

On the Farm.

DRESSING TURKEYS.

Turkeys intended for markets should be penned up without food for 24 hours before killing to insure their crops being empty. Give them all the clean water they will drink. Always kill the fowls by sticking in the roof of the mouth, and be sure that they bleed freely; if they do not the flesh will have a reddish tinge and will not keep well.

For scalding, have the water as near the boiling point as possible, without actually boiling. Hold the fowl by legs and head, and quickly immerse three times, holding under the water for only a second. Do not allow the head to touch the hot water, as it will become discolored, and give the fowl the appearance of having been sick. Pick carefully so as not to tear the skin or bruise in any way. After picking, hold in water near the boiling point long enough to count 10; this plumps and cleanses them, then dip in ice cold water and hang up in a cool place out of drafts until thoroughly cooled out, for if packed with any of the animal heat left in they are almost sure to spoil.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD FARMER.

A man may be energetic and still not succeed in business. The successful farmer must plan judiciously, and then faithfully carry out those plans. The farmer of to-day must stop all the leaks if he wants to keep even with the world. He must attend to the small details of his business and waste nothing that he can turn into cash.

ROOT PRUNING AND GROWTH.

Experiments have recently been made to determine how much the roots of young trees should be pruned away before planting. By the Stringfellow method the roots are cut back to only one or two inches in length, at the same time cutting the top back to a mere stump a foot or so high.

those with roots cut back. Those planted by the ordinary method of taking off one-half of the limbs proved to grow fully as fast as those trimmed in any other way.

KEEPING APPLES SOUND ALL WINTER.

Take fine dry saw-dust, preferably that made by a circular saw from hard wood, and place a thick layer of apples, not close together, and not close to the sides of the barrel. Put saw-dust liberally over and around and so proceed until a bushel and a half or less are packed in the barrel. Keep in a cool place. No bruised or mellow apples will be preserved, but they will not communicate rot to the other apples.

ADVANTAGES OF FALL PLANTING.

It is oftentimes argued that if a tree is planted in the fall it will become established in its position and make some root growth before the ground freezes and before the leaf growth begins in the spring. Experiments were made by Prof. Fred W. Card of Neb station, to the effect that the fall planted trees made some root growth in the autumn succeeding planting and in the spring before the leaves started. Whether or not this is desirable depends upon many other things, chiefly climate.

PUMPKINS FOR HOGS.

When hogs are on a full feed of corn, as many of them are at this season, nothing is better than a daily supply of pumpkins. Begin gradually, giving each hog about one-fourth of a moderate-sized pumpkin. Increase this until each animal is getting about half a one. Do not cut up the pumpkins but simply break them into several pieces.

LOOK AFTER THE POTATOES.

As the nights grow colder keep adding to the covering upon the outdoor potato or other vegetable pits. Do not put on all at once, but be sure that cold weather does not arrive before there is enough earth to keep out the frost.



FROCK FOR GIRL FROM 8 TO 10.

This little frock is made of red cloth with a plain gored skirt and a blouse-waist. The waist is cut down in a point at the front and round at the back, and is bordered with rows of narrow velvet ribbon. The top of the waist is filled out with a yoke of red silk covered with lace. It has a red ribbon belt.

A DIAMOND CROWN.

A pretty and agreeable amusement is the production of a perfect imitation of a diamond crown by means of a cheap chemical solution. It is only necessary to dissolve a pound of alum in a quart of hot water and hang in this solution a crown made of wire, wound with flannel.

In order to achieve the best results a smooth surfaced and perfectly transparent glass should be used, and this, with the solution and the crown, be allowed to stand, undisturbed for twenty-four hours. The alum will then have been deposited in crystals on the crown, giving the latter the appearance of a diamond studded crown, which can be taken out of the solution, dried and preserved. In place of the crown, one can select any other shape, which can be made with wire, and one can color the crystals by pouring a little ink of whatsoever tint into the solution of alum.

Mrs. Richard King, of Texas, owns two thousand square miles of land in that State.

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

interesting Items About Our Own Country. Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Parts of Manitoba have a foot of snow. The population of Berlin is 9,632, or within 368 of the city mark.

All the passes to the Klondike are now reported to be blocked with snow. Hugh Ryan, the well-known contractor, is seriously ill at his residence in Toronto.

The Queen's Hotel and several business houses at Deloraine, Man., were destroyed by fire on Thursday.

Two thousand dollars' worth of furs were stolen from Trudel & Graham's store, Montreal.

The survey of the proposed new Thunder bay and Nipigon railway line will be commenced at once.

Homestead entries in the Northwest this year so far are 2383 as against 2389 for the whole of last year.

Only 315 vessels passed through the Canadian Soo canal during October, as against 404 vessels in October last year.

Two Montreal girls, aged ten and sixteen years respectively, have been arrested on a charge of stealing diamonds valued at \$400.

British Board of Trade returns for October show increases in imports from Canada of \$1,600,000, compared with October, 1897.

Winnipeg cigar makers will start a factory on unionist principles, the manufacturers having refused to adopt the union scale of wages.

A despatch from Vancouver says the city is invaded by desperate northern thugs. Numerous burglaries and attempted murders have taken place.

The Doukhoborskis will be wintered in the emigration buildings at Regina, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Yorktown and Dauphin.

The books in the Picton Street School at Hamilton, where the pupils had suffered from diphtheria, have been burned and the room fumigated.

License Inspector Flatt, of Guelph, has gone to New York to be treated at the Pasteur Institute. He was bitten by a dog two weeks ago.

The Socialist Labor party in London have nominated Mr. Fred J. Darch for Mayor. It is probable they will put up a full municipal ticket in the field.

Lord Aberdeen has sent the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada a cheque for \$25 and signified his intention of becoming a life member of the association.

The Quebec City Treasurer's annual statement shows a revenue for the past year of \$624,420.92, and an expenditure of \$610,896.26, leaving a surplus of \$13,524.66.

Montreal is threatened with an epidemic of disease because the Health Committee has stopped removing garbage everywhere, as its appropriation is exhausted.

The rush of grain through to the sea over the Grand Trunk is unprecedented. The greater part of it is American, the Manitoba grain not yet moving to any extent.

The latest passenger engine ever built in Canada has just been completed at the Kingston Locomotive Works. It is the first of an order of three for the Intercolonial Railway.

A plaster cast of a marble bust of the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by Mr. Chevre, sculptor of the Chaplain monument, is now on exhibition in the rooms of the Garrison Club, Quebec.

Dr. Robert Bell, of the Dominion Geological Survey, speaking of the Michipicoten district, of which he has been making a map, says enough gold has been found to encourage development.

The Grand Trunk Railway freight authorities are seriously considering the advisability of erecting another elevator at Midland, the present accommodation not being sufficient to meet the demand.

Henry Pigeon was arrested in Montreal on the charge of robbing a church. He told the detectives that there were two men in penitentiary serving terms for crimes that he had committed.

The Toronto Street Railway has decided to make an experiment in the matter of smoking cars and will run cars on certain lines during certain hours of the day, in which smokers will be allowed full privileges.

Copies of the Wentworth County Council's petition to the Legislature, asking for an act to regulate bicycling on public highways, are being sent to other County Councils, whose co-operation is designed in the matter.

Mrs. Ireland, wife of Dr. Ireland of Trenton, who mysteriously disappeared from Montreal a couple of weeks ago, has made a claim on the London & Lancashire Insurance Co. for \$5,000 insurance on her husband's life.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Miss Kate Lyon and Mrs. Athalie Mills appeared in the Police Court in London, Eng., on Thursday, charged with the manslaughter of the newspaper correspondent, Harold Frederic. They were admitted to bail.

During October 2, 114 emigrants left England for Canada, while 13,473 came during the ten months of 1898. The number of emigrants to Canada troubles that of similar bookings for Australia during the year, and exceeds the Cape Colony total by 8842.

The percentage computed from the complete returns of the plebiscite vote show that 23 1-3 per cent. of the entire electorate voted for prohibition, and 21 1-3 per cent. against, making a total

of 44 per cent. Of the entire electorate 56 per cent. did not go to the polls.

UNITED STATES.

The Italian protected cruiser Etna, on a cruise around the world, is at San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. Leslie Carter, the actress, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, showing liabilities of \$63,773 and no assets, except wearing apparel, valued at \$200.

The body of an unknown man was found in a lane off State street, in Chicago on Thursday night. Murder and robbery.

A crazed mother exchanged her wedding ring and "baby's" pin for a razor, then cut her throat in a New York pawnshop on Thursday.

A train on the Central Railway in California, has been delayed over twenty-four hours by fire in the snow sheds and tunnel between Summit and Truckee.

The Republicans claim a majority in the United States Congress, Mr. Babcock stating that in the House of Representatives the majority is thirteen over all opposition combined.

Mrs. Jennie Walker attended a religious meeting at Kansas, Mo., on Sunday, and after uttering a prayer professing her readiness to die fell back into her seat dead. Heart disease was her trouble.

The Richmond, Vt., savings bank was entered by burglars Sunday morning by three unknown men. They secured from the vault stamps valued at \$600 to \$800. Two citizens who happened to pass when the burglars were at work, were captured and tied.

Postmaster-General Smith, of the United States has issued an order admitting private mailing cards authorized by the act of May 19, 1898, into the foreign mails at one cent postage each for Canada and Mexico and two cents each for all other postal union countries.

The British consul at Philadelphia has investigated the death of a Buddhist sailor on board a British vessel and found that he starved himself, having been convinced by his countrymen that the time had come for him to offer himself up as a sacrifice to his faith.

GENERAL.

The University of Heidelberg, Germany, is trying to put a stop to student duelling.

The Sultan has dispatched his Ambassador with gifts and a letter to the Czar.

It is said that Jamaica will likely decline to join the proposed West Indian federation.

The floods of the Hoang-Ho, in China, have destroyed hundreds of villages, and threaten a million persons with famine.

A lunatic gained entrance to the Royal castle at Stuttgart, Germany, and declared he was the rightful King of Wurtemberg. He is now in jail.

Turkey has made an ineffectual appeal to Germany and Austria against the appointment of Prince George of Greece, as High Commissioner of the powers in the Island of Crete.

Alfred Belancourt, a British subject, was assaulted at Havana on Tuesday last by a Spanish officer because he wore a five-pointed Cuban star as scarf pin. Belancourt was also ordered under arrest and imprisoned. Mr. Jerome, British Vice-Consul, demanded his release, which was granted, but very reluctantly.

WINNING THE QUEEN OF MAIDS.

Three men journeyed to sue for favor at the shrine of the Queen of Maids.

"Oh, surpassing queen, I come to woo your beauty, which I would fain place upon a throne of gold and for which I offer my millions," said the first to speak.

"You have not half enough," replied the queen sternly.

Then a second man stood before her and he lowered his eyelids in lieu of a bow: "All hail, supremest of woman-kind. Wealth untold I have not to bestow, but in my thin vein flows the bluest of blood, inherited through forty generations of this earth's proudest people!"

"The bluer the blood the colder," scoffed the queen.

"Ah, fair ruler of hearts," said the third and last man, "no worldly goods have I and my blood is none to boast of. My humble offering does ill compare with those before me."

"Go, all of you, to the blind dungeon," commanded the stately queen. "Whoever discovers and brings therefrom some treasure of priceless worth shall receive as his reward my lifelong devotion."

The blind dungeon was dark as midnight. The man of wealth searched systematically, going over every foot carefully. The man of high birth groped about in a helpless way from wall to wall. The humble suitor fled to one corner and stood quite still, having a dread of colliding with the other two, who grew reckless and frantic after the first few moments.

At last they returned to the queen empty-handed.

"So dense was the darkness I could find nothing," lamented the moneyed man.

"Naught but bruises did I gain for my trouble," moaned the nobleman.

"While I," sighed the third, "bring back only my heart with its boundless love for you, oh, queen!"

"Ah, that," smilingly replied the queen, "was the only 'treasure' ever within the blind dungeon."

A MATRIMONIAL ONE.

Now you are mine for life, exclaimed the happy bridegroom, after the ceremony. The chain has been forged. I am a victim of an endless chain. I replied the bride.

Advertisement for Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, featuring a logo of a pine tree and text describing its benefits for colds and lung issues.

Advertisement for R-I-P-A-N-S medicine, claiming to be a modern standard family medicine that cures common everyday ills of humanity.

Advertisement for Durham Mills, offering gristing and chopping of flour, oatmeal, and feed, with contact information for G. & J. McKee.

Advertisement for Patents, offering scientific American patents and trade mark designs, with contact information for Munn & Co.

Advertisement for Monsoon Tea, describing it as a perfect tea from the tea plant to the tea cup, with contact information for Steel, Hayter & Co.

Advertisement for J. Shewell Furniture, offering a first class hearse in connection with furniture and undertaking services.

Advertisement for Standard Bank of Canada, listing various services and branch locations.

Advertisement for a Dentist, Dr. T. G. Holt, located in Durham.

Advertisement for G. Lefroy, a Barrister and Solicitor, offering legal services.

Advertisement for James Brown, an Auctioneer and Land Valuator.

Advertisement for John Queen, an Auctioneer and Land Valuator.

Advertisement for a Pointed Paragon, mentioning Italy 600,000 fine rearing silkworms.