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It is not a good plan to feed grown up fowls too much soft food, as it tends to make them dyspeptic. In estimating the cost of keeping ing proposition. poultry it is best to allow one bushel

of grain a year to each laying hen. With hens it is much better to keep the appetite sharp, compelling them to be active and search for food. When you are directed to provide good food for your chickens, it means

wholesome food. A chick that is continually chilled seldom amounts to much, because vitality is used up to resist and over-

The greater the variety of food given to poultry the better, but it should | Farmer, be clean, wholesome and such as they

Always keep young poultry out of wet grass and never allow them to run at large when the weather is cold enough to thoroughly chill them. Ducks and geese may be fattened very quickly on boiled turnips, potatoes and carrots thickened with outmeal. They should be confined for this purpose and fed five times a day

regularly. The cure-all in the poultry yard is good management. Its principal virture is that it is preventive. With it there is no need for stimulants, regulators and other makeshifts.

With poultry as with other stock, in feeding for growth or to fatten for market it is necessary to feed regularly and all that is eaten up clean, if the largest gain in proportion to the food supplied is secured.-Indiana

DOWNERS GROVE EFFECT OF LIME AND POTASH was much interested in the arti-WEAVING WORKS cle by Secretary Coburn on p. 6. The uplands in south central New York cannot be considered particularly adapted to growing alfalfa. Indeed, the attempt to grow it has been discouraged by some excellent authorities. Yet the fact that this region is essentially a dairy district makes alfalfa very desirable. For that reason many attempts have been made to got a case where potash and lime were applied in abundance. This application was by accident, the material having been applied by burning a brush heap. The brush was from an apple orchard that had been pruned, and being mostly small twigs, was undoubtedly rich in potash. The lime was beneficial and is known to be of benefit on this land. It was not the lime alone, however, that made the difference. It is not possible to say that the potash alone did the work; indeed the combination of lime and potash was, without doubt, the cause of the successful stand.

Those whose attention has been directed to this experiment usually say: "Apply ashes if you want alfal ta." No doubt that would be good advice if home-made ashes, made from the small twigs of apple trees could be had in abundance. Such ashes are in small supply commonly. In deed, home-made ashes of any sort are not abundant on most farms. When it comes to purchasing ashes, the quality is found to be uncertain and the price is hardly in proportion to their value. Purchased potash in the form of muriate is cheaper than that usually found in ashes, and its strength may be depended on. I do not recommend mixing lime and potash together, although very good results have been obtained by so doing. It is probably better to apply the lime and the potash at different times and thoroughly incorporate each with the soil by use of the harrow.-M. R. Noyl, in the Country Gentleman.

DUST BAD FOR HOGS. During the busy times of year the rush of work on the farm often indures carelessness regarding some of the essential things in the care of live stock. Many cases will be found where, the care of feeding nogs being left to hired help, the corn, in dry weather will be thrown continually in the same spot until the swine are compelled to root in dust for the grain. It is easy to see that hogs feeding under such conditions must inhale much dust. Their lungs be-

tion causing coughing, whistling and wheezing ensues This sometimes throws the owner into fear of pneumonia or other disease. Dry and dusty pens for sleeping quarters also cause the same trouble. The hog is fond of shade and moisture and they should be provided for him in hot weather. Feeding grounds should be changed often enough to avoid dust, and the

come clogged with it and inflamma-

pens should be kept clean so that clouds of dust will not be raised when the swine move about. Experts decide that much swine disease may be traced to dusty and insanitary feeding and sleeping quarters.—Farmers' Home Journal.

TREAT THE MENS RIGHT. A correspondent in Illinois writes:

A few days ago I had occasion to northern county, and as usual I got theoretical principles. Meanwhile, the cent pretty early the next marning. Jose protty early the next marning. Jose policeman went out and found fant to now atomic and see things. The man and conducted him to the seem of the county of the principles and conducted him to the seem of the county of the past and conducted him to the stop over night with a farmer in

about the place, and half as many turkeys and ducks, but there was not even a pretense at a poultry house. The fence, trees and the machinery under the sheds were the roosting places. Not many eggs could be expected from hens freezing their combs

and feet roosting in the tree tops, or on the steel braces of a harvester. There were piles of straw and fodder around there, so that if nothing more substantial was made, at a very small expense and a day's tme, a warm shed could have been put up. So much for the poultry. It was a los-

The cows were more expensive. There were 9 head being fed during the winter. Three were giving milkthat is, about two quarts each, at morning and night. These cows were fed straw, cornstalks in the field and mighty little of anything else. The to give them a variety of sound, dogs were sent after them in the fields, and brought them home, on a run, other things about the farm were run in the same fashion. Of course that farm did not pay, but what other business would stand such methods for even 12 months?"-Indiana

> FITTING A HORSE FOR MARKET The essential things for the fitter to observe closely are: First, that the food is being thoroughly digest-Second, that no more is crowded into the horse than he has the appetite to clean up, and the capacity to assimilate. Third, that he is regularly and thoroughly groomed, and receives sufficient daily exercise to keep him in perfect health and prevent his legs from "stocking." Fourth, that the horse be weighed frequently and if not increasing in weight, his feed ought to be changed or modified somewhat.

A horse's perfect condition is evidenced by a bright, clear eye, a brilfiant coat, high spirits and mettle, sufficient flesh to thoroughly "round him out," but not enough to interfere in the slightest degree with his natural action, which on no account must be impeded.-Alexander Galbraith, in the Amercan Cultiva-

THE PROPORTION OF MUTTON. There has been a wonderful increase in the consumption of mutton in this country in the past twentyfive years, yet mutton constitutes only seven per cent, of the meat ration of the American people according to the Department of Agriculture's de ductions from the late census. Beef and veal constitute forty-seven per cent., and pork forty-six per cent. From this there seems to be room for our sheep industry to expand to a wonderful degree; but its expansion should not be faster than the public's growing taste for mutton. Taking cases. our inadequate wool supply into consideration, if mutton will continue to grow in public favor, we can raise many more sheep with profit to the producer in the years to come .-Weekly Witness.

PEAPOWI.

You seem to imply that peacocks not good eating. Before I became a vegetarian. I have eaten peacock; it is like other birds; well-fed young ones are good, old, lean ones are poor, coarse and tough. As in the case of plants, there are few animale that are not good to eat at some stage of their development of in some part of their anatomy.-Bol ton Hall, in the Country Gentleman.

The Best English.

Where is the best English spoken? The question has been addressed to a contemporary by an American who wishes his little daughter to get the best accent that is put on the market. One would be puzzled to same the town or city where the best English is spoken. In Germany the best German is claimed by Hanover; in France the best French is heard on the stage: in Spain Castile sets the note; and Boston aspires to give laws of speech to the American continent. But who shall fir upon the English lawgiver. It is pot London, whose distinctive accent is as horrible in English as that of Berlin is in German. It is certainly not Cardiff, whence comes one of the candidates for the American father's dollars

Were this writer faced with the problem of bringing up a girl in the way she should go, he would go beyoud England for the governess who should instill English speech. He would pass by the rancous voice of Kent, the gibberish of London, the long-drawn words of the Midlands, all the horrors of speech that assail one in the potteries, in Lancashire, in Glasgow. Until the Western Highlands are reached. In those highland glens speech is music, gentle, simple, without dialect or offensive accent, the English in which our Bible was written.-London

Beating Sherlock Holmes,

Sir A. Conan Doyle was the guest of the evening at the New Vagabond Club and made an amusing reference to Sherlock Holmes as "one of the greatest bores of modern times." He had always been expected, he said, to coive mysteries, but he had a curious experience in connection with a burglary at a local inn. He was called in and proceeded to pon-

Local Happenings

(Continued from Page One.)

-Red Comb Poultry Mixture; also all kinds of feed and poultry supplies at Mertz & Mochel.

-Do not fall to visit Fred Hoffert's new store, next door north of his old location. Fine line of Easter candles, bakery goods and smokers' articles.

-Heintz and Armour's baked beans, Richelleu canned goods, at L. Klein.

-The mud was scraped off of Main street Thursday. This was probably done to convince some skeptical person that the brick pavement was still

-Val Wander spent a few days with his family, and has gone back to Forest City, where he expects to get through with bridge work and return to Downers Grove about April 1st.

The Raptist supper Tuesday evening was well attended, as a good supper should be. The ladies of the Baptist church are hard workers, and deserve credit for all the fine things they get up for the benefit of the church.

-The Ladies of the Maccabees will entertain their members and friends Friday evening, March 27, at Modaff's Hall. An interesting program and an enjoyable time is promised by the committee. Admission 10 cents.

-It is with much regret that we annonnce the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steere, of Chicago, Born March 5th, died March 10th, and was brought to Downers Grove for interment in the family lot in the west side cemetery.

-Special services are being held in the Methodist church, and will be continued every evening next week, except Saturday. Rev. C. W. Thornton, of Park Itidge, and other ministers will assist Pastor Farmilloe. The pub-He are cordially invited to all of these

-We offer to all our old subscribers who renew their subscription within the next thirty days a year's subscription to the American Farmer free.

-Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Faulknor. of South Bend, Ind., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stanger during the past week. Mrs. Faulknor was formerly Miss Jessie Cole, of Mishawaka. Ind., and is a cousin of Mrs. Strauger. Mr. and Mrs. Stranger and their guests were entertained at dinner Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. White. -- Small smoked picule hams, 9 cents a pound, at L. Klein's.

-Down on the Illinois river bottoms near Peorla they are catching carp and buffalo fish in the cornfields by the carload. The river has been very high and has flooded the lowlands and it is an easy job to cutch the fish in the cornfields. One firm shipped a carload Saturday and another Monday.

-In calling up the telephone operator in case of fire, inform her of the location and fact of the fire instead of asking for the pumping station, as the operator has orders to notify all firemen who have phones at the same time calling the pumping station to blow the fire whistle. This may save quite a bit of time, and everybody knows how valuable a few minutes are in such

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