who wishes may flud out the exact age of an oyster, though he has not the telltale evidence in teeth. The lines in the groove of the hinge of the shell tell the whole story, each line representing a year. An oyster is of age at four years; that is, he is old enough to vote, take care of a famlly, and go to market. Going to maret is a disastrous undertaking, for a four-year-old oyster is particularly palatable. By this it must not be supposed that after an oyster has passed the four-layer period and has five, six, or even ten wrinkles on his shell he is a back number. Indeed, there are records of oysters being eaten just after celebrating their thirtieth birthday, and in most cases they formed a delicious meal. Thirty is an unusual age for an oyster to attain, because few are given an opportunity to live so long. If left to enjoy life his own way, it is quite probable that the oyster would become an octogenarian or even centenarian.-

Effect or Machinery.

Three industries are given by the New York Evening Telegram as typical of the saving effected by the substitution of machine for hand labor. Forty years ago one man took 750 hours to perforate 150,000 bank checks, for which he was paid \$150. Now the same work is done by machinery, six men being employed an aggregate of nine hours and fiteen minutes. They get about double the wages per hour, yet the labor cost is only \$3, instead of

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FARM TOPICS

The Care of the Horse Collar. A collar which rubs up a lap of flesh at every stylde of the horse will soon wear a gall on his neck. So will a dirty collar in warm weather. fact, every horse should have his in-dividual collar and it should be given somewhat the same attention as the collar worn by his owner.

Important Points in a Hog.

One of the most important points in a good hog, as a breeder or feeder, is good strong legs and feet. A horse is no better than his worst foot, will apply to hogs also. A hog wants to get about lively, and, to hold his own among his fellows, must do so. Fineness of bone has been carried a little too far in some of the best breeds, A gouty or rickety hog, or one in any manner off his feet, is not good for much; fatten all such and sell them.

It may seem a simple thing to break a ben from wanting to set, and no doubt at some sensons and with some breeds it is, but let one try to wean a Cochin, Langshan, Brahma, Wyan-dotte or Plymouth Rock during the summer senson, and he will doubtless learn that the task was not an easy

When once a hen has made up her mind (if a hen has such a gift) to set, she seems to forget all else, even to the pangs of hunger. If confined to coop she will often go straight to the nest when freed without even stopping to eat or drink. While in the coop they will often pull stray straws together and make a nest on which to

The natural disposition to set seems to be their only desire, and we have found that the best, ensiest and most human way is to let them quietly set on a china egg for a week or ten days. They are then easily broken, and in our experience we find they begin to lay again sooner than when cruel remedies are employed.-Home and Farm.

Danger in Crimson Clover.

The little stiff halrs, only about oneeighth of an inch long, which are to be seen on the heads of crimson clover are barbed, and when the clover is ripe they are stiff and hard. When they are fed to horses they lump together into balls in the stomach and Intestines, refusing to pass away in the excrement. Cases have been known where such balls were five luches in diameter, and with such a ball in the intestines it is almost impossible to save the life of an animal. For this reason when the clover is cut for hay it should be done before any of the bends mature, or even before they are in full blossom, while these hairs are soft and pliable. When the clover is grown for seed, do not use the straw for feeding or even for bedding, unless the animal is so fastened that it cannot reach the bedding to cat it. Many horses in Maryland and Delaware have been reported as having died from this cause, and some of them after most intense suffering. The crimson clover has been much grown there. but it is not quite so popular for this reason.

Hog Cholers and Corn.

Hog cholera or swine plague is confined almost entirely to the corn producing States. Here where the seasons are such that corn cannot be depended upon entirely for feeding hogs a large number are marketed that are not fed corn except to finish off on. Alfalfa pastures will keep pigs growing and in good condition, so that a very little corn will finish them. If alfalfa is not to be had wheat for winter pasture and sorghum for summer, supplemented with kafir or corn, will give as good results. The pork thus produced is perfectly healthy. After a residence here of eleven years I have yet to hear of the first case of hog cholera. Coming from a part of Missouri where corn and hogs were the principal products, the swine plague often destroyed an entire herd. I am led to think that the difference is caused by the different method of feeding. I am persuaded that if northern farmers would run their hogs on clover pastures, add roots to their bill of fare and feed less corn, that hog cholera would soon be a thing of the past. Hogs thus raised make better meat, mature quicker, cost less to produce and are more profitable.-C. S. Moore, of Ohlahoma, in American Ag-"leulturist.

Making Open Ditches.

On stiff clay land open ditches are a necessity. No matter how thoroughly underdrained, during a heavy or protracted rain, the close texture of the soil prevents the water being absorbed as fast as it falls. Even on sandy or gravelly land there is an occasional downpour too fast for the land to drink it up. This necessitates some provision for taking care of this surplus water, and it can be successfully done only through the medium of open ditches. In meadow land, where the water flows only a portion of the year, the ditch should be made shallow and broad, say about one foot deep and gradually sloping to the banks on each side six feet away.

A ditch of this kind will sod over in one year and is not so deep but that a mower can be run across it at every point, also loaded wagons. Deep ditches that now cut up pasture and meadow land can be made shallow and broad by flowing in from each side and seeding down with some tenacious grass. If they are crooked on can do much to straighten them y making a channel across the bends. If in places the incline is so steep as liable to wash, fill in during a dry time to the proper depth with loose soil and pave with stiff sods. It takes a little work, but pays well,—New Eng-land Homestead.

TYPICAL CHINESE FEAST.

Dinner of Thirty-seven Courses Given

A Chinese dinner in thirty-seve courses, which was recently given i San Francisco, is thus described a participator: First came pyramic of ham and carrots in oblong stab Then in quick succession follower mutton, bolled pig hide, grilled fis rolled in sugar and boiled fowl dippe in soy sauce. We were next treate to shark fins in pickle and eggs whice had been buried in lime until the had become black. Peeled water chestnuis, the roots of a kind of lotu cakes of stiff cranberry Jelly, slice boiled carrots and turnips complete the teath course, and were topped o with olives arranged in pyramids, an held in place by bamboo pins. Gree gages and tamarinds soaked in wir and pieces of fried red melon we all arranged in the pyramid bambe style. Small pieces of pastry rolls in brown sugar; sections of orange tonsted melon pips and monkey nut small pink-topped dumplings fille with sugar and pattles, which reser bled nothing in the world unless was mince ples, were served as th fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth as eighteenth courses. Baskets of pa try filled with sandy brown sugar as envelopes of pastry filled with minple ment preceded the real "piece of resistance"-sea slug risoles. By the time one felt prepared for anythin and taste was nil. But fifteen mor courses followed like a remorseless They were mutton stewed to shreds, fish, tripe in white soup, stewed duck, stewed shrimps, lotus seed, chicken and red sturgeon. Eight bowls appeared after these with a clear soup, which is known to the Chinese as "mouth nourisher;" raw pigs' kidneys, cut in fanciful shapes; stewed shrimps' eggs, sliced ham rolled into balls; dozens of ducks' tongues stewed with ham, and sliced pigeon stew, Courses thirty-five and thirty-six defied analysis and nomenclature. Huge bowls of rice filled up intervals, and the dinner ended with sweet pilau, the mixture that in China takes the place

Late Mails For Europe.

There is nothing more spectacular hereabouts than the londing of the late mails for Europe at the piers of the American line. The regular mall closes at 7 o'clock, and the American liners saff at 10 o'clock. In the threehour interval a supplementary mail is made up to eatch the steamer just as she leaves her dock. And usually that is the way it happens.

The big policemen stationed on the pler to keep the crowds in order nets as master of ceremonles. At five minutes before the hour he begins to exercise his authority, meantime looking anxiously down the long dock toward West street. A score of sailors group themselves in readiness and then there is a moment of absolute quiet. Sud dealy there comes a rumble of wheels in the distance. The sound grows louder and more sharply defined, and, all at once, with a roar and a bang, a big mail van emerges from the sunlight of the street into the half darkness of the pier. With whip and voice the driver urges on his galloping team and comes swaying, rumbling, careening over the board roadway. It seems as if he will be unable to check his speed, but with a dexterious twist of the reins, he brings his panting horses up to a standstill in just the right place. The waiting sailors selze the mail bags and scramble aboard the liner, there is a warning toot of the whistle, the huge bulk moves slowly out into the stream and the voyage Mail and Express.

With Horn or Drum.

Some of the forms of the French State trials have a mediaeval quaintness. Maitre Dupuis, process-server of the high court, in proclaiming the decision that certain defaulters are contumaclous persons, must, according to the strict letter of the law, have the paper read "to the accompaniment of a horn or drum." That duty devolved upon him recently, and Maitre Dupuis, preferring brass to the resonant drum, purchased a bicycle horn at a bazaar. This he sounded three times before each reading. The ceremony was repeated in five different places-outside the respective abodes of the two defaulters; in front of the town halls of the arrondissements in which they reside, and, lastly, in the courtyard of the Luxembourg Palace. The officer, auxious to avoid undue publicity in the carrying out of his duties and to escape notice from Parisian small boys, proceeded on his mission before

The Progressive West. General Greely has received a dis-patch informing him that the Signal Corps wireless telegraphy stations had been established and were in successful operation between Alcatraz Island, San Francisco harbor and Fort Mason. It has been impossible to maintain cable communication between these points, owing to interruptions by shipping, incoming vessels dragging their anchors and injuring and misplacing the cables continually. This is the first system of wireless telegraphy established as a practical working system where other means have failed .-Washington Post.

American Horses Astonish Filipinos A young officer of the United States army, now in Manila, in a letter to a friend in Washington, speaks about the amazement caused by our horses among the Filipinos. The officer says: "I think the horses we are getting here are having as great an influence on the natives as our bullets. The native horses do not reach half as high as our average size horse, and the natives stand aghast at the sight of the Kentucky and Oregon product."

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REVIEW OF TRADE. Dun's Report Takes an Optimistic View of Market Conditions - Large Excess of Exports Over Imports.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Progress has been made toward a more stable position of business with a few more heavy conto Southampton is begun.-New York tracts to hold the ground already gained. London sales of 40,000 shares of tocks and some bonds and American purchases of the new foreign loan ex-plain why gold goes out in the face of foreign commerce returns which show for New York alone for the week an excess of exports over imports of more than \$5,000,000. Exports for the week of \$12.763,719 were more than double those for the same period of 1809 and for the year the gain is over \$85,000,000. while imports gain only \$20,000,000. Wheat advanced about a cent, helped by poor foreign crop reports. The domestic outlook is fairly cheerful and farmers have marketed freely, receipts at intertor cities aggregating 6,287,581 bushels against 3,918,216 last year and 2,446,417 against 3,918,216 last year and 2,446,417 in 1898. Exports from Atlantic ports were only 1,720,063 bushels wheat, flour included, against 2,503,344 last year, although purchases on foreign account were large and promise an increased movement hereafter. Corn gained nearly 2c with the aid of dry weather reports and is 8c above the price at this time last year. Both receipts and exports for the week fell more than 1,000,000 bushels below the same week in 1899. Although the conference at Chicago recently failed to agree to reduce the output of pig iron, individuals have acted independently, and on August 1 only 240 furnaces were in blast, with a weekly capacity of 244,425 tons. This compares with a production of 283,443 tons July 1, by 284 furnaces, and 207,672 a year ago by 187 plants. Present figures are the lowest since March, 1899, when the capacity was 228,195 tons. Furnace stocks are facely to the second of the same transfer to the stocks are facely to the same transfer to the sa when the capacity was 228,105 tons. Furnace stocks are 504,341 tons against 421,038 July 1. Reduction of capacity is larger in proportion than the recent accumulation of stocks. A smaller output of pig, with steadily increasing exports and moderate activity in structural and finished material recent that and moderate activity in structural and finished material, promises to put this industry on a more satisfactory basis. Prices have steaded on the lower level in most directions, but in some products
the struggle is still on between buyers
and sellers. Failures for the week
were 177 in the United States, against
136 last year and 23 in Canada, against
20 last year

Greek Erigands in This Country.

Two men who traveled under the names of Peter Surliss and Zacharias Sakellaris and arrived in New York on the steamship Amsterdam, are said to be Greek brigands who have taken part in many murders and captures of wealthy men for ransom.

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HORSE HAIR.

Processes of Preparing It for Stuffing

Upholstery.

The horse hair used in upholstery is obtained from the manes and talls of horses; the latter is the more valuable, the former being of inferior quality. The hair combed from the tails is designated "hard," that from the manes "soft," while the hair is further distinguished by the terms "live" and "dead," according as it has been taken from the animal before or after death. "Live" hair commands the highest price. White is the most valuable kind as regards color, as it is suitable for dying bright tints, and the best hair is obtained from wild horses. Horsehair undergoes three sortingsviz., into sorts according to length, into different colors, and into various qualities. After this the hair is washed in warm soap baths and in water slightly heated, to which lime or potash has been added. The hair, except the white sort, which is to by bleached. is after cleaning passed through a dybath, in which logwood is the chief ingredient. Short hair being used for stuffing in upholstery work, and long hair chiefly for the manufacture of baircloth, the two kinds, after the above treatment, undergo different processes. Short horse bair, although Different blends of these are

best for the purpose when used alone, is nevertheless mixed with cow and pig hair for stuffing chairs, sofas and the made and the three kinds thoroughly incorporated by suitable machines, after which the mixture is beaten and screened to free it from dust. Then follows the "curling" process, by which the hair is first spun into ropes, which are next twisted into much shorter lengths, and by a third operation further twisted until they get into convolute shape. The curl thus given re quires to be fixed by placing the hair in cold water for several hours, and afterwards in an oven, where it is kept for some time at a considerable temperature. This baking also destroys the esses of obnoxious insects. For use in stuffing chairs, etc., the hair re-

quires to be tensed out.

New Courses at Yale. The tendency of modern educational methods is toward such practical training as will bring the student into touch with living topics of the day and active connection with the political, busiand professional Instances of this utilitarian country. trend in university education are to be found in the endowment of new schools or lecture courses at Yale on forestry, colonial administration, Asiatte politics, journalism, and the re sponsibilities of citizenship.

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Codfish for the Aristocracy.

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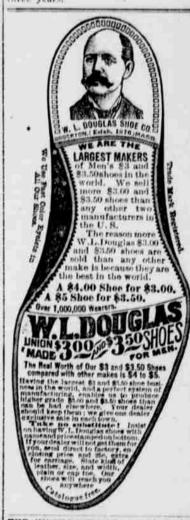
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