"Mother's Fool." "Tis plain to me," said a farmer's wife,
"Those boys will make their mark in life;

They never were made to handle a hoe, And at once to college ought to go.
There's Fred—he's little better'n a fool;
But John and Henry must go to school," "Well, really, wife," quoth Farmer Brown, As he set his mug of cider down,

"Fred does more work in a day for me, Than both his brothers do in three, Book larning will never plant one's corn, Nor hoe potatoes, sure's you're born, Nor mend a rod of broken fence For my part, give me common sense."

But his wife was bound the roost to rule, And John and Henry were sent to school; While Fred, of course, was left behind For his mother said he had no mind.

Five years at school the students spent. Then into business each one went.

John learned to play the flute and fiddle, And parted his hair, of course, in the middle; While his brother looked rather higher than

Meanwhile, at home their brother Fred Had taken a notion into his head: But he quietly trimmed his apple trees And weeded his onions, and planted peas. While, somehow, either by hook or by crook, He managed to read full many a book; He was getting "book larning" into his head "But for all that," said Farmer Brown, "H; sthe smartest boy, there is in town.

The war broke out, and Captain Fred One hundred men to the battle led And when the rebel flag came down, He came marching home a General Brewn. But he went to work on the farm again, And plowed the ground and sowed the grain, Re-shingled the barn, and mended fence, And the people declared "He had comm

And the State House needed a portion there, So the "Family Dunce" moved into town; And the people called him Governor Brown And his brothers, who went to the city school.

Grammar in Rhymes.

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The plural of mouse should be mice, rot Mouse, it is true, in the plural is mice.

Andfoot, it is true, in the plural is feet, But the plural of root should be roots, an l

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Neerselly of a Steadfast Character.

do neither. The man who resolves, but mental. The Silver-Spangled variety is from plan to plan, and veers like a ers, none of our fine continuous laying weathercock, to every point of the com- breeds are found in perfection; and yet pass, with every breath of caprice that none other are, in the leng run, so problows, can never accomplish anything fitable for farmers' use. It can safely great or useful. Instead of being pro- be claimed that, one year with another, gressive in any thing, he will be at best pure-bred fowls are the most profitable. stationary, and more probably retrograde Mongrels may answer for a short time, in all. It is only the man who first con- but they do not hold out for eggs and sults wisely, then resolves firmly, and flesh like the pure-bred, either in qualithen executes his purpose with inflexible ty, quantity or uniformity. perseverance, undismayed by those difficulties which daunt a weaker spirit, that can advance to eminence in any line. Let us take, by way of illustration, the case of a student. He commences the study of the dead languages; but presently a friend comes, and tells him that he is wasting his time, and that, instead of obsolete words, he had much better employ himself in acquiring new ideas. He changes his plan, and sets to work at mathematics. Then comes another friend, who asks him, with a grave and sapient face, whether he intends to become a professor in a college; because, if he does not he is misemploying his time; and that, for the business of life, common mathematics is quite enough of mathematical science. He throws up his Euclid, and addresses himself to some other study, which, in its turn, is again relinquished on some equally wise suggestion; and thus is life spent in changing his plans. You cannot but perceive the folly of this course; and the worst effect of it is the fixing on your mind a habit of indecision, sufficient of itself to blast the fairest prospects. No

take your course wisely, but firmly; and, having taken it, hold upon it with heroic resolution, and the Alps and Pyrenees will sink before you-the whole empire of learning will lie at your feet, while those who set out with you, but stopped to change their plans, are yet employed in the very unprofitable business of changing their plans. Let your motto be perseverance. Practice upon it, and you will be convinced of its value by the distinguished eminence to which it will conduct you.

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Mamburgs and Leghorns.

A correspondent of the Country Gen tleman says :

There are six different species of the Hamburg fowls. Of the Leghorns there are the White and Brown, althoug there are other species recognized by th poultry fraternity. Of the two Leghor varieties the latter is more prolific, o smaller in body, producing medium eg of good quality and in remarkable numbers. To say that the Browns are goo layers is not sufficient; they are extraor dinary. Both are heautiful fowls, and both are valuable. The White Leg horns are nearly as large as the Black Spanish in size, with very clean, snowy plumage when purely bred. They have plump bodies, round, full breasts, with a bold, upright, haughty carriage that at once challenges admiration. They 1 large white eggs, quite as large as the Spanish, to which class they belon-They are not quite so prolific as either the Brown variety or Black Spanish, but still are much superior to what are termed common layers. They are shy birds, and cannot be handled to advantage. It is becoming a little difficult to find them

The Hamburgs are also an old breed. The Black variety has the most popularity and is universally known, although of late it has been superseded by the Spangled sort. A solid, or self-colored fowl is the parent, whatever the color. Union of the two produces the mottling in color. Hamburgs and Leghorns are both termed non-sitters. The Hamburgs lay rather round, medium, white eggs, that all the non-sitters are rather more Mr. Sallows, I bespeak a continuance of and are prolific. It is a noteworthy fact delicate than the sitters. The treatment, feeding and care are precisely the
ment, feeding and care are precisely the feeding and care are precisely the
ment, feeding and care are precisely the feeding and care are precisely same for any variety of continuous layers, difference in size considered. There Remember though box in the plural makes may however, be one or two exceptions named in regard to the Dorkings and And remember though fleece the plural is Dominiques. The former are quite delicate, and, although sitters, they are also fine layers, while their large bodies are superior for the table. The Hamburgs are not quite as large as the White Leghorns, but have full, round, plump bodies; rose, double or branching combs, and slate or lead-colored legs. The skin tion; still the fineness and sweetness of flesh cannot be impared thereby, and this quality is especially prominent when is white, which with some is an objecserved on the table. They are generally The man who is perpetually hesitating quiet, busy fowls about the yard, and which of two things he will do first, will when well fed and cared for are ornasuffers his resolution to be changed by the most frequently met with, but for the first counter suggestion of a friend, some cause they are seldom found in the Practical BOILER-MAKERS who fluctuates from opinion to opinion, farming districts. In fact, among farm-

Good Rules for Cooking Vegetables.

A French cook gives the following gen. eral rules for the proper cooking of all kinds of vegetables:

Green vegetables should be thoroughly washed in cold water and then dropped into water which has been saited and is beginning to boil. There should be a tablespoonful of salt for each two quarts Two Years for the Price of One of water. If the water boils long before the vegetables are put in, it has lost all its gases, and the mineral ingredients are deposited on the bottom and the sides of the kettle, so that the water is flat and tasteless, then the veretables will no look or have a fine flavor. The time for boiling green vegetables depends much upon the age and time they have been gathered. The younger and more freshly gathered, the more quickly they are cooked. Below is a very good time table

for cooking vegetables: Potatoes boiled, 30 minutes. Potatoes baked, 45 minutes. Squash boiled, 25 minutes. Green peas boiled, 20 to 40 minutes. Shelled beans boiled, 60 minutes. String beans boiled, one or two

Green corn, 30 to 60 minutes. Asparagus, 15 to 30 minutes. Spinach, one or two hours. Tomatoes, canned 30 minutes. Cabbage, 55 minutes to two hours. Cauliflower, one or two hours. Dandelions, two or three hours. Beet greens, one hour. Onions, one or two hours. Beets, one to five hours. Turnips, white, 45 to 60 minutes. Turnips, yellow, one and a half to two

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