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In selecting a range for sheep care should be taken to remove from it, as completely as possible, all briars or burrs which would attach themselves to the wool. An ounce of preventative is worth more than a pound of cure, and this will save picking burrs from the wool afterward. It helps to avoid tangles and dirt and saves time and trouble in clipping and cleaning, increasing also the value of the wool.

It cannot be wondered at that farming is despised by farmers' sons, when every one of them who displays a little bit of more than average brightness is pronounced too good to follow the plow and is sent to college, whence he occasionally swoops down upon his native settlement, wearing silk hats, canes and a cockney accent. The boys who stay at home affect to laugh at the airs of this gilded creature, but in their hearts they envy his clothes and his cane, his easy time and that profanity of his, compounded with all the modern improvements and flavored with a spice of classicism. Nine fathers out of every ten possessing the means educate their sons for a profession, and although vast numbers of them go to the United States, still Ontario is swarming with lawyers and doctors, so that there is but an average of half a practice for each practitioner. I believe that only ten per cent. of those who secure a special education are competent to succeed in specialties. It is better to give a boy a solid foundation of industry than anything else. If he has something in him it will mount up and carry him up. It is easier for a grown man to acquire a neglected education than for an educated and indolent man to acquire habits of industry. If you have a smart son don't give him up to a profession, let him become the smartest farmer in Western Canada.

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So I made up my mind that I would outwit this man at his own game. I let him talk straight ahead and encouraged him all I could, until he finally left me with a sheet of questions which I was to answer as an applicant. Now this was what I was waiting for. I had decided that, if that company wanted information about me, they should have it, and and have the very best quality I could supply. So I spread the sheet of questions before me, and drew up a set of answers for them, which, I hoped, would settle for ever all doubt as to my eligibility for insur-

Question.—What is your age? Answer.—I can't think.

Q.-What is your chest measurement?

A.—Nineteen inches.
Q.—What is your chest expansion? A.—Half-an-inch.
Q.—What is your neight?

A.—Six feet, five, if erect, but less when I walk on all fours.

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Indolent Hens.

By H. Croy.

When a hired man gets the spring fever do you not counsel with him? In fact, don't you tell him to hunt another job?

But when the hens get to loafing what do you do? Ten to one you pay no attention to the germ of slothfulness that has seized them, and let them go their care-free way without one word of complaint.

You implant that germ of laziness in their breast—or rather in their crop—by throwing your crumbs out the back-door, or just over the fence. Hens, like so many other creatures, follow the path of least resistance.

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A hen will stand in a sixteen-inch circle for two hours without a word of complaint, just to get three crumbs. They are like the poor miner who lives in a hut on the side of the mountain, digging in the earth year after year, barely eking out an existence, fondly believing that some day he will unearth a nugget that he can retire on. The hen devoutly hopes that the next time you shake the tablecloth she will get a whole baked potato. Thus she lives on hope, until some day you get disgusted at her because she doesn't lay as she should and doesn't get fat, so you put her in the coop and cart her off to town, telling yourself that it is good riddance of bad rubbish. If you have to throw your crumbs out the back door, or over the hen yard fence, then have regular hours for doing so. Either early in the morning, or late in the evening, or both. If the hens find that they do not lay up treasures in their craws during the interim, they naturally seek pastures new. They get out and hustle for themselves.

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If you have slop that needs to be disposed of, keep it until evening. Set it away till all the hens are gathered around the festal board in the hen yard.

A hen that is laying four eggs a week will, when she gets to waiting for the elusive crumb, drop down to two eggs. You actually lose money by throwing your edible remnants from the kitchen into the hen yard, unless you use your head in doing

Q.—Is your grandfather dead?

A.—Practically. Q.—Cause of death, if dead?

A.—Dipsomania, if dead.

Q.—Is your father dead?

A.—To the world. Q.-Cause of death?

A.-Hydrophobia.

Q.-Place of father's residence? A.-Kentucky.

Q.-What illness have you had? A.-As a child, consumption, leprosy and water on the knee. man, whooping cough, stomach ache, and water on the brain. Q.—Have you any brothers?

A.—Nearly thirteen; all dead. Q.—Any sisters?

A .- Thirteen; all nearly dead. Q .- Are you aware of any habits or tendencies which might be expected to shorten your life?

A .- I am aware: I drink. I smoke. I take morphine and vaseline. I swallow grape seeds and I hate exer-

I thought when I had come to the end of that list that I made a dead sure thing of it, and I posted the paper with a cheque for three months' payment, feeling pretty confident of having the cheque sent back to me. I was a good deal surprised a few days later to receive the fol-

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