

AGRICULTURE.

One of the greatest obstacles in poultry-raising is that of over-feeding. The hens should never be too fat, or they will not lay. They should be fed regularly, but should be induced to take exercise by being compelled to search for their food, as the grains can be scattered among leaves or buried an inch underground with a rake. At no time should the hens be so fed as to permit them to procure food from a trough whenever they desire it. They should be kept busy, and the result will be a large number of eggs, which will hatch better than those from overfed hens.

Sore mouth is caused originally by bad driving. The very prevalent habit of carrying the lines around the body when ploughing is a frequent cause of sore mouth, produced by the heavy pulling on the bit. This habit is a very bad one, and should be abolished. To cure the sores, wash them with borax water, and apply a mixture of four parts lard, one part Venice turpentine, one part spirits of turpentine, and one part finely powdered sulphate of copper: melt together, and stir until cold; apply at night. Wrap the bit in folds of linen rag.

ABOUT EGG PRODUCTION.—The fact that nearly a quarter of a million dollars' worth of eggs were imported into the United States during the first three months of the past year, indicates that the production of poultry and eggs is not likely to be overdone in this country for some time to come. Most of these eggs were brought from Germany, with Canada next on the list. With the low price of grain, the large number of unemployed people, and the numerous small tracts of land in the vicinity of cities and large villages that are well adapted to poultry raising, it seems as though Yankee enterprise ought to supply the home market with eggs.

KEEP ON THE FARM.—In these dull times, when scores of young men are out of employment, and others are crowding in from other places, seeking for so-called "genteel" situations, it is well to give wide publicity to such fact as are set forth in the following extract from the *New York Journal of Commerce*:—"One of the great problems of our day too little discussed by those who have the ear of the public through the press, or at the forum, is to furnish the young men of this generation with remunerative employment. The professions are all overcrowded. The shopkeepers are by far too numerous. Agencies of all kinds are so multiplied that the occupants tread on each other's toes, and are a bore and a nuisance to the general public. Clerks out of employment are to be reckoned by the tens of thousands. Bookkeepers with hungry eyes are reading the advertising lists, in the vain hope of an opening for their application. Collectors, messengers, door keepers, watchmen, conductors, and the great variety of others, already expert, seeking employment in kindred callings, are waiting anxiously for some one to engage them. Every possible form of service that can be reckoned in the list of genteel occupations is anxiously sought after by multitudes who have no other provision for their daily needs. The men who have been living by their wits must go to work at the bench or in the field; of these the soil offers the most remunerative employment. The mass of the unemployed must seek the sustenance from the bosom of mother earth. Land is cheap, and there is a wide area that awaits the tiller. The back may ache, and the skin blister in the sun, but the bread can be made without fear of failing, if the laborer will be faithful to his calling. It needs less wisdom and forethought than patient industry, and the man with a common mind can eat his harvest in peace.

PURE CIDER VINEGAR.—A sign in a third avenue grocery window reads: "Pure Russet Cider, 4c. a quart."

"That cider was never moved by a breath of country air," said a man in a blue check jacket, who was passing the window yesterday, "and it was never any nearer an apple than it is now, as it stands in the barrel at the rear of the grocery."

"Made of sulphuric acid and glucose, then?" suggested a companion.

"No, that's too expensive."

"What is it made of?"

"Sawdust. I work in the shop where it's made. Pure apple cider is worth thirty cents a gallon. Sawdust cider costs about one-fourth of that. We take the sawdust from a couple of wood yards—hemlock, hickory, maple every kind, just as it comes. We dump it into a big rotort, and heat it with a coal fire. Just 47 per cent. of what boils over is crude vinegar. It has to be purified a bit, and boiled down a little, but it is pretty good vinegar. When the wood reaches a certain point in the heating process it becomes charcoal, and is cooled off and sold to filter makers. We can beat the grangers on the vinegar business and not half try."

Lime is of great use to the soil. It is usually applied in the fall, and it is better so used, because it dissolves more rapidly in cold water than in warm. This fact is shown by the familiar instance of the deposit upon the inside of a tea kettle in which hard water is boiled, which consists of carbonate of lime deposited from the water as it becomes heated. The lime is always applied after it is air-slacked in the field, by being exposed in small heaps until it falls to a powder, when it is spread with a long-handled shovel. It is convenient to put the lime in heaps of one bushel each, two rods apart, which makes 40 bushels to the acre, and the lime can easily be thrown 16 feet.

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DAY, the 25th day of JANUARY next (1886), for
raising the walls of the locks, weirs, &c., and
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plans and descriptive specifications, can be seen at
this office on and after MONDAY, the 11th day of
JANUARY next (1886), where printed forms of
tender can be obtained. A like class of information
relative to the works north of Allansburg can be
furnished at the Resident Engineer's Office,
THOROLD; and for works south of Allansburg,
plans, specifications, &c., may be seen at the Resi-
dent Engineer's Office, WELLAND.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind the
tenders will not be considered unless made strictly
in accordance with the printed forms, and, in the
case of firms, except there are attached the actual
signatures, the nature of the occupation and place
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The amount required in each case will be stated
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