

HOME AND FARM.

POULTRY FOR PROFIT.—Hens in flocks of ten to twenty will lay, says the *Tennessee Farmer*, under favorable circumstances, to their utmost capacity. Hens in flocks of twenty to thirty-five will lay only fairly well. In flocks of thirty-five to fifty they will not pay for their food. More than fifty hens in one flock are a nuisance that we would not fool with. This does not mean that one person cannot keep fifty hens profitably. It does mean, however, that one person can arrange his fowls into flocks of fifteen to twenty, giving them a separate run, say a yard 50x200 feet, with grass in it, and multiply such separate runs as much as is desired, and make all pay.

A writer in the *Prairie Farmer* does not believe it profitable to feed hens all the corn they will eat. He writes:—"In the morning I give rye, a quart to about sixty hens, sprinkled in straw, so that they have to scratch, and, I tell you, they enjoy scratching for it, too. Then I nail up a couple of heads of cabbage in the hen house, so that they can reach it, and let them eat all they want. About noon I give a little oats and rye, just to get them to scratch, and at night I give them table scraps, and once in a while a little sunflower seed. I use corn as little as possible, as I don't think it proper food for laying hens. In the way of drink, I give milk altogether, and think it far better than water. I keep my poultry house well bedded with straw, and, even if you don't feed any grain in the straw, they will scratch, anyway. In very cold weather I keep fire in it, and think it pays well."

The old-fashioned practice of wintering calves at the straw stack, with only an occasional feed of cornstalks of hay, is wasteful. Young stock, well fed, will show more gain for their feed than they will when older. We do not believe in feeding straw mainly for any stock. If it must be fed, however, let something that has its full growth be put on such fare as subjects its owner to least loss.

B. W. Black of Truro has kept bees for five years and has had as many as twenty colonies at one time. His largest honey return in a season was 1600 lbs. in 1887.

A New York farmer argues that one ton of clover hay contains nine or ten per cent of albuminoids, while a ton of timothy hay has only 5½ per cent. of these valuable nutriment. Clover hay is always cheaper than timothy, and oftentimes 35 to 50 per cent cheaper. Hence farmers should grow timothy for sale, and clover for feeding out to their own stock. Again, Mr. Stewart claims that if a ton of straw containing 2 or 2½ per cent. of albuminoids is mixed with a ton of clover hay, the mixture contains the same nutritious substance as two tons of timothy hay, certainly another argument in favor of feeding the clover.

OUR COSY CORNER.

The article on what is doing in Toronto in the training of young girls as domestic servants which we promised last week, will be found on pages 6 and 7.

The hair shops of London and Paris are said to have orders ahead for all the golden hair they can procure for the next five years. Peasant girls, becoming more intelligent, are not so willing to part with their hair as formerly.

An Eastern Maine man has solved the problem of tough steaks. He has been experimenting and finds that the ordinary slices of meat, which are in every way equal to the best excepting in the matter of toughness, can be run through the sausage machine and completely cut up. Then any desired amount of the material can be taken and the simple pressure of the knife blade is sufficient to make it into slices which adhere sufficiently to allow of cooking by ordinary methods. The juices of the meat are all preserved, and this meat seems to be a great advance over the old method of hammering with the rolling-pin.

The *Paris Illustro* says:—"Tulle is the correct thing for young girls party costumes, and a new effect is produced by putting a pink skirt over a white one and a blue over that. The bodice is trimmed with ribbons of the three colors. The approved garment is the empire gown, that tight-fitting frock that about twelve years ago drove all the over-fat and over-scrawny to utter desperation. Out-door hats and bonnets are crowned with plumes. And, lastly (oh, horror!) the characteristic stamp of the newest fashion is the total disappearance of the bustle."

The newest new fancy in table decoration is to have some cup-shaped flowers as the rose, lily, tulip or magnolia, re-produced in the finest of crystal and porcelain and in all colors and sizes, and then to fill the false flowers with the real ones and strew them liberally over the table. As the inventor has patented every flower that will hold water, and, further, he has got the eye and favor of royalty, being a very loyal Englishman ye know, he hopes both to prevent imitation and to win the approval of all swollidom on both sides of the herring pond.

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