

On & Around the Farm.

General Notes.

A dragging gait shows weak muscles in the cow.

The greatest egg production has been from the cross breeds, which often excel the breeds from which the crosses were obtained, but it should stop with one cross.

While there are innumerable remedies recommended and used for the protection of young trees against the depredations

of rabbits, mice and other animals there is nothing better and more reliable, according to *American Agriculturist*, than small meshed wire netting wound around the tree and tied together with a wire. "It is inexpensive, durable, does not keep out light and air and is in every way preferable to tarred paper, tin and any of the close coverings recommended."

Which Country gets the credit?—The following is not a case of our patriotism overlooking facts, but is a literal extract from a leading U S. Agricultural journal.

"The Armour Packing Company, Chicago, is purchasing Canadian pigs to make bacon for the English market. These pigs are fattened almost entirely on peas and oats, and cost about two prices, as compared with corn fed pigs, but if the bacon can be made to suit the taste of 'Me Lud' the business will pay handsomely."

Our own Cheese Makers might take the Hint. A project is broached among some of the best factories in the vicinity of Utica, N. Y., to start a combination next year, practically on the plan of the western New York combinations. The idea is to

bring together fifteen or twenty of these factories by means of a common superintendent, who shall have power to dictate to every factory in the combination just how their cheese shall be made, to tell them where their faults lie and how to correct them, and to take charge of selling the cheese. The expectation is, that under such a system the combination would be able to offer two or three thousand boxes at a time, which would be absolutely alike in texture, flavor and general quality. The objection brought against the plan is the difficulty of obtaining the right superintendent, the man who will give satisfaction all around, and is likely to prove quite a serious obstacle.



FIRST PRIZE BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK PULLET.

English Milk Imports from France.—In the Imperial House of Commons, recently, Mr. Jeffroys asked the President of the Board of Agriculture whether he was aware that large quantities of French milk were imported into Britain from Cherbourg, and that over 36,000 gallons were so imported in the month of December last; whether any sanitary supervision or inspection was exercised over the dairies from which this milk came; whether the milk was inspected in any way on arrival in this country;

and whether any outbreak of disease had been traced to the consumption of this milk. Mr. Walter Long, in reply, said.—

"According to our own Customs Returns we imported 3,318 cwt. of fresh milk and cream from France in December last, of the aggregate value of £1,179. In January the quantity fell to 1,867 cwt., of the value of £469, and last month it was 2,608 cwt., of the value of £650. It cannot, therefore, be said that at present these imports have attained any serious dimensions.