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Farm and Garden Notes.

Fat hens won't lay, and you might as well save your feed, and get some eggs in return for it.

Dig up a portion of your yard as soon as possible, and give the hens a chance to work in some fresh earth.

The new bee escape-honey board makes excellent ventilators in hot weather, and many think they prevent the bees swarming from excessive heat.

The secret of getting wax to a bright yellow color is to let it cool slowly. If you have a large quantity, you can put a large quantity of water in it.

The cow which costs \$40 per annum to feed, and produces \$30 in milk and butter is a sad leak, equal, if not greater than a rat hole in the bin.

Do not allow the manure heap to lay exposed to all the drenching rains from fall to spring and then buy commercial fertilizer to help the crop along.

If you haven't cleaned out your roosting place, and sprinkled lime or sulphur about you should do so at once. Warm weather will bring foul air, and that is productive of disease.

Three light meals daily are better for hens than one heavy one. If you don't believe it, try it on yourself. Over-feeding will produce liver enlargement. Indigestion will follow, and then the hen will become poor and non productive.

A successful bee-keeper is careful of his bees, keeping the entrance to the hive narrow and nearly closed at night, if colonies are weak when the pollen season commences. It takes twenty-one days from the time the egg is laid to rear a bee.

The cheapest pork is made from hogs which are never wintered, but which get a good share of their sustenance during a long season upon pasture or a good range. In the North clover is becoming the universal pork producer, while must in the South supplies the place even more cheaply.

Experience and industry are essential to success in poultry business. You can gain the experience with a dozen fowls, and then gradually grow into a larger business. Thus you can ascertain whether you really like the business enough to follow it for a living. If you do not like it you'll never make a success of it.—Ex.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

To heal galls in horses.—"The horse is galled and still we need him in the collar daily." All right. Keep on working him, only sponge the galls two or three times a day in cold water and cover them with powdered sulphur. The sore spots will callus over, become tough and heal in spite of the work.

How a Boy Played the Show.

A lady at Wake Forest gives the following well deserved lecture to the News and Observer and to the young man who got into the circus by pretending that he was blind:

I notice in your issue of the 27th, an item under the heading of "How he Played the Show," which is calculated to injure the morals of not only the boy in question but of many who would not otherwise have known of this "Eight Year Old's Cute Ruse."

I quote the following: "The little fellow, seeing he was 'in for it,' made a clean breast of the whole matter; and his explanation of how he played the show so startled and amused his mother that the young hopeful escaped her promised wrath."

This is his confession: "Yes mam I went and hung around the tent and while I was there a lot of blind children come and I saw 'em goin' in, so I shut my eyes and went in with them."

If boys are to be commended by their mothers, editors and friends for such sharp practices, can we wonder that the growth from such seed should bring forth a bountiful crop of defaulting cashiers? Ought such active lying as was practiced in this instance, as well as disobedience to parents, to be condoned because it is "cute"? God forbid! The young need every help in the way of restraint to dishonest practices. The 'slipper' well applied and our editors frowning silence might have given the little fellow a clear idea of his fault. I appeal to you, and to all editors in behalf of the young, to commend truth, obedience and rectitude. Let such example as we are discussing have its merited rebuke.

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by W. L. Bryan.

Dr. King:—If you have the Lord's message, deliver it; if not hold your peace. Have short prefaces and introductions. Say your best thing first, and stop before you get prosy. Do not spoil the appetite of the hearer with too much thin soup. Leave self out of the pulpit and take Jesus in. Defend the gospel, and let the Lord defend you. Do not get excited too soon. Do not bawl and scream. Too much water stops mill wheels, and too much noise drowns sense. Empty vessels ring the loudest. Powder is not shot. Thunder is harmless; lightning kills. Do not scold the people. Do not abuse those who come to church because the lazy ones stay away. Have a good time with those who do attend, and the others will hear of it and turn to see what is going on.

Agreeably surprised, "I had a very severe cold on my lungs that caused soreness and gave me uneasiness in regard to the result," says Mr. T. E. Smith, of Billerica, Mass. "A local druggist called my attention to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and on his recommendation I gave the remedy a careful trial. The result surprised me; I recovered entirely in three days." Twenty-five and fifty cent bottles for sale by W. L. Bryan.

Missionaries and Rum.

Ambiguous language often gets the public speaker as well as writer into trouble. The fact was illustrated at one of the Coburn churches Sunday morning. The preacher was discoursing on missionary work in Africa and was reviewing some of the difficulties which confront the missionary to the dark continent. In this connection he took occasion to inveigh loudly against the rum traffic among the natives, asserting it did more harm than the missionary could do good. "Why," said the preacher, "forty barrels of rum are sent to Africa to every missionary." Of course the real meaning of the good man was obvious, but nevertheless, a smile went around the church.—Troy Times.

Asheville Citizen: It is said that John W. Foster, American adviser to Li Hung Chang during the peace negotiation with Japan got \$100,000 for his services, extending over a period of about two months. This looks like a large fee, but Chinese say that Foster saved them \$70,000,000 by getting the indemnity lessened that amount; and they will willingly pay Foster's bill. A sample of American brains Foster will do to send abroad for comparison with what these fee monarchies can produce.

Asheville Citizen: About 75,000 persons have had their wages advanced since March 31st, and Dun's trade review for the week ending last Friday says: "Neither the rise in speculative markets nor the steady gain in industries has ceased, and it is a wholesome sign that there are fewer signs of hesitation in the productive industries than in speculative prices." The business situation is encouraging.

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