a cool place and market every week and you will soon have people asking for eggs from your farm.

The Soil and Men.

When a man finds he can't get the mecessities of life at any other occupation it is said he turns instinc-tively to the soil, the original source of that which gives his body life and, incidentally, contact with which up-lifts him morally. No evilly inclin-ed man whose life is lived in the open air, whose eyes can take in great stretches of sky instead of shop or office walls, whose ears hear the lowing of cattle, the twitter of birds, the babbling of brooks can be as bad as the evilly inclined man who lives among man-made buildings and pavements and whose soul aever gets back into touch with the wholesome, elemental things.

There is no real back-to-the-soil movement in this country yet. When it really comes the whole nation will take a leap forward. When every farm is under the competent management of some man who loves it, there will be few poor people in the cities, there will be less of crime and vice, there will be less of false standards of living, less of artificial show and more of all that makes for peace, olve and happiness among

"Back to the soll" would solve the problem for many. It will not for Some men are born with an aptitude for one thing, some for another. There is no doubt that thousands of potentially successful farmers are eking out an existence at desks and shop benches. farmer with carpet bag and whiskers embellishment is disappearing. Keen minded young men who have studied alongside the A. B.s. the A. M.s. the M. D.s and the Ph. D's are taking his The educational unlift farming business, coupled with its ing automobile. He has noticed in elemental appeal will one of these England a great increase of coccidio-Then the hills and dales shall again flourish, the fine farmer's automobiles, and the farmers' newspapers, clothing, etc., will be able to buy their eggs comething less than present market price and a prosperity that no Wall street gamblers can undermine, will bless the land.

Increasing the Flock.

As soon as one becomes successful in raising chickens there is thuch difficulty in building up a large flock of layers at a very small expense. A beginner was telling me his experience of last season and how he secured a nice flock of layers at practically no expense. built two colony coops and six fire-less brooders, all costing him about When he had these in readiness he ordered 200 baby chicks, placing too in each coop, allowing three brooders to each lot. The chicks arrived early in April. When the chicks were about eight weeks old he placed all the cockerels in one coop and the pullets in the oth-The cockrels were then fed a fattening ration and marketed the łast week in June, when twelve weeks old, and at a time when broil-ers brought a high price.

Milk for Fowls.

Warm milk is an excellent feed for chickens that are sick or off feed. In fact, milk is one of the very best feeds for chickens of all kinds and at all times

Shipping Potatoes From Abroad.

More than 100,000 bushels of foreign potatoes have arrived in Philadelphia on the different transatiantic liners, as a result of which warehouses are filled with the tubers. The steamship Merion, from Liverpool; the East Point, from London, and the Allan Line steamship Pretorian, from Glasgow, have come in this week with big shipments which have been practically dumped on the market at the same time. The potatoes come from England, Ireland, Scotland and Germany. Several car-goes also have arrived from Russia, and it is probably the first time that the Russian potato has been landed in this country. Experts say that the foreign vegetable is inferior to domestic potato and that the ekin of the imported potato bursts to have the state grange establish before the potato is thoroughly boil- a headquarters bureau to protect far-

Agriculture in Public Schools.

Syracuse, N. Y .- Agricultural education along political lines with view to increasing farm production will aid in the solution of the question of the high cost of living, acof farming in the east.

Commissioner Pearson strongly recommends agricultural instruction in the public schools. "I believe in such instruction," said he, "because it is now demanded and needed. It is distinctly to the advantage of the public to have it provided. If agri-culture is to be conducted profitably, instruction must be given because new methods must be used and these are not generally practiced. Many farmers think they know them, but if they really did know them they would practice them better. best methods have been developed and confirmed by our agricultural experiment stations and in the successful farm practice of the few.

"The well established simple prin-ciples of the new agriculture should be taught in all rural localties. If what is well known to the few along practical lines could be made generally known and practiced throughout the state, it is safe to say that the use of this knowledge would bring about an increased production from our farms representing a net advance annually of \$50,000,000 to \$100,-00,000. The people in the cities would be gainers because by reason of the increased production prices could be kept down.

"Instruction in agriculture should be practical. It should be given with a view to making the children better understanding and better perform and better like the farm work at home so that increased returns will come to them and their people, both financially and in the degree of sat-isfaction that all persons feel when their work is being better done." his tomb at Mount Vernon, and the an-nual dinner will take place in the even-ing.

The poultry industry of the country is a large and growing one. The high prices obtainable for eggs and poultry have been the incentive for many to go into the business with gratifying success. There have been There have been successes in establishing breeds and strains that make for large egg pro-duction. Large flocks become another contributing factor. But there does not seem to be an ability to get the matter down so fine as to have the hens lay at just the time when the highest prices are obtainable. The distribution of the non-laying seasons might help the situation. To have them all go off the job at practically the same time has its embar-

Automobiles and Poultry.

Dr. H. B. Fantham has a new comto make against the dust rais. days bring about a real back-to-the- sis, and similar parasitical diseases, among the poultry and game birds He ascribes it to the increasing polstate and county roads be filled with lution of the air with road dust, farmer's automobiles, and the less which conveys the seeds of these well-to-do city men who make the diseases to the food and water consumed by the birds. He urges that precautions be taken to protect them from polluted air and that measures be adopted to increase the vitality of the young birds in order to enable them to resist the onset of disease of this kind.

The Dairy Cow.

There seems to be a wide diversity of opinion among dairymen as to how much exercise the dairy cow should have, but it is unreasonable to assume that it is right to shut them in from October until June without turning them out for exer-There is a muscular tone and vigor that must be kept up to maintain health. With all our present-day systems of ventilation and improved methods of tying the corn, we must give the cows some outdoor exercise if we would secure the best results of production and procrea-

The Egg Crop.

It is pointed out by way of gov-ernment statistics that the products the American hen aggregate total value of \$620,000,000 annually a sum equivalent to the value of the hay crop, the wheat crop, the combined value of oats and potato crops, and nearly nine times the value of the tobacco crop of 1908.

Some Pointers.

If you think of buying stock, get the best.

Rest satisfied with doing well and leave others to talk.

Cover the floors with fine sand and have a box in a corner of the hen-house, where the sun can pour on it, well filled with dry road dust. It pays to feed meat fresh from the butchers, even at twenty cents a pound, in Winter, if eggs are high. Use a pound of lean meat, chopped for twenty hens daily.

The excessive use of wood ashes in dust should be avoided. They destroy the oil of the skin and feathers and make them harsh and dull, as well as ruin the color of fowls' legs.

Protecting Farmers From Swindling

Agents. Harrisburg, Pa .- "The proposition ed, thus causing considerable waste, mers of Pennsylvania from agents but as the home crop was short, ow- who sell stock in fake plantation

schemes, lots in swamps and other schemes that make promoters rich and others poor, can be worked out, and we have a feasible plan," said ex-Representative William T. Creasy, worthy master of the State Grange,

last Friday.
"When a farmer reports that some fellow is trying to sell him a Long Island lot or a southern planta-tion, or a patent or something like that, the officers of the grange re-port it to us. When the report reaches headquarters we will have it investigated. If it is in a state where there is an active grange we will have our brothers tell us ing to last summer's drought, there what it is like, and we'll get hard is no alternative but to take what facts."

Cause of Thunder.

Thunder is the noise produced by lightning and is harmless. It has usually been thought that the noise is created by the closing up of vacuum made by the passage of the lightning, the air rushing in from all cording to State Commissioner of Agriculture, Raymond A. Pearson, of the noise is rather disproportion—who delivered an address last week on "Education and Agriculture," between the Associated Academic Principles of gases, especially the gas of the Associated Academic Principles of gases, especially the gas of the Associated Academic Principles of gases, especially the gas of the control of the noise is rather disproportion—at the control of the control fore the Associated Academic Princing of gases, especially the gas of ples of the State of New 10rk. He emphasized the importance of such education and detailed the growth conversion of suspended moisture into steam at enormous pressure. In this way the crackle with which a peal of thunder sometimes begins might be regarded as the sound of steam explosion on a small scale caused by discharges before the main The rumble would be the flash. overlapping steam explosions, and the final clap, which sounds loudest, would be the steam explosion nearest to the auditor. In the case of rumb-ling thunder the lightning is passing from the cloud to cloud. When the flash passes from the earth to the clouds the clap is loudest at the be-

TAFT A SPEAKER IN AID OF A PEACEFUL NAVY.

Annual Convention of the League Will Be Held Soon.

President Taft and Secretary of the Navy Meyer will head a distinguished list of speakers at the annual convention of the Navy League of the United States to be held in Washington on Feb. 22 and 23. On Saturday, the 24th. the delegates will visit the Naval academy. The president will address a mass meeting on Friday in the Memorial Continental hall, D. A. R. On Washington's birthday the convention will pay its respects to the memory of the Father of His Country by visiting

Thirty-three states and the territory of Hawaii will be represented at the convention. Probably the largest delegation will come from the Pacific coast, where the people more fully apnavy. The league has between 5,000 and 6,000 active members, among Seat of whom are prominent men in every walk of life.

President Taft is an honorary member, and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt heads the list of honorary vice presidents. The ex-president, as well as the president, has always taken a deep interest in the organization, the purpose of which is to keep before the people the importance of an adequate navy as the best guarantee of peace.

TEACH MORALS BY PICTURES.

Fitchburg Using Photographs In

Schools to Show Right and Wrong. Teaching morality in the public actual life and showing what is right and what is wrong, has been given its first test in the public schools of Fitchburg, Mass.

The pictures themselves, taken in proper series, are depended upon to impress on the children's minds the rights and wrongs of certain questions arising every day, such as fights between boys, squabbles between girls, playing games fairly, etc.

The teacher gives a few words of explanation, which may frequently broaden out into a lecture. A number of lectures have been prepared by Milton Fairchild, the originator of the project. Some of the lectures, with the pictures, are to be given in Fitchburg this week. The work is under the supervision of Professor H. C. Barbour of the Fitchburg high school,

Professor George F. Moore and Professor James H. Ropes, both of Harvard, have served as advisers for the

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Hedin, sister of Sven Hedin, the explorer of Tibet, is serving as a member of the city council of Stockholm.

Eleanor Colley has been admitted to fellowship in the Royal College of Surwoman to gain that distinction.

Miss Julia D. Kitts, seven-year-old daughter of Lleutenant William P. Kitts, Twenty-first United States in- tions. fantry, has traveled over 46,000 miles world's juvenile traveling record.

association of savants, in consideration of business. of her discovery that Abel's theorems can be used to do Bissell's problems the world a few more ideas before I go in a quicker and simpler manner than Juto the hereafter." hitherto known.

Mrs. Mary Gaunt, an Englishwoman who recently returned from a journey in the wilds of Africa, has been instrumental in founding a travelers' club in London for women. Only intrepid voyagers are eligible, and it is hoped the club will grow into an association to help women who wish to explore faraway lands.

FEWER GERMAN AND IRISH IMMIGRANTS.

Census Bureau Figures Show Increase In Number of Italians and Russians.

Figures given out by E. Dana Ducome to New York in the decade cov ered by the last census and a correspondingly heavy decrease in the number of immigrants from Ireland and Germany.

Only 279,200 Germans came to New York in the last decade, a decrease of 44,998 since the census of 1900. The immigration from Ireland showed a decrease of 22,573, a falling off of more than 8 per cent from the number who arrived in New York in the previous ten years. Austria-Hungary has been sending her men and women to New York in constantly increasing numbers. In fact, from that country and from Russia, Italy and Finland has come in recent years by far the largest proportion of all the immigrants to the United States. In 1910 New York's population included 485,-600 natives of Russia and Finland, an increase in ten years of 163.7 per cent. The census tables show that natives of Russia, Italy and Austria-Hungary constitute more than onehalf the entire foreign born white population of the city.

Since 1900 natives of Great Britain. of which there are in New York at present 105,800, exclusive of Ireland. have increased 17.3 per cent. There also has been a steady increase in the number of residents from Canada and Newfoundland.

The following figures show the number of persons born in foreign countries in New York in 1910 and the changes since 1900:

		Increase
	1910.	over 1900
Austria-Hungary	255,000	143.50
Austria	191,300	101.72
Hungary	73,300	41.78
Germany	279.200	*44,22
England	78,100	9,37
Scotland	26,000	6,17
Wales	1,700	1
Ireland	252.500	•23.57
Italy		194,97
Russia and Finland	455,600	301.43
Russia		297,77
Finland	7,400	3,66
Norway, Sweden, Den-		20000
mark	65,000	19,650
Norway	22,200	19.813
Sweden	34,500	6,58
Denmark	7.900	2,29
Other European countries	83,500	€1,57
France		3,46
Greece		6,62
Roumania	32,100	21,60
Switzerland	10,400	2.03
All others	14,800	7,78
Canada and Newfound-		
land	26,800	5.04
All other countries		11,76
•Decrease		

Decrease.

preciate the necessity of an adequate \$7.50 CHAIR WORTH \$15,000.

Louis XIV. Used by Napoleon Bought For a Song. A chair with a history, a much bat-

tered, tarnished chair with the hair protruding from the seat, was sold at Fordsburg, South Africa, recently for \$7.50. Mrs. Harvey of Redruth, who purchased the relic, refused \$5,000 for it when its history became known, and it is said experts appraise its value at \$15,000.

According to the story told of this other furniture the British government and shipped to St. Helena for the house to be occupied by Napoleon while he was a prisoner there. The vessel carrying this furnischools by means of photographs from ture altered its course for a reason unexplained and was wrecked off the Cape of Good Hone.

The historic chair was rescued from the waves and until its sale to Mrs. Harvey had been kept in a warehouse

FAMOUS KEY HOME TO GO.

House of Author of "The Star Spangled Banner" to Yield to Business.

The old colonial house in George town, Md., in which Francis Scott Key. who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," lived will be torn down next spring to make room for a business building.

In 1907 the Francis Scott Key Memorial association was formed to raise funds with which to purchase the property and to preserve it. The purchase price was \$15,000, but the association failed to raise the money.

Representative Taggart of Kansas has promised the members of the as sociation that he will ask congress to appropriate a fund to remove the old house to Rock Creek park.

EDISON MAKES PREDICTION.

Electrification of Raileards Coming, and Soon, Too, He Says.

"There is one great thing coming." geons of England. She is the first said Thomas A. Edison, "and that is electrification of the railroads. That is coming, and soon too."

He then spoke of his latest inven-

"Concrete furniture will be a sucalready and may lay claim to the cess," he said. "Motors will be improved so that they will be in constant Miss Ciara Smith, instructor of service, and a purchaser will need only mathematics at Wellesley college, has one in a lifetime. The talking moving been elected a fellow of an American picture is going to put the theaters out

"I am not all in yet and hope to give

World's Biggest Steel Pipe Order. The largest order for steel pipe ever placed in the world, it is believed, has been let by a Calgary (Alberta) firm, which has ordered from the United States Steel corporation 300 miles of pipe at a cost of about \$3,000,000, to carry natural gas from Row Island to Calgary.

Middle Aged

:-: :-: Courtship By ALEXANDER D. CHASE

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The marquis, a man of forty; the baroness, a woman of thirty-six, a young man of twenty and a girl of nineteen made up the group.

"Now, go," said the marquis to the two younger ones. "You, my dear nephew, have received my consent, and you, Cecile, have obtained the same from your aunt. I will take care of you, and the baroness will probably not be lacking in gifts." "I certainly will do my part," said

the baroness "Uncle," said the young man joyously, "you are one of nature's as well as one of the nation's noblemen."

"Aunty," said the girl, "I shall endeavor to be worthy of your kind-

The young couple strolled off into another of the sult of rooms, leaving the older ones together.

"Nature as well as history," said the marquis, "repeats Itself. Do you remember the day we received your father's blessing?" "Perfectly, and how joyous I was.

Then when the trouble between us came I was in despair. I did not know it was a blessing in disguise."

"How do you know it was a bless "From friends who have married

and been miserable. I can count them on my fingers. There's Elise," putting the forefinger of her left hand on the little finger of her right, "and Annette, and Fanchette"-

"Yes, and among my friends I can count as many who are supremely happy."

"The romance fades"-"But it gives place to an enduring affection."

"These young people who have just left us will keep up a pretense of deferring to each other till the day after they return from their wedding tour; then they will begin to quarrel.'

"But they will gradually grow nearer and dearer to each other. They will wrangle, but that is because each knows the other will endure such wranglings from a mate."

"But there are those whose quarrels grow more and more violent." "They are but a small proportion of the whole.'

"Ah, marquis, you have been converted too late. You are not old, but too old to feel love based on companionship. "First love I have passed through. Unfortunately fate did not permit in

my case the succeeding state. I have

been, as it were, in a condition of suspense." She cast her eyes to the floor.

"Whose fault was it?" she asked. "Fate's. I said fate prevented, did I not? Nothing but fate can come between a boy and girl who love. I was young, and I did not understand you. Lovers need to be tied together to prevent their flying apart. Marriage does that. Once married, they have to learn to bear with each other. And chair, it belonged to Louis XIV, and when the child comes there is another reason why they must not fly apart. Married and with a child, disunion is frightful. They will endure real wrongs rather than that."

"And think of the absurdity that

caused us to fly apart!" "I have forgotten what it was."

"We were playing tennis." "I remember."

"A ball I sent you you claimed to be foul."

"Now I recollect." "I accused you of purposely seeing

wrong."

"So you did." "And you told me you were not in the habit of being accused of cheat-

"That's right. Go on." "I threw down my racket and, with my nose in the air, marched off the

"Ah, yes, I have it now, and I said to myself, 'I don't want a wife who

nots like that." "And from then till now not a word of love has passed between us."

"How stup d:" "We should have been whipped and ordered to make up like children. There was a short slience between

them, broken by the marquis, "Something of more substance than romantic love drives me to marriage. Youth having passed, I need companionship. Had I a companion I could bear a great deal from her."

"And children." "For their sake I would bear anything."

"If you, a man, would bear anything for the dear little ones, how would it be with the woman who is much nearer to them than the man?"

"It is not too late." "Yes; it is too late." "No. Shall we risk it?" She smiled.

"What amuses you?" "The difference between this courtship and our former one."

"And I trust our relationship shall not be broken by a tennis ball. See that young rascal in there? He is stealing his arm around your niece's waist. He is imprinting a kiss on her

"You are crushing the flowers in my corsage.

"And taking the dew from your

"Enough of this. We are too old." "Well, when shall we get through the preliminaries and be settled?" "When you like."

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