

THE GOLD LEAF.

HENDERSON, N. C.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1895.

I WOULD NOT DIE IN SPRING TIME IF I MIGHT CHOOSE THE HOUR.

[Written for the GOLD LEAF.] All hail to the beautiful spring time. Resplendent with sunbeams and genial showers.

What a feast to the eye, when the morning is fair, And the dewdrops bespangle the buds and the flowers.

Is there enchantment more alluring, more exquisitely sublime, Than at morn and evening's sunlight hours.

I confess a little weakness for the spring, And for the fragrance of the lilacs, if you please.

For the red, for the blue, and for the look, And for the pool, where the fishes are at play.

Oh, no! I would not die in spring time, And if I might choose the hour, I'd live for aye in the balmy clime.

Chicago and the Confederates. [Atlanta Constitution.] Department Commander Thayer, of the Grand Army of the Republic in Massachusetts, protested the other day against the approaching dedication of a monument to the Confederate dead in Chicago.

Much to Thayer's astonishment, his deliverance has fallen flat in Chicago. The first infantry of that city will turn out in force at the dedication of the monument, and men are enthusiastic over the occasion.

This is just what might have been expected. The extremists of the two sections are in a very small minority now, and the Americans of to-day make no distinction between the wearers of the blue and the gray.

We are glad to see this Confederate monument rise in Chicago, and we hope to see the South return the compliment in the proper way.

The Raleigh Press published a few days ago an interesting paper by Mr. McMackin, of Raleigh, superintendent of roads in Wake county, on the subject of wide tires on heavy vehicles.

There are so many farmers who by ignorance or negligence lose their potatoes that sweets for seed are always in demand at good prices, and often very high.

It is a great sin to swear unto a sin but a greater sin to keep a sinful oath. Baltimore has been chosen as the seat of the next general conference of the M. E. church.

It takes a long time for a woman to get into the thirties, but when she does get there she stays.

Most people's lives are spent in getting what they don't want and wanting what they don't get.

The World's Fair prize for the finest rice has been awarded to James M. Shipman, of Columbus county, N. C.

Dr. Peate, of Butler, Pa., has cast the lens for the big telescope for the American University near Washington. It is the largest lens in the world, being sixty inches in diameter.

THE POULTRY YARD.

Poultry for Profit. [Jonathan Periam, in Chicago Breeders' Gazette.] It seems strange that in the West and South, where poultry may be so easily and cheaply kept, the average farmer and stock breeder regards the industry as a small business.

It is no less singular that who are able to feed the world on low priced beef and pork should view calmly the fact that we are spending millions of dollars yearly for imported eggs.

The production of poultry and eggs systematically carried on, as is the breeding and fattening of cattle, swine and sheep, there is fully 25 per cent. more profit in chickens and eggs than in cattle and hogs, according to the investor.

There is still greater profit in ducks and geese, for the simple reason that a greater number of farmers refuse to have anything to do with domestic water fowl than with land birds.

Hence these latter always bring two or three cents per pound more than chickens, and the markets are seldom glutted as they sometimes are at the holidays with chickens and turkeys.

The reason is that unbusiness-like people at such times seem inclined to rush to market every fowl that by luck or caprice can be sent away. The consequence is at such times there is a glut, and prices are knocked down two to three cents per pound, as was the case last Thanksgiving day.

To show the meaning more fully, on Nov. 25th the range for cattle was \$2.75 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs., the latter for the very best cattle. Hogs, from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per 100 lbs.; the latter price for the very best. On the same day prices for live fowls were: turkeys, 64 cents; chickens—hens, 5 cents; old roosters, 4 cents; spring chickens, 52 cents; ducks, 74 cents; geese, \$4 to \$6 per doz. Dressed turkeys, 5 to 8 cents; hens, 52 cents; spring chickens, 7 cents; roosters, 5 cents; ducks, 10 cents; and geese, 9 cents per pound.

Extra fat, well dressed fowls of improved breed would easily bring from two to two cents more per pound. Now in the Chicago market dressed fowls mean those without the feathers, but with the entrails—virtually live weight. Hence it pays in the winter to carefully dress and pack fowls for the market.

It costs no more to raise and sell a ton of fowls than a ton of beef or pork, both placed in the same condition of fatness. Eggs, fresh, sold on the same day as mentioned above at twenty-one cents for those fresh. All the values given are jobber and commission house prices.

By the time they reached the consumer from 30 to 40 per cent. more had been added to the price. It is the fact that the raiser of poultry gets much nearer the price which the consumer pays than is the case with cattle, hogs, and sheep.

The sooner the farmer comes to know all this—that poultry raising is not an insignificant business, but one of the greatest in its aggregate value of any department of live stock—the sooner will he be able to make it a most important factor in his yearly profits.

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Those who follow the business in a practical way think it pays fully as well as dairying. The only objection to dairying is that it is confining. Poultry keeping is not more confining than ordinary farm work.

It is work especially adapted to women and children, who take kindly thereto if they be allowed a share of the profits; why should not they be? At sixteen cents a pound, say fifty cents, live weight, in Chicago.

When the food is of an improper character the product cannot be all that is desired. Growing food for poultry is not always as profitable as buying it, but we can grow sunflower seed, millet and buckwheat for a variety.

An ointment made of a mixture of a gill of melted lard and a teaspoonful of kerosene oil, used once a week is good for scaly legs in poultry. Try it.

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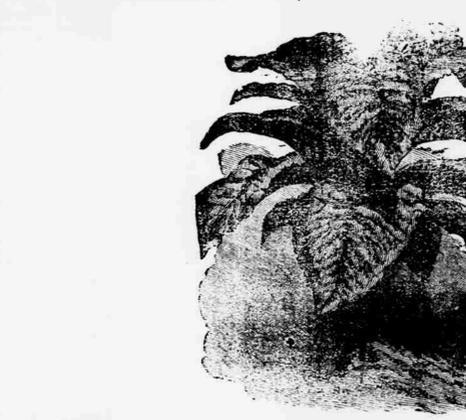
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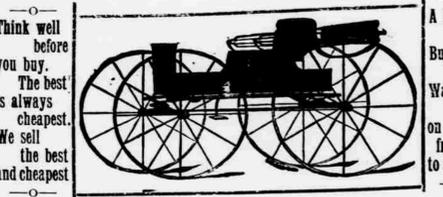
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