

ON THE FARM.

KILLING POULTRY.

There are various methods of killing fowls—some modern and cruel, others ancient and humane, and vice versa; but of them all we think the most merciful and best is by dislocation of the neck, and in the hands of a poulterer this plan is a simple and expedient one. As soon as the neck vertebrae becomes severed the capacity to feel pain is annulled. Of course there will be severe convulsions in the body of the bird, but the means of conveying sensation to the brain having snapped asunder, there need be no fear of the bird having pain, and these convulsions are simply the result of continued nerve action. The novice who intends to adopt this plan should learn the actual operation from an expert poultryman. The modus operandi is—Take the bird by the legs in the left hand, catching the extreme ends of the wings in the same hand to prevent the fowl fluttering; then grip the bird's head with the first and second fingers of the other hand and the palm of the hand being uppermost, and place the thumb on top of the head, the back of the fowl being upwards. The legs should be held against the left hip of the operator and the head laid against the right thigh, near the knee. The fowl should be held quickly and firmly extended, at the same time pressing the thumb into the neck and bending the head suddenly backwards, so that the neck is dislocated just below the junction with the head, and death immediately ensues. Another way to hold the bird, the dislocation being the same, is as follows—Place the fowl with its breast resting on the left hand, the head being in the right, with fingers well under jaws. A toss out of the left hand, and instant downward stroke from the right, as one snacks a whip on horseback, generally produces a fatal "pop" on the first revolution. If not the rotations must be continued, and the down stroke increased in severity. The wings should be tied, as their flapping neutralises the effort, and when tied the weight of the fowl helps the operator. The bird should be held by the feet a second or two directly after the vertical column is broken, and the wings so as to permit the blood to drain to the head and neck. This is of great importance, for if the blood be not the result of drainage from the body the flesh will present a dark appearance, which is unpleasant, and detracts from its value in the market. The blood is drained from the carcass, but the juiciness of the flesh is retained. This method of dislocation is the one most adopted in this country, and without doubt the cleanest and most humane. There is a knack in the operation, but it is the one that is easily acquired, especially if the operator have a strong wrist. Too much strength is not needed, or the head will come off in the operator's hand. Such a thing will not occur, however, if the fingers be opened directly the neck "goes." When the operation is properly performed the head and neck can be felt more than an inch apart, everything but the skin being severed.

PROBLEM OF THE COUNTRY BOY

Much is made of the temptations of city life, but country life is by no means the quiet, innocent pastoral idyl that some persons appear to think it is. Trashy and demoralizing reading is sown broadcast in one way or another; the "hired man," who has seen something of the world fills the ears of his youthful masters with tales that would horrify the careful parent, and take it all around Satan is about as busy in the country as in the city; more so sometimes. It is the citizens of the country towns who need awakening to the vital necessity of making due provision for the recreation of the boys before it is too late. There may be no saloons in the town or village, but there are always idle loafers, whose conversation is the reverse of edifying and whose influence is bad. Boys rob orchards, damage property, and get into various kinds of mischief because their exuberance of youthful spirits must find a vent somehow, somewhere, and if there are no legitimate channels for it, it will overflow, where it happens to do so carrying mischief along with it. The boy who is contented to stay at home night after night, read, study, or play games with his brothers and sisters, and go to bed at 9 o'clock is the exceptional boy. He may do all this from necessity if parental discipline is firm enough, but he will occasionally slip out at the first opportunity if he is a real human boy and not a bookworm or an invalid or a prig.

DAIRY AND STOCK.

As a manure spreader the sheep beats any modern contrivance. When an animal is off its feed there is something wrong with its digestive apparatus, and often a rest will put it in good shape once more. There is no tonic like good, healthy hunger. If the appetite becomes cloyed remove the animal from the sight of feed and let it get good and hungry. If nothing serious is the matter it will come around after its rations in a short time.

CHANGING FEED OF COWS.

When beginning with any feed that is new to stock, begin with a very small quantity. If pumpkins or turnips, cut fine and sprinkle a little middlings over them before you offer them, or a very little salt. Get them and keep them sharp and eager for their food; then they will be hearty and healthy and in condition to repay well for time, trouble and feed. Good care and proper treatment will make cattle glad to see you at any time whether hungry or not. You sometimes hear men say: "My cows are dainty; can get them to eat but very little of the best of hay, or perhaps they will eat but very little of their grain feed, muss to eat over a little and then they will not look at it again." You always say surely there has been mismanagement, for you verily believe that cows, calves or horses can be taught to eat almost everything that is good for them, even out of a swill bucket. As important as a good supply of good, wholesome feed it is equally as important to have good care and judicious management.

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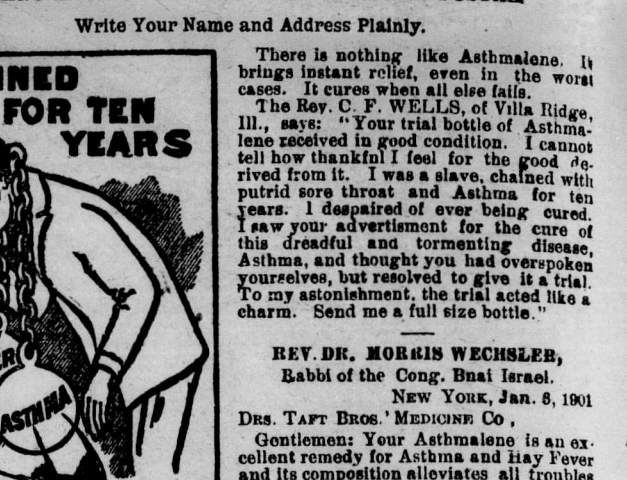
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The Locomotive Invades the Sahara South of West Algeria. The railroad which France extended some years ago, through western Algeria, from the seaport of Oran to the town of Ain-Safra, on the southern border of that colony, is now being steadily pushed southward in the desert. The road was built to Ain-Safra because that town occupies one of the numerous breaches in the southern mountain ranges leading to the Sahara, and is therefore favorably situated for the extension of a railroad into the desert. Ain-Safra is 3,570 feet above the sea and lies on the Saharan slope, its oasis being watered by a perennial stream which flows east to the Wady Namus, whose waters flow straight south into the Sahara.

The railroad, therefore, has been pushed eastward along the valley of the stream that gives life to Ain-Safra; having reached the Wady Namus track-laying has been extended southward through its valley. Stations have been established at the Arab towns of Tiat, Moghrar and Djennah Reg, where all trains stop. Six more stations will be established along the route. The road is to push some hundreds of miles southward to the oasis of Tuat, which is now in the possession of the French. Several post offices have already been established in places on the way to Tuat. Until within a few years only a few European travelers had penetrated to this isolated Mohammedan community. The natives raise good crops of wheat, barley, cotton and other articles which they require, including an abundant supply of vegetables. France is thus using a new railroad to establish its influence in parts of the northern Sahara, to which, five years ago, scarcely any European influence had penetrated.

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