

# The Carolina Farmer.

## AGRICULTURAL.

CARE OF FOWLS IN WINTER.—This is the method of caring for fowls in the winter season that was practised by the late C. W. Dickerman.

"My winter quarters for them are not as large as they should be, being only twelve feet square for twenty to thirty fowls, but they have the run of the yard whenever the snow does not forbid. Instead of cleaning out these quarters weekly or oftener, as frequently recommended in books, I occasionally throw a few shovelfuls of earth (from boxes filled for the purpose) over the droppings. Their quarters are not as warm as I should provide were I to build a house expressly for them; but I have two large windows in the south and east sides, which give them all the benefit of the sun's warmth, and in a measure make up for considerable lack of battening.

Cold weather is the trying time when most people complain that their hens do not lay. It requires more attention to the fowls to get eggs in the winter than in summer; but they can be had. Give them sunlight and keep them warm, in the first place, and secondly, give them varied food and plenty of it.

I feed principally corn through the winter, but vary it with wheat, oats, buckwheat, and meat scraps. Part of the corn I feed whole, and a part I have cracked or ground into meal. I prefer the cracked. I feed whole grain at night and the ground in the morning, on the principle that through the long night they need something that will stand by them; that having digested all their night's food by morning they need something they can act upon quickly. For the same reason, in the very coldest weather, when I go out to give them their morning's feed I carry a basin of warm water from the teakettle and wet up their dough with that. It will warm them quickly and make them feel comfortable—an essential, as I have said before, to a supply of eggs. The wheat is feed screenings, which can be had at any mill or feed store.

Mashed potatoes, fed warm, are just the vegetable food they need, and were I on a farm I should carefully husband a few bushels of small potatoes for this purpose. The meat scraps I buy of the butcher in large cakes, and believe it is as cheap as corn, while it answers a purpose like that of the bugs and worms in summer.

TREATMENT OF EPIDOXIA.—Wilkes' "Spirits of the Times" gives the treatment of this disease:

In the mild form of the disease, it is sufficient to keep the animal in a warm, well ventilated, light, loose box, to feed on laxative food, and give small and repeated doses of the nitrate of potash, hyposulphite of soda, or chlorate of potash in the food or water. The body must be clothed according to the weather, and the general comfort of the animal attended to. In the graver forms the animals must be carefully watched, more in regard to its breathing. The throat is to be bathed in hot water, and the animal made to inhale the steam of hot water. If much depression is present spirits of nitro-ether may be given, or milk and eggs are to be allowed in abundance, in order to support the animal's strength. When the soreness of the throat is abated, a small ball, containing a drachm of carbonate of ammonia (the ball being well oiled), may be given twice a day with great benefit. Exercise should not be enforced until all febrile signs have disappeared. We have seen the most severe and rapidly fatal purpura caused by exercising the animal to soon and to severely. We have said nothing about the treatment of the external swellings of the limbs. In our opinion they should not be interfered with, as they are but expressions of a condition of the blood, which does not endanger the life of the animal, etc., will disappear spontaneously.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY AT THE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.—The National Grangers are to hold a grand encampment near Philadelphia to attend the Centennial Exposition this year. Sixty acres of land have been leased, and an immense building is to be erected, in which rooms and accommodations are to be provided at a cost of not more than \$2 a head each day. This is done, the Grangers say, to avoid the extravagance and impositions of hotels and boarding-houses. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has consented to lay a double track to the exhibition grounds, to be used exclusively by the Grangers. The run will not be more than twenty minutes. The new building is to be lighted with gas, and supplied with hot and cold water. Shares of \$50 each are to be issued to the amount of \$200,000, no member being permitted to take more than one share. This sum is thought to be sufficient to cover the cost of the enterprise.

HOW TO FIT A COLLAR TO A HORSE.—The plan adopted in the West, which we are assured by men who have been long in the collar business, does not injure the collar in the least, to dip it into water until the horse is thoroughly wet, then put it on the horse, securing the harness firmly, keeping it there until it becomes dry. It is all the better if heavy loads are to be drawn, as that causes the collar to be more evenly fitted to the neck and shoulders. If possible, the collar should be kept on from four to five hours, when it will be perfectly dry, and retain the same shape for ever after; and as it is exactly fitted to the form of the neck, will not produce chafes or sores on the horse's neck.

FRESH MEAT.—Exports say, hang up a quarter of meat with the cut end up, being the reverse of the usual way, by the leg, and the juice will all remain in the meat and not run to the cut and dry by evaporation. It is worth a trial, and when made will be continued.

The cull'd folks of Cincinnati have had a spelling match, in which, among others, a good old aunt of eighty participated. The climax was reached when the Rev. James Johnson, being invited to spell "nosey," started off with his nose up, then, seeing the fog how unfeited to allow him down, suddenly corrected himself to "no-neg-a-tive," and stepped down and out amid tremendous shouts of "Hooray" and applause.

## CHARLOTTE OBSERVER.

The distinguished lady, whose death was announced in a Boston telegram, has occupied a prominent place in the public eye for over a quarter of a century. She went on the stage when only 12 years old, in her native city of Boston, where she was born July 23, 1816, the bankruptcy of her father requiring her to make some effort for her own support. Her first appearance was in opera at the Tremont Theatre, April 18, 1835. Loss of voice while undertaking next to sing in English opera at New Orleans led her to study the part of an actress, and she made her first appearance in "Lady Macbeth." She played for a week at the Bowery Theatre, and shortly after took a three year engagement as a stock actress at the old Park. Herself and sister, Susan W. Cushman, played several seasons together in New York and Philadelphia, and she was for a period manager of a Philadelphia theatre. She accompanied Macready on a professional tour in this country in 1844. In 1845 she went to England, and in a successful season of eighty-four nights made her appearance in some of the leading characters which were her favorites throughout her professional career, including "Lady Macbeth," "Mrs. Haller," "Lady Teazle," "Julio in the "Hunchback," &c. She and her sister acted together for several years in England, returning to this country in 1849. After another tour in England she returned again to the United States, where, having acquired a fortune, she bid farewell to the stage. The farewell, however, was not final, and she returned to the pursuit of her profession, both in England and in the United States. For several years she resided at Rome.

## PROSPECTS OF THE BANKRUPT BILL.

[Baltimore Sun.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.

It is not by any means a certainty, that the Senate Judiciary Committee will report favorably the House bill repealing the bankrupt law, nor if the committee should do so, that the bill will pass the Senate. It is true that some of the largest business houses in the commercial cities have petitioned Congress for the repeal of the bankrupt act, and that there is a strong feeling in that direction.

—Dr. S. W. Battle, Assistant Surgeon United States Navy, a son of Col. W. S. Battle, of Rocky Mount, has been ordered from the naval hospital, Chelsea, Mass., to the steamer New Hampshire. The New Hampshire has been the receiving ship at Norfolk for a long time, but she is now fitting out for a shore trip, and will shortly be at the naval rendezvous at Port Royal, South Carolina.

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BISHOP ATKINSON'S APPOINTMENT FOR HIS SPRING VISITATION.

Smithville, Feb. 27. Sunday.

Whiteville, March 5, Sunday.

Kinston, " " 22, Wednesday.

Holy Innocents, Lenoir, " " Friday.

Newbern, " " 26, Sunday.

St. Paul, Swift O. Edge, " " Friday.

Montgomery, Hanes, " " Saturday.

Trinity ch., Bentfort co., " " Sunday.

Brown's Creek, " " Monday.

St. John's, Durham's Cr., " " Tuesday.

South Creek, Beaufort co., " " Thursday.

Greenville, " " Saturday.

St. John's, Pitt county, " " Sunday.

Snowhill, " " Tuesday.

Marlborough, Pitt co., " " Thursday.

Wilmington, St. Mark's, " " Good Friday.

Wilmington, St. John's ch., " " Easter.

Statesville, " " Sunday.

Hickory, " " Monday.

—Appleton's "Advertiser," of New Haven, Connecticut, states, for first round of Quarterly Meetings on the Wilmington District, from the Methodist Church, South, the present Conference year.

Smithville, at Union, Feb. 24—Elizabethown, Mar. 5—Onslow—Savannah, " " 11—12.

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GOOD EVIDENCE.—Mr. Henry Barker, Franklin, N. Y., says the writer of the "Finsbury" article in the "Morning Journal" of Liverpool, England, is a scoundrel, a liar, and a scoundrel.

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NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 5, 1870.

DR. TUTT:—Dear Sir—Your Hair Dye bids fair to run every other dye out of this market.

Respectfully yours,

L. A. THOMPSON, Druggist.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 27, 1871.

DR. TUTT:—Dear Sir—Your Hair Dye is the best I ever used.

Yours truly,

L. O. MYERS.

## SPRITS TURPENTINE.

The prisoners in jail at Halifax, thirteen in number, made an attempt to break out on Thursday night of last week.

—Thursday of last week a part of the roof of the Oxford Masonic Lodge was burnt.

—Mr. John Robinson, of Goldsboro, was thrown from a buggy and painfully injured last Friday.

Charlotte Observer: The smoke house of Mr. R. C. Bond, near Huntersville, in this county, was destroyed by fire on Thursday, together with its contents.

—Mrs. Polly Look and Mrs. Look; also Mrs. Patsy Sudge, all very old women, near one hundred each, died in Halifax county the past week.

—The Asheville Pioneer says that on Monday evening of last week, Perry Dobey was accidentally shot in the calf of his leg by his companion, Thomas Barley.

—Asheville Pioneer: On Sunday, the 8th instant, Clarence, son of Mr. James P. Sawyer, was severely burned while standing in night clothes near the fire.

—Lincoln Progress: The revenue officers have been playing sad havoc with stills this week in Gaston, Cleveland, and the county. They have demolished about ten or fifteen on this rate.

—Naze: Louis Beaumont, writes to Governor Broden from Batavia, Genesee County, New York, that he is a poor heir and entitled by law to the Beaumont property in this State, and he wants the Governor to see to it that the "matter" is investigated.

—Alice Virginia Smith, a young girl adopted as a member of the family of Mr. J. E. Ross, of Raleigh, was burned to death Sunday night while the family were about it at church. She was in charge of an infant child of Mr. Ross, but had fallen asleep in front of the fire.

—Waldron News: On Sunday afternoon last, between the hours of two and five o'clock, a burglar or burglars effected an entrance into the store of John L. Jenkins, Esq., of this place, and took therefrom between four and five hundred dollars in currency and specie besides some valuable papers.

—On Sunday morning, we learn by the Observer, H. F. Simonson, Esq., of Stateville, died at the Arlington House, Danville, Va., where he was suddenly taken ill in transit to Richmond. He had been Treasurer of the Western N. C. Railroad and President of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad, and a very prominent citizen of his section.

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