FARM TOPICS

The Use of Incubators. The large increase in the yearly sales of incubators and brooders is evidence of the increased interest being taken in raising chickens and ducks, but it also may be said to show that those who have tried them have in many cases found them so profitable that they want to increase the num-ber in use, while their neighbors who were sceptical at first are also encouraged to try to run the machines, in-stead of bothering with hens that will not sit when they are wanted, and are equally determined to sit when they are not wanted to .- American Cultivator.

Reasons For Cultivating the Soil.

During a dry season you will notice that the hoed crops are the ones that show the lest shrinkage in yield. This is one of the best of proofs that the farmer has to show him the value of constantly stirring the soil in order to preserve moisture.

The effects of tillage, as stated by Professor Bailey, are: It sets free plant food; promotes nitrification; supplies air to the soil and roots; akes all the soil available, by fining it; breaks up the hardpan; makes a reservoir for water; warms and dries the soil; saves the rain, by taking it into the soil; prevents evaporation or conserves moisture; sends the roots of the trees downwards, and makes the moisture and the fertility of the subsoil available.

A Simple Watering Device.

Bees very often have to go a long way for water, of which they need a large quantity in rearing brood, and many bees are chilled and lost by the cold winds during early spring. II



WATER ARRANGEMENT FOR BEES.

there is no stream or pond close by, set a barrel in the apiary filled with water and let it drip on a board and run down an incline so the bees will not have to scramble for it on the

Farmer's Friend.

In speaking of the good qualities of the owl, Professor Nash says that most of the owls seen in the daytime appear to be stupid, clumsy and inert creatures, as they sit winking and blinking in the unaccustomed light, striving as much as possible to shade their wonderful eyes from the too powerful rays; but see these birds at dusk and after-what a transforma-tion takes place. They are then as alert as any hawk; their soft plumage enables them to skim noiselessly around our farm buildings and over the fields in search of their food. Unlucky then is the mouse or rat that ventured to show itself or even utter grass (for an owl's ears are as wonderfully constructed as its eyes, and their hearing is as acute as their sight). The fate of that mouse will be scaled and it will vex the farmer

A New Method of Preserving Eggs.

A method of preserving eggs without the use of chemicals or cold storage, so that they will keep for an definite period as fresh as when taken from the nest, has been invented by a New Yorker. The chief merit of the invention is its simplicity. Its principle is merely that the eggs shall be arranged on racks in uliarly constructed cases, so that will have free circulation round them. A case built upon the new plan costs no more than the or-linary packing cases now in use, yet cargo of eggs placed in them can robably be sent around the world nd come back to the starting point dy to be cooked and put upon the able of an epicure to be put to any o try to preserve a large number of egs in this manner until they have list tried it on a small scale and deormined for themselves that there was something in it.—New York Veckly Witness.

Feed For Eggs.

The cost of keeping a hen will be nost as much when she does not as when she is producing eggs, cause the food may be devoted to e storage of fat on the body or to ovide animal heat in winter. It is so possible to feed the hen on foods which will not provide the constituents of eggs. The failure to procure eggs may be because one essential substance is lacking. An egg contains everything that enters into the body of a chick, which contains bone, and if the food does not contain sufficient ne to form the bone, the egg cannot

To induce hens to lay, therefore, To induce hens to lay, therefore, be food must be of the proper kind, quantity of food will have no effect if he food is unsuitable. There being certain cost for keeping a hen, it is wident that the more eggs the larger wroll will be, because the first cost lways must be met—that of sustain ing the hen. A dollar expended for proper food is better than fifty cents for food that is not really needed, as the larger sum will at least result in

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

HUNDRED AND SEVENTH DAY. The Senate agreed to the resolution for an investigation by the committee on Cuban affairs of the Cuban postal and other irregularities, authorizing the committee to visit Cuba, if necessary, to pursue the inquiry. Beyond this the proceedings were of little general interest, some time being given to the sundry civil appropriation bill without completing it.

HUNARED AND EIGHTH DAY. A lively debate was participated in the Senate over the proposition, as an amendment to the sundry civil appro-priation bill, to continue the life of the industrial commission until October 31, 1901. Charges were made that the commission is being used as a Republican campaign machine and that important testimony had been suppressed. The committee amendment, however, was agreed to, the amount appropriated being increased from \$122,300 to \$120,500.

HUNDRED AND NINTH DAY.
The program of the leaders of the House contemplated the launching of the debate upon the anti-trust resolution and bill, but it was withdrawn in order that 190 pension bills might be passed, and after they had been disposed of, as a further mark of respect the House ad-

The Senate committee on privileges and elections had under consideration Senator Pitchard's resolution declar-ing exclusion from the privilege of the franchise because of race to be uncon-stitutional. The committee decided by a party vote to recommend the adop-tion of a substitute directing the committee to investigate whether such exclusion is antagonistic to the constitu-

Friends of the Grout oleomargarine are discouraged over the outlook and now admit that they are afraid that action on the bill cannot be secured at this session of Congress.

OTTERS TOBOCGANING. Canadian Otter Coasts and Sildes Down Hill Just for Fun.

It seems strange to think that any full grown, four-footed animal should indulge in play like a child, and yet this is what the otter does. His amusement is tobagganing, and his playground is a slope, covered with ice or snow, that goes down grade into a pool of water. No little boy, with a new sled, ever enjoyed a coast down an ice-bound hill more than this beautiful creature from the frozen north. The otter is quite large, sometimes weighing as much as 25 pounds. He resembles the seal and the mink, being, however, of heavier build, and is both supple and strong. Living for the most part in water, he preys on fish, which his swimming and diving ability enables him to catch easily. The entrance to his home, which is a burrow in the bank of a stream, is under the water. In the early spring when the ice begins to thaw, these animals start on their travels from one stream to another, sometimes spending months on the journey. If they happen to see an inviting hill by the wayside they immediately stop their pilgrimage and prepare for some sport. One of the number leaves the water and slowly climbs the slope, making a smooth hollow in the ice with his wet body. When the slide is prea squeak from its hiding place in the pared, he lies flat on his belly, thrusts his nose forward, and turning his fore paws under his soft sides, goes sailing swiftly down. His speed steadily increase until he reaches the water. Silently he parts the surface and is lost from sight for a few seconds; then his head appears above the surface and you can hear him give a call which sounds like a whistle. This is a signal. The next otter assumes the position and shoots down to the bott join his companion, who has meanwhile crawled out on the ice. Then another whistle and the next in order slides and plunges, and the performance is kept up until each one has

several trips to his credit.-Exchange. A SON OF DICKENS.

"Poor Little Jeff" Recalled by One Who

Knew Him Well. "Poor little Jeff-rest his bones!" Thus did Transport Sergeant "Dough" Allison, of Strathcona's Horse, express himself in Montreal, when, with a friend at the Windsor Hotel, he was recounting some of the old-time experiences of mounted policemen prior to the days of the rebellion, says the Montreal Herald. "Poor little Jeff" referred to was Francis Jeffrey Dickens, who was an inspector in the Northwest Mounted Police during the trouble of 1885. Dickens was a son of Charles Dickens, the novelist. He died in Moline, Ill., where rest the bones upon which his old orderly, Douglas Allison, called down a blessing. Dickens had a varied career. When quite a young man he assisted his father in the preparation of matter for Household Words. Catching the India fever in the early '70s, he went to Bengal, where he joined the mounted police of that province. Quitting the country he returned to England, where he remained a short time, and then started for Canada. He at once joined the mounted police and saw service all over the northwest. He was at Fort Pitt during the rebellion of 1885, and upon Its close he came east to Ottawa, where he remained until his money gave out, when he went to Moline, He was advised to go there by his old friend Allison, with whom he kept up a correspondence. His home at Moline was the house of Mrs. O. Marshall, a sister of Allison. Francis Jeffrey Dickens, though a smaller man than his father, resembled him in many par-ticulars. His hair, mustache and heavy tuft of chin whiskers were worn in the same manner. He was given to moodiness when in Ottawa. Deafness overtook him, and his death at the house of his friend's sister brought him

relief from many tortures of mind and

THE MARKETS

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TRADE REVIEW.

Close of African War Will Help American Trade-Readjustment of Prices Continues-Bright Prospects.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review

of Trade" says: Manufacturing failures in four weeks of May were only \$2,-486,543, and trading failures \$4,720,301, while failures in brokerage and other commercial lines amounted to \$13,928,-\$22. The most conspicuous feature of domestic news is the steady progress toward a lower level of prices for the toward a lower level of prices for the chief materials of industry. The decline in pig iron continues, grey forge reaching \$18.50 at Pittsburg; No. 1 local coke \$22 at Chicago; No. 1 anthracite and Bessemer \$22 at Philadelphia, and Lehigh No. 1 \$21 New York. Only small changes have appeared during the week in prices of finished products, but these are toward lower figures. There current statements that some of the are current statements that some of the properties just taken by the Steel Sheet Company have been sold back to former owners, and that properties of the Steel Hoop Company will be divided likewise, but it is not at all surprising if a few out of so many combinations result in the disappointment of some. Probably a lower quotation for Bessemer pig may be accepted by the association in the central region for the latter half of the year, as the closing of many works, owing to reduced demand, may leave these furnaces without full employment. The acceptance of two large contracts for export, one for 100,000 are current statements that some of the ployment. The acceptance of two large contracts for export, one for 100,000 by southern works, is a good sign. Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 4.533,140 bushels, against 3,698,968 bushels last week, 3-596,065 bushels in the corresponding week of 1890, 5,248,086 bushels in 1898, 2,620,083 bushels in 1897, and 3,209,865 bushels in 1896. Corn exports for the aggregate 1,882,204 bushels. bushels in 1896. Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,882,204 bushels, against 4,374,145 bushels last week, 3,22,407 bushels in this week a year ago, 5,605,423 bushels in 1898, 2,305,733 bushels in 1897, and 1,623,314 bushels in 1896. Failures for the week have been 160 in the United States, against 145 last year, and 21 in Canada, against 14 last year.

last year.

Bradstreet's say: Readjustments of price quotations to meet the changed conditions of supply and demand are still the leading features of general trade. Crop reports are relatively most favorable as regards corn and oats. In the southwest wheat crop prospects are still maintained at a high average. In the northwest wheat has been helped by late rains. Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 4.533,140 bushels, against 3.698,968 bushels last week. Corn exports for the week aggregate 3.882,204 bushels, against 4.374,145 bushels last week.

Herman Smith and James Treen, two boys of Akron, charged with stealing \$60 worth of paint, were sentenced by Probate Judge Anderson to be whipped with straps by their fathers. After sound punishment they were released.

The wheat crop in Manitoba is ex-pected to exceed last year's by 2,500,000 bushels, and the oat crop by 600,000

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Parrot Died of Grief.

Elmer, Pa., telegram to Philadelphia Times: A parrot belonging to Captain Theodore Jones, of this place, died a few days ago, and the owner is satisfled that the bird died from grief. Mrs. Jones recently died, and she had an attachment for the parrot, which helped her to while away many hours. Soon after her death the bird began to droop and called for Mrs. Jones repeatedly until it died.

A Misogynist's Suspicion.

During the interval between the second and third acts at English's last night the program showed that the orchestra would play "The Spider and the Fly." It played Mendelssohn's wedding march. Now, a suspicion might arise—but, of course, only in the mind of a misogynist.-Indianap-

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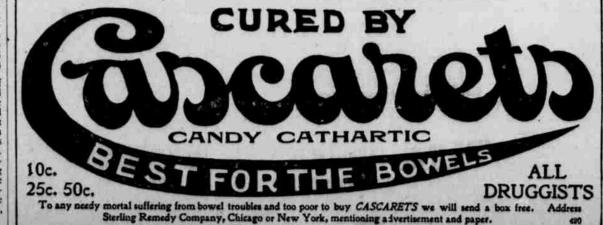
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