The Crow that the Crow Crowed. "Ho! ho!" Said the crow : here the rye and the wheat, And the corn kernels grow-

" He! he! Farmer Lee,
When I fly from my tree,
Just you see where the tops
Of the corn-ears will be; Watch me !

co

With a lurch,
Flopped the bird from his perch.
As he spread out his wings
And set forth on his search— Switch-swirch,

He! he!"

Click !-bang !-How the small bullet sang As it sped through the air And the crow, with a pang, Went spang— Chi-bang'!

THE TAIL FEATHERS. Now know,

That to erow Often brings one to woe; Which the lines up above Have been put there to show,

Don't crow.

S. Conant Foster in St. Nicholas.

Really there is not much on a farm that is capable of exciting more interest than the poultry yard. Some writer has said that the hen is pretty nearly human, and if that is true—and it is—it may easily be imagined that the eccentricities of human nature clothed in feathers would be very interesting. If one will take the trouble to observe the different hens in his flock, he will find a source of considerable amusement, as he likens for an them to the peculiarities of the human finely. kind. One hen presents the character of a meddlesome busy body. She never seems to have time to attend to her own business, but is always irksomely busy in getting in the way of the rest of the flock, and is the first on hand to test the quality of every newly found worm, no matter what other hen finds

t. Another is a sedate old matron. She attends strictly to her own business. She is what might be called a well balanced hen. She does her laying reg-ularly in season, does her sitting in the same way, and brings up her little flock in a business-like manner. There is no fuss about her, if there are feathers. we find one that seems to have a talent for laying, but not the least parti-cle for sitting. She never seems to have time to sit. Yet there ,are 'others that appear to despise the labor of egg-production, although they are perfectly willing to sit on some other hen's eggs. And thus we find in this interesting kingdom, enterprise and stupidity, en-

These interesting peculiarities of the -found, to such an extent in no other kingdom—make chickens a profitable care for the children. Nothing will more interest the young than the poultry yard, if they are given an interest in it. We know a prominent gentleman who attributes his success in life to the ndustrious habits which he formed when a boy in the care of chickens which his father gave him "for his own." He said that he lived with his chickens. He studied their habits, which as we have said, being of peculiar interest, were at once entertaining; and he alleges that he had greater enjoyment in observing these habits and peculiarities than ever had on the play ground. Give the children, therefor the children, therefore, a poultry yard, and see how they will improve by it.

Queer Facts. POETICAL NAME FOR A PIE.

An Arab poet calls a pic—whether apple or peach the story doesn't say— the "Mother of Joyfulness." The Arabs have funny ideas of names. I read of a boy named "Stuffed Cabbage," and an-other, worse still, "Small Pox." HOW THE TARTARS KEEP FISH.

In Tartary the water freezes so deeply

in the winter that no fish can be caught. What do you suppose the people do then; go without? No indeed, they make the very cold that spoils the fish-ing keep the fish. All summer they catch more than they want, and keep the finny fellows in reservoirs, and as on as it is cold enough, expose them to the air. Of course they freeze solid, when they can be packed and sent any-where, and will keep fresh till thawed out if it is three months.

A PAIR OF SCRUBBING-BRUSHES

There's a funny little fellow living in There's a funny little fellow living in the sea who owns a pair of scrubbing-brushes. He lives under big stones, and his body is very, very flat (or he couldn't live in such narrow quarters, of course). His home is apt to be muddy, and to keep himself neat, he has—growing on two of his legs—scrubbing brushes of stiff hairs, with a delicate pair of claws, or fingers, at the end. With his brushes he carefully washes his shell, picking off anything that sticks with his two fingers, at then cleans off his brushes—in his smouth!—and folds them away in a way in a such content of the strength of the streng was nice cool water near by, making it magain. He's a crab. Shall I tell altogether lovely. After an hour or so this name? I don't suppose you spent in examining the far-famed locality, we took our leave well-pleased ou his name? I don't suppose you are for it, but perhaps some one will ant to read more about him, so here it

flavored with vanilla, and serve with

added when taken from the pan.

PEACH SHORT CAKE. - Make dough as for strawberry short cake or biscuit; roll out a layer less than an inch in thickness and place it in a buttered tin; over this spread a layer of stewed peaches, sprinkle with sugar and spice, dot with bits of butter, put on another layer of dough, and bake in a quick oven. Canned peaches stewed until reduced to a pulp may be used instead of the fresh fruit. This will be found a delightful desert or supper dish, and may be served with any plain sauce or with butter and powdered sugar.

GREEN CORN PUDDING. - One quart milk; five eggs; two tablespoons melted butter; one tablespoon white sugar; one dozen ears of corn (large ones); grate the corn from the cob; beat the white and the yolks of the eggs separately; put the corn and yolks together; stir hard; add the butter; then the milk; gradually beating all the time; next the sugar and little salt; lastly the whites: bake slowly at first, covering the dish for an hour; remove cover an brown

MEAT LOAF .- Boil two pounds of veal or beef until tender, chop it very fine, add two eggs, six Boston crackers rolled fine, one tablespoon of salt, one teaspoon of pepper, one teacup of water; pack in a pan and bake one hour. To be eaten cold, sliced thin. It is very nice for tea.

Pattening Poultry by Machinery.
A Paris correspondent says: While in the French department of agriculture I was much interested in an exhibit for fattening poultry by machinery. The hens and cocks were arranged in little stalls about ten inches square, with their heads towards the open front and their feet haltered to the floor in a way to prevent their turning round. The attendant passed in front of the stalls. seized the unhappy bird by the nape of attached a long hose, into its mouth, pressed upon a pedal with her toot, and a graduated quantity of food was forced into the stomach of the bird. They took their nourishment very much as a boy the heathen gods nave.

Some investigation of the bird. They took their nourishment very much as a boy their nourishment very much as a boy their nourishment very much as a boy the heathen gods nave. the neck, inserted a tube, to which was attached a long hose, into its mouth, terprise and laziness, and steadiness and may not accord with the American idea of chicken rights to make a rooster eat, whether he wants to or not, it cannot be denied that this regimen makes him much more desirable to be eaten. I have nowhere else tasted such sweet, juicy chicken as they have here. About the morality of this system there may also be some question, and I doubt if it ld obtain in a country blessed with a

It certainly divests chicken life of nuch of its romance. They must devote their lives exclusively to the ignoble, inheroic business of getting fat. No crowing or cackling and nest-hiding in out-of-the-way places in barns, or hatching, or scratching for the early worm in gardens or on ancestral dung hills for them. Indeed, those people who, it is said, have no word for home, have done anch to divest the lives of chickens of hallowed and homelike associations. They are hatched in steam incubators and the velvety little birds never know the sheltering arms of the old hen, but are protected in flannel-lined drawers.

Robinson Crusoe's Island.

From a highly interesting private let-ter we gather some particulars in regard to the Island of Juan Fernandez, the scene of De Foe's famous romance. The letter in question was written by the captain's wife on board an American whaler which called at the island for a supply of wood and fresh provisions. The writer says:

"Finding to our delight a very clear and beautiful morning, we were ready for the boat to take us on shore by eight o'clock. We found a nice landing place, with a few houses close by the shore. The gentleman who leases the island from the Chilian Government, Mr. Alf de Rode (an enterprising Swiss), met us on the mole and very cordially invited up to his house, and gave us some fresh milk and bread, as the morning air had sharpened our appetites. He then said he would go with us to see the cave where Alexander Selkirk (the original Rohinson Crusoe) lived so long. When we arrived there a beautiful lunch was set before us, composed of various

with our visit. s (don't try to pronounce it—it's worse han usual): Porcellana Platucheles! 'Mr. De Rode has re-leased the entire try of childhood; "When I was young!' island for a period of eight years, and is the poetry of old age.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD. stocking it with cattle, etc., with which to supply the passing vessels or to ship to the mainland. Fine feed abounds

BARED Prans.—Peel and bake ripe pears, with but little water. When cold, cover the top and sides with a cake-icing flavored with vanilla, and serve with food, the skins being handed over to the

ama Star and Herald.

History of Earrings. The nothing-new-under-the-sun principle applies to the custom of wearing pendants from the lower part of the ears est times among the nations of the East.
The prophet Isaiah reproaches the
daughters of Zion with being too lavish
in ornaments of this kind, and several pa is of the Scripture make allusion to prisof the Scripture make allusion to the spoil of earrings, etc., which was dedicated to the Lord. This trinket of rings and jewels appears to have been as much worn by men in those days as as much worn by men in those days as by the same sex that now lays almost undisputed claim to them. It would M. Homberg relates, that there is seem that the ornaments had been used species of ants at Surinam, which the for idolatrous purposes previous to this inhabitants call visiting ants. They time, since Jacob, in the injunction he march in troops with the same regularity gave to his household, commanded them among the heathen nations oftentimes had the image of the sun, moon, etc., engraven upon them. The prophet Hosea speaks of the women of Jerusalem as indulging in the lying vanities of rings devoted to the idol deities. The Roman ladies of olden times used earrings of pearls and of precious stones, and not unfrequently, like some of the North American Indians, they had three or four of these ornaments pendant to each ear, which, unlike the Indian trinkets of the present day at least, were of immense value. The Moors of Afri-

CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.

be well founded, as there are many well-

known statues of mortals which have the ears pierced. The fine bust of Car-

Figures Which Show The Progress Made by the United States in the last Five Years. The New York Bulletin publishes the following tabular statement of the con dition of crops and leading exports of the United States in 1877, as compared CROPS OF UNITED STATES

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Wheat, bush	39,204,285	40,825,000	ı
Wheat flour, bbls	2,562,086	3,343,655	ı
Cotton, lbs	1,203,647,000	1,445,368,000	ı
Cotton goods, yds	13,773,000	116,370,500	ı
Apples, dried lbs	4,483,186	14,318,052	ı
Copper, lbs	38,9 9	13,461,000	ı
Hops, lbs	1,795,487	9,581,108	ı
Boots and shoes, prs	17.241,000	24,122,936	ı
Nails and spikes, ibs	260,759	300,484	ı
Rosin and turpentine, bbls	5,998,918 845,162	9,316,659	l
Firearms	\$1,161,850	900,056	ı
Oil cake, lbs.	194,318,000	\$5,259,813	ı
Illuminating oil, galls	158,102,000	273,670,940	ı
Cotton seed oil, galls,	709,576	262,441,000	ł
Ganpowder, Ibs	625,772	1,705,422	ı
Bacon and hams, lbs	395,381,000	480,067,148	ı
Beef, lbs	31,605,000	88,366,000	ł
Cheese, lbs	80,366,000	107,361,000	ı
Fish dried, cwt	118,076	159,648	ı
Lard, ibs	230,534,000	284,741,000	
Pork, Ibs.	64,147,000	69,671,000	
Soap, ibs	9,639,000	10,275,000	
Spirits turpentine, galls,	5,114,000	6,796,927	ı
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These thirty articles constitute fivesixths of the total value of our exports of domestic commodities, and ca exported.

"When I shall be a man!" is the poe-

Cyprus Women.

According to a correspondent, the women of Oyprus (England's newly-acquired territory) are quite peculiar in their costumes, wearing pantaloons fastened around the shkles, with fancy-colored boots, a profusion of chains and tribate around the pack and a heavy flavored with vanilla, and serve with cream and sugar. This makes a delicate and healthful dessert, and but little time is consumed in its preparation. Tart apples may be baked in the same way, and are preferred by many.

Cucumbers of medium size, cut lengthwise in thin slices, and place in cold water for a few minutes; drain, and dipeach slice into flour; then fry quickly, water for a few minutes; drain, and dipeach slice into flour; then fry quickly, mer isles of the Pacific ocean.

"We shall sail to-night, if favored drippings. Place the slices of cucumbers, hot from the pau, between slices of buttered toast and serve at once. The prictor of this famous island, and our day's visit, which will cheer many a dark, stormy, lonely day at sea."—Pantallel, when taken from the variable of the proper and salt, or a little mustard may be called when taken from the variable. They are among the most beautiful woman of all the islands, recalling the finest faces of the ancient statues. Unfortunately, they do not cultivate grace of form and little mustard may be called when taken from the variable. of form, and by thirty they become quite stout and heavy. There is a certain dignity and elegance about the women of Opprus that is very striking. They probably approach nearer to the ancient type of classic beauty than any other of as well as to many other things. It appears to have taken its rise in the earli-have but little or no education, but they are not lacking in intelligence, nor in a desire for knowledge. I cannot speak as well of the men. They have been so long crushed to the earth by Turkish

> as a large and powerful army. As soon to put away "the strange gods which were in their hand, and all the earrings of drawers in the house are set open for which were in their ears." These ear- them, as they are sure to exterminate all rings or jewels, worn by Jacob's house- the rats and mice and other noxious anihold, had probably been consecrated to mals, acting as if they had a peculiar superstitions purposes, and worn as a mission from nature to destroy them, sort of amulet, for it is known that rings, The only misfortune is, they pay their whether in the ears or nose, were first visits too seldom; they would be welwhether in the ears or nose, were first visits too seldom; they would be wel superstitiously worn in honor of false come every month, but they do not ap gods, and probably of the sun, whose circular form they were designed to represent, and, indeed, rings and vessels
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