

GOOD-ADVICE ON THE CHICKEN QUESTION.

Bro. Freas, the veteran editor of the *Germantown Telegraph*, hopes the spurt of good luck which has befallen those who had eggs on hand, or who knew how to hamper and pet the chickens, will not cause every one to rush into the chicken business beyond what prudence would dictate. Keep a fair number of fowls of approved breeds, care for them in the best manner so that the best results may be achieved, and it will at all times bring into the family purse a steady supply of ready money that will be exceedingly handy. The boys and girls in a family who have been brought up among fowls should be fully capable of making a good thing out of a few score of chickens, and ought to be encouraged in the business, and allowed to have all the surplus profits of it. There is so much offal about a farm that the actual cost of the flock is scarcely worth considering; and the pleasure of raising and curing for them is one that grows upon people, and is really worth all the trouble and expense.

BRING HOME SOMETHING.

Nearly every farmer goes to the nearest village to trade, visit a mechanic, or obtain his letters and papers, at least once a week. He often takes a load to market, but he rarely brings one home. He can, with very little trouble, haul a load of material that may be obtained for nothing, and which will be of great benefit to his land. Most village people make no use of the ashes produced in their stoves, or of the bones taken from the meat they consume. Scarcely any farmer has any use for the hops that have been boiled in his vats, and the blacksmith hardly ever saves the clippings he takes from the feet of horses. All these materials make excellent manure. A barrel of shavings cut from the hoofs of horses contains more ammonia than is contained in a load of stable manure. Applied to land without preparation, they might give no immediate results, but they would become decomposed in time, and crops of all kinds would derive benefit from them. They may be so treated that they would produce immediate results. By covering them with fresh horse manure they will decompose very rapidly. They may also be leached in a barrel, and the water that covered them drawn off and applied to plants. Water in which pieces of horns and hoofs have been soaked is an excellent manure for plants that require forcing. It stimulates the growth of tomatoes, rose bushes and house plants very rapidly, and emits no offensive odors. A vast amount of fertilizing material is wasted in towns that farmers could obtain the benefit of with very little trouble.

There may be a furlough from our customary work; there can never be any painful vacation from doing good. There may be change of place, scene, fellowship; there must be none in the spirit of self-sacrificing beneficence.

What you attempt, do it with all your strength. Determination is omnipotent. If the prospect be some what darkened, put the fire of resolution to your soul, and kindle a flame that nothing but the strong arm of death can extinguish.

No man starts in his professional career, wise, strong and thoroughly fitted for his work. One must gain wisdom by experience, strength by exercise, and fitness by reiterated and, at first, often ineffectual, endeavor.

NOVEMBER.—As there is likely to be a greater demand for wool in consequence of the rapid growth of our woollen manufactories, it would be well for our farmers who may have the proper lands and other conveniences to obtain a first-class breed of the best wool-growing sheep. Hitherto our people have depended on buyers from the United States, but now the exports of wool are limited, and the demand is greater than the supply. There are many advantages in sheep breeding, especially on some of the estates held in the Lower Provinces, including New-Bebec. We have no space here for details, and would recommend a careful study of those works which treat on the subject. Only suggesting that the sheep producing the best and most valuable wools are kept for about the same sum of money per annum as those of poor quality. Always deal in the best, which in the end is always cheapest.