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The biggest spell-binder is the cold spell, which has left many a train snowbound.

The World says the Hill men in New York State are rushing to arms to make war on the President-elect.

POLITICS makes strange bed-fellows; but the strangest sleep-mates of the year are the rival Kansas legislators, napping around on chairs.

HAD Job been a man who run his shoes down at the heel, and never had any opinions of his own, the Devil wouldn't have bothered him.—Rams Horn.

MR. CLEVELAND said in a letter published recently that "It is a solemn thing to hold the confidence of the people." Mr. Harrison has also discovered that it is a solemn thing to lose it.

The conduct of the Hill men in New York in the Electoral College infideling Murphree, will give a fresh impetus to the abolition of the unnecessary and absurd Electoral College. Let it go.

The whole harbor of New York has been lashed since Wednesday, and the chief part of this continent has been a tittering snarl out as if Chaudier's immigration bill had passed the Senate.

LAST July, at Chicago, Tammany led the procession in opposition to Cleveland's nomination. It is now said that Tammany will lead the procession in the big inauguration parade at Washington on March fourth.

PRINTERS.—A steady and intelligent young printer may secure a situation as "Two Thirder" by applying at the Star Office. In the matter of bad manuscript must be able to distinguish a "hawk from a handaw."—Will Star.

WHILE the preacher at Forest Chapel, in Indiana, was preaching on "Peace on Earth," two factions opened fire and two were killed and seven were wounded. This is one of the many signs of man's depravity and inhumanity to man.

The Panama fraud trials have begun. M. Fontain was the first person examined. He testified to the fact that he was the agent to bribe the press to prevent adverse criticism. Thus the foundation fact is established. The Panama managers are guilty of bribery.

SEVATOR MILLS has faints—and pray who has not—but he is a much sabler man than Hogg, Ireland or Chilton, and is agend to the core in politics. Nevertheless, it now seems that he will not be able to secure a re-election, and it looks as if Hogg or Chilton will be his successor.

An unknown English friend has sent Mr. Cleveland a pair of gloves for which the customs officer at New York notifies him he must pay 60 cents duty. To have to pay a 60 cent duty on a \$1.00 pair of gloves is calculated to "rile" even a President-elect, and will only make him all the better tariff reformer.

The business miners and their attorneys in Congress predict ruin if the Government should cease to purchase their product of depreciating silver and to make it a basis of the currency. With equal propriety the Government might be asked to purchase all the corn and whisky of the country and issue paper certificates in payment.

JUDGE WINSTON has decided that no part of the poll tax can be applied to the support of the soldiers as against the schools; but that the appropriation of a part of the poll tax to disabled soldiers may be sustained as provision made under the Constitution for the poor. An appeal, however, has been taken to the Supreme Court.

On account of the funeral services over the remains of the late Senator Keane, neither House of Congress translated any business Friday. The ceremonies, which were conducted by Bishop Keane and other Roman Catholic ecclesiastics, were performed in the hall of the Senate in the forenoon in the presence of both Houses, the President and Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps, the Justices of the Supreme Court and a large assemblage of citizens.

The Senate has exhibited something more of an economical spirit than the House. Later it may be that the boot will be on the other foot. Thus the system of having two houses is shown to be superior to that in which legislative power is vested only in one body. We do not admire a piggyard disposition, but economy and frugality are always to be practiced by those who are trustees for the people and manage their concerns.—News and Observer.

The study of little things, if the attempt is made to make it comprehensive, is as wearying and embarrassing as the study of larger things. It has been estimated, for example, that there are from two to ten millions of existing species of insects; yet after all the labor of the entomologists only about 270,000 species have been classified. Which ever way we turn, whether toward the stupendous whole or the infinitesimal atoms of the universe, there is an insatiable beyond which defies and baffles our researches.—Philadelphia Record, Dem.

SUCCESS IN POULTRY RAISING.

THE PROFITS, BREEDS AND HOW TO PROCEED IN THE BUSINESS.

A few Remarks in regard to Poultry Raising.

MR. EDITOR:—It is remarkable that at the present day, in the great rush for what are termed easy positions many good farmers and mechanics are spoiled in endeavoring to make avocations or professions of themselves when if they had stayed on the farm they might have filled honorable and independent positions and success have been theirs. Being and one of the farmers moving into the cities and towns, and for what? They say to educate their children. Would it not pay best to board their children and they remain on the farm? They might have a home where the whole family would be interested.

Give a few acres to the industries house-wive and children for the raising of improved poultry; for there is nothing connected with poultry raising but what a lady can manage equally as well as the other sex. It gives work to the children who greatly enjoy their share of the daily duties of caring for the fowls. It is a business that makes country life interesting and attaches us to our rural homes and makes them far more pleasant. Anyone who dispenses with the enjoyment and health and profit in this work, if they will undertake it rightly and pursue it diligently.

Poultry raising for a profit is a light employment, requiring of course that regular and ceaseless attention which must be given to any business to insure success. The one secret of success is thoroughness. The chickens must be regularly fed with a variety of suitable food and fresh water; the house kept free of vermin.—My houses are cleaned every morning and sprinkled with slacked lime, which keeps off vermin, I find lime the best disinfectant I ever used.

Poultry confined to close quarters must be supplied with everything necessary for their health, or they will lose flesh, become diseased and vermin have full sway. Fowls are provided by nature with a supply of bodily oil to repel the vermin to which they are subject. If healthy they are not so much troubled with these vermin, unless a severe winter diminishes the supply or variety of food, when they become weak and lean and the amount of natural oil decreases and vermin increases.

There is one thing which nature does not supply which is quite necessary for fowls. That is charcoal. Charcoal made of wood does not answer the purpose. It has no taste of food, is not attractive to fowls and is seldom eaten by them. The best charcoal for them is made by putting ears of corn in the fire and allowing them to burn until they are charred, then give to the fowls. This will be found very beneficial for them, will tend to place them in a healthy condition, hence a decided improvement will be made in their looks. All pale combs will become bright red, that busy song of cackling will be heard and the yield of eggs greatly increased.

Where fowls are confined to close quarters exercise should be furnished by throwing grain into loose straw or hay for the hens to scratch in.

Fowls like a variety of food; they need animal food in winter or when confined in small yards. For in summer, if allowed to run at large, they get it in the shape of insects, but in winter when insects are scarce they must be supplied with food.

Keep fresh water in clean vessels before them. No one need expect to succeed in raising poultry if the fowls are not compelled to drink from stagnant pools.

Disease among poultry would rarely occur if the keepers would give their fowls proper care in every particular. The difference between an egg laid by a plump, healthy hen fed with good fresh food daily, and an egg laid by one thin, poorly fed is as great as the difference between good beef and poor. A fowl fed on garbage and weak slops, with very little grain of any kind, may lay eggs, to be sure, but when these eggs are broken to be used for cake they will spread in a weak, watery way over your dish, look a milky white, instead of having a rich slightly yellow tinge. A "rich egg" retains its shape and yields to the beating of the knife with more resistance and gives you the conviction that you are really beating something thicker than water.

Thoroughbred poultry have been bred for years with the view of increasing their laying qualities, also to increase their size.

I have been raising fine bred fowls for several years, have raised most all varieties but have discarded all from my yards now but pure Buffs, Partridges, White Cochins, Black Langshans, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Silver Laced Wyandottes, Blue Crested White Polish, Toulouse Geese and Bronze Turkeys. I like these named the best of all the different birds for eggs and size. I ship fowls and eggs to most all varieties with success and have made many friends.

The question has been asked; will the keeping of pure bred poultry pay. It will pay if conducted with the proper care that all business should be in order to secure success. Almost every one who says "I will" has gone on successfully with any business they understood. Contemplate the Atlantic Ocean. Can you comprehend its area and fathom its depths. Yet that vast area was spanned by, and those unfathomable depths were made to yield to the electric wire, and now, these far off and unmeasured regions serve but to aid the telegraphic agency in transmitting its messages at lightning speed. A wondrous illustration this of what man can do when he says "I will."

"Now we respectfully request the farmers, their wife's and daughters to come to the East Carolina Fair, where they will see the largest and best exhibit of poultry ever shown in this State, and don't return home without buying poultry or eggs. You will have almost every variety to select from. The exhibit will be in the money in paying than a nice flock of full blooded fowls, even though you sell your eggs at market price."

W. H. BRAY, New Berne, N. C.

TUSCARORA SPELLING MATCH.

Local Spelling Contestants.

MR. F. E. F. has been the champion speller in this county for several years. He has been in the contest at the recent "Spelling Bee" in Raleigh, was in the city yesterday. There will be at Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition an international spelling match, and Mr. Allen will be there to champion the prowess of North Carolina, and in all human probability will bring back to the Old North State the laurels of the great contest.

If he enters the lists of this great battle of orthographers it is safe to wager that he will come off conqueror. He is nothing less than a prodigy as a speller, and has been ever since he sawed a class of over forty the first day he went to school when a mere lad, on the word "fasten." He has been in many a heated spelling contest since and has coped with many distinguished scholars of lexico graphy but has never been whipped yet.

Mr. Allen says he has a mental photograph of every word he has ever seen or heard spelled, and these mental impressions never become blurred or uncertain, and if the committee in charge of the Chicago contest does not get out the limits of Webster's Unabridged he has no fear of being tripped. He does not talk of what he can do, but all you have to do is to call out the word you want spelled and Mr. Allen will grind out the letters that spell it and tell you the number of the page in the dictionary if it is to be found there. He is the owner of Webster's Blue Back. The faculty amounts to a phenomenal, if not an occult, power with him. It is now the result of hard application. He is going to Chicago and will bring back the trophies of the victor. Mr. Allen is a descendant of Revolutionary patriots and had twelve first cousins killed in the Revolutionary war.—News and Observer.

An Unjust Tax. A few days ago a poor young man and his sweetheart walked here from their homes, about ten miles distant, for the purpose of obtaining a marriage license and being married.

When they went to buy the license they had only two dollars, and the poor man, for not being able to raise the other fifty cents, they walked back home, obtained the lacking fifty cents and next day walked here again, bought the license and were duly married.

Some persons may think this quite an amusing little incident, and make light of it; but it is suggestive of the fact that the fee for a marriage license is a very unjust and improper tax.

It certainly does seem strange that there should be a fine or penalty imposed by law upon marriages, and that any State should levy a tax on marriage for that is exactly what this marriage license fee amounts to.—Chatham Record.

Training the Memory. A splendid way to improve the memory is to begin by treating with more resistance and give you then charging it, up penalty of a severe upbraiding, to keep until wanted the information, fact, date, name or whatever it is to be remembered. By this course you unconsciously do two things—you sort out things worth while to know, and you impress them upon the memory in such a way as to cause it to grasp and keep them.

The latter is a most important thing to do. Half of one's forgetfulness comes from failure to properly grasp what it is that you are to remember.—Harper's Young People.

What the Points Were. The interrogation mark or "point" (?) was originally made of a "q" and "i" the latter placed under the former. They were simply the first and last letter of the Latin word "questio." So, too, with the sign of exclamation or interjection "!" In its original purity it was a combination of "i" and "o," the latter underneath, as in the question mark. The two stood for "io," the Latin exclamation of joy. The paragraph mark (¶) is a Greek "pi." The initial of the word paragraph. The early printers employed a dagger (†) to show that a word or sentence was objectionable and should be cut out.—N. O. Teacher.

Light Step. Another way to take a light step who will take the points to get the foot down right, and the heel all the distance, the foot comes down, stepping out and the heel comes down, that makes people all you wavel-footed." It is something easy to learn, and adds to the comfort of those about one. According to a writer on this subject, the whole art and mystery lies in a single sentence—put the ball of the foot down first, throwing the weight upon it, and letting the heel come to the ground the hundredth part of a second after. Treading flat-footed—over all the sole at once—the weight comes with a jar that is about equally destructive to quiet, to grace and shoe leather. By stepping first on the ball, just behind the toes, its cushiony mass acts as a spring and makes of walking a double pleasure.—Ex.

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