Poultry on the Farm Breeding and rearing poultry, the production of eggs and dressed fowls for market, has been a neglected industry throughout this country. Deemed insignificant in its character, many a farm has devoted his attention to occupations far less remunerative. No well-ordered farm should be considered complete without its complement of poultry, while the selection of breeds should not be a hap-hazard matter, but conducted with the same intelligence and investi-gation as the choice of milch cows, steers for feeding, sheep or pigs. With some persons the sale of eggs would be irable specialty, with others the production of chickens, each governing his action in the premises in accordance with his particular market and with the circumstances by which he is surround-

ed.

"In traveling through the country, even among our best and most favored favored farming districts, one is surprised at the great absence of interest in the poultry business among cur general farmers. Yet it is difficult to name any animal fed on the farm that gives better returns for outlay in food than poultry, or the product from which can always be marketed with such satisfactory results. In keeping poultry, like any other branch of husbandry, it is only the best that insures a profit. There is little difference in the outlay of time and money, whether one or snother breed is kept, but in the returns the balance is vastly in favor of the improved specimens. That which is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and nowhere is this more manifest than in the poultry line.

In this brief article it is not intended to recommend any particular breed, but to call the attention of such of our readers as have not of late given this subject the thought it deserves, to the desirability of letting poultry occupy even a small place in their thought and attention; to impress upon all the importance of cultivating every source of in come from the farm or village lot. Nothing about the farm will yield so good returns for care and judicious anagement; and whether for use at home or for sale in the market, nothing better appreciated than the choice productions which are sure to result from a proper selection of fowls, generous feeding and skillful preparation of their products for consumption. - American Cultivator.

Tra.—Scald the teapot and set it on the stove to dry. Allow one teaspoon-ful of tea for each person; let it stand in the dry teapot about three minutes then pour on boiling water and let it steep five minutes.

BATTER AND APPLES .- Pare and core six apples, and stew them for a short e with a little sugar; make a batter in the usual way, beat in the apples and pour the pudding into a buttered pie dish. The pudding, when properly with butter and moist sugar.

Coffee.—One half cup coffee (twothirds Java one-third Mocha), one egg, three pints boiling water; mix dry cof-

from five to ten minutes. Then pour in half a cup of cold water. Turn ont a little of the coffee into the cup and return it to the pot again. Set one side a few moments to settle.

Scotch Broth.—Take half teacup barley; four quarts cold water; bring to the boil and skim; put in now a neck of mutton and boil again for half an hour; skim well the sides, also the pot; have ready two carrots, one large onion, one small head cabbage, one bunch parley; one sprig celery tops; chop all these fine; add your chopped vegetables, pep-

SUET SOUP MADE WITHOUT MEAT .-In your soup pot put about a quarter pound of butter; set on the stove; slice. in four large onions; fry a nice bro stirring all the time; put in four quarts cold water; one large coffeecup of split peas, well washed; boil four hours bee serving; stir well with your potato masher; strain through a colander into your tureen. Many like comato cateup in this soup.

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Manure the Fruit Trees. In the virgin soil of the new States and Territories no manure may be ne-cessary. Some of the fairest fruits come before I sat down to write this article I are neighteen-counce apple that came from Central Ohio. I cannot say whether the tree that bore this apple got any manure or not, but one thing I can say, that it was a very good apple. In all the older States manure is essential for the best results in fruit-growing as it is for grain and grass. As a rale, the orchard can bear a crop of apples and hay annually, no matter if the orchard can bear a crop of apples and hay annually, no matter if the orchard has seen no manure for twelve or fifteen years. As a general manure, within reach of all farmers, there is nothing better than stable or yard manure.

A dressing of ten two-horse loads of manure per acre every other year, will promote growth of wood and the formation of fruit buds. Unleached ashes are among the best and cheapest manures from these regions. About five minutes before I sat down to write this article I

the acre every five or six years will pay abundantly. - D. N. Kern in Practical Farmer.

Anything in relation to a remedy for the extermination of potato bugs will be in the afternoon there was something o read with interest by farmers. The fol- a breeze, but it had all died out, and lowing experiment, although novel, will be worth testing: Two Eddington farmers, E. G. Morse and G. B. McMahon, and there is a sudden sense of suffocalast spring planted beans between their tion and a feeling as if the world had hills of potatoes. Their only object in stopped and died.

Suddenly, away off across the field, doing this was if the potatoes were ruined by the bugs they would still have the top of one of the largest oaks whirls ome crop from the land. As summer around and around, as if it had been a came and the potato bug commenced toy in the hands of a child, and falls this ravages, these two farmers found, to their surprise, that the potatoes were not troubled in the least, while the bugs were making sad havoc with the visited earth, the twisted ends of the headless trunk looking as if withing in pain. There is hardly time to listen to the crash which sounds tercrops of their neighbors. The bugs did rible, bursting in so suddenly upon the not at any time affect the field of pota- still air where not a leaf moves yet, toes and beans, and these farmers har-wested good crops of potatoes.—Vermont down, and then, suddenly and flercely,

so suddenly and so fiercely it seems as if we were in a terrible nightmare, they crash all about us. There is no pause, Romantic Story of Two Orphans. no moment for thought and compre The New York correspondent of the sion of what it means. Only a fearful Baltimore American writes: A little bit tearing and crashing among the great of a story of two orphans came to my trunks; a fleree glare and blaze of knowledge the other day, which is almost knowledge the other day, which is almost lightning, that you do not remember equal in pathos to the story as told in seeing begin, but that you know, with a the memorable play of that name. Some terrible certainty, is all about you; a years ago a boy left his home in Bavaria terrible crash, every now and then, nd came to this country, where his sus- as if the very heavens had split cess induced him after a time to send for cess induced him after a time to send for his younger brother. This left to the sole great tree has been torn to its roots by care and protection of their parents two the bolt. A rush of rain, not in drops still younger girls, one possessed of remarkable beauty. The parents died; the girls were left alone with very small up in a horribly ghastly fashion by the the girls were left alone with very small resources with which to depend for sup-lightning. The slender trees in front of port. Of their brothers they had heard your house writhing, twisting about, othing for several years, but with bowing to the very ground, or broken natural instinct and longing they turned with a sudden snap, and whirled furito the thought of them as their only ously over the prostrate fence. Gullies comfort in their distress and loneliness. dug out in the path by the water, and Against the advice of their pastor, they the whole ground, as far as you can see urned their effects into money and set one sheet of water, like a shallow lake, out for the new world, quite sure that in and lighted up by the lightning in a way that would have aided Dante in his it they would have no difficulty in finding their truant brothers. But it was "Inferno" had he seen it. The house itself trembling on its foundations, and not so easy as they anticipated. On landing in New York they were appalled once or twice moving as if to topple by the magnitude of the great city. over, and rain driving in through every They did not know where to go. Their crack and crevice an I places where you inquiries were met by laughter and rude never imagined there was one; driving repulse. Sickness overtook one of them. under the shingles; flooding the floo and the other, almost at the end of her under and around the doors, and spinsmall stock of money, frightened at the prospect of being left penniless, and igning across the room through a hole in the window-pane, made by the hail that norant of the character of the persons who professed an interest in her, accept now mingles with the rain and pounds on the roof with a deafening tumult. ed an invitation to sing in a concert The lake is a boiling, seething caldron, saloon. On the very first night she was with the waves all in a foam, and you shocked by the scenes which transpired around her and the bold admiration her beauty excited. The extreme plainness boat beating itself to pieces on the rocks it passes on. The hail ceases; the rain and modesty of her dress and demeanor, however, attracted the attention of two wind dies out; the thunder sounds far entlemen, one of whom was engaged in ther and farther away, till it become showing a friend from the country the "lions," and when an insolent fellow only a distant rumble, and the lightning becomes less and less vivid, till it attempted a familiarity which she resentflashes far off on a now almost cloudless el, he stepped to the rescue and obtainsky. You look at your watch to see what time it is and try to remember ed from her, amid her heart-breaking sobs, the story of herself and sister and when this all began. You remember when you came into the house it was done, should rise up quite light, with the failure of their hopes. The truth of the apples on top. To be eaten at table what she said was self-evident, and the three o'clock, and now it is only five young man, who was really honorable o'clock, and yet you feel as if you had and kind-hearted, promptly took her lived a lifetime in those two hours. You away from the place in which she was, open the door to go out and find the yard full of small gullies, your shade found her and her sister another respectthree pints boiling water; mix dry coffee and eggs, (shell and all) together, then pour on boiling water and boil from five to ten minutes. Then pour in half a cup of cold water. Turn out a trees nearly all ruined, the timber about you full of fallen and lodged and

> worthy of the middle-ages, and who will doubtless be a better man all his life for having allowed the best part of his The number of fires that took place nature to assert itself on that single ood in Paris during the past year was 2,744.

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ecomes a shower, then is done; the

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A STORY THAT TE Lydia Dearborn sitting-room, and sad and desponding s x-and twenty, an pale and wan, ye A cheerful fire bu it was winter, an center-table was li ing. She sat thus the door was open tered. She starte seeing a strange

ment unbidder " Lydia." said you know me?" The young wo to her brow and step forward and into the intruder's " James?" she tively.

"Yes, my sister, you know me?" Instead of answ rushed forward, sa osom, and wept "And you didn brother, with a sn a seat. "Why, no,

"Five years hav fully. But then t "All the diffe ter." said Jame while my ship is beard all shaved aboard some of know me at first "Then I wish a bear than you

rows. The brother l conversation ran opics suggested loved one. Jam thirty-two years absent for five ye he had command "By the way,

- street on Kate Waldron. you say you wish never known m such a thing as Lydia's eyes fi ment, and a dee lips. Her brot ved to her si about her neck. "What is it,

"Alas, James replied. "But that I did not m to Kate. You years ago, when such stories abo that Ambrose play 'picquet,' taught him the evenings you social card par "Yes, yes—said James,
"Well," con
of gaming is n

him. I can se tries to laugh a is so, for I have is my friend, a pure friendsh have not yet di sure my inforn