

HOME AND FARM.

Even the wilful broncho of the wild West is amenable to civilization. "The principal characteristic of this gay and wily animal hitherto," it is well said by a Calgary contemporary, "has been his decided propensity for that exhilarating exercise, bucking." In fact, the propensity a few years ago was so decided that the broncho could rarely be ridden, and then only by the most expert and daring horsemen familiar with his habits. Many brouchos, as well as many of their trainers, have been permanently injured in the attempt at breaking. But the culling out of poor mares and the use of well-bred stallions have rapidly made a change in the character of the broncho, which, while retaining its native hardness of constitution, has improved in size and almost lost its tendency to buck. Of 127 re-mounts purchased by the Mounted Police last summer at Calgary, Macleod and Pincher Creek, all the animals have turned out good horses. The rapid success of breeders in eradicating the objectionable features of the broncho is an encouragement to intelligent breeders of all domestic animals.

Prof. Henry has found that a pound of gain on a calf during its second year costs in food very nearly one half more than a pound of gain during the first year.

The best way to stop a hen from eating her eggs is to make a pot-pie of her, and if she has had the habit some weeks she will make a particularly nice pie; she will be fat and juicy. Ordinarily it doesn't pay to waste time trying to cure hens of this habit, for the reason that it takes more time than the hen, plus a good pot-pie, is worth.

The following extract is from the London, (Ont.) *Free Press*. It is of course written in the interest of Ontario farmers and poultry-raisers, but we again point out, as we have heretofore done in the matters of horses, butter, etc., that if Ontario experts consider that there is a fair chance of profit in the English markets for Ontario farmers, how much better is the situation of the Nova Scotian, who, as we have continuously inculcated, is at the very door, so to speak, of the demands of Great Britain? "The poultry industry in Canada and the United States is very large, and if the latest statistics from the United States are reliable the poultry production has exceeded that of wheat, cotton, the dairy, and is three times that of the pork output. Ontario has produced poultry in the like ratio. We over produce in eggs and poultry, and want to find the best market. Now, by establishing a trade with Great Britain, which annually imports \$15,385,545 worth of these commodities, a trade in eggs might be built up in that direction. The matter of storage, packing and freight rates would be prime factors in the profitable handling of eggs and poultry. With but little more additional trouble, cold storage, and the proper packing of eggs, this commodity could be placed in the British markets with bigger margin of profit than is possible in the larger cities of the United States. The minimum price of eggs in England is 25 cents a dozen, and the following recent report from the Metropolitan poultry market (London, England,) will show how poultry sells there:—Chickens, 50 cents to \$1.25 a piece; ducks, 75 cents to \$1 a piece; turkeys, \$2.50 a piece; goslings or young geese, \$1.50 to \$2 by the single bird. If a regular trade were established ship-loads of poultry and eggs could be profitably sent to London and Liverpool, just as well as cheese, butter or dressed meat; and where there is a want of \$15,385,545 annually in England we in Canada could supply a large amount of this demand. Let us try it."

OUR COSY CORNER.

We are in receipt of *The Delineator* for April. This periodical stands in the first rank of journals of Fashion, and is profusely illustrated. The styles of dress delineated for this month are graceful and handsome—a little too handsome perhaps, a marked feature being an elaborate ornamentation, which does not, we confess, appeal to our individual taste. We prefer simplicity as a general principle, but that is only our individual taste. We are glad to observe a general decrease of the bustle to the rational dimensions of a graceful curve, in place of the unnatural and ungraceful table-like protrusions we have been of late accustomed to see, and which suggested more than anything else to the masculine mind a facility for a game of onchro. A few plain dresses are everything that could be desired, both in outline and simplicity of ornament, notably No. 2619, p. 242. We refer to number and page because we should imagine few ladies or dress-makers will be without the *Delineator*. We notice some very broad sashes (2596, p. 227), and two very handsome skirts, figures 6 & 12 p. p. 268 & 269. A reference to p. 279 gives the fullest information as to the colors which will prevail in spring millinery, which are numerous enough, comprising *platain* (silver-gray), *old-blue*, *vieux-serres* (old-China), *Italic* (straw-yellow), *Suedo* (light lemon), *mille or* (deep gold), *sable* (light but dull brown), *mordoré* (warm brown), *monsereau* (old rose) of several shades, *coelus* (mahogany red), *parot* (poppy), *japon* (japanese red), *orecaux sacre* (a beautiful shell pink), *empire* (grass green), *saule* (misty green), *verveine* (pale sage), *verdurette* (leaf green), *vert tendre* (green the exact shade of a willow when its leaves begin to sprout), *santulle* (grasshopper green), and, of course, black and white. These last with bright-red, grass-green, and black and yellow are, however, predicted as the favored colors.

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