Poultry Notes.

Yard "breaks up" a broody hen by be placed all over the soil, and at night placing her in a barrel in a cellar for watered thoroughly .- American Cultitwo days.

Care in feeding and housing, especially in protecting from dampness, is very important in the case of young turkeys, till they get a full dress suit of feathers. A poultry house overnm with "red

mites" was speedily cleared by burning in it two pounds of sulphur on a coa fire in a hand furnace, the doors and windows being tightly closed. To rid young chicks of vermin The

American Poultry Yard recommends mopping the feathers and fluff of the mother hen in the evening with sponge dipped in kerosene and squeezed dry.

According to The Farmer's Friend, a hen of any breed will yield only half as many aggs the second as the first year after she begins laying, and, therefore, "all fowls kept after they are two years old are kept at a loss."

There is nothing better, probably nothing so good, for mixing with poultry droppings, as road dust gathered in season and stored in a dry place for time of need. Put it a barrel or box in alternate layers, using about twice as much dust as droppings, and mix before using by pounding the mass together in kettle or on a tight floor.

successful English practice is to keep fowls in portable houses, which are moved from field to field on the farm, whenever insect food or the waste of The third curiosity of nest building is gathered crops is plenty. Mention is the nest of a chaffinch, placed in the made of a gardener who has long, nar- fork of an elder bush near our house. row, bottomless coops in each of which he places a hen or two, or a mother and chickens, and sets them down between his rows of growing plants, and moves them from time to time. Insects are thus captured, and there is a good deal of helpful scratching. Household Ilints.

A fresh cut watermelon is good for

Ginger ale will relieve stomach cramps and cholers.

Carbolic acid or ammonia, in the foo bath, will cure perspiration of the feet. A bit of sandpaper in the house will keep needles sharp and save annoyance.

Fresh cream is the best cure for sunburn. It draws the fire, soothes and heals.

Furniture polish can now be had by the pint; applied with a cloth it makes the furniture look like new.

Dowdered borax sprinkled around the base-boards and on the shelves will drive cockroaches and ants away. A bottle of cement, a bucket of paint,

with hammer and nails, will save to any household ten times their cost every year. Branches of the elderbush, hung in

the divergoom of a house, will clear the room of flies. There is an odor which the insects detest.

Kerosene lamps which are trimmed daily rarely explode. The carelessness of the house-wife can be blamed for most of the lamp explosions.

Save your washing suds for the garden; if they are poured over the roots of the plum trees they will kill the curculio; if turned at the roots of geraniums, roses, etc., they will enhance their beauty tenfold.

To cure weak eyes, take rose leaves, the more the better, and put them into a little water; then boil; after this strain into a bottle and cork it tight. You will find this liquid very beneficial in removing redness and weakness from the

Curing Hay, A writer in the Utica Herald says : "If rain falls immediately after cutting hay, no harm results, as the water cannot be absorbed by the grass which already has its fill of the juices. In this condition it may lie for days on the spread and be safe. Had it been dried, the case would have been entirely different. With fair weather and the tedder, a few hours will draw off the outside water, and relieve the hay of much of its inside moisture, so that the inices are concentrated, and may thus, with the hay, be put into a cock. This s best done soon after the middle of the when the mass is hot, the heat expelling the moisture, and the hay curing more effectually in its own shades. Hay raked somewhat late in the afternoon is sure to imbibe moisture from the dew, which begins to fall early, though insensibly, and has been one of the lurking mischiefs to hay. Instead of gathering the hay then, the mower should be busy. Cut any time from the middle afternoon till dark. The cut grass being green, the dew will not hurt it, and if a fair day follows will soon be taken up by the sun, the tedder set to work, and by three or four o'clock be in cock. A few days willcure it fit for the barn. Where the hay is thin and there is no clover, with good drying weather it may be taken in the same day without first going into the cock. I have known the whole hay crop to go in this way in a drought. Clover requires putting up and curing in the field; this on account of its coarseness. Keeping Roses in Bloom.

Mrs G. G. M. of Cooperstown, N. Y., desires information on keeping roses in bloom. Our best horticulturists recommend, as soon as roses have formed their | between the lid and the top of the vesfirst flowers in the open ground, to sel is filled with cold water, which is pinch off the end of the first shoot, and frequently renewed. Tworog cheese is, as soon as the rose is fully opened to in fact, nothing more than hard pressed pick it off. No rose should be left to | curd. In the northwestern and southern fade upon the bush, as when so left it governments of the empire it is often exhausts the plant in the formation of made from sheep's milk, and in Bessarafeed. As the plants grow pinch back | bia a superior quality made from the the ends of the shoots when they have whole milk is prepared which possesses grown six inches, rubbing out all puny far better keeping properties than the shoots, thus keeping the plants in a ordinary sort, and which is exported in rounded, open bush form. If strong considerable quantities to Wallochia; shoots alone are left to grow they will Moldavia, and even to Austria. - Amerisoon control the strength of the plant, | can Dairyman.

and the flowers will be few and often imperfect. Should the season be hot and dry a mulch of fine, fresh grass, or A correspondent of The Poultry sawdust, or moss from the woods, should vator.

> Variations in Birds' Nests. This year we have noticed three curi ous instances of a departure from the sual habits of birds in building then which seems worth recording

te song thrush lines clay, and it is usually considered by ornithologists that, as she builds very early in the spring and frequently in exposed situations, the mud lining protects the eggs and the young brood from the flerce March winds. . Early in March we found a thrush's nest in our garden containing four eggs; but the nest had not a vestige of the usual mind lining. Unfortunately, we found the nest destroyed one morning before the bird had time to hatch, so it was impossible to note whether the inclement weather had any effect on the eggs. We have a this moment a blackbird sitting upon six eggs, four of which are her own and the other two those of the song thrush. When first the nest was found it contained two of each kind, a thrush having laid in the blackbird's nest. Al though sparrows will sometimes appropriate swallows' nests to build in, and though several birds will build a new nest on an old foundation, it is, I think very unusual for one species-the cuckoo, of course, excepted—to make use of a nest built by another species, Usually the chaffinch assimilates the color of her nest to the situation in which she places it; if she builds in a hedge she generally covers it with green moss; but if she builds, as she often quite open and exposed it becomes bidden by its resemblance to a knot or excresence of the tree itself. In this case, the necessity of covering her nest with care. comething, she has rendered it most conspicuous by sticking little bits of white decayed wood all over it. The wood is so white that the nest looks almost like a snowball in the branches. Possibly this bird may be color blind, or she may be just a little bit "wanting" in her instinctive faculties, as human beings are occasionally in their reasoning powers. Why not?-Science Gos-

A Novel Fox-Trap.

The cunning of the fox was used as an illustration by writers long before the Christian era, and since that eventful period Reynard has apparently lost none of his sly characteristics. But an event recently came to our reporter's knowledge which shows how one member of the fox family, in spite of his proverbial slyness, was made to become, by an ingenious cantrivance, his own executioner. In West Fryeburg, Me. lives a well-known farmer named T. J. Haley, whose coops had been visited nightly by a hungry fox, and one evening the rascal killed eleven half-grown chickens, ten of which he ate or carried off, leaving one dead on the ground near the scene of slaughter. Mr. Haley was considerably provoked, as would naturally be expected, and resolved to set a novel trap for his foxship. So the next day he drove two stakes into the ground a few rods from the coops, split them partially open, and placed a loaded gun in the crevices, carefully pointed toward the hole under the nearest coop where the fox had crawled in to get his plunder, In this hole he placed the dead chicken, fastened by a cord to one end of a piece of wood arranged to play forward and back, like a whiffle-tree, and to the other end of this stick he tied a rope, connected with the trigger of the gun, held in position by the two stakes, as previously mentioned. He took pains to sight the gun about as high as an ordinary hat above the hole under the coop, also carefully adjusting the rope so that nothing could discharge the gun unless the chicken in the hole was laid hold of. The next morning, on visiting the coop, there lay the misguided fox, dead as a door nail, with his head in the hole, and the fatal chicken in his stiffened paws. The plan worked to a charm, and makes, perhaps, the first case on record where one of the wiliest of the animal kingdom was enticed into becoming the instrument of his own destruc-

Russian Cheese.

An article of diet of almost universal consumption among the poorer classes in Russia is the variety of home-made cheese known as "Tworog," of which more than 7,000,000 pounds are sold annually in St. Petersburg alone. Its mode of preparation is very simple. Sour skim milk is placed over night in a warm oven, and poured the next day over a sieve, where it is allowed to remain till all the whey has run off. The curd is then packed tightly in a wooden vessel, and covered with a lid made to fit exactly within it. On this heavy weights are placed, so as to keep up a constant pressure on the mass of curd; and the space

Geese or Gooses ! The particular kind of a smoothingiron known among the tailors as goose" came near upsetting the reason of a bright young clerk and the proprie or of a Chicago tailoring establish-

The manager wanted two of the instruments mentioned, and so told the clerk, but after the latter had sat for time writing on the order, he looked up in a bewildered way and "What do you call the plural of

tailor's goose? "Why, geese is the plural of goose," said the master.

"Well, you wouldn't have me write an order for two tailors geese, would

"Tast dossa's sound hardly sensible in this connection," replied the proprietor: "how would it do to bey 'two tallors' gooses l' The boy turned to the dictionar shaking his head remarked: Webster doesn't give any such plural as that to goose, and I ain't going

The situation was growing serious, when the clerk suddenly set to writing with the exclamation, "Now I'll fix it. And the order which he soon handed to the head of the house to sign did fix it, for it read:

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But further than this the question of what is the plural of a talior's goose has not yet been settled in this town, or any other that we know of .- Chicago Journal.

Barber-"How long ago did you have your hair cut?" Customer-"About three months ago." Barber-"Awful bad cut. Who cut it?" Customerdoes, on the bare branch of an old apple "You did." Silence for ten minutes. tree, she uses the gray lichens, which Barber (baying somewhat recovered his are usually near at hand, and covers her nerve)-"I see that your chin has nest with them so skilfully that though been cut by the last barber that shaved you?" Customer-"Yes." Barber-"You ought to have built a head on him bigger'n a mule." Customer-"I did. however, though the bird has recognized | Berber continues to shave with great

A Brave Rescue.

At the asylum for the insane in Columbus, O., recently, a young lady patient of slight figure in some unaccount able manner worked herself between the iron bars, and when discovered was hanging on the outside of the window sill, about fifty feet above the ground. Charles Mardin, a young attendant, stripped off his coat and vest and ascended to the second story, and by the utmost nerve and strain succeeded in securing a hold of the window-frame above. With one hand he clung to the iron bars, and with the other grasped the girl, just as she lost her hold of the casing above, and placed her on the window-sill. At this crisis her reason returned, and she begged her rescuer to save himself and let her drop to the ground, some fifty feet below. Ropes were then passed to Mardin, who secured them around the lady's waist, when she was lowered to the ground.

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