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CLEANING CHICKENS.

Rew They Should Be Washed to Fit Them For Enting.

A correspondent of The National Stockman calls attention to the necessity for thoroughly washing chickens to make them fit to eat. She (the correspondent is, of course, a woman) says:
"We all know that chickens dust their feathers wherever and whenever they feathers wherever and whenever they have the opportunity, in the road, in the ash heap, in the barnyard, and, more than that, we indulge them in it, because it keeps off the vermin. Would we expect to get our own bodies clean of ordinary accumulations with a shower of hard water? How then can we

"'I never saw any one clean a chicken as you do,' said my mother when last she visited me. Then I heard her say to my husband a few hours later that she could relish my chicken because she was certain it was clean. This is the method: The chicken is scalded in a clean dishpan with clean well water. (Have actually seen people soald them in the mop pail and swill pail.) Then it is relieved of all pinfeathers, etc., and singed after the usual fashion. The dishpan is rinsed out and the fowl singed after the usual fashion. The dishpan is rinsed out and the fowl washed therein with a tepid suds of clean rainwater and soap powder, the skin being scrubbed thoroughly with a 5 cent vegetable brush. The brush will cleanse without breaking the skin. One who thinks the skin of a fowl does not need much cleaning should contrast one before and after this bath or take a good look at the bath water. Next, the fowl is well rinsed with cold, clean fowl is well rinsed with cold, clean well water, which finishes the cleansing

process before dissecting and plumps and firms the mest as well.

"After the dissecting the pieces are washed through two or three waters or until all traces of blood have disap-peared. This is not as much trouble as the description might cause a reader to think, and anyway we would rather eat one prepared in this way, if it took an extra hour. So will you after you have once tried it. No scum ever rises while cooking, and the meat is white and sweet."

Chicken Chatter. Sunflower seed is splendid for fowls during molt. It adds luster to the

plumage.

Do not crowd the fowls in their win-

Do not crowd the fowls in their win-ter quarters. It is better to give too much rather than too little room. Pullets are commencing to lay. Good, comfortable houses and, substantial feed-ing will keep them at it all through

Use board floors in all your houses. Dirt floors are dangerous and cause many complaints that could be easily avoided.

The litter on the floors of the house and scratching shed should be knee deep, and all grain should be scattered in it. Don't be afraid of the grain being wasted. The fowls will find each tiny kernel. Fresh greet bone is considered by many a perfect food for hens. Some farmers buy fresh meat all through the graphers and have more or less fresh was

farmers buy fresh meat all through the summer and have more or less fresh bone that could be profitably ground for the poultry if they had a mill. The butcher who drives his wagon to you, door will also supply you plenty of bones at small cost. If the flock is kept confined, the food must include meat or scraps. Wheat and barley are good grain, but a variety should be given, and a good way to do

should be given, and a good way to do this is to mix several kinds and let them this is to mix several kinds and let them pick out what they want. Hens are early risers and want to be fed as soon as they come down from the roost. See that they are well supplied with clean water and a box of ashes or dry earth to dust themselves in. To keep off lice soak, the roosts with keroseue, and with a garden syringe throw hot lime wash all over the inside of the building.—Feather.

Lay Two Hundred Eggs.

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Can we produce bens that will lay 200 eggs per annum? Without a doubt. How? By scientific breeding, as for a good butter cow or a cow milker, as for a good trotting or high jumping horse. Experiments have been made to increase the number of rows of corn on the cob the number of rows of corn on the corn with success. The same method is applicable to poultry breeding. We will start with a hen that lays 120 eggs. Some of her chicks will lay 150 per year. From these we will pick out layers, and so on until 200 or better are the result. At the same time it is just as executing to breed out unless from prolific. layers as it is the females. In fact, it is more so. If we look after "the breeding of the females only, we will introduce or he male side blood which is lacking the male side blood which is lacking in proficiency and thus check every attempt in progress. It is just as essential that the male should, be from a hear which laid 175 eggs and from a male that was bred from a hear that laid 150 eggs as it is that the hear was from on that laid 175 eggs and whose mother laid 150 eggs.—Poultry Herald.

Fitting Geese For Market.

When young goslings are to be dressed ir market, they are killed by cutting for market, they are killed by cutting them in the roof of the month, severing the artery or by stunning them by hit-ting them a sharp, quick blow on the head. The picker uses a box in front of him about the height of the kneez, holding the bird with the left hand and clasping the feet and wings together. He places the head of the bird against He places the head of the bird against the box and holds it in place with the knee. Pick the feathers from the body of the bird, then dampen the right hand and brush the body to remove the down. Leave about two inches of feathers on the neck, and also leave feathers on the nings at the first joint. Lay the wings against the body of the bird and tie a string around to hold in position. Place the birds, when ploked, in cold water for an hour or so to plump'them. If they are in too long, they are liable to bleach and become water soaked.—Feather.

Their Injurious Effects Upon the Ansemic and the Old.

The Journal of Tropical Medicine has an interesting a tirle on the use of the cold tub in tropical countries, in which it is shown that, health giving as it may be to those who are young and vigorous and nowly arrived, it is by no means a process to be universally advised. In the tropics a daily bath of some sort becomes a necessity for purposes of cleanliness alone. But the "tub" which is indulged in by Europeans—that is, immersion in cold water, or, at any rate, in water that is distinctly colder than the body, for, say, five minutes—has a distinct physiological action besides the removal of dirk, and the question is whether this is good or bail. It is rejuted out that the shock is relatively greater than in temperate climates; that the abstraction of heat during the process can be but ill afforded, and that the depression of temperature induced is difficult to recover from.

It is also insisted on that neither the circulation nor the respiratory organs respond to the stimulus, and that, especially in the case of those who are "gotting on" in years, the digestive organs may be congested to a dangerous extent. We think that all this is very true, but that it is true for a very large number of people who lives are passed in the tropics. Many people who have, as they would say, been "always accustomed" to take a cold tub every morning continue the habit long after it had botter have been given up. They do this partly because it is a habit and partly because they shall long after it had botter have been given up. They do this partly because the shabit long after it had botter have been given up. They do this partly because the shabit long after the land to the habit long after it had botter have been given up. They do this partly because the shabit long after the land to the habit long after the l

such tubbing in very often injurious. Whenever a man has to "rub himself warm." or when he finds that he is not right again until after his breakfast, he may feel sure that his tub is doing him harm and that he would dy better to take a warm bath, finishing aff with a rapid sponge over with cold water. "For the young, vigorous and newly arrived youth in the tropies the cold bath may be induleed in with impunity, and it may be with benefit, but as gears elapse the tropical resident calls for bath water warmer and still warmer until he finds that he has best health only when the water of his both is not below the temperature of his body."

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[And it is the same in temperate climates. On the other hand, the anemia of the tropics renders a man more susceptible to cold; but, on the other hand, the arterial rigidity which in temperate climates is so common an associate of advancing years renders men peculiarly unable to bear that sudden displacement of blood and that sudden rearrangement of the circulation which is involved in getting into cold water.—Hospital.

One of the eccentricities of the English language was lately brought to the notice of a New England woman by her Swedish maid. The giri had attended a night language was lately brought to the notice of a New England woman by her Swedish maid. The girl had attended a night school for some weeks, and was much delighted with her attainments in English. She expressed her wish to try her knowledge of the language by reading a story, and her mistress recommended for her perusal one called "A Modern Cinderella" in a magazine. It was short, simply worded and appeared not to present any linguistic pitfalls.

"Did you like it, Bertha?" asked the mistress when the magazine was returned to her.

"Yas, ma'am," replied the girl slowly, "but I am sorry she had so much trouble and flowe glass eyes, too. My brudder, he had one glass eyes, too. My brudder, he had one glass eyes, said the mistress. Bertha unfolded the magazine, and pointed with a respectful finger to the following undemiable proofs:

"As Polly moved about he kitchen doing her work her eyes suddenly fell on tig letter which lay unopened in her aunt's lap.

"Keep your eyes where they belong, said that lady sharply, and poor Polly colored with shame."—Youth's Companion.

Pineapple Juice Fer Diphtheria.

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ed and the juice used as a drink. It is said that the negroes of Georgia and other southern states have used this remedy for years. The juice cuts or burns out it membrane of diphtheria rapidly. Constitutional medicines are always necessary. The juice is a local reruedy only and taken in reaspoonful deses every two hours undiluted. The local journals assert that pineapple juice acts so promptly that few if any cases of diphtheria perish. It is harmless and agreeable and efficients. Pineapple juice (by sinalysis) contains. Singar, water, albumen, citric acid, netty acid, tannin, celluloss. Citric acid is found in lemons, oranges and plums and has been used in malignant throat diseases for many years. Any mild acid acts well in diphtheria, especially when found combined, as in the pineapple.—Exchange.

Feminine Diplomacy

often hear other women do?

Why, dear, it's because I love you

you were one of the loss pages of the monds in this city. George—May I buy a nice solitaire for the third finger of your left hand? Alice—Oh, George, what made you think of such a thing? Well, If you want

The Savage Backelor

"An old friend of mine," said the you member, "writes me that he is going marry a theatrical woman."
"Theatrical woman" repeated the s age backelor "Did you ever see one t wasn't?"

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Tragedy in the Church.

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The Baltimore News says that not long ago an efficial bishop was a guest at a dinner party in Baltimore.

"By the way," said one of the guests, a woman, "do you know that there are times when it is dangerous to enter an Episcopal Church"?

"What is that, madam?" said the bishop, with great dignity, straightening himself up in his chair.

"I say there are times when it is positively dangerous to enter the church," she replied.

tively dangerous to enter the church," she replied.

"That cannot be," said the bishep.
"Pray explain, madam?"
"Why," said she, "it is when there is a canon jir the reading desk. a big gum in the pulpit, when the bishop is charging his clergy, the chour is murdering the anthem and the organist is trying to drown the choir."

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A hearty laugh went the round of the table at the bishop's expanse, and he acknowledged that at such a time he could well imagine it divagreeable at least, if not dangerous, to be present.

ANIMAL ODDITIES.

Two sexton beetles will bury a mole in an hour, a feat equivalent to two men

The bays bird of India has the curious habis of fastening fireflies to its nest with moist clay. On a dark night such a nest might be taken for an electric street lamp. Caged lions, tigers, pumas and jaguarstake ne notice of the men and women passing in front of them, but if a dog he brought anywhere near the cage they show their savage nature at once.

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