### Agricultural.

Too LARGE POTATOES.—Potatoes will grow large if the soil is rich and but little seed is used. One eye produces but one plant and but few potatoes, and those, of course, appropriate all the food and grow correspondingly lerger If three sects, of two eyes each, are planted in a hill, and all grow, there will be six plants and numerous tubers. As the food is distributed among more potatoes they do not grow so large and are more even in size. The usual quantity of seed-about six eyes to a hill-seems to be the best system of planting for the largest yield and the best

sized tubers. SHEEP.—Gotswolds are not so hardy as Southdowns or Merinos, and are not the right kind of sheep for farmers or those who are experienced. A sheep house should be open at the front on the south side four feet from the ground, so as to give thorough ventilation, and shelter only from storms, and prevent too great warmth, which is more injurious to sheep than cold. The house should be 16 feet wide, with feed-troughs in the middle for the sheep to feed on each side of it and fifty feet long for 100 sheep. The upper part may be made to hold hay and fodder.

Does Clover Exhaust the Soil?-1t is generally supposed, and with good reason, that atmospheric feeder, and if supplied with gypsum seems to improve the soil in fertility. This may be because it leaves in the ground an enormous quantity of deep roots, which bring up mineral food from the subsoil to the The refute from one crop of clover usually gives a good crop of wheat, and on some soils clover and wheat have been grown alternately for many years without any signs of deterioration. It is supposed that the benefit to the soil from clover is increased by permitting it to ripen seed. This is accounted for by the knewn fact that the root of the matured plant is richer in potash and nitrogen than the immature root.

THE CULTURE OF CELERY .- Celery usually pays very well as a market crop. It will keep a long time, and can therefore be fed to the market as it is wanted, and the prices are regular and fair, and without the ups and downs which affect perishable products. The seed is sown in May or June in beds, and the plants are transplanted to rows either in trenches or on the flat, being earthed up as the stems grow. The trenches should be four feet apart and eight inches deep. As the plants grow the trenches are filled up, and then the soil between the rows is banked up against them, until, at the present time, all is covered but a few inches of the tops. It is marketed in bunches of three or five plants, neatly trimmed, or may be sold in the rough and trimmed by the marketmen.

# POULTRY RAISING IN CANADA.

(From the Poultry Herald.)

There are, at present, a great number of the more enterprising sort of agriculturists, who have turned their attention to raising the improved breeds of poultry. In no instance where the change from the old method has been attempted, has the operator not found that an immensely proportionate profit has corved. It is easily demonstrated that this branch of industry, rightly managed, either on a large scale, or lesser scale, can be made to yield a greater percentage of cash profit for the outlay expended, than can be obtained out of any other kind of live

Is it not worth while farmers, that you, who can so well manage this kind of stock upon your farms, should take more interest in this work? You have plenty of land, managed. ample pastures, and, as a rule, know how to cultivate poultry. Why not arouse your-selves and share in the certain profit that

the economy of feeding corn to poultry rather than giving it all to pigs; and if more followed their example, it would be to their advantage.

The requirements for raising and keeping poultry profitably, and to ensure success, are easily stated: Avoid damp floors, and give all the sunshine possible in your hen houses; also see that the houses are clean and well ventilated

Give them clean water; never allow them to go thirsty.

Feed them regularly two or three times a day; give them all they will eat up clean, and no waste. Let them have both "green" and dry food—soft feed in the morning; whole grain at night. Wheat is the best grain for fowls, take it all in all, but its high price prevents its general use as food for poultry. Slightly damaged wheat or screenings, can often be obtained at rates which will pay a good investment. In the absence of tuese, bran can be used, which contains nearly all the nitrates and phosphates of the wheat, and the important elements are thus secured at a low figure. Indian corn is the most valuable grain for fattening purposes. Where the production of eggs is required, this should not be fed in quantity. Barley is the richest grain in mineral matter, and is, therefore, good for CEA and family Liniment, and take a few young and growing fowls, furnishing the drops after eating. It warms the stomach, materials needed for bones in the rapidly de-nerves it to its work, and saves much inconveloping frames. Oats are very rich in flesh forming materials, and contain considerable oil. Buckwheat is a grain greatly used in people.

Fine grass, or second crop, should be gathered and kept, to give them in winter, when they are confined, and grass is not to be obtained. They should also be supplied with broken or ground oyster shells and bone, also with gravel, which is the hen's teeth." fresh water is excellent. Or, instead, half a through the critical period. dozen rusty iron nails in the bottom of the drinking vessel will answer the same puris to place a dozen or twenty young mature three or four times a day upon cooked vegetexercise. Quiet, steady growth, sufficient if they are there. feeding and plenty of fresh water is all that is required. Inside of twenty days they will be brought to a fit condition to kill. When they are at their best, stop the feeding for a day, then slaughter and dress them, the intestines will be closned, and fowls will keep after killing in prime condition much longer and better than if fed up to the hour when

they are killed. There is at present quite an interest taken about raising "capons" for market—it is a the longest."

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very fessible thing to do; and when properly understood and rightly managed any person will be able to perform this simple operation successfully, and be certain to double the weight and meat value of his young cockerels at the same age.

The best breeds of fowls out of which capons, can be made, are undoubtedly the Asiatics Brahmas and Cochins. These are amply framed, and after being operated on the young cocks put on flesh wondrously. They may be operated on any time after they are a month old, but the age of from two to three months is preferable.

In dressing poultry for market, the best way so that they will be plump, firm and skin not broken, is to scald or steam the dead fowls quickly and as soon as possible after killing. They should not be scalded too severely, or the skin will become too tender. To dip them in a good sized tub of boiling water for an instant only, is all that is required. Remove the feathers as quickly as possible, taking them off backward and downward.

In raising fowls and eggs for market it is by far the better plan to have all pure breeds. There are now so many fine varieties of improved thoroughbred poultry, and all, in their vay, are so meritorious when well bred in their purity, that crossing these fine breeds but rarely amount to much. But if you mix clover does not exhaust the soil. It is a rank at all (for marketing purposes) use the Leghorns with the Brahmas or Cochins. These give good sized "crossed" fowls for poultry and plenty of eggs from the "mixed" pullets in season. But do not attempt to breed from them, as their progeny would be neither one thing nor the other. When farmers begin to invest in and to breed only pure blooded fowls, it will be found that the light Brahmas will be among those at, or near, the head of the list. These, to-day, command the attention of more breeders timn any other variety of fowls. This is due to their intrinsic value -great winter layers, and they make fine eating when nearly full grown, and are hard to beat if they have been properly fed. Next come the Cochins, then the Plymouth Rocks. For a "general purpose" these stand preeminent -good layers, mature rapidly and early, and put flesh on quickly. In selecting these for breeders get size and plumpness; avoid too long legs, and too much weight behind breed those with low combs, full, round breasts, and bright yellow legs. When you obtain all these points, watch for the best layers in the yards, and you will then have the best birds of this variety.

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If a choice of Asiastic is made the eggs should be set in March, April or May. Don't crowd the fowls in the hen-houses. Give them space to move about in, and ample roosting accommodations. Let old and young fowls enjoy a range, if possible, the larger the better. A single bird will serve ten or twelve hens well for fertilization. Subscribe and read a poultry paper, and you will then know what others are doing in the same line. The Poultry Herald is the representative paper in Canada. You can learn more practical intormation from it in one year than you could from all poultry books. Commence now, give the poultry business a fair, square trial, and you will be satisfied that it does pay if rightly

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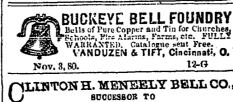
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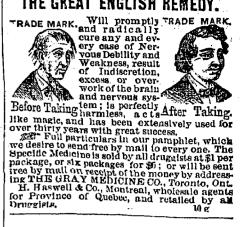
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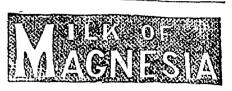
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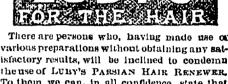




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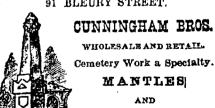
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