THE FARM.

INGS. In all sorts of farm constructions metal is rapidly taking precedence over feet apart in the row. Give clean other materials; and steel, which is and thorough culture until the latter the strongest metal in common use, is now extensively used not only for parts of buildings, as roofs, but for every part except the floors. Tin was once the best material for roofs; it is now nearly thirty years since I had a tin roof put on my dwelling house, and it has never needed any repair except to plied to it. This has been done only remove all the old and weak canes in one of the best known divers in the renew the iron oxide paint first aptwice in that time, the reason for its order that a succession of strong new service, and his experience in examilight could not penetrate the awful of Canada and the economics of durability being that as it is a metalcompound with the oil, its adherence fruit is one of the most desirable for to work upon the wreck of the Maine fore I could know the secrets of the to the tin is perfect, and being an oxide | the farmer's home. It is not affected injuriously by the oxidizing effect of the atmosphere. The steel roofing plates, which are made in large sheets already painted, are even better, says a writer, than the tin now to be procured. Tin plates are now nothing like what they used to be, as every one who uses tin pans and pails discovers to his sorrow, when only afbut, because of the exceedingly thin Chang, the empress Dowager and the diver need not carry electric lights of the wreck was so weirdly suggestential Canada might reads and imperfectly applied coating of tin emperor. It came about in this way: with him. He can see the shells under or growing in a dark mine with the on the iron. Some substitute becomes At last year's meeting of the Inter- his feet, and behold objects a long way lights upon their helmets. a manner as to make a perfectly water | They met him in Berlin and secured | ship. and air-proof joint. These plates are now used for covering the whole of the Quite recently I suggested to a large dowager. He explained the object and such a sheep owner in Manitoha, who consulted me as to the plans for shelter of his large flocks numbering some thousands, to cover the buildings with these steel plates, not only the roofs, but the whole structure. He followed the suggestion, and after satisfactory experfence he has reported that the houses are all that could be desired, and cost only one-third as much as if lumber had been used. They are fireproof, so the danger from prairie fires is no longer a source of apprehension. The style of building is also much neator than any ordinary wooden structure, and the covering of the buildings calls for no skilled labor, and is done with great rapidity. This material is the pest for roofs now made, and even for the best kinds of houses, is the most desirable, for the neat appearance of the covering. A roof thus covered needs only a very slight slope, one foot in twenty being amply sufficient to shed the water perfectly. One other matter might be mentioned, which is the safety from fire while placing the covering on the roof. As tin must be soldered and the tinsmiths use the gasoline furnaces in their work, there is much risk of the destruction of the building in this way, and as insurance on an unfinished building is either very costly or not to be procured, safety from fire is one more decided advant-

BEGIN EARLY TO SPRAY.

age in the use of these steel roofs ..

Between now and the time buds commence to swell in earnest, the orchard. small fruit plantations and all nursery ed by hootings and rough chaff, and the stock should be thoroughly sprayed chairman was soon in a state of boilwithBordaux mixture. At this time ing the solution may be of the strength by assuring them that at the end of indicated: Copper sulphate 4 lbs. quick- the candidate's speech they should be lime 4 lbs., water to make 50 gallons. Dissolve the copper salt in about two gallons of hot water in a wooden vesvel. Or suspend in a coarse sack in a vessel of cold water until dissolved. Put this into a barrel and add 20 or 25 gallons of water. Slake the lime by pouring water over the lumps and stirring freely. Strain the milk of lime and add it to the copper solution in the barrel. Add water until the mixture amounts to 50 gallons. For later in the season, a dilute solution is required for spraying about blossoming time or a little later. This made in the same manner, using 2 lbs. copper sulphate and 2 lbs. quicklime

with the 50 gals. of water. The first spraying will tend to prevent such diseases as scab of the apple. leaf spot of cherry, leaf spot of currant, leaf spot of gooseberry, mildew of gooseberries, enthracnose of grapes, rot of grape, peach leaf curl, peach soab, rot of peach, scab of pear, rot of plum, leaf spot of quince, anthracnose of raspberry and a number of others which begin to become active during the early days of spring. Many of these diseases cannot be killed out cient to become a farmer, has lost his by spraying but they can be held in check to such an extent that crops of fruit can be profitably grown. It is important to spray before the buds open, so that a strong solution can be used and the vitality of the fungi weakened much more readily than it can be himself was only saved by the sagacity grinning and blinking. Huge eels that

Sheaply. All this should be looked reached. after before the spraying season opens.

REST SOIL FOR RASPBERRIES.

Any really rich land will grow raspberries but a moist, well-drained clay loum is probably the best. For commordel purposes, select a few varie- money.

ties that are well known in the market, as a shipment of one kind will sell A much better than one composed of half a dozen sorts. Spring planting is most common and usually most satisfactory. Set as soon as the soil is in good working condition.. putting the plants in rows six feet apart and three part of August.

FOR CURRANTS.

CHINA WILL TAKE A CENSUS.

of the Empire Will be Counted.

Early this year the first complete recently said: a promise of his influence at Pekin.

need of a census and that the total number of people in the world could not be arrived at unless China did her Here at the bottom of the sea, or sub- face, then I went down again. said, wanted to know, and besides he could not go back on his promise once once spoken, four horses cannot pull back his word."

a committee of unknown Europeans, but countries she must take a census. The emperor finally gave his consent, and mittee was carried out.

The next step was to transmit the imperial orders to the governors genday they will summon all the local conis to be a full and fair count.

NO MORE QUESTIONS.

didates was present to speak.

indignation. Smothering his wrath. however, he pacified the boys at liberty to put any questions they chose. Accordingly, at the end of the harangue he rose and inquired in stentorian tones and in a rich Irish brogue: "Has inny gintleman a question to

A stout little Welsh miner, who had been a conspicuous disturber of the peace of the evening, shuffled slowly up the steps of the platform. But at the top he was met by the chairman. who, without the slightest warning, delivered a terrific left-and-righter, and sent the Welshman sprawling on his

Now, roared the chairman, has inny other gintleman a question to airsk? -and there was no response.

SAVED BY HIS DOG.

A peculiarly sad case, arising out of the late disastrous flood at Elmley, one of the smallest and most isolated parishes of the Isle of Sheppey, is reported from Sheerness, Mr. Frederick Brice, of King's Hill farm, who, by thrift and perseverance, saved suffientire stock, consisting of 300 sheep and \$7 bullocks, besides calves, pigs and for they were after greater game bepoultry. His haystacks were also car- youd. ried away by the rush of waters, which of his dog. Fearing the seawalls would looked like big snakes twined them-It is advisable before this spraying be submerged or give way, he went selves around my legs. Crabs and lobto be treated and many of the germs through the walls and the advancing ously. In the lot were tiny sword fishwill be disposed of by means of the tide overtook both him and his cattle. es with undeveloped swords, and there fire. If materials for making the Mr. Brice tied his bankerchief around were queer looking creatures with praying solution are bought in large his dog's neck and managed to keep horns and wing-shaped fins. Others had quantities, they can be had quite his head above water until land was beautiful flying tails, and there was

DARK DAYS.

Friend-I suppose you've had some hard experiences?

TOLD BY A DIVER WHO EXAMINED THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

Minute Description of the Awful Submarine Sights - flow the Fishes of Mavana Harbor Held a Banquet -Shark Driven Out While Making Away With a Sailor's Body.

One of the most absorbingly interest-A rich and moist clay soil in a shady ing stories in connection with the awsituation is preferable. For this rea- ful disaster to the United States bat- boards and sheets of iron, as though evening on the waterways of son the bushes can be set in orchards tleship Maine is that told by John laid out for a platform. I quickly sig- minion, which for interest minimum to bushes can be set in orchards the shape to stop, and the stop with excellent results. Place the Wall, the Florida diver, who was one naled for the boat above to stop, and plants four or five feet apart. Give of the first sent to Cuba after the scene before me. It was dressing of manure. In early spring catastrophe in Havana harbor. Wall is shoots may be secured. It is very easy ining sunken wrecks would fill vol- recess. fungous diseases, consequently this umes. When he was taken to Havana it was agreed that he was to have three depths. assistants to work the pumps and ropes, and that hel was to receive \$125 per day, to be divided up among all "Did I say it was dark? Not quite. kenzie and the Yukon. His side Through Li Hung Chang's Efforts the People hands. A diver's day consists of four The sea flashed with light on every address was to note the hours. In speaking of this job Wall side, for the phosphorescent crabs were these basins and their main

taken. The approaching enumeration Gulf of Havana is a different matter which I had not noticed before sent out across their divides; next to has been ordered only after numer- from Mississippi work. The Florida ed to be a light giver, and the twinkle ous conferences between Earl Li Hung waters are as clear as a bell, and a they shed as they floated in and out

"But the wreck of the mMaine was On his return to China Earl Li a different matter. Never in my ex- He was a Japanese. able for barns, sheds, and outhouses. broached the subject to the empress perience had I been called upon to do HIS FEATURES WERE MUTILATED, nage of the world in the last

CRITICAL PIECE OF WORK.

share. The European countries, he merged far below the surface, was a made, because, according to a Chinese bank notes, silver and valuables. Be- the inner room, I was startled to see proverb, "when the superior man has sides these were the ship's instruments that it was that most greedy of ocean on Hudson basin. Although the was chaffing he cannot make the ship's instruments that it was that most greedy of ocean implies the wasters of its continue the waster of its continue the wasters of its continue the waster of costly make and rare design.

disposed to resent the interference of be recovered, along with the gold and

China was to be on a level with other several days later, when the wreck- cipher book of the signals of the Unit- Mr. Tyrrell to the Hudson Reperston, who had just he ing schooner took me out to the great submerged vessel and lowered me Captain. I worked on the Maine 16 industrial development in its of the wine duties. Ju to see that the wishes of the Swiss com- down. The suit I wore on that occasion days steadily, and only gave up be- terests. The Hudson Basin at leaving the room was worthy of note, for I had a brand- cause I was too tired to work any tuaries. Mr. Tyrrell said, had ought struck him, and new one made. It was of heavy canvas longer." eral of the provinces. The governors cloth, waterproof and strong. Underhave sent the order out to the district neath it, as the waters are chilly, I magistrates, and on the next official wore a heavy woolen suit. Over the canvas diver's suit was a belt, which discovered a method of curing consumstables and explain that this time there connected by brass rods with a collar ption by the use of the electric cur- through route from the Human er of the government around my neck, to which were fastened the tubes for raising and lowering me, and for supplying me with air. My known purifying and healing qualities The nature of a presiding officer's that I could not move around on land, the system of the patient by placing er being found all the way being found duties varies with time and place. An and my helmet was one with five win- pads on the chest directly over the would be reached not more the much laughter." athletic miner was in the chair at a dows, so that I could see out of a win- diseased portion of the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and Adventised to the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and I would be a second to the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and I would be a second to the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and I would be a second to the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and I would be a second to the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and I would be a second to the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and I would be a second to the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and I would be a second to the lungs, and a miles from the waters of Clinton Princht and I would be a second to the lungs. political meeting in New South Wales, dow whichever way I turned my head pad on the corresponding point in the en Lake. Crossing this 160 miles Bright are equally at says an exchange, just before a close "The helmet was fitted to the suit, back. Then a current at a high volt- which a railway might be come and exciting election. One of the can- It was large enough to permit my may and exciting election. One of the can- It was large enough to permit my mov- age is sent directly through the body the eastern end of Great San 148, in the house of or didates was present to speak

WINDOWS OF IRON NETTING.

"My suit, when I was ready to go down, weighed 400 pounds, and was so heavy that I could not support its weight unaided. My feet, each of which weighed 70 pounds, had to be lifted for me, and on going down the ladder from the side of the wrecker one of my assistants took my feet off the rounds, and placed them below at each step. My hands were protected lightly with rubber gloves, which connected with my suit with broad elastic bands, making my sleeves water-tight. "I wanted to go down with my bare hands, feeling that I could work bet ter and with more delicacy of touch in that way, but I knew from experience how numerous the little fish are and how they bite and sting the fingers. I knew also what formidable creaand how they would be attracted by the bodies that were within. They nip off a diver's bare fingers.

"As I sank my attention was at tracted to a large number of small fish that seemed to fill the water as though in a school. They were of all varieties, and I actually could feel them beneath my feet as I sank. The water, instead of being thin and light, was thick, and I pushed my feet downward as through a dense mass. fish, as I quickly noted, were of the very small kind, which make the life of

A DIVER MISERABLE. But this time they did not annoy me,

"Some were beautiful, others ugly. broke through the seawall. Mr. Brice, Hideous sculpins flashed around me, one big kind that had only one eve in the centre of the head. None of these were over three feet long, but many, having bright green and bright blue

scales, looked larger. what attracted these little fish. Float-Returned Klondiker-Oh, yes! I've ing about whole, as though waiting to ound the water like corks upon a sink- is carefully preserved.

THRILLING NARRATIVE er, were loaves of sea bread, chunks of NORTHWEST ed with water and half with food. They formed cages into which the fish swam, never to come out again until suffocated by a fresh supply of fish, greedy to share the feast.

"I saw green vegetables, probably carried aboard the Maine the day before for next day's dinner, still fresh and hard-a toothsome morsel for the

"As I sank to the depth of the Maine Survey, delivered an address I found myself suddenly facing a great hole, while underneath my feet were

PITCH DARK WITHIN, And my most powerful hand electric

"I knew that I must walk inside and

throw the light here and there be-"It was my belief as soon as I saw belongings to four great be

it that the Maine was blown up from St. Lawrence, the Hudson Bay some external cause.

there, and the sea fans made golden, green and pink hues. These gave out census of the Chinese empire is to be "Diving in Florida waters and in the blue scintillations. Other queer fish most readily connected by

"Cutting into the wreck I threw my roofing plates, which are not only Berne, a committee, appointed to con- "I am a Florida diver, and have al- light ahead and exa- ned each point. treat on the east and Winnip theaper than tin, but are much more sider ways and means for taking a ways worked in tropical waters, except arms and legs and skulls ripped bare them, and also the entire below. cheaply applied, as they are quite large "world census," decided that the aid once, when I went to Lake Huron to of hair, I saw bodies that were drowner by turned edges which lap in such of Li Hung Chang must be enlisted. recover valuables from a sunken steam- ed by the water and bodies that were Ontario. great pieces of piling wood.

"I reached for the first man at hand, the immense carriage on it is

But I could catch the race cast. my shoulder and took him to the sur- owing to its cheapness had an described by Dickens-"As I approached the wreck this time

I saw something moving inside. \$4,000,000 cruiser, containing \$50,000 in I came nearer, for the object was in monsters—a shark! He had in his reached to within less than the Why, I boxed a duke teeth a body and was swimming rapid-"More than all, there were bodies ly toward the door. I took up an ax dred and fifty miles of the man emperor. At first his majesty was down in the ship, and these were to and succeeded in rescuing the corpse, of the C.P.R. yet there was no "The rest of this horrible story you nor even a path from one last derday." There was a ver know. Of the bodies recovered, the other. This was not creditable of commons from the currency saved and the machinery res- ada. The cause of this state a tasse days." census was customary, and that if "I shall never forget the morning, cued. I was there when they found the was to a large extent attribute amusing story is to

ed States Navy, and saw the valuable any's rule, which pursued a durview with a deputati articles placed in the possession of the isolation and systematic repetite to memorialize him

CURE FOR CONSUMPTION. A New York doctor claims to have rent. He bases his method on the well- to the Mackenzie. This was the you that I get my boots had iron soles weighted so heavily of ozone. This ozone he injects into branch as far as it was navigable it myself." Old Pam ing my neck with freedom. It was of for twenty minutes or balf an hour, was reached and here we found appointment of a new During his address he was interrupt- glass, with copper outside, in which By this means the dead tissue of the selves at the apex of a system of the through the t lung, which is the cause of the disease, ways the equal of which there throughout, he said: is said to be gradually destroyed, and on the globe. Three grand trust new bishop of Jerusa the patient gets rid of it by expectora- erways were presented-the Manage ago. tion. While this method is theoretic- River northward, the Laird River With his staff and his ally feasible, it is at present entirely ward, and the Slave River soll of the apostles? Not in an experimental stage.

INHUMANITY OF SPANIARDS.

Spanish loyalists in Havana cheerfully contribute \$30,000 or \$40,000 toward the purchase of a war-ship for presentation to the government at River reach the shortest did Madrid, but they give little or nothing the navigable waters of the 19 to feed the 175,0000 starving Cubans which river and its navigable who are being supported by American we could go on charity. The cries of the famishing wo- The divide at Peel River from men and children throughout the island on was 60 miles. fall upon heedless ears in the gay cap- ed by a railroad ital, whose inhabitants dance and sing length of the waterways of the and throng in merry droves to their enzie Basin was 4 300 miles, 800 and how they would be attracted by ent to the appalling scenes of suffering a total of 7,300 miles. and death which lie beyond the city curring within and walls. There will surely come a fear- basins via the Peel River four ful reckoning for all this inhumanity gated 150 miles. Returning and crime, and when its comes the crossing the portage standards of Spain will fall into the to the navigable waters of the dust of humiliation beneath the blows Basin, we should have steamed of retributive justice.

AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT.

I'm ashamed to ask you; but if you could-

Don't ask me for anything, I've just had to put up my watch. Exactly, That's why I thought you'd be flush.

MUST BE LINGUISTS.

British officers serving in Indian re- tions and waterways. giments are now required to learn the 3,000 miles waterway and fruits to prupe and burn the brush to higher ground; but before he had as my divers were there also, clawing about dialect of their men, in addition to Divide Portage Railway. Superfluous wood will then not have complished his task the sea broke toward me with open mouths vocifor. Hindustani, Pushtee, Punjabi, Hindi, Way 10.050 miles; total Superfluous wood will then not have complished his task the sea broke toward me with open mouths vocifer- Khaskura, Tamil and Mahratti are am- 425 miles. ong the languages they must ac- Mr. Tyrrell considered at considered at

REASON FOR ANGER.

Clara-Well, aunt, have your photo- son bay, rich beyond imaging graphs come from Mr. Snappeschotte's? Miss Maydeval angrily-Yes, and they went back, too, with a note ex-"As I sank a little deeper I saw pressing my opinion of his impudence.

Gracious! What was it? Why, on the back of every picture waterways could be utilized at seen times when we hadn't a thing but become water fit, and bobbing ar- were these words: The original of this central and all-Canadian power.

10,000 MILES OF NAVIGABIL FROM HERE TO THE VE

Divides Which Might be Con-Ballways and an imme Country Opened Mr. Tyrnin

Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, the w member of the Dominion Canadian Institute, Toronto, p tiveness has probably never b passed in that city. The time address was, "The navigable w of the four great interior He said that the interior w

of Canada which could be any great extent might be a with the points where the waterway system. The tem Canada" he intended to inche

He touched lightly on the ence basin, simply pointing a ceeded to-day the whole man made vast strides, transit la HELD ITS OWX

Less than three hundred mis

from the largest lake in the ence waterway occurred tiden or more than five times them, a recollection of my be great lakes added together. you. When a boy, m dwelling on several things in took me with him to s tion with this basin he points broke's. After dinner waterway leading from it who said, 'I hope you like of great importance in establish my best to please field Inlet, into which emptist spagne direct through River. Proceeding up this and answerable for the est river on the continent, the zie, and after 1,100 miles d'an rupted navigation reach

THE ARCTIC OCEAN Mackenzie Delta and entering

miles. From here to the CP near Missanabie was 122 The grand total across the continent by tage was as follows:-In St. Basin, Montreal, Moon River, 1,350 122 miles new section Divide Railroad. Hudson Basin 1,400 miles and 160 miles nel Portage Railroad to Mackens Mackenzie Basin 4,300 miles and 83 miles portages around

ance to Moon River and up

length the prominent industry commercial resources depende the waterways system for dere Among these were the tours age the great inland fisheries immense market for the men of central Canada, the union disputable richness of the Basin in minerals and furs and tural possibilities. Then. gold fields of northwesters

ECESSITY AND THE

ruard of Health, Time and Mone and success may de

taking a good Sprin Just at the time needs unusual suppli vitality to adjust ditions of this tryin akened and debilitated nourished by impure Help is ed blood. Earsaparilla because has power to purit alize the blood. It all spring humors, m pimples, sores and the stomach and li nd sustains the kidne red feeling, and by en and giving digesti rts strength and vig

Sarsap by C. I. Hood & Co., Low 's Pills are the best

D HOUSE OF COMM Stery Teld by a Ent

Frederick Galle, who the lobbies of the hou for forthy years, narr curious experiences. lamy's kitchen, so v. by Charles Dickens, rs who were wont t says: "You got the ceak and cold meat world, and the parro "der ! order !" and 'Ch the cries of the hou tal 'Jane' who chaffe be seen eating their

deal kitchen table. ?' Jane asked of a ye e such an impertiner

How did that h went out on her maje Retribution, and k ute of eighteen guns, spot where Simon lode

whirling winds of A excavate sand-pits t to hundred feet, the three times that len A sand-pit thus m ely obliterated in a fe er excavated within

at a grain of corn pon which Putnam's F actor acts is entirely s the corn layer by my pain whatever. I Try it.

inquisitive dog belo yette, of Hartford, S tramps it met six st and being curious of the dynamite, if stomach, swallowed al has been carefull e in the woods, and the as are awaiting rep

ben an ostrich is prepa scratches a hole in t the size of a bushel than laid day after ed around the hole. V are laid the bird kie nole and at night sits bird performs this ime, thus permitting

NOT destroy your nerv