

Remarkable Days.

- 2 Purification Virgin Mary.
- 3 4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 4 High tides.
- 5 Col. Olive achieves his glorious victory on the plains of Plassy, 1757.
- 6 Dr. Priestly, d. 1804.
- 7 Henry Neele, d. 1828.
- 8 Mary Queen of Scots beheaded, 1586.
- 9 Lord Darnley murdered, 1567.
- 10 5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.—Queen Victoria mar. 1840.
- 11 Battle of Sobraon, 1846.
- 12 Peace between Great Britain and United States, 1815.
- 13 William and Mary Proclaimed King and Queen, 1689.
- 14 Valentine's Day.
- 15 Capt. Cook killed, 1779.—Galileo b. 1564.
- 16 Lindley Murray, Grammarian, d. 1826.
- 17 SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.
- 18 Martin Luther d. 1546.—Charleston, S. C., evacuated by Confederates, 1865.
- 19 Matthew Fail, d. 1792, aged 123
- 20 Joseph Hume, d. 1855.
- 21 Rev. Rob't Hall, Baptist preacher, d. 1831.
- 22 Washington b. 1732.
- 23 Johanna Baillie, poet, d. 1851.
- 24 SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.—Saint Matthias.
- 25 Dr. Buchan, d. 1805.
- 26 Sir Chris. Wren, d. 1723.
- 27 Longfellow b. 1807.
- 28 George Buchanan, d. 1582.

CHICKENS may be made a source of considerable profit on a farm if they are properly selected and bred, and well taken care of. Give us the Dorkings for table birds. They lay well, and attain good size early in the spring. They are useful as well as ornamental. But the Black Spanish are the everlasting layers. Never saw anything

like them. They may not lay so well in winter as the Brahmepootras, or some of the other Asiatic breeds, but they are fine eating birds for the table, lay large eggs and plenty of them; and though they may be a little disposed to wander and show their independence, they generally pay about as well, taking the year through, as any other fowl. Between the Dorkings and the Black Spanish it would be a little difficult to choose. They are both excellent, thrifty, and desirable breeds. As to the pure dunghill fowls that they talk so much about, it is difficult to find them now. They have got mixed up so with other breeds that nobody knows what they are. Like our "native" cows, they are made up of everything under the sun. Mind you, we don't go in for fancy stock, but we might as well look to profit, and keep an eye on the results, and you'll find it pays better in the end to keep the best, if you can tell what that is. Feed them well, at any rate.

CANADA THISTLES.—A writer in the *Western Rural* tells how he killed acres of Canada thistles, thus:—"Plow early in the spring, as soon as they are all out of the ground. As soon as they are up the second time, plow or cultivate with a wheeled cultivator, and so continue as often as they come in sight, which will be about three or four times during the summer. If the season is wet it is all the more favorable for killing—others don't agree with me—because they sprout and make their appearance much more certainly than in a dry season. In a dry season the roots lie in the ground without coming up; in a warm, wet season they come up three or four times, and that is their end if they are as often plowed."