

NOTES AND COMMENTS

If Herod had been also a modern statistician with a trust in census returns, he would have set up school houses as a less offensive method of carrying out his deadly purpose.

Rousseau declared against all civilization. "Revert," he exclaimed in effect, "to the natural state of mankind; abandon all the conditions of civilization and throw off its repressive garb and manners; go back to the forest and the savage state and retrieve the health that belongs to the natural man."

The reasonable inference to be drawn from such statistics is not that civilization, especially education, is opposed to long living, but that educated people are more accurate and trustworthy as to their statements of age.

That excessive study, that too many hours of study for children after school, that the anxiety that is supposed to be inseparable from the activities of civilized peoples, are all calculated to diminish the chances of reaching a great age, it would be absurd to deny.

GREEN COURT BALLS.

A few years ago the minuet and gavotte were the special dances of the Berlin court, the Kaiser himself having taken a special fancy to them.

AGRICULTURAL

PROFIT SHARING ON THE FARM.

Under the wage system it becomes every year more difficult to employ good, faithful, intelligent and reliable help. This may partly be because greater skill and intelligence is required to perform farm work than was formerly necessary.

The greater advantage of this plan will be in attaching to the farmers' service the very best class of farm help. Men who with too little capital to go into farming themselves have yet sufficient self-confidence to believe in their own ability to make farming a success.

It has been the complaint of young men when offered work on the farm that it gave no chance to rise from that to higher wages. Profit sharing will move this objection.

RAISING TURKEYS.

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that we have ever had. Our methods were the simplest and most practical that we could adopt and were principally embodied in the three thoughts given above.

The first question is what shall we feed? Many writers recommend hard-boiled eggs. We wonder how many writers who advise eggs for poultis have ever tried to raise a flock of 75 or 100 by such means.

The shelter for the night and during stormy weather is also very important. It is not essential what kind of shelter it is, so long as it accomplishes its purpose, so long as we keep our poults close.

Filthy drinking water kills more fowls than cholera, roup and half a dozen other diseases. In feeding calves it is a good plan to add a little quantity of oil meal cooked to a jelly to the skim milk to take the place of fats.

GLEANINGS.

Early potatoes may be secured by early planting of early varieties in deep, rich, warm, soil, followed by thorough cultivation or mulching with straw.

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