

Friday afternoon — A poultry-plucking competition and an auction sale of cattle, sheep, and swine carcasses and dressed poultry.

Camera Notes.

Bad water is the cause of more failures in photography than it is given credit for. Distilled water is the best to use, and as it can be so easily obtained, no amateur should attempt to get along without it. In many places there is so much iron or lime in the water, that it is a wonder the chemicals produce anything.

When the corks of your chemical bottles become old and discolored change them for new ones, for old corks are depots of impurities.

Care in selecting scenes, exposing plate, developing, fixing, printing and toning will produce a good picture.

As a rule films give better cloud pictures than ordinary plates. But then, they ought to, for they cost twice as much.

The making of lantern slides is a most fascinating diversion. It requires some experience and a good deal of patience and perseverance. Get a dozen lantern slide plates, go into the dark room with your negative, place the film side of the unexposed plate next the film side of the negative selected and put both in a printing frame. Then expose to any kind of a white light from one to ten or more seconds. You then develop as you would any other plate and fix in hypo. If one has no lanterns the pictures make nice hangers for windows.

With a little practice it will prove an easy matter for any efficient amateur photographer to make money with his camera during the summer months. Wherever a boy with a camera travels, he is always besieged with the requests to "Take a picture of me, will you?" Young folks, as a rule, like to have their pictures snapped, and many are willing to pay for the same when completed. An industrious person, in a morning ramble through the park, will sometimes have a dozen opportunities to secure picnic groups numbering from ten to fifty persons.

The amateur has only to request the pleasure of taking a picture. Nine out of ten will answer "Yes, go ahead." The work of placing the group is something that requires experience, in order to do it with an eye to the best effect, but a little care in this direction will help any boy to pose them properly.

After the group has been taken, secure the names of those in the party, and a few days later you can show proofs. An order is certain to follow, for there are always some in every group that desire to retain a memento of the day's excursion.

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