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GOSSIP

DO CHICKENS SUCK?

An interested reader at Langdon, Alberta, evidently an Irishman, sends the following, which, he says, appeals to the humorous side of his nature, and suggests that probably our readers would also be interested. The story runs:

"A simple-minded man in a large manufacturing town decided to keep fowls, so he bought a hen and ten chickens. He wrote to his brother, who knew more about chickens, to come to see them. In a week's time the brother came and saw the hen with two sickly-looking little chickens behind her. On seeing these he remarked: 'I thought you told me you had ten chickens?' 'So I had,' replied the simple one, 'but the others all died.' 'Whatever have you been feeding them?' asked the brother. 'Feeding them on!' exclaimed the poor man, looking surprised, 'I thought they sucked!'"

PRICKLY PEARS AS STOCK FOOD

Interesting details regarding the spineless cactus and various forms of plant growth that provide succulence in arid countries are given in the October number of the Transvaal Agricultural Journal, Joseph Burt-Davy, F.L.S., government astrologist and botanist, refers briefly to the propagation of spineless forms by Luther Burbank, of California and Professor Trabut, of Algiers, both of whom have produced some valuable types.

Speaking of the uses of prickly pears as fodder he says that in the Karroo country of South Africa, and in the arid and semi-arid regions of the southwestern United States, the stock farmer is periodically confronted with a condition of drought which often endangers the well-being, if not the actual existence, of his flocks and herds. His pastures are usually taxed to their utmost capacity during average years, and when a season of drought occurs he

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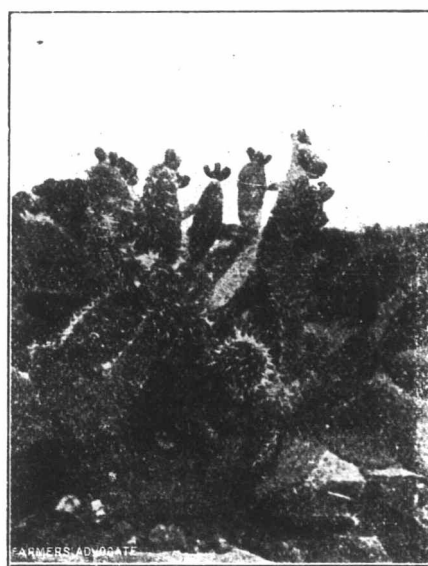
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COMMON PRICKLY PEAR OF SOUTH AFRICA.

suffers great loss from the reduced condition or even death of his animals. Under these conditions, he finds it necessary to reduce his number of head, selling them at a time when neither the condition of his animals nor of the market is most favorable to his interests. Under such conditions, which are of sufficiently frequent occurrence to necessitate definite action being taken, the production of some form of foodstuff to tide over such periods of drought is of great importance to the farmer. In the

"You say your husband throws things at you?" asked the lawyer to whom the injured wife appealed for help.

"Frequently," replied the lady.

"Plates?" queried the counsellor.

"Oh, no; nothing like that," said the suffering woman.

"Books, or pieces of bric-a-brac?" persisted the lawyer.

"Not he; he's too economical for that," sniffed the lady.

"You surely don't mean that he throws flatirons at you?" demanded the lawyer.

"No, indeed," sobbed the client.

"Then what?" said the lawyer, pressing her for an answer.

"Oh, he's always throwing the pies his mother used to make in my face," said the lady.

