FREDERICTON.

redericton, Feb. 18-The blacksmith, chine and carpenter shops, all in one ilding, and a store base adjoining, the operty of Emery Sewell, at Mangerlle, were destroyed by fire at 4.30 o'clock is morning. The buildings contained its of the machinery of Mr. Sewell's poats Ernest, Carrie, Peri and Eva mson, which was damaged and much

ons, carts and implements used about the openies in summer, and in the carpenter shop was stored a large stock of prin handles, pike poles, etc., for use in railing, and all was destroyed. The store in graphs. which was a great quantity of general merchandise was saved with much dif-

The men lost all their tools, Whitfield The men lost all their tools, Whathield Thompson, of Gibson, losing about \$175 worth of carpentering tools; and H. S. Cooper, A. F. Lovely, of Gibson, and Geo. Cole, of Maugerville, lost all their machinsts' tools, Mr. Cooper's loss being particularly heavy. Mr. Sewell places his loss at \$5,000, and he had no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown and quite unexplainable, but it is said conditions point to incenderism.

Fredericton, Feb. 18—R. E. Larrabee, of the C. P. R. telegraph office, went to St. John this morning, where he has been transferred. Mr. Larrabee was last even-

transferred. Mr. Barrabee was last evening dined at the Kloss Club, and presented with a meerschaum pipe by the club, and with a pretty gift by a number of his young lady friends.

The Nashwaaksis Butter and Cheese Company, has been organized. The capital stock is \$600. It was decided to buy the

present cheese factory at Nashwaaksis for \$400. George Pugh is secretary.

The purchase by the Fredericton and Woodstock Steamboat Company of the steamer Aberdeen from the Star Line has been chosed. The steamer is at St. John and the new owners are to take de

livery there March 5.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 19—(Special) This week's Royal Gazette contains a proclamation summoning the legislature to meet on Thursday, March 6 for dispatch of business.

Rev. G. Nelson Stevenson, of St. John,

is registered to solemnize marriages, and William Munro, Zionville, York county, is appointed justice of the peace.

Letters patents have been issued to W.
H. Fowler, Alex. Fowler, F. A. Peters, George A. Kimball, St. John, and J. M.

Residually of Hillsboro, is visiting friends at Albert.

About 20 of the young friends of Miss Rosie Woodworth, of Chemical road, gave there a surprise party Monday evening it. Johnson, Calais, incorporating them as the St. John Milling Company Limited. The capital stock is \$14,000.

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Benjamin F. Pearson, George Pearson, Halifax; James Friel, Dorchester; Steadman Crandall, Moncton; F. W. Emmerson, Sackville, are seeking incorporation as the Bay of Fundy Oil Company, Limited; proposed capital \$500,000, divided into shares of \$1 dollar each. The company asks authority to bore for oil and gas in New Brunswick. The head office is to be at Moncton.

Senator Wark celebrated his 98th birth-day here today, and received many con-gratulatory telegrams, including one sign-ed by all the Liberal members of the senate. The veteran legislator is enjoying the best of health and expects to leave the best of health and expects to leave for Ottawa in the course of a few weeks to take up his parliamentary duties. He has been continuously in public life for upwards of 60 years, and is undoubtedly the world's oldest legislator, both in has residence, drug store and private hostical and experiences.

McCleian Bros. Scall life is at Midway, which will cut about 400,000 feet.

Dr. James Carnwath has moved into his new building at Riverside. The building has residence, drug store and private hostical and control of the course of a few weeks at Midway, which will cut about 400,000 feet.

10,000 pounds of very fine butter had been made and sold during the year. The factory has been running all winter, and the prospects for next season are very encouraging. The following officers were appointed: Mr. George E. Fisher, president of this place, is at present in a flourishing condition. The membership of this old institution, which has existed for nearly 52 stitution, which has existed for nearly 52. prospects for next season are very encouraging. The following officers were appointed: Mr. George E. Fisher, president; Mr. George J. Dickson, vice-president; Mr. Alex. G. Dickson, vice-president; Mr. Alex. G. Dickson, sec.-treasurer; Messrs. M. S. Hocken, W. B. Snowball, R. A. Murdock, John Fitzpatrick, Clifford Gallaway, Alex. Robinson, and John Dickson, directors; Messrs. Fred Eddy, and William Mather, auditors.

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A brow of logs belonging to McClelan here that the forces under the government General Castro and the revolution-ary General Herrera are fighting 30 and by the McClelan steam mill.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, Feb. 18-The oldest hardware firm on the St. Croix has changed hands. Chase, Barker & Company sold their Calais store on Monday to Geo. H. Eaton, of the lumber firm of H. F. Eaton & Sons, who has purchased the business for his two sons, John and Henry. A few years ago the St. Stephen branch of this old firm was purchased by W. A. Mills, who continues the success attained by his predecessors.

Customs Officer Thos. Doyle, of Calais. made a seizure on Monday of eight bar-re's of granulated sugar, which had been smuggled from the Canadian side and stored in a barn on Washington street, in

W. W. Inches is still confined to his esidence on account of injuries sustained his foot by falling through an open grap door in Memorial hall last week.

MONCTON.

Moncton, Feb. 18-(Special)-Mariner Steeves, aged 19, was arraigned today on charge of forgery. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in Dorches. ter penitentiary. The sum involved was about \$25 or \$30.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 17-Rufus Wright, of the I. C. R. works, Moncton, is visiting relatives at this place and Mountville. Mrs. Martha Wilmot, of Linden, Mass. s visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Robin

son, at this place. M. M. Tingley, D. G. W. P. of Golden Rule Division, S. of T., is circulating a petition addressed to the provincial legislature asking for a prohibitory law regarding intoxicating liquors. Numerous signatures are being obtained.

day and will remain a week with her friend, Mrs. J. R. Price.

The Carnival which is to be held next Friday evening is much talked of and many are busily engaged preparing their costumes.

The lumbermen are rapidly moving their deals to the public wharf, thus taking advantage of the excellent roads.

very ill.

Miss Freda Wells came from Hillsboro Saturday. Rev. R. H. and Mrs. McPherson enter-

tained a party of friends to tea Wedneslay evening.

Mrs. John Daley, who has been quite ill, is able to be around again. Miss Mary Edgett is visiting friends at

Mrs. McLatchy, of Weldon, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bishop, or Albert. Newton Stiles spent Sunday at the shire-

Mrs. Geo. Copp, of Awert, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hickey of Point Wolfe, returned home last week M. D. Fullerton, of Albert, left Monday for Hillsboro, where he has secured a good position with the News Publishing Company. J. N. Smith will carry on his busi-

ness during his absence. Quite a number attended the valentine carnival in the Hillsboro skating rink

her a surprise party Monday evening, it being her 16th birthday. A very pleasant evening was spent. Miss Rosie received a

number of presents.

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 18—Mr. and Mrs James Matthews, of Curryville, celebrated the 40th anniversary of their marriage at Amos Woodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright, Mr and Mrs. C. S. Starratt, Miss Orpal A. West, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fenton, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of West River.

McClelan Bros.' steam mill is setting up at Midway, which will cut about 400,000

the world's oldest legislator, both in years and experiences.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, Feb. 17—Thomas Flett, of Nelson, has received a very large order for box shooks, and is running his box mild day and night. Mr. Flett took on 20 extra thands last week.

Smelts are reported more plentiful, but are selling at a very low figure. Frank Massam Frost, son of Shepherd Frost, who died Thursday after a lingering illness, was buried Sunday in St. Paul's cemetery. The Orange lodge of which the deceased was a member, attended in regalia.

Mrs. J. B. and Miss Laura Snowball are expected home from Montreal this week.

Chatham, Feb. 18.—At a meeting of the Union Furniture and in this section.

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 19.—Daniel W. Chetheater and the largest of the Union Formst the Shepody marsh. It seems that the species is rare in this section.

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 19.—Daniel W. Woodworth of Chemical Road, parrowly

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Chatham, Feb. 18.—At a meeting of the Miramichi Natural History Association, the following officers were elected for the year: Dr. Cox, president; Messrs. D. Fenguson and J. D. B. F. MacKenzie, vice-presidents; Dr. Baxter , corresponding secretary; Mr. George Stothart, treasurer; Mrs. Creighton, librarian; Miss McLean, Miss Edgar, Dr. Cox and Mr. Jas. MacIntosh, curators for museum; Messrs. J. I. Staroar Mr. J. J. Star

Miss McLean, Miss Edgar, Dr. Cox and Mr. Jas. MacIntosh, curators for museum; Messrs. J. L. Stewart, W. L. Weldon and Mrs. J. Connors, additional members of the council.

The annual meeting of the Napan Creamery Company was held on Tuesday. The reports showed that something over 10,000 pounds of very fine butter had been made and sold during the year. The fac-

SALISBURY.

Salisbury, N. B., Feb. 18-Mrs. Mc Carthy, of Moncton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Trites. Miss Annie Duncan is home again after

Mrs. Seely came from Havelock Saturday and will remain a week with her

Miss Fowler, of Petitcodiac, was the guest of Councillor Carter during last themselves there was a desire for closer relations with the "new dominion."

turned from St. John and Sussex.
H. Patterson, of Waterford, is in towa.
W. V. Milton returned last week from business trip to St. John.

Dallas Carleton inflicted a severe gash on his ankle bone while working in the woods Saturday.

Arthur Steeves and wife, of Albert, were visiting friends here last Monday.

The many friends of Mrs. Andrew Mc-

F. J. Steeves, optician, of Hillsboro, was in town February 15th, on business.

Truro, N. S., Feb. 18-(Special)-Truro firemen made the town lively tonight at their annual sleigh drive. They did the town and then spent the evening at the Central fire house with a big dinner and

sreeches.
Truro, N. S., Feb. 19—(Special)—A letter was received by a Truro lady today from King Edward. It was to Miss Lydia Agnes Edwards, sister of J. Plimsoll Ed-wards, of the Montreal Pipe Company, acknowledging the receipt of her collection of poems "Tributes of Loye and Loyalty from Canadian Hearts, in Mem-ory of Queen Victoria," sent to the royal family some weeks ago. The letter was written by Arthur Davidson, lieutenant colonel equery in waiting, and read; "I am commanued by the king to thank you for the collection of poems from Canada in memory of Queen Victoria. His majesty

Toronto Wants a Gathering to Suggest Mat-ters for Premier at London. - with the ship McDiarmid, which sailed from Liverpool on the same day the Bel-ford left London. ters for Premier at London.

Toronto, Feb. 20-(Special)-The boar of trade today decided to hold if possible a conference in Toronto of boards of trade, to take up trade matters that might be presented by the premier at the colon-ial conference in London.

A SLICK SALESMAN.

nan (entering office)-"I'd like to interest you in this new hair brush." Old Billions (impatiently)—"I'm bald."
Salesman—"So I see. But your wife perhaps"—
Old Billions—"She's bald, too."

storer here that would cause hair to grow on a billiard ball."

Salesman-"Then you're the very man I'm looking for. I've got a hair re-

ANT. GOTTENUFF

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

West India Trade To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir.-Your announcement of a few week ago to the effect that Messrs. Marsh & Marsh, of Toronto, had established a regular line of steamers between St. John and the British West Indies should be hailed with satisfaction by all the people in this part of the dominion. And to have fruit and other West India produce spending a week very pleasantly in Moncton with friends. vantage. Too long have we delayed in

Years ago the writer spent some time in the West India Islands. Our dominion Friday evening is much talked of and many are busily engaged preparing their costumes.

Among many of the thinkers in the islands week.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Vanwart, of Hampnor of one of the foreign islands, a farvantage of the excellent roads.

There will be a very considerable amount of dyking to do during the coming summer. Extensive repairs to the Hill and Bond dykes will be required, as also so with the dyke of the Dilton marsh, where three aboideaux will be put in.

Freeman J. Steeves, of Boston, came today to visit his father. Judson Steeves, at this place.

Riverside, Feb. 18—Mrs. William Stiles, who has been quite ill with bronchitis, is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Maminer Downing still continues very ill.

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Week.

Mr. And Mrs. Isaac Vanwart, of Hampster, which the gotter with the dyke of the Dilton marsh, their daughter, Mrs. Eveleigh, of Sussex, are at present visiting Rev. Mr. Perry, at their effects upon the cane production. Many of the planters were unable to make ends meet. Some of the estates were going far behind on the English islands. Many of the "factors," or agents of those old Scotch and English proprietors were good and careful men, but handicapped as they were they could not make their plantacy and has been quite ill with bronchitis, is somewhat improved.

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Miss Mary Price and Mr. Bert Taylor, of Havelock, spent Sunday in the village with friends.

The last on the particum was the tropical and semi-distance within her own borders. And within her own borders. And within her own borders are not her northern produce, yet there was no probability of a reciprocal trade upon a fair and equitable basis, even in the event of annexation to the United States. We see now how well founded his opinions were.

entertained by the governors and other "big men" of the English islands. Stock was subscribed for and changes were made in the insular laws to meet the requirements of the new company, but the con-cern was simply a fake. But other transportation companies have been formed since and unfortunately our products in The many friends of Mrs. Andrew Mc-Kinley, of Alma, learn with regret of her very serious illness with heart trouble.

D. M. Elliott, who has been working here for some time, returned to his home tar as trans-Atlantic shipments are co cerned, but that through the enterprise of Messrs. Marsh & Marsh a fine opportunity is afforded of shipping goods to the West Indies without the trouble of reshipment at any United States port. The new line deserves and I think it will have the hearty support of loyal Canadians.

I may further add that confederation with Canada was fully discussed by thoughtful men in the West Indies at the time spoken of, and the official referre viction that this was the only solution of the difficulty, and though the was loval to his king," yet he felt that the Danish and Dutch islands would at least immed ately fall into line. Then was the tim for Canada to have reached out further and secured markets which now are danger of being closed, and coasting privileges which no longer attain. Is it too late to seek closer relations with our sister colonies and perhaps with some other is flag? "Strenuous exertions" on the part of our public men may open up larger markets to our people and stimulate trade in this direction. At any rate let the new

Yours truly, SCARE AT PORTLAND.

Young Man Has Smallpox; Schools Are

Portland, Me., Feb. 20-Roy Skillings aged 23, of Scarboro, has smallpox, and the young man's family of five has been quarantined. He spent the night at the

Salvation Army barracks in this city two

weeks ago. The town is greatly alarmed, and schools closed. Ship Bedford Wins Long Race. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 19.—The British ship Belford arrived last night, 130 days out from London with a general cargo. She is the winner of a race from England

Six Years' Sentence for Duellist. Hanover, Pruesia, Feb. 19.—Herr Valhas been condemned to six years impris onment in a fortress, for killing Landreth von Bennigsen in a duel, Jan. 16, in the emperor's hunting park at Springe.

To Be Hanged Next Month. Edmonton, N. W. T., Feb. 20—(Special)
—Charles Bullock was found guilty last
night of murdering Leone Stainton at
Battle River in April, and sentenced to
be hanged at Fort Saskatchewan, March
26.

Complete Returns from Lisg r. Winnipeg, Feb. 20—(Special)—Complete returns from Lisgar give Stewart 1,068 over Richardson.

The Baby Sick?

Then probably it's a cold. Babies catch cold so easily and recover so slowly. Not slowly, however, when you use Vapo-Cresolene. Then a single night is all that is butter which is put on the market.

necessary for a cure. You just put some Cresolene in the vaporizer, light the lamp beneath, and place near the crib. While baby sleeps he breathesin the healing vapor. Cold loosens, inflamed membranes heal, and all trouble ceases. It's a perfect specific for whooping-cough and croup. \$

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MILK OF SHORTHORNS.

An English Authority Says It Is Poor

Professor James Long in an article in the London Live Stock Journal

"There is little doubt that large numbers of pedigree Shorthorns produce poor milk, and there is always the danger, which some gentlemen do not appear to apprehend with sufficient force, that in crossing with bulls of pedigree blood for the maintenance of Shorthorn character of the dairy cow they impart to the progeny a tendency to produce milk such as their own dams produced before them-i. e., milk of poor quality."

Commenting on this, Hoard's Dairyman says: Professor Long believes in the Short-

that in the above quotation he gives the case away badly. His statement is just the indictment bleness of the Shorthorn who have been striving to secure the most profitable dairy animal possible. Furtherbreeding for dairy qualities specifically and alone. The Shorthorn as a breed is not a profitable dairy animal, net alone because she does not yield rich Miss Mary Free
of Havelock, spent Sunday in the visits
with friends.

Mrs. Charles Jones is dangerously ill.
Mrs. Denier, of Moncton, has been spending a few days in the village.
Captain and Mrs. Carter entertained a small company at whist Monday evening.
Porto Rico and the United States.
While there upon a visit, a New York and line of steamers between New York and line of steamers line of steamers line of steamers line of years the or, in other words, an inherited tendency or in other words, and inherited tendency or in other words and inherited tendency

and therefore the Jersey is a profitable animal to breed for beef. The Shorthorn people are about the only ones we know of who claim the impossible and the unreasonable for their cattle from a breeding standpoint. long, and there baiting the birds for a roid" roofing material and a hammer Occasionally a little light is let into the day or two and watching your chance, (the nails and tin heads come with it) question by such remarks as we have one can with a double barreled gun quoted above from Professor Long.

hering to the Shorthorn idea of cow or the still more inconsistent idea of a dual purpose. No true dairy breeder on earth ever attained success by following such notions. We believe the Shorthorn could

be made a profitable dairy breed, but it

would only be done by adhering to spe-

cific dairy standards of temperament,

form and heredity. SILAGE AND DRY FODDER.

A New York Dairyman View of Their

Relative Merits. I have used ensiloed corn for the last 12 years and prefer it to corn fodder think, easier digested. It makes a grand thing to mix the ground feed with and is just damp enough to hold the other feed, which causes the cows to chew the whole mass, thus getting the saliva well mixed with the fine feed as well as the coarse stuff, so that they get more value from the ground feed,

which costs the most money.

I have obtained good results from nicely cured corn folder early in the season before it gets hard or dried out too much, but unless it is dampened it is of no account to feed other grain with, and I think the silage cheaper and better.

I would not cut hay that cattle would eat clean without cutting. I have cut straw when out of silage to make a vehicle to feed the ground feed upon, and when dampened and well mixed with a good ration of grain it makes a good substitute for silage. When I have a good supply of silage, I need but little hay and no straw, but in case of shortage either hay or straw can be used to good advantage when cut and fed with ground feed. I never feed ground feed alone and do not think cutting hay or straw would add anything to its palatability unless some grain is added. As to the comparative cost of har-vesting corn I have no figures to go

by, but would just as soon put the corn into the sile as cure the fodder, then haul, store and cut before feeding, as I should have to do to get my cows to eat it all as they do silage. I much prefer the silage plan to the old plan of busking and grinding. I feel very sure I can put the corn in the silo much cheaper, but not sure I get the full feeding value of the grain, but think I do not lose more than the cost of grinding. One point I am perfectly satisfied upon, and that is I should not feed cornstalks or corn fodder whole upon any account. The the loss of fodder. I even cut the green corn fodder and feed it in the manger with the grain ration and think it pays.

Poor Butter Versus Butterine, Farmers, their wives, sons and daughters and those helpers on the farms must decide whether butterine shall have the preference to butter on the tables of citizens of cities. Butterine now has the preference to much of the

A good, even quality of butter can be produced on every farm every week in the year if pains be taken with the cows, the feed, the milking, the milk, the cream, the churn, the churning and keeping the butter after it is churned. Much of the spoiled butter is spoiled after churning by being placed where it can take up the odors from vegeta-Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. A Vapo-Cresolene outilt, including the Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a life-time, and a bottle of Cresolene, complete, \$1.50; ex ra supplies of Cresolene, complete, \$1.50; ex ra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents and 50 cents. Hinstreted booklet containing physicians' testimophils free apon request. Vaporizer and the pipes of men who sit and smoke their tobacco in the kitchen while the ingolysticians' testimophils free apon request. Vaporizer and the pipes of men who sit and smoke their tobacco in the kitchen while the crock of butter sits in the pantry or customatic and the content of the pipes of the colors from vegeta
to an take up the odors from vegetathe pipes of the tobacco smoke from the pipes of men who sit and smoke their tobacco in the kitchen while the crock of butter sits in the pantry or customatic and the pipes of the pi cupboard near by .- H. W. Phelps,

A friend writes us inquiring how best to abate the English sparrow puisance. There is a remarkable similarity in the matter of maintaining an existence under discouragements between the sparrow and our common rodents, rats and mice. One writer has aptly named these birds as the "rats of the air," possessing in common with these rodents a remarkable prolificacy, a close relation to man in all his domestic affairs and an almost abnormal shrewdness in evading man's most ingenious methods for limiting their number. The natural enemy of the sparrow is the cat, assisted in a helpful way by the barn owl where men have sense enough to protect these useful birds. The sparrow being a comparatively new importation in this country, American cats have not yet developed, as they have in England horn as a dairy cow, but it seems to us and older countries, a natural skill and tact in preying upon these birds, though without doubt they will in time. In the city of London, England, the men have made against the profita- a type of cats has been evolved which will scale the walls of high buildings on water pipes, leads, window sills and cornices searching for the sparmore, he shows the force and power of rows' nests, while there is authentic record of cats scattering breadcrumbs on a window sill to invite the birds while the cat lay in ambush ready to seize it. So far as we have observed, milk, but because of her low dairy tem- American cats have not as yet experament all around. She is what she hibited any special aptitude or skill winds whistle through and make piercis because the men who have bred her in their pursuit of the sparrow as they have in the case of rats and mice, but in time they will. One way in which or, in other words, an inherited tenden- to limit the number of these birds, if not to eradicate them entirely, is to have their nests destroyed. A small clone up those cracks so that cur-premium offered to small boys for the rents of air are prevented we have have their nests destroyed. A small eggs-so much per dozen-will result among the Shorthorns any more than it in a great destruction. As a boy we would to say that there are beefy ani- have had more real fun, stimulated by ment. And prevention is so much easmals to be found among the Jerseys | the pennies earned, in hunting for spar- | ier and simpler than cure. Any one rows' nests than in any other form of boyish sport. In the winter season, when the snow is upon the ground, by clearing off a strip back of the barn | the cracks. With a few cents' worthabout ten feet wide and twenty feet loaded with No. 10 shot make an awful house and effectually shut out the win-The breeders for specific dairy power | slaughter by firing one barrel at them | ter blasts. Either of those roofing maand capacity have conclusively shown on the ground and one just as they in the results of their breeding that rise. We have known two or three such results cannot be attained by ad- experiences of this sort to practically drive the birds from the homestead. The feeding of grain soaked in poison ous solution is as a general thing a failure. The birds are too shrewd. The destruction of the nests and persistent shooting will do much to miti-

gate this nuisance. PLEASANT WORK FOR WOMEN. Nearly every town and community all over the country has more or less women, some of them widows, some old maids, whom a cruel fate has compelled to face the world and work out their own living. Some of them sew, some take in washing, some work out and help their neighbors, some nurse principally because the cows like it bet- the sick, nearly all having at best but ter, says A. H. Cooley in American Ag- a limited and precarious means of supriculturist. It is more palatable and, I port, their sole property consisting of a small home which they own. For these we have a word which may in some cases prove helpful. There are two ways in which a woman so situated can greatly better her condition. One is to take her lot of ground and convert it into a poultry yard; the other is to convert it into a good garden. If poultry is preferred, some one of the nonsitting varieties of fowls should be selected, and they should be of pure blood, as an extra price can then be obtained for a good many eggs for sit-ting purposes. The Houdan, Wyan-dotte, Black Spanish and Leghorn are good ones for this purpose. An incu-bator should be used and chickens raised, but the most profit will be obtained from the fresh eggs, which will always sell at good prices. The garden should be devoted not to all sorts of vegetables, but rather to a few specialties, such as asparagus, celery, strawberries, radishes, herbs-things which will produce a good deal of money from a small area. We cannot for lack of space give all the details which would insure success in these two enterprises, but should any lady read this article and become interested in the suggestions made it will be easy for her to obtain the information desired. We know of women who are doing this work very successfully and with much pleasure and profit, and hundreds more might do as well.

> CONSERVING THE RAINFALL. It is with water as with wealth-the trouble is that it is not properly distributed. All the water which falls on this continent is needed in the production of crops, and all the surplus of the wet seasons gets away and carries with it in solution the most fertile parts of our cultivated areas. For years the government idea seems to have been to do nothing but build levees to protect low land from the floods when the true policy would be to store the flood waters near their source and thus make the levees needless and in-sure supplies of water for use in times of drought. The heathen of Egypt and India a thousand years ago had more sense about this thing than the American people have shown in the past. With the well watered areas of the country now all absorbed by settlement, with a constantly increasing population which must be fed, with limited wealth at the command of the government, no question is of greater importance touching the internal affairs and welfare of the American people than this of water conservation - the reclaiming of the desert areas, every acre a gold mine when brought in contact with water.

STOP UP THE CRACKS.

Make Poultry Houses Secure Against As the weather begins to get colder, especially o' nights, it is increasingly important that the birds shall be snugly sheltered from winds and storms. We do not mean that they shall be shut tight up so that no fresh air whatever can reach them, but that drafts shall be shut off, for it is to drafts that most of the colds of autumn and winter are due. The farmer thinks: "Yes, it's getting colder. Guess I'll shut the henhouse door tonight." But he does not recall that there are several cracks in the walls and around the window and door frames that he meant to stop up some time, but he hasn't found the convenient time yet. Those cracks have been growing larger. The house is only four or five years old perhaps, and when it was built the joints were made tight, and the pernicious drafts didn't exist. The first summer's sun and rains seasoned the boards and opened up the seams a bit in two or three places, but not seriously. next summer's sun and rains added to the seasoning, and in one or two instances a bit of light could be seen through a crack. And so it has gone on until now there are several decided leaks in the walls, where the winter

ing drafts in the pen, even though window and door be tightly closed. Drafts of air and dampness are the cause of most of the colds, the dread precursor of roup, and if we will but gone fully half way in heading off that most troublesome and costly ailwho has wearily battled through a siege of roup will say "amen" to that. And it is so easy, too, to stop up of "Neponset" or "Paroid" or "Rubea man can close in the walls of the try house or barn or any outbuilding both wind and water tight, and thereafter the ventilation of that building by window and door is wholly within control. With the cracks stopped up and direct drafts prevented the fewls can go to roost at night in comfort, and the owner will not be likely to be greeted with sneezes and other symptoms of the dreaded colds when

he opens the door in the morning. Shutting off the direct drafts pays in another way-namely, in egg production-and is to be recommended for that reason also. Warmth is a factor in the production of eggs, and the shutting out of the chill blasts is the first step toward securing that desired warmth. Absence of cold is warmth. -A. F. Hunter in Reliable Poultry

Hard Boiled Eggs For Poults. I notice in some of the poultry papers a sharp criticism on feeding hard boiled eggs to turkey poults. Now, I feed a certain per cent of hard boiled eggs with most excellent results. Years ago, before I adopted my present way of feeding, I lost fully half that hatched. Since adopting my present plan I raise 95 per cent, barring accidents. Last year I had fifty or more killed on the railroad or by dogs. This year I have been fortunate enough to prevent any being killed and have a large drove. I have lost some, I hardly know how. There were no sick ones. It was after they were turned on the range, and they just came up missing. As I turned them out to run before the hay and oats were cut I think they probably

got tangled in the long grass. Only a few from each flock were missing.

I think persons who condemn the hard boiled egg imagine that it is made an exclusive diet, when it only makes per-haps one-third of a meal twice a day, green food one-third, oatmeal or millet the other third. Eggs put in cold water and boiled a long time are very different to digest than eggs put in boiling water.—Mrs. Charles Jones in Poultry Keeper.

Good Things to Know. We notice in an old journal the fol-

lowing words: "A few raw eggs mixed with the food about once a week will check any tend-ency to looseness of the bowels." This is a simple remedy if it will do the work, and it is so very easy of trial,

for it is pleasant in the mixed food and always at hand for use.

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