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## JERUSALEM.

Letter from W. E' H. Massey, Esq., to the Massey Memorial Hall Sabbath School.
Mediterranean Hotel, Jercisalem, Palestine, April 19, 1888.
My Fellow Bible Stodents:
There is no spot on the face of the earth around which are clnstered such sacred memories, which has been the scene of such brilliant military exploits, and about which centres so much historic interest, as Jerusalem. And, knowing the interest everyone who reads the Bible has in this wonderful old city, whose name " is used eight hundred and cighteen times in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments," I venture a letter to you during my brief sojourn within its walls, hoping it may not be unacceptable.

How strauge to be staying in Jerusalem-the Holy City! But in reality it is not the Holy City, for the streets which our Saviour trod are underneath the present city, which is smaller in every way than the noble city of New Testament time. Only very, very little remains of the ancient city, so effectually have the prophecies regarding its destruction been fulfilled.
The Jerusalem of to-day is built on a heap of buried cities and much of Mount Zion-once adorned with magnificent structures-is at present a "ploughed field." (Micah, iii. 12.) To find traces of the gorgeous "City of Solomon" it is necessary to dig thirty to one hundred feet through the accumulation of the rubbish of ages-at the north. east conner of the Temple the debris was 125 feet deep. In digging for the foundations of new buildings the workmen sometimes dig through a series of buildings-one above another-showing that one city has been built on the ruins of another (Jer. ix. 11). "The present Jerusalem may be considered the eighth." "One city lies heaped upon another, for Jerusalem stood no fewer than twenty-seven sieges from Jelusites and Istralites, Egyptians and Assyrians, Greeks and Romans, Mahomedans and Crusaders." "There is not one house standing on which we can feel certain that our Lord ever gazed, unless it be the old tower by the Jaffia Gate," (McLeod)-the Tower of David, now called the Tower of Hippicus, which most interesting old structure my bed-room window faces.

Such being the casc you will naturally ask, "What great interest, then, can there be in visiting Jerusalem?" I answer, much; for, though in such an awfull pile of ruins there has been great difficulty in definitely establishing localities, very
many important sites have been positively determined and the general lay of the Jerusalem of old established. Many sacred places have been dis-closed-foundations of walls and buildings-ruins of towers and arches-which are mentioned in Scripture and which locate the important scenes in Bible history. More discoveries are continually being made and the work would proceed faster but the Turkish Government has put a stop to all excavating, and Mahomedan rule throws every possible obstacle in the way, and does all in its power to hinder the work which would in any way throw more light upon and corroborate Bible records, and blast the foundationless fabrications of its own creed.

Besides these ancient sites about which there is no doult, there are a sccond class of "sacred places" in and about the city established almost solely by tradition, but which are possibly, and even probably, correct ; and again, others not yet fully determined but which are quite certain. A third class of so-called sacred objects and localities I would merely mention-localities which are most improbable and which are pointed out to travellers, and more especially to the thousands of ignorant and superstitious pilgrims, by the cunning priests and monks of Grcek, Armenian, Latin, and other churches, who have made them up to give color to their impostures and nefarious means of extorting gain. It is to be hoped that some day a nobler type of Christianity-the seeds of which are now being sown-may banish all such follies.
But, aside from these things, the hillsand valleys remain the same-" the mountains round about Jerusalem "-the Mount of Olives and the Valley of Kedron. The city still stands on Mount Zion and Mount Moriah. The kings and prophets of Israel looked upon these scenes and the Son of God walked through the valleys and on the very mountain slopes where we may walk. "Somewhere in the buried city under our feet He did bear His cross; and these hills we tread trembled by the earthquake's power when he expired."

Modern Jerusalem is an exceedingly interesting study in itself, and it is pretty certain that the Jerusalem of Christ's time, though a much larger and infinitely grander city, was like it in general appearance and characteristics. The customs of the people, too, their dress and primitive ways, must closely resemble those of the people of that early date.

The city now stands on four hills, the valleys which once separated them being now partially filled with debris. The site is surrounded by deep valleys and high hills, which have always made it such a great stronghold. It is enclosed by an irregular wall, averoging over thirty feet in height, and on it are thirtyfour towers. There are seven gates,
five only being in use. At first sight the city is disappointingly small and it only takes about an hour to walk around the walls, which, though mas. sive in appearance, aro by no means substantial, and are in strong contrust to the few remains of the old wall. I'he streets arc very narrow-not much wider than the sidewalks in the business portion of Toronto-are crooked, and to the stranger seem in. tricate. They are, for the most part, very poorly paved with cobble stones, and are filthy and dirty. In places the houses are actually built right over the streets on stone archways, making them dank and dingy. Some streets are built over almost entirely, and are more like cellar passages than strects. Owing to the hilly situation streets on a steep incline are built in terraces, so to speak-a step of six or seven inches every six feet or at more frequent intervals, according to the steepuess.
No wheeled vehicle ever goes through the strects of Jerusalem. All transportation is by means of donkcys, camels, and sometimes horses and mules, and the backs of men and women are also extensive. ly used. The ponderous weights the men will carry on their backs and the ease with which women will balance heavy burdens on their heads is most astonishing. Only to-day I saw a man struggling up David Street with an iron safe, quite two feet square, on his back! It must have been cnormously heavy. When a heavily laden camel-the load projecting well over either side-or a string of them, one tied behind the other, as they generally go-comes down through the narrow, and almost
always very crowded streets, the uninitiated ped. always very crowder streets, the uninitiated ped.
estrian will become alarmed and wonder if therc is going to be room. A well-loaded donkey is bad enough to meet and it is really wonderful what Ioads these useful and very numerous little animals can carry. It would seem the Syrians couldn't do without them.
All buildings in Jerusalem are of stone cven to the stairs and roof. The houses of two or more storics are really a series of vaults, one above another. They are generally built square, with very thick walls and comparatively flat roofs, having a low dome in the centre-characteristically Oriental. The population at the present time is estimated to be about 50,000 , while at the time of our Lord it was said to be over a million. The walls of the city of that time, of course, enclosed a larger area. Of the 50,000 nearly one half are Jews, principally of Spanish, German, and Polish origin. The Ma. homedans are mostly natives. The Greek Church has a very strong hold and pilgrims from the furthest borders of Kussia come here in immense numbers to worship at its shrines. Then there are the Armenians, the Copts, the Latins (Roman Catholics), and the Protestants; the last being a very small but most useful community in Jerusalem.
"The town itself covers an area of more than 200 acres, of which thirty-five are occupied by the Haram-esh Sherif (site of the Temple area); the remaining space is divided into different quarters, the Christian quarter-including the part occupied by the Armenians-taking up the western half; the


THE MOSQUE OF OMAR.

the Jews' walling place
but perhaps a family and to help support a lazy husband! Women actually come to market here with a basket of bits of roots for firewood, which they have brought on their heads for miles and sell it for twelve and it half cents :
The clattering in the strect is contimually augmented by the loud shonts of donkey drivers and camelleaders warning people to get out of the wiy, und in no small degree by the braying of the donkeys themselvos.
At this inoment the 'Tu'kish band -a large brass band-has started up in the Tower of I)avid, which,

Mahomedans live in the north-east portion; the Jews the south-cast." It may be well to explain that the term "Christian" is used here in its broadest sense, and includes any sect who in anyway worship Christ, as distinguished from Jews and Mahomedans.
Of all the sections of the city, most of which are guite dirty enough, the Jows quarter passes all description. It is something awful, and how human beings can exist in such horrible filth and degradation goes beyoud my conception. Fren their synagogues, which are certainly nothing to boast $0^{\circ}$, I hase found, after visiting most of them, to be no exception to the general aspect of the quarter. They have apparently long ago forgotten the teachings of Leviticus.
The Jerusalem Jews, too, from all I can learn and observe, are as much to be despised, on the whole, as their habitations. They are classed as the "meanest people" in the city. Their appearance, with the curls so $z$-alously carcd for-one hanging over each temple-their faces though of many types yct so truly Jewish, and their miserable garl, are certainly not attractive. They are objects of pity. They are largely supported by gratuities from wcalthy European Jews, to which fact is traceable alike and in a large degree their present degradation, because it has so encouraged laziness, and is also the cause of greater depreciation and hatred on the part of the other inhabitants. The most of them have come here "from idle and worthless motives," but again there are many who have come as a pions act, for it is the wish of all devout Jews to be buried at Jerusalem. There are several socicties doing a good work anougst this degenerate race, chief of which is the London Jews' Society. The young in its industrial scho:! turn out some excellent work.
As I write a noisy Mahomedion procession is just passing, beating on drums and cymbals and carryug various colored flags-the celebration of some anniversary I am informed. The strects are always noisy, especially in this part of the city, near the ever busy Jiffa Gate. The crowd below keep up an incessant and vonintelligible jabbering-a, regular babel-the vendors crying the gools they have for sale, and the people noisily bartering in oriental fashion with the salesmen and saleswoinen squatted on the sidewalks behind the basket of stuff-I know no letter name for most of it-which he or she may be displaying. The street is lined with such vendors of all sorts of goods - regetibles, oranges, bread, bils of roots for frewood, sweets, etc., and even sulstantial goode, as hardware (such as it is), pins, needles, combs, pieces for clothing, etc., etc.
The small scale on which these people do business is astonishing. Think of a woman going to a Toronto market-place with a basket full of vegetables she could carry on her head, to sell as a day's occupation-the proceeds not only to keop herself,
with its adjacent couts, the Turkish soldiers use as barracks, and are adding their part to the din ; and now it is further increased by the chimes in the Russian Church outside the walls which have just begun to peal forth-at first very slowly and melodiously, and then faster and faster according to their peculiar custom. The noise at times-like the present instant-becomes in inharmonious mixture and does not serve to sharpen one's wits.
As you will imagine from what I have said, the scene in the open space below in front of the Tower, is a busy and lively one-and more especially so at the entrance of David Strcet. As seen from the hotel's upper porch, it is quite as interesting as the sight could possibly be from the balcony of a theatre. How I wish 1 e uld properly picture it to you-all kinds of people in the greatest variety of costume, buying and selling or hurrying along, or in picturesque groups gossiping and story-telling-but I will not attempt it for I would only fail. There are the greatest variety of people in Jerusalem of any city I have ever visited. The Mongolian race is apparently the only one not represented. There are all shades of men from the blackest Nubian to the fairest European, and all sorts of languages are heard; and in costume there is an endless variety. As did the "man of Euluiopia" of old, so through the ages up to this day, pcope by the thousands "come up to Jerusalem for to wor:hip' (Acts, viii. 27), from "various parts," and as Jerusalem in the t me of Christ and the early Christian Church was very cosmopolitan (Acts, ii.9-11), so it is at the r resent time. One cannot but be ast onished at the "divers tongues" he hears in the strect , most of which are unintelligible to him. To il ustrate this point, upon incuiry at tho Bible Depot-a branch of the British and Toreign Bible Society - I found the scriptures were there kept on sale in thirty-five languages. The costumes are of all kiuds, from European dress to loose flowing robes and scanty dress of the poorest native Syrian. The dress of the orientals is generally of striking colors. One meets poorly clad Turkish sol-
diers, who act as policemen, it every corner. Indeed, the regular bugle-call and companies of armed soldiers marching about gives the city quite a military aspect. The fez caps-invariably worn by Turks everywhere, in-doors and ont-the soldiers also wear, and it is about the only "uniform" part of their apparel, which is an apology for a European dress.
In Jerusalem, too, ire congregated the greatest number of religious sects. The principal ones I have already mentioned, but thesc, again, are sul. divided into other sects, and the large number of religious beliefs which have artherents representing them in this city is really quite remarkable.
The water supply of Jorusa!em is poor and very meagre. The inhiabitants have to ilepond almost solely on water collocted in cisterns during the rainy season. It might easily be hottered, but the Turk ish government is stupidly indolent and derelict in cegard to improvements and such matters.
Most of these cisterns are of very ancient con-struction-some of them dating lack to Solomon's time, when the water supply was excellent. Sevemal of these are of cnormous size-great series of caverns-and are located in various parts of the city. A loud shout at the opening of one of these largest we.ls, so called, will produce a wonderful succession of echoes. During the recent drought, which was only terminated a few days since by a plentiful rajn, many of the cisterns were emptiel, and much of the water had to be brought a long distance in skin bottles on the backs of men, women, and donkeys, and was sold as high as four piasters a large skinalout 16 cents for four ordinary pails full. Think of the effect of this on the poor ; and the poverty extant in Jerusalem is appalling. Had the drought continued, pestilence was greatly feared-especially in vicw of the awful simitiry condition of the city, which could scarcely be worse in some parts. Were it not for the high ind healthful situation in the mountains of Judea-2,000 feet alsove sea level-its population would long ago have been decimated by discase.

The climate is good and healthful. Great extremes are not often met with. While snow may fall during the winter, extrome cold is not suffered. The natives, however, are sensitive to chilly weather, and it is most amusing to see how dejected they look on a cold, rainy day, and how curiously they will bundle themselves up.
(To be Comtimucd.)

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Occasional brief allusions to the long and severe illuess of Mr. lired V. Massey have appeared in the Inhustrated, and it now becomes our painful duty to chronicle his death. Yes, this young man of brilliant promise, high education, of more than ordinary talent, and with apparently everything to live for, has becu stricken down in the budding of his manhood. It seems strange indeed that one so active, so full of life, and always possessed of the best of health, and who had developed the form of an athlete, should be so suddenly laid prostrate and so terribly wasted under the ravages of complicated disease, which, after twenty weeks in hed of almost constant pain and intense. suffering, brought to a close his, in many particulars, remarkable carcer. He died on April 17th last in the 23rd year of his age, and while his life had been largely spent in preparation for the future, it was nevertheless one of great usefulness, and it may be truthfully said of him, that he had accomplished more in his short life than would usually be expected from a man scveral years his senior.
We feel confident that a brief sketch of the life of Fred V. Massey-it life from which we may all learn something to our profit -will be of great interest to our readers, and we need make no apology for any space we use in this particular.
Mr. Fred, the youngest son of Mr. H. A. Massey, President and Manager of the Massey Manufacturing Co., was lorn in the yuiet village of Newcastle, Ont., on the Queen's Birthday, May 24 th, 1867 - hence his secoud name, Victor. When but tive years of age his parents removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where Pred was in due course placed in the public schools for a few years, and later attended the Brooks Military Academy for tive years. In 1882, upon the removal of the family to Toronto, he matriculated from the Collegiate Institute and entered 'loronto University College. During his vacation, far from being idle he devoted his time to study when not privileged to travel-mathematics mechanics, modern languages, music and botany receiving his special attentiou. He was fond of recreation at bicycling and tennis, and looked largely to these amusements for necessary excrcise, but carrying neither to an excess. He, however, spent a great amount of time in manual labor at the work bench, in the garden or grecnhouse, as a mcans of recreation, ind further to carry into practice the theory of his favorite studies. At the close of his first ycar in the University Mr. Fred made the tour of the globe in company with his brother, Mr. W. E. H. Massey, a trip which has been made familiar to the readers of the Illustrated. Travelling is a great educator in itself if the traveller sees fit to make it so and if he be a close observer. That Fred Massey was a very keen observer every one who knew him will admit. But very little escaped his notice, and le lost ino opportunity to gain information, whether by investigation or conversation with men of note and position, as his full note books will amply attest. It was, perhaps, on this long trip of nearly a year that Mr. Fred's true character was more completely developed and his manly, noble self made more plainly visible. The knowledge he had previously gained was broadened and expanded. His purposes and plans for the future were matured and perfected. His varied experiences and information acquired were treasured up for future profit.
Fred was a most conscientious fellow, and when once convinced that a thing was wrong he let it sevcrely alone. He was a total ubstainer from alcoholic drinks and tobacco and a professing Christion, and held most rigidly to his principles and profession. He would no more think of taking a glass oí wine on the desert. of Sahara, though parched with thirst after a long,
tiresome excursion, and not daring to drink the impure water available, or at a banquet table in London, Eng., though away from the gaze of home friends, than he would think of imbibing at a dinner in 'roronto.
Fred was it jolly fellow, always brim full of life and fun and bubbling over with wit and humor, though he was far from unmindful of the serious and solemn side of life. His cheerful nature and other fine social qualities made him many warm friends wherever he went. This social disposition always made him a general favorite on board ship during his long trip, and wherever he found people of good morals and honest purpose he readily associated with them, whether they travelled steerage, second class or as cabin passengers. He was greatly disgusted. with blue blood aristocracy, which makes class distinctions. The only distinction he cared to recognize was the distinction between men of good and men of evil tendencies.
Mr. Massey had two other marked traits of character, which, if we failed to mention, our brief biography would be incompletc. The first was generosity. Those who knew lim could not fail to have observed his unselfish disposi-
himself for an elaborate course in mechanical engineering.

He believed in a thorongh preparation for life's duties and went at it with a zeal and earnestness seldom seen. In the course of the memorial address, his pastor, the Kev. Leroy Hooker, made the following very true remark regarding him, which is very expressive :-
" He was eager in the pursuit of all things necessary to the career of manly life. It was his cherished purpose to carry into his business activitits the cnergy of a man, the intelligence of a scholar, and the integrity of a Christian. In his religious character he was remarkable for his simplicity, ingenuousness, and sunshine, qualities which seemed to harmonize the pleasantrics and solemnities of life."
After the close of his last year at the University, he continued his work through the hot months of the summer, applying himself altogecher too closely. In September he entered the Massachusetis Iustitute of Technology at Boston-an institution noted for the high standard of its engineering courses.

When en route to Bostou he contracted a most severc cold, and upon arrival there barely es. caped a run of fever. Apparently he never recovered entirely from the effects of this cold, though he was soon able to enter upon his work, which he tools up, as he did everything clse he attempted, with his whole might, mind, and strength, standing very high in all his classes. A more devoted student there could not be.
Intensity was one of his most striking characteristics, and he was in every particular a most thorough and conscientious worker. A thing that was worth doing was worth doing well in his estimation, and this principle he carried out in lis every undertaking, no matter how trivial. Hence the reader will readily appreciate how such a nature would enter upon its life's work.

Having always been so strong and well, he greatly over-estimated his physical ability, which was continually being weakened by successive colds, induced by a climate wholly incompatible wilh his condition. Even these colds he treated with comparative indifference, trusting soon to shake them oft, having always enjoyed good health. His ambition, however, greatly exceeded his physical strength and soou he felt hinself giving way under the heavy strain, though he still kept on with his work, contrary to the adrice of friends. Finally he determined to take a few days' rest and recuperate, and at Ilhanksgiving time went to visit friends at Lowell, Mass. Almost immediately after his arrival there he broke down suddenly and completely and took to his bed for the last
tion and his great desive to do for others. The second was his spirit of independence. No one could more highly appreciate a loving father's and mother's indulgences and their liberal provision for education and travel than he. His home, he said during his sickness, was like a heaven to lim. But it was his most earnest desire to merit all these things, and in due time to maker full return for them. How often do rich men's sons idle away their time and counting entirely on their prospects in their father's will or, even worse, become spendthrifts and squander their father's means to their own ruin. Fred seemed never to anticipate inheriting any of his father's wealth, but, on the contrary, proposed to make his own way through life, und even to repay his father for moneys advanced for his education. There was certainly something to admire in this spirit of manly independence.
pendence.
Having completed the tour of the globe, arriving home in June, he at once seltled down to study, and prepared to resume his course in Toronto University, where he spent another year finishing up some special studies and fitting time. Imarine the surprise and griet of hisscores of friends time. Imagine the surprise and grief of hisscores of friends

- and none were more surprised than himselt, to learn that following upon a chronic sore throat due to frcquent coldg rollowing upon a chronic sore throat due to frcquent colds,
bronchlal teouble und a hacking cough had developed into hemorraake of the luags! Oher and even more serious complications speedily set in, his lite being despaired of from day to day, and with scarcely a ray of hope during twenty long weeks of suffering-suffering such as very few mortals are called upon to bear. During this long duration of sickness he cannot be gaid to have had eight hours contiuuous release from pain. The true Curiarian horoism with which he bore it all was wonderful and beautiful to see. Many a friend will tebilify to the and the friends and relatives privileged to stand by his and the rriends sad relatives privileged to stand by his able and beautiful sentiments expressed from bis inmost soul, "made perteot through suffering." Tne calin and rendy manner with whioh he approached death was truly wonderful. So young and strong, so full of lite and energy, inspired with noble ambitions, full of hope, with erery means provided for carrying out his oherished plans of eduoation, and with apparently everything to live or, one would not be burprised if under these circum so, however, with Fred, for ho believed that cod was all wise, and in his heart was written: "Thy will, 0 Lord, not mine, be done." His death was indeed a triumph. Fred Massey is dead! We can soarcely believe it our selves as we write the words, when we think of his manly form and animated spirit of a few monthe ago. But "to live in tho hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."




We draw the special attention of our readers to our first prize plan on page 5 and first prize essay on page 10.

We have to thank Mr. Blue, of the Ontario Burciu of Industries, for copies of the Twentieth Annual Report of the Entomological Society of Ontario, and the Twenty-first Ammaal Reporl of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, both of which contain very valuable jnformation.

I'He political ciuldron has commenced to boil in earnest, and for the next five or six weeks the provinces of Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec will be flooded with campaign literature and orators. The elections in Nova Scotia will take place on May 21, in Ontario on June 5, and although no official amouncoment has as yet (April 30) been made, it is generally believed that the elections in Quebec will take place on Junc 14. May the best men win.

A writer in the Forim, in an article on the depressed state of agriculture in the United States, after giving a lot of statistics sums up as follows: "The logical conclusion from the evidence offered is that the troubles of the farmer are due to the fact that there are altogether too many farms, too many cattle or swine, too many bushels of com, wheat, rye, oats, barley, buckwhent and potatoes, too many tons of hay and too great a production of nearly all other furm products for the number of consumers."

## Two samples of Red Fyfe wheat grown in Mani-

 toba have been sulmitted by Mr. John Dyke, Dominion Government agent at Liverpool, Fngland, to some of the highest authorities in (Great Britain for examination, with most flattering results. The wheat was pronounced to be the fincst Red Fyfe seen in the Liverpool muket, and of a quality to command a ready sale at top prices. The value of the samples was estimated on the Corn Exchange at from thirty-eight to forty shillings per cuarter, and the weight was found to be sixty-seven pounds per bushel. It is by the publication of such facts as these that iminigration to our fertile prairielands can be fostered and encouraged among agriculturists in other lands.

Tire tide of immigration to Manitoba keeps advancing. During March and April large parties of settlers left Ontario for the North.West every Tuesilay, besides a much larger number than usual on the regular daily trains. The prospects in Manitoba appear to lo very bright this year, and a very large acreage will be unter crop. The most of the wheat crop has been already sown, and the recent copious tains will do much to give the grain an early start. On the whole the prospects in Manitoba and the Northwest for 1890 seem to be better than for many years past, and it is gratifying to learn that our Canadian farmers who prefer to leave their old homes are now as a rule remaining in the Dominion. If many of those who in ycars gone by were deluded into settling in the Western States had followed the same rule they would not now have been forced to appeal to their friends in Canada for funds to keep them from starvation.
I. our last issuc we referred to the increased duties upon Canadian farm products recommeuded by a committec of the United States Congress, which, however, have not yet been adop:ed. The Dominion Government has followed suit in certain cases, the duty on cattle, sheep and hogs having been increased from 20 per cent. to 30 per cent.; bacon and hams from 2 cents to 3 cents per lb ; beef and mutton from 1 cent to 3 cents per 1 lb .; mess pork from 1 cent to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per lb.; other pork from 1 cent to 3 cents per lli.; salt beef, in barrels, from 1 cent to 2 cents per lb.; lard, rendered, from 2 ceuts to 3 cents per 1 lb ; lard, untried, from $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cents to 2 cents per lb. On fruits and fruit trees, which were formerly free, the following duty has been imposed: Apples, 40 cents per barrel; blackberries, gooseberries, raspberries, strawberries, 3 cents per ll.; cherries, currants, 1 cent per quart; cranberries, plums, quinces, 30 cents per bushel; peaches, 1 cent per lb.; gooseberry bushes, 1 cent each; grape vines, 2 cents each ; rose bushes, 3 cents each; apple trees, 3 cents each ; raspberry and blackberry bushes, 1 cent each ; peach trees, 4 cents each; pear trees, 4 cents each ; plum trees, 3 cents each; cherry trees, 4 cents each; quince, $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cents each; seerlling steck for grafting, 10 per cent. On flour the duty has been increased from 50 cents to 75 cents per barrel. But coln, to be kiln-dricd for food or for ensilage or fodder, which was formerly charged $7 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per bushel, is now to be admitted free of duty.

We have recently learned through the daily papers and the Canada Gazettc that two large Cordage Associations have been formed in Canada, composed of the present manufacturers, with a capital of $\$ 1,000,000$ cach, the main object of which, we understand, is for the purpose of cheapening the cost of raw materials, manila and sisal hemps. During the past three years the raw fibre has been in the hands of the producers in Yucatan and the Philippine Islands, who, owing to the enormous demand for their products in the manufacture of cordage and binder twine, have very nearly been able to dictate their own prices and terms. The Cinadian corporations are working in unison with the American Cordage Associations, who now practically have control of the situation, and with their combined power will undoultedly be able to purchase their stocks against another year at much less price, and thereby chenpen the cost of cordage and binder twine to the consumer. These, we understand, are as counter-associations to those formed by the planters to uphold prices of the raw fibre. The Indian fibre, of which Silver Composite Twine is made, has also heen an important factor in bringing abont more reasonable prices of other materials, and it is in the farmers' interest to use as much oí this twiue as possible during the coming harvest, so as to lend their assistance in bringing about the harvesting of their crops at a minimum cost, and we prophesy that 1891 will see the cheapest harvesting materinl ever offered. The Dartmouth Rope Works Company, of Halifax, have undertaken a great responsibility, in producing this Silver Composite Twine, which is to the interest of the farmers, who, we hope, will now fully respond by using it in
preference to other classes of twine as long as it can be obtained, and thercloy lend a hand in cheapening the cost of havvesting materials, in item so essential to themselves.

Some men when they come to this country seem to think that it they fail to obtain employment in the citics and towns at their respective trades they can as a last resort go on a farm. Many have done so and have found in a very short time, to their surprise and disgust, that they were of little or no use whatever. To be a good farm hand a man requires a special training just as much as a carpenter, bricklayer or any other skilled laborer. He must know how to sharpen tools of all kinds, hang a gate and grindstonc, repair harness, mend rakes and forks and put up fences. It requires more skill to build a hayrick or lay bundles of grain in a stack so that they will shed the rain than to put a roof on a building. More kinds of machinery are now used on a farm than in any ordinary manufac. tory, and a farm hand must understand the construction and use of all of them. He must also know how and when to plant, cultivate and harvest twenty kinds of crops, each requiring different treatment. He must be a practical if not a scientific botanist. He must know how to milk, take care of young stock, train colts and treat the dis. cases of domesticated animals. He must know how to shear sleep and put up their fleeces. He should know how to transplant seedlings, strike cuttings, prune grapevines, and do budding and grafting. He should know when and how to spray apple trees and potato vines in order to kill injucious insects, and understand the art of protecting vines from frost and young trees from animals. He must be a butcher, for he is required to slaughter steers, calves, pigs, and sheep, and to cut up and cure their meat. He is required to lay drain tilea job requiring much carc and skill. These are some of the things that a practical farm hand must know. Those who imagine they are heaven-born farm hands are not long in finding out their mistake when they begin to put their theory into practice. There is always a steady demand for farm laborers in this country, but they should be men trained in the business and not those who fancy that the work is simple and easily mastered and that life on the farm is to a large extent a perpetual pienic.
"To dishorn or not to dishorn" cattle has formed a fruitful theme for discussion amongst farmers in the States. 'The opponents of the innovation object to it chiefly on the ground of cruelty, and that it does away with one of the leading characteristics of the various breeds. On the other hand those who favor it point to many reasons why it should be encouraged. They allcge that although it is painful during the operation, it is not excessively so, and that afterwards the animals suffer no pain or inconvenience; it prevents the animals from wounding or hooking each other, and keeps the hides sound and the flesh unbruised. It is also claimed that dishorned cows give as much milk and do better in winter and on less feed than before. I'he question has been brought prominently before our farmers by a recent action instituted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruclty to Animals in Montreal against Mr. J. L. Shepard, of Aber. corn, Que. Mr. Shepard had his herd of twenty: five cattle dishorned and was criminally prosecuted for cruelty to animals. The case was tried before four Justices of the Peace at Swectsburg, Que., last month, and excited considerable interest. After hearing the evidence the court dismissed the action with costs against the society. Dishorning cattle has been declared illegal in England, but we beliere it is permitted by law in Scotland and Ireland. In the States it is making very rapid progress, more particularly in the West. Experiments have becu made at several of the experiment stations in the States, and we quote the conclusions arrived at by Prof. Menke, Director of the Agricultural Experiment Stations of the Arkansas Industrial University: " 1 . The operation requires some care, but is not difficult or dangerous. 2. The wounds heal favorably as a rule, although in exceptional cases and when the operation is imperfectly performed, continued suppuration and chronic inflammation may ensue and seriously interfere with the health of the animal. 3. In cases that progress normally of the animal. 3 . In cases that progress normally
from three to four months may be given as the time
which elapses before complete healing occurs. 4. When amputated at the proper place the horns do not return. 5. The constitutional disturbance is not severe, and is manifested by a slight and temporary rise of temperature, with probably, in most cases, a slight decline in weight and milk secretion, lasting over the first week or so. 6. The quality of the milk is not injuriously affected. 7. The operation must be considered painful, but there is movidence that the pain is excessive after the operation is over. On calves we conclude that (1) the operation is less painful than in adults. (2) When removed as above directed, the horns do not return. (3) There is little constitutional disturbance manifested. (4) When the animal is healthy the wounds heal favorubly in about six weeks or two months."

When we find out the secret of the nerves we, probably, shall have discovered the secret of life. We shall then perhaps know something of the soul, and we shall be able to formulate some definite opinion in regard to immortality. Science is slowly moving onward toward that point, and seems at times to have some clue to the mystery. Then the scientists are all at sea again, and all becomes dark as before. The study of physiology, physical and mental, is little more than a study of the nerves, simply becanse the nerves are intimately commected with health of both body and mind. In cases of prolonged disease as long as the nerrous system is not completely shattered there is hope. Nervous and delicate men and women pass safely through epidemics that carry ofi strong and healthy persons by the thousand. When the nerves refuse to act, the will, which is the resistant power in the human being, ceases to act also, and death finds an easy prey. There are person: attacked with what seems a mortal disorder, who obstinately refuse to die. A certain amount of nervous force comes to their relief, which acts on the physical functions and brings back the prostrate individual seemingly from the gates of death. The pathological phase is only the border land of the mysterious subject. On the phenomenon of the nerves, magnetism, spiritism and hypnotism have erected systems and theories involving a host of strange illusions, but conveying also scientific facts of supreme value. A spirit medium is only a being endowed with exceedingly sensitive nerves. A nervous subject may be hysteric, epileptic, or the viction of hallucinations or impulses of various kinds, which result in eccentric actions or abnormal physical conditions. The nervous systeln of some of these persons is in such an excessively morbid state that an external sensation, such as a sudden noise, the ticking of a watch, a pressure on the body, coming into contact with a warm or cold body, a breath, a ray of light, the reflection from some bright object, suspends animation. The subject passes into a sleep which lasts for a longer or shorter time, and wakes to forget everything that has passed during this period, though it may have been filled with acts aud incidents, and may have continued several weeks. Similar things happen in injuries of the brain, in cases of hysteria, and even in somnambulisin. Even the ordinary dreamer recalls in a dream what he hits seemed to see in a former dream, though he may - never have remembered it in his waking moments. It is not, perhaps, for this reason the less remarkable, for sleep with its active brain, its thoughts and its visions, remains and may always remain one of the mysteries of existence. To the doctors all these things indicate disease. Dreams are the result of an imperfect digestion. The subjugation of one person to another's will, the dual state in one of which the subject seems on the confines of another world, is caused by a disorganized nervous system. Everything that is not the dullest and plainest prose of life seems in the process of being transformed into morbid conditions of the body. Does it render a phenomenon less mysterious to prove that it is physical? An object falls to the ground by the law of giavitation. Do we understand that marvellous law better because we constantly see its operation? Chemical atoms attract or repel one another in virthe of a universall law, of whose hidden force and meaning we have not the remotest conception. But We are consoled when we discover that something in nature falls within the domain of natural. The pheuomenon is classified, but has by no means ceased to be a mystery.

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From an Indian Chief.

St. Peter's Indian Reserve, March 22nd, 1890.

## H. A. Massey, Esq.:

Dear Sir,-I take the liberty of addressing you these few lines, and I have requested our friend, J. H. Morris, Esq., Q.C., to deliver it into your hands. We reached home safe through the kindness of the Government and found all our friends well, and I told them of the wonderful works and inventions of your company. I find that many of your harvesting and other kinds of machinery is used by our people, and I believe many more will require such useful machines. Many of my Indians could not comprehend when I told them that you melted iron as lead and cut a bar of iron like a picce of checse. I sat many a night with my friends, recounting to them the different departments of your large establishment. They said that the white men were as wise as the gods, but I told them that the Bible taught them all what was wonderful. I and my people are fast learning the results of your machinery, and it gave us such help in our hay cutting and farming that we find them indispensable, useful and required-thercfore many of our people have bought them from your agents out here.

I now come to the end of my letter, and I point my pipe of peace to the rising sun and shake hands with you all. Your friend,

Chief Counctllor Johr $\underset{\text { Mark. }}{\substack{\text { Mis } \\ \text { Mince. }}}$

## (Ian-dwa-wa-Thunderbolt.)

## Demand for Farm Boys.

Mr. Alfred B. Owen, agent for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 214 Farley avenue, Toronto, writes us as follows :-
We have just distributed our first detachment of boys, consisting of 150 , all carefully selected after a period of training in our English homes. They were a tine, liealthy lot of lads, good material in every way for Canadian farmers, and likely to become useful, respectable citizens. The demand which we have experienced during the past two months has been enormous. Every mail has lorought us in applications for boys from all parts of the country, and we could easily have placed four times the number of boys if we had had them. We have tried to secure only really good and respectable homes for our boys, where they will be kindly treated and well taught and trained, but we shall in every case look carefully after them by correspondence and visitation until they are able to manage their own affairs. We are now in constant communication with nearly two thousand lads placed out in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, and we are thankful to find the per centage of failures almost insignificant, while the great, majority are steadily making their way in the world a benefit to themselves and their employers. Our next party will arrive about the first of July, and we hope to have the same success in finding homes and employment for them as we have just experienced with our spring party. Our advertisement in Massey's Imustrated has greatly helped us and brought us into communication with some of the best class of farmers.


A Summary of News for the Past Mo th.
lat.-Death of Mr. Perley, M. P. for Ottawa. Mr. Mr. J. C. Chapaie, of Kamournska, Que., appointed asgietant
commigsioner on the Central Exvorimental farm staft.

2nd.-Prorogation of the Quebeo Legislature. law granting $\$ 275,000$ to the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway voted on in Hamilton and carried by a large majority. Emin Pabha enters the German service in Africa.
3rd.-Death of Mr. Hugh MacKay, dry goods merchant, one
of Montreal's leading citizeng. of Montreal's leading citizens.
thh.-Deaths of Sheriff Chauveau, of Montreal, and Sherift
Alleyn of Quebec. Alleyn of Quebec. . . . Good Friday.
6th.-Mr. W. C. MrDonald, the millionaire tobacoomerchant of Montreal, informa the Governors of McGill University that he bas made a bequest of $\$ 200,000$ to that institution.

7th.-Destructive fire at Waterford, Ont., loss $\$ 85,000$.
Prorggation of the Ontario Legielature. woman a temale Mlavor, Council and Police Magistrate.

8th.-The U.S. House of Representatives pass a bill to prevent the enlistment of aliens in the navy.
10th.-Boston and New York Boards of Trade pass resolu. tions protesting vigorously against the anti-Chinese policy of the government.
11th.-Death of Mr. Alexander Marling, Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario, at Toronto.

12th.-Heavy floods reported in New South Wales and Queeneland, causing great loss of life and much destruction of property:
13th.-Serious labor riots in Rome, Italy ; the mobs dispersed at the point of the bayonet.
15th.-Prorogation of the Nova Scotia Legialature. Mr. I.andry, M. P. appointed to the county judgeship of Westmoreland, N.B.
18th.-Lieut. Governor Angers of Quebec married to Madame Hamiel. - Dr. W. S. England, Montreal, appointed
17th.-Notifcation given that the Duke of Connsurat wil arrive at Vancouver, B.C., abo't May 24 th. . . . Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Imperial Exchequer, presents his bunget shewing a largely increased revenue, chiefly due to increased consumption of alcoholic beverages.
18th. - Repeal of the Scott Aot carried in the Old Portland district, N.S.
10th. - Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, meets with an ovation on his arrival at Bruselels as the guest of the King. Mr. Gagnon, the Quebec Provincial Secretary accepte the sbrievalty of Quebec.

2Itt.- By.Jaw in favor of London South amalgamating with the city of London, Ont., carried by 433 to 260. burg, Kentucky, almost wiped out by fre.
zznd.-Census just completed ghows an increase in the population of Winnipeg, slan., over last year of 3,000 , the population now being over $\begin{gathered}\text { nen } \\ \text { the general elections for the } \mathrm{Nova} \text {. Scotia Assembly, nomina. }\end{gathered}$ tions May 14 th, polling May 21st. . A. M. Ross, M.P.P. for West Huroa, and Provincial Treasurer, sends in his resignation.
$23 \mathrm{rd}-$ - A conmittee of the House of Commons reports that General Mliddleton's action in confiscating the hall breed Bremncr's furs during the North. West rebel.
and recommends that Bremner be paid $\$ 5500$.
24th. - Serious anti-Semitic riots in Biala, Galicia ; thirteen rioters killed by the military and many in jured. Orange Incorporation Act receives the Royal assent. Thomas Morrison, farmer, Shelburne, Ont., drowns three of his children and then attempts to commit suicide.

25th.-Writes issued for the Ontario elections, nominations May 29th, poling day June 5th. . Death of Principal MeGregor, ot Mc.Master Univeralty, Toronto, at New' York.
20th.- Stanley, the explorer, enthusiastically welcomed back in London, England. is Mr. C. H. MaoIntosh Libural Conservative, elected by the death of Mr. Perley.
caus.
2ith.-Death announced of Chief Crowfoot, the most prominerit Indian in the North West.
28th.-Death of Thomas Morition, the Shell.urne murderer. the sale of intoxicating liquors over bars must be atopped.

29th. - Extepsive incendiary fire in Treherne, Man. ; about her the busidess portion of the town destroyed. News received that Rev. T. A. Large, of the Methodist Nission of Canada, has been murdered by burglara in Tokio, Japan.
30th. - Extraordinary precautions reported taken in all the capitals of Europe to prevent violations of the law during the
workmen's denionstrations. The Deceased Wife's workmens demonstrations. $\dot{\text { Sister Bill receives its second reading in the Imperial House of }}$ Commons. . . . Arrival of the first steanier this season at Montreal.

Two little giris killed by the C.P.R.express
near Norwood, Ont


Posts and Fences.
"Young Farner," Loch Broom, Pictou, N.S. writes us as follows:-Any one who has experienced the vexation of having a good fence spoiled by the posts being lifted, and heaved out of place by the action of the frost, will readily appreciate a post which is not materially affected by the capriciousness of the weather. Such a post is shown in Fig. 1. It is made of $\frac{1}{2}$ in. round iron, bent as shown in

the cut, and the ends cennented in a block of stone in which holes have been drilled to receive them. Any rough stone of sufficient weight will do if not too hard for drilling. The loop is sufficiently wide to receive the ends of the two rails abreast. Posts made in this way have great stability for the small amount of iron used, and will be found strong enough for any ordinary fence. The fence can be finished in different styles, if made an all-rail fence which is the simplest. The rails "pass" at the joint in the post and gluts are fitted in to keep the rails the desired distance apart. Fig. 2 shows how

a picket fence may be made in this style. In order to have a straight face for the pickets and yet fill the space in the post, the rails are butted together at the posts, and a piece of rail nailed on the back to keep them together. Fig. 3 is a combination

fence; pieces of rails are nailed vertical to keep the top rail in place, and also to staple the wire to.

## Hinges and Hasps for a Box.

Grain chests and other uscful boxes may be made on the farm by any one handy with tools. The far. mer who has a passable set of tools and ingenuity can always find some kind of wet-weather work more profitable than sitting around the nearest grocery, talking and smoking. Onr illustrations show how to make iron hinges and fastenings without recourse tha a blacksmith. Trom astrip of hoopiron are cut pieces three inches long, in each end of
which a hole is driven with a steel punch, and afterward reamed out to one quarter of an inch diameter by means of a threc-cornered file in a bit


Fig. 1.-Box with Iron Hinges and Hasp.
brace. Staples are made of thick wire and one is driven in at each end of the hinge and clinched to hold it in place. The clasp is made in the same manner as the hinges, save that two holes half an

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Fig. 2.-Hinge, Hasp and Staple.
inch apart are made at one end, and the slot conne:ting them cut with a file or cold chisel. The hasp is hent to a right angle, the upper end stapled to the box cover, and a larger staple driven so as to project through the slot at the lower end.-American Agriculthrist.

## A Cheap Plant Protector.

We illustrate herewith a convenient and serviceahle plant protector. It consists of two pieces of inch board, each ten inches wide and fifteen inches long, to the ends and one side of which is tacked a strip of light cotton cloth fifteen inches wide and a yard long. This is drawn smoothly and nailed to the edges of the side pieces, leaving a narrow flan at each extremity of the cloth, upon which earth may be placed to prevent the ingress of cold air or insects. Two narrow, thin sticks are cut to a length

which enables them to be slipped tightly into the inside to hold everything in place. When not in use, the stretchers are removed and the protector is folded together, as shown at the right hand of the engraving. A large number can thus be packed away in i limited space. Anyone can make the protector for a few cents.-American Agriculturist.

Every farm should have its shelter belt of protecting trees. It adds greatly to the comfort of every living thing on the farm, and everything that adds to the comfort of the dwellers of the farm, be they human or dumb, is a profitable institution to the farmer.

Plants in excess of the number needed in the rows do as much mischief as weeds. Uniformity in size and shape of bunch vegetables is the great desideratum with the market gardener. Thimming early and to a uniform distance will insure this desirable feature.

Plows and harrows used in orchards should be of the kind which pulverize and mellow the surface, but do not tear up the roots. A good surface harrow to keep the orchard mellow and clean, is a great benefit-especially if employed to grind up topdressings of manure.

In transplanting trees it is necessary to cut off and leave a large portion of coots in the ground. This operation checks the growth for a time, or un-
til new roots can be thrown out to replace the old ones. In young and vigorous trees, this renewal is quickly accomplished; and as a larger portion is secured on the young tree than on older ones, the check is only temporary. Older trees lose more of their roots when taken up, and do not restore them so soon; hence the reason that they receive alonger and more formidable check in growth. The only way, therefore, that large trees can be transplanted without seriously suffering, is to shorten all the larger roots a year or more beforehand, by cutting a trench at a proper distance around them, causing them to send out new and shorter roots, which may be removed in place of the longer ones left in the ground, when they are taken up.

A study of the methods by which three times the average yield of corn was made showed that in all there was an unusual amount of work expended in preparing the seed bed. Don't plant before the ground is thoroughly warm. By gaining a week in the time of planting you are apt to lose two weeks in the time of harvesting and twenty per cent of the crop. Drilling produces the larger yield and profit, except on very foul ground. If you have purchased such grounds you will be excused for planting in hills until you can cleanse the land. There cannot be a good crop without a good stand; and there cannot he a good stand without good seed-seed that will do more than germinate, that will produce inherently vigorous plants as well. Corn may do well on hilly land (though the crop must be uneven) but nearly always the land will lose heavily by the deuuding action of rain-often so heavily as to make grass or small grain a more profitable crop. Corn should be cut for the silo just as the kernels have become glazed; and no variety should be planted which cannot reach this condition before the first killing frosts.

Ir is claimed that the application of salt will free land from the white grub, but it must be put on in large quantities, say one and a half tons per acre. A crop of buckwheat will certainly rid land of the wire-worm, and perhaps of the white grul). Starvation is also suggested as a remedy; collect and burn, as far as practicable, all the vegetable material upon which the larve could feed. If the ground has been cultivated for vegetables, gather all the stalks, stems, vines etc., together with the roots, in piles, and burn them. If the land be in grass, after feeding as closely as possible, plor thoroughly, and follow during the autumn with such additional plowings and harrowings as shall best tend to destroy all vegetable life. At this time, gas-lime, if procurable, should be applied. Repeat these operations in the following spring, and allow the land to lie fallow for a year. Comr pliance with these directions would not only starve out the white grub, but also whatever wire-worms, cut-worms, and other underground larvie that might be present. Strawberries which are very liable to attack by the white grub, have been protected by burying tobacco stems in their beds, also by placing a quantity of ashes, either leached or mleached, upon the ground before setting the plants. But the best remedy is to water the plants with an infusion of burdock leaves; it does not harm the plants but it makes them so offensive to the whit grub that he will not touch them. To make the infusion take green burdock leaves and stalks, rum them through a hay-cutter, put them in a large kettle or tulb, and mash them with an old axe or maul, adding water and pounding them to a pulp. Let it stand over night and apply the decoction strong. This is also an effective remedy for the onion maggot. To prevent the destruction of the foliage of trees by the May beetle, dust then thoroughly with air-slaked lime, applying it in the morning, while they are damp with dew. Or sheets may be spread under a tree early in the morning, and the trec shaken. The beetles will not attempt to fly at that hour, and large quantitics of then may be caught, drowned and fed to swine. In the evening the beetles are attracted by a bright lighi, and may thus be lured to destruction. If a lanteru be placed above a vessel of water upon which two or three tablespoonfuls of coal oil have been poured many of the beetles drawn to the light and striking against it will be thrown into the water and drown ed. Many other noxious insects will at the same time be destroyed.

## Gibe Stock.

## Handy Movable Sheep Fold.

Mr. Danizi, Kocir, Amulree, Ont., sends us the ollowing :-I will give you an illustration of a very andy movable sheep-fold consisting of 20 feet long,

in. boards nailed to $4 \times 4 \mathrm{in}$. scantling and conlecting them together with a kind of hinge as hown. One man can move it by first shoving one ide about 4 feet aliead, then the other ; two men an move right along at a rapid rate. It is very audy for pasturing sheep in an orchard with small rees, which otherwise they might damage.


Dimensions-20 feet quare, $3 \mathfrak{l}$ feet high. Corner Posts $4 \times 4$ Whels 8 in. diameter.

A hog-RaISER of wide experience writes: "I find othing so well adapted either for pig or sow as a nixture of one parr bran, one of middlings, two of pats and one of corn-meal, or the equivalent in earforll. The oats and corn must be ground together, $f$ the latter is ground. As soon as the pigs leerin to drink give them milk with a little hran and midlings added, and as soon as possible begin with a op of one-third cach of bram, oats and corm. This ation is adapted to the stock log period. Even if hey are on grass and the extra growth obtained, the aroidance of disease and the quick returns will more than pay for the additional outlay.

As the spring advances small lumps or tumors rill be found on the backs of the cattle, and in such large white grub will be found. These grubs have lifferent local names, but they are really the larva fa large bot-or-gad-fy which lays eggs in the skin, rhich it punctures or stings with its ovipositor. Thesc flies torment the cattle in July or August ; esides, the hides are seriously damaged. A day nay be well spent in destroying the grubs which are now nearly ready to emerge from the holes in the tin through which they breathe. By carefully queecing the tumor they may be forced out or killd or a few drops of oil squeezed in from a squirt an will kill them. If this could be generally done he pests would soon be got rid of.

Notinng affects the appearance of a horse so much $s$ the form and carriage of his head and tail. No natter how good a horse may be, if he carries his teal and tail down, or sticks them out straight, he ill make a poor appearance. If he has a good head and tail well carricd he will look well, though he nay be in reality an ordinary plug. Of course, in reeding or buying, no sensible person would sacrice real utility to appearance. But in selecting a ire you may as well have both. See that the horse on choose has all the essential qualities for a useul and enduring servant, and see also that, in mov"g, his head is carried easily and naturally high, nid his tail well out in a graceful curve-not down etween his legs, nor stuck out straight like a

The shape of a calf may be largely changed by cealing. If kept fat it will develop a rounded body, liile if fed so as to keep healthy and growing. it
may bo moulded into the desired form for a dairy animal. It should have its mother's milk the first three or four days, as it is designed by nature to set the calf's system in proper condition. After it is a week old it should have swect, skimmed milk, and be fed dry, ground oats. Eiting the ground oats dry produces saliva to aid digestion, insures a healthy system and stimulates growth and good habits. After it is from one to threc months old, it may be fell to develop its digestive organs. It should then have plenty of very digestible food of a kind that will aid in forming bone and muscle and add to its general growth-not of a kind that will develop fat. Thus a large deep belly will be developed, u desirable feature for a dairy cow.

Horses should get water frequently and then they will seldom drink more than one bucketful ; in fact, a horse should rarely be given more than the one bucketful to drink at one time. There is little choice as to watering just before or just after feeding but the preference is to be given to the former as less liable to produce unpleasant results. When given a considerable guantity of water immediately after a feed, especially one of grain, it is liable to wash the grain from the stomach to the intestines before it has been digested, and cause indigestion and colic. If comvenient to do so, it is well to water the horse an hour before or after feeding; or if watered immediatcly before, feed only hay or other coarse fodder at first, and the grain a hulf hour or more later. An excellent plan is to keep a bucket of water always before the horse in the stable, to be refilled three times daily or oftener if necessary. The animal will drink only a fow swallows at fregucut intervals and there is then no danger of any injurious effects from drinking too much.

A successful hog-raiser gives the following advice: Never breed a sow until she is nine months old, and twelve is better. Those bred at six, eight, or cven nine months, get more or less stuated, and the result is that the pigs as well asherself, will not mature so carly. A sow only nine months old has attained only two-thirds of her natural growth. That being the case, how can you expect her to give a litter of strong and well-developed pigs? The general result of brecding so young I have found to be as follows: lst, The sow never gets as large, almost invariably will be found harder to keep, and it tikes her two months to regain what she lost loy suckling five or six pigs. 2nd, The pigs will not have a strong constitution and take longer to mature. Brd, When you sell your sow and pigs you will find that they fall short in weight, in spite of the fact that you have fed them two or three months longer than you would have beon required had your sow been from two to four months older.

Lambs should have special attention given them. If one tags along belind the ewe with his back up and head down he is certainly hungry, and the reason must be discovered at once. Possibly he has not been able to start the milk, or the ewe will not stand. In the first case the ewe must be cought, and the milk forced through the orifice so that the lamh can secure a supply. If the quantity is small, the ewe must receive carcful attention in the way of hetter food with an allowance of bran and corn and a little oil-meal. A rum by herself in the orchard for a few days usually makesher lamb happy. Some young ewes are so over-anxious about their lambs that they will not give them time to fill themselves, but keep moving about. Such should be placed in a small pen in the shed; where everything is quiet, well fed and watered, until the lamb is strong enough to obtain readily its needed support. If a small opering is made into a pen on the end of the shed the lanbs will rum in away from the older shecp. In this little room they can be fed meal and bran and also salted, and will grow rapidly under this extra attention. If a ewe loses her lamid, remove the pelt and place it on some other laml) (one of a pair of twins), and if shut up together the ewe will soon own it and raise it finely. After shearing the sheep, the ticks accumulate on the lambs. 'Io remove these pests, dip the lambs in any good approved preparation. Tobacco stems may be steeped in hot water for the purpose. 'I'wo weeks after shearing is the proper time. If no other dip is at hand use lard oil, two parts; coal oil, two parts; linseed oil one part. Apply with a sponge or rag to every lamb.

## The 猚onltuy \%axd.

Pullets as a rule do not make the best breeders. The hens ought to be well-matured and for this reason it is not a good plan to sell off the breeding hens too close, and depend upon young pullets for breeding.

Frosin earth in a hen house for serutching and dusting is indispensable, as this is the only way fowls have for clemsing themselves from filth and vermin and therefore it should not he overlooked. It should be changed frequently so as not to become too filthy.

As artificial nest for layers or sitters is a necessity, and should be made in a dark couner of a hen house, with a board or screen placed before it so that the hen will have to go lochind it in order to reach the nest, or some such iurangement fixed so as to imitate her matural nest as muci as possible.

Masy young chicks die because they get wet when drinking, which chills them and causes them to droop and lose appetite. Always have fountains for chicks that permit them to insert their leaks only into the water. Placing the water before them in sancers, into which they tread and get wet underncath, is dangerous.

Whes it is desired to introduce a new breed it is generally letter economy in the long run to buy a trio or pair of fowls than to depend upon hatehing transported eggs. 'There is, moreover, a satisfaction, if not a material advantage, in seeing what the parent stock is. "An egg is an egg," and he who hegins with cggs must to a certain extent "go it blind" at the start.

Now comes the time when the roosts of most hen houses are alive with the terrible little mite, the hen spider. Kerosene is a cherp and never-failing remcily. Soak the roosts with it from time to time, or still hetter, spray it all over the inside of the building, reaching every crack and crevice. It kills wherever it tonches, and the treatment will save much suffering to the poor fowls, and money for the owner.

Notims is more attractive around a farm-house than a flock of cevenly-marked and handsomelyplunaged fowls. They are an ornament to the door-yard, and of interest and profit to the owner, while a flock of mongrels have no beanty. If the loys and girls are allowed a small flock of fine birds, as their own, to care for and manage, you will find they will make them pay. Just try it and lee convinced.
lt is very casy to overfeed a brood of young clicks. This produces various discases-dysentery, which destroys so many ; paralysis, which prevents the use of the limls and canses the chicks to flutter about helplessly and perish; apoplexy, which causes them to fall over and die suddenly, and others which kill of fully mesehalf of thein. A chick, or a young turkey, or duck, requires food a little and often; it tablespoonful is enough for a dozen of them, and the food should be given six times a day.

As authority on poultry is loud in his praises of what he calls "grit egg food" for the prevention and cure of diseases of poultry. He says "Just break up some old china-ware, earthen-warc, glass, or any havd substance, the sharper the materials the better. To make the best "grit egg food" use no round or smooth materials. Something hard, sharp, and about the size of a pen, is better, though the hens can eat larger pieces. Viricty of substances is also excellent, as the hens can better select what they prefer.

## Oup Prize Competitions.

We are now in a position to announce the winuers of our prize essays and plans.

## Good Housereeping.

In the first place it gives us much pleasure to congratulate the ladies upon the general excellence of their productions. Twenty-six essays were sent in and after a careful perusal they were apportioned as follows:-5 indifferent, 7 fair, 5 good, 9 very good. The nine were again critically examined and five werc put aside as out of the ramning. The remaining four were very near cach other in point of merit, the points gained isy cach leeing as follows:Mimmic D. Wasley, Queensville, Ont., 95; Mrs. George A. Forbes, Waterlown, Ont., 94; Mrs. L. Missey, Walbridge, Ont. and Mrs. A. G. Atkins, Trauquility, Brautford, Ont., 90 cach. Miss Wasley, therefore, wins the first prize and Mrs. Forbes the sccond prize. The task of aljudging upon the merits of the essays was a very delicate one, somuch so that the assistance of two ladies, thoroughly conversant with good l:onsckeeping, had to be obtained before a decision was arrived at. So highly are we pleased with: the efforts of the ladies that we will find space for as many of the essays as possible in future issles.

## Methods of Farming.

We cannot extend the same congratulations to the sterner sex. We only received seven essays and three of them were not at all up to the standurd. The first prize has been awarded to Mr. Truman Culham, Summerville, Ont., and the second prize to Mr. Walter Hicks, Goderich, Ont.

## Plans of Poultry House.

T'en plans were reccived and after critically examining them the judges awarded the first prize to Mr. Albert E. Brown, Teeswater, Ont., who obtained 72 points, and the second prize to Mr. A. J. McMillan, Lorneville, Ont., 71 points. Mr. Frank Howell, Woodstock, Ont., was close upon the winners with 69 points. What was looked upon ly the judges as a defect in Mr. McMillan's plaus was the placing of the roosts in the lower flat, it being considered contrary to the nature of fowls to go downstairs to roost.

## Plans of Barn.

More interest seems to have been taken in the competition for plans of a general purpose Farm Barn as sixteen plans were sent in. The first prize was awarded to Mr. G. W. Foster, Junior, a young man who is now in New York, pushing his way forward in an architect's office. He scored 80 points. The second prize was awarded to Mr. D. P. L. Campbell, Vankleck Hill, Ont., with 72 points. Mr. A. J. McMillan, Lorneville, Ont; Mr. R. Gardiner, Fredericton, N.B., and Mr. Walter Hicks, Goderich, Ont., scored respectively 70 points, 69 points and 65 points.

## gentral Remarks.

Taking it altogether we are well pleased with the results of our efforts to bring to light the talent in essay writing and drawing of plans possessed by some of our reuders. We regret that we have only space in this issue to publish the first-prize essay on "Good Housekeeping" and the first prizo plan of a Farm Barn. The other essays and plans will be published in future issues as space will permit. Many of the plans both of poultry house and barn are possessed of exceptional merit and we intend to publish a few of them besides the prize ones.

## ffirst 信rize

 on
## "GOOD HOUSE-KEEPING,"

by Minnif: D. Wasley, Queensville, Ont.

Wilat is good house-keeping? It is kecping a house in such a way that it will be "home" in every sense of the term to each of its inmates.

When a stranger enters a house, he judges of the house-keeping qualities of its mistress by the appcarance of her floors, the glitter of her windowpanes, and the precision with which the different articles of furniture are placed. Very well, so far as it goes; but let him study the people who inhabit that housc, and then form a correct opinion. Perfect cleanliness is very necessitry, but must never lee obtained at the expense of comfort to one's family. "What?" I hear some notable house-wife say, "would you let your honse be dirty"" No, my dear marlam, not dirty, but just a little soiled if necessary.

For instance, when your husband enters with"Mary, the grapes we ripe; I have brought you some lovely ones," and, man-like, tramps across your newly-whitened floor to give them to you, do not spoil his pleasure by exclaiming in pettish tones,
"There, James, just see how you have spoiled my floor, that I worked so hard over."
By all means, have your stoves and tinware like mirrors, your carpets bright, and your dish-towels emblems of purity, if possible, but in your list of requisites place health and comfort even before that " next to godliness."
The house-kecper is responsible for the health of her family, and must therefore send to the table no partly-cooked bread nor sad puddings to challenge dyspepsia. The food must be viariod, and such as will suit the matures and occupations of the family. Meats in large quantities, and highly-seasoned foods, suitable for men occupied in energetic outdoor work, will not do for children, nor those engaged in lrain-work, or other quiet pursuits. And, on the other hand, more delicate foods, such as would be best suited to the latter classes, would not be strength-giving enough for the former.

When there are so many excellent books on Hygiene now to be had, every house-kceper should not only own a copy but make herself thoroughly acquainted with the contents.
Though she may find there, put in a new garb, many hygienic principles already known to her, many things will be learnt, causing a greater interest in, and a better understanding of the subject.
Ventilation, the importance of which is being appreciated, should not be neglected.
The house should be opened each day to allow a free circulation of pure air.
If the day is windy, so much the better, for the rongh but well-meaning breezes will clear from even the crevices, every particle of impure air.

Many simple devices for lessening labor in housework can, and should be used. Soiled garments can be placed in water before wash-day, all the materials for baking collected before begiming, the stove-pipes varnished to save blacking, and many other things done, that seem trifles in themselves and scarcely worth considering, but when added to
the innumerable burdens of the house-wife may prove the last straw.

But in this, and, indeed, in every part of her work, the goorl house-keeper brings her bright intelligence to help her, judging how far her strength will allow her to imitate the virtuous woman of Proverls, who "riseth while it is yet night."

What woman does not dread those semi-anmal occasions called "house-cleaning," when chaos seems to reign supreme in many houses. But housc-cleaning is something that is absolutely necessary, in spite of assertions to the contrary made by the "men-folks." The rooms that are used ina house should be cared for every day, and those m. used, at least once a week, but from garret to cellar will need a thorough cleansing at least twice a year. Oh, no! it is not necessary to scrub the muder sides of the sholves, nor is it necdful to try to clean the whole house at once. Begin at one room, clean it, replace the furniture, allow time for mind and hody to get thoroughly rested, then commence at another, proceeding in the same way till allare done. Thell husbands and brothers will not have occusion to grumble at eating a cold lunch off a bureau for five days in succession.
" A time for everything, and everything in its time" is a motto every house-keeper should bear int mind. Each meal should be ready promptly at its appointed time, neither by means of bad calculation having the victuals over-cooked, nor by indifference, underione. Each day, also must have its own work. Monday, with most women, is wash-day, though some prefer leaving the house longer in the condition that Saturday's cleaning puts it.
Then, closely following, is ironing and mending day, with, as a reward, the pleasure of putting away in drawers, garments beautifully white, glittering from the iron, and all rents and worn places carefully mended by the skillful needle of the housewife.
But perhaps it is on baking day that the home talent (for house-kecping is a talent) is scen at its best, for it seems to the uninitiated nothing short of witchcraft to lring from the oven cakes light as foam, pies seemingly made of snowflakes, and breal in high, white, rounded loaves, delighting the heart of the baker.
Then, after Saturday spent in cleaning, comes Sumday's rest and peace, grateful to the heart of the weary worker and filling her with strength and courige for another week's work. House-work, well-done, is its own reward for the result can be seen, whercas so many labor not knowing but what it is in vain.
Almost all oceupations call forth from the doer only one accomplishment. That of house-keeping requires many-among others, those of the cook, the laundry-woman and the seamstress. The housekeeper must also be an artist in the arrangement of the interior of her house, allowing no funereal aspect, but having everything bright and beautiful, though harmonious in color, and as costly as the purse will allow, for good furniture and pretty ormaments cultivate a love for the beautiful, especially iv children, always so susceptible to outward things. Their little eyes will appreciate them, and they can with patience be casily taught to take pride in keeping them beartiful. And the home should le for the children. Can any call house-keeping in unworthy occupation when it, faithfully done, makes a home that future men and women cin look: back to with the keenest pleasure, not realizing how great has been its influence over their lives, but, nevertheless, unconsciously passing its bencfits down to future generations?


## Johnnie's Cure.

"Manma! mamma!" cried Johnnie," do you knw where my cap is? I can't find it nuywhere, and papa wants me to go to the post office for him right itway."
Mamma was busy sowing but she laid down her work to look for the missing cap. As Johmie had niil, it was nowhere to be seen.
"Where did you put it when you came from school not half an hour ago?"
"On the hat rack, I know, and now it isn't anywhere. Oh, dear! how provoking!"
After fifteen minutes diligent search shared by all the members of the family the cap was found tucked away in the owner's coatn pocket, and Julumic ran away to do his father's errand, while the others returned to their interrupted work and tried to make up for lost time.
"Johnnie is growing more careless every day," siid his mother. "I don't know what to do with lim. It isn't always possible to make him look for his own things, and I'm afraid nothing else will cure him."
"Suppose we try setting a frightful example," suggested his older sister.
"Perhaps thint would do," replied his mother, as the details of the plan presented themselves.
The next afternoon Johmie rushed in from school crying, "Mamina, Mrs. Harris says the ice is strong enough to bear us, and we are all going skating ; but I've just torn my coat. Can you please mend it right awny?"
"Yes, if I can find my thimble. See if it is in my basket."
"Why, I don't sce where it can be," said Mrs. Black, feeling in her pocket and not finding it. "Look all around the room."
Johunie, in too much haste to think how very strange it was for his orderly mother to mislay anything, hunted diligently, hat no thimble came to light.
"Go ask Jennic for hers." Jennie's was also missing. "I think you will have to stay at home; you certainly camot wear that coat as it is."
Sore as the disappointment was, Johunie was obliged to submit. For a week the very spirit of disorler seemed to rule the house. Every article was left where it was last used, until the once tidy rooms looked fairly cheerless with the accumulated liitcr. There was one exception. While Johmnie wis constantly called upon to look for Jennie's gloves, or mamma's scissors, or papa's unbrella, his own cap was more frequently on the rack, his
shites on their hook, his slate and books strapped together.
iil Finally, after an musually trying experience, he its exclaimed one day, "I never saw such a house as This is getting to be. I seem to be the only one it thiat ever puts things where they belong."
ns The shout of laughter that went up at this extra7al ordinary statement somewhat abashed the speaker, but he sturdily maintained his point; whereupon
the others promised that if he would continue to the others promised that if he would continue to set such a good example they would cortainly follow it.
That week taught Johnnie a lesson he never iorgot.

Boys should never go through life satisfied to be always borrowing other people's brains. Jhere are wome things they should fiud out for themselves. There is always something waiting to be found out.


Driving a Hen into a Coop.
When a woman has a hen to drive into a coop, she takes hold of her skirts with hoth hands, shakes them quietly at the delinquent and says: "Shoo, there!" The hen takcs a look at the object to nasure herself that it is a woman and thell stalks IIajestically into the coop. A man doesm't do it that way. a hen but me?" and picking up angular that no one oan drive offending biped, and yells: "Get in there, you thicf !" the hen iminediately loses her reason and dashes to the other end of the yard. The man plunges after ber. She comes back with her head down, her wings out, and followed by a miscellaneous assortment of stove wood, fruit oans, clinkers and a very mad man in the rear. Then she skims under the barn and over a fence or two and around the house back to the coop agaio, all the while talking as only an excited hen can talk, and all the while followed hy things convenient for throwing, and by a man whose coat is on the saw-buck, whose hat is on the grouod and whose perspiration is limitless. By this time help dodge misailes. The nuan vows that every hen on the place shall be sold at once, puts on his hat and coat and roes down town. The woman comes out, goes right to work, and has every one of those hens housed and counted inside of two minutcs.

## He Bought a Carriage.

A young man with a baby in his arms stood on a stroet corner, says the Cork lxaminer. The baly was at peace with itgelf, the young mast who held it, and the world in general. The young man didn't appear so satisfled. He looked quite lle had been standin
almost an hour, when two young men, who had been atanding on the opposite corner enjoying the gituation, crossed the street and walked up to him.
"1 say, old chappie, where did you get the kid?"
"A young lady asked me to hold it for her a few moments While she went into a store,' 'answered the young man, beginning to look as if he wished she badn't.
the child up to police headquarters and rau oan do is to take the child up to police headquarters and report the case. The "I don't believo it" baid th
expression of his face seemed to belider of the baby, but the "You don't?" exolaimed the second young man. "I'll bet you $£ 2$ to a shilling it's a faot."
About five minutes lator a very trim littio lady came out of the atore with her arms full of bundles.
"Oh, John, how long I've Lept you waiting I Has baby been behaving itself? Come to its mothor, poor little dear. What? You've got to see a friend ! All right ; hurry up." And as the couple walked off, the young gents on the cormer
could hear the fond father gas: could hear the lond father gay:
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Level means flat, yet the man who would feel fiattered to be called level-headed would object strongly to being called flat
headod. Odd, isn't it?

The True Inwardness of the War Drama.


IItroink.-Ah, how noble Colonel Weatpoint looks, riding away at the head of his brave fellows to battle for their country's flag. Oh, heavens, to think that perhaps we
may never mect again.


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Shors and slippers well taken care of will last much longer than if carelessly thrown around, and look well as long as they are fit to be worn.
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Fig. 1.
stitched across twice, making three pockets in each strip, with a box-plait in each pocket. The entire bag is bound with worsted dress braid. A smallsized brass curtain ring is sewed on strongly to each upper corncr and to the tip of the point. 'The shoe-bag is suspemed ly these rings from mails, or what is betier, small screws, on the inside of the closet door.

Where there are little children, such a pocket on the inside of the sittingroom closet door will prove a great convenience for house-shoes and slippers. If the lower pockets are lined with rubber cloth they will be useful for holding rubbers or overshoes. When they become damp or muddy they can be easily wiped out. The better part of it cast-off waterproof or cloak answers very well for lining the pockets.
A handsome slipper case is illustrated by fig. 2. It is designed to contain only one pair of slippers and is ornamental enough to be an addition to any bedroom. By olserving the proportions a paper pattern can be easily cut. The first step is to have a piece shaped for the back out of a thin board or very heavy pasteloard, also one for the front out of pasteboard. The piece for the back should be 6 inches across the bottom, 9 inches across the top and 12 inches along the sides. The distance across the bottom and the lengths of the sides for the front piece is the same as for the back, but across the top the distance is 13 inches in a straight line

As shown in the illustration, the front is rounded across the top.
'The back is neatly covered on both sides with dark brown silesia. The front is covered.with golden brown felt on which a design has been embroid-

ered in outline, using dark brown crewel for the eat-tails and dark green for the leaves. It is lined with the brown silesia. The front and back is overhanded together across the bottom and up the sides, and finished with a dark brown cord which extends around the entire case. A ribbon of the same color is tacked to eitch upper corner, by which the case is suspended from a strong picture nail driven in the wall.

Where closetsure wanting and room is an object, a very handy combination of the useful and ornamental will be found in an ottoman and shoe-box like fig. 3. Procure a good strong box-the size in which soap usually comes packed is good. Fasten the lid to the box by tacking pieces of leather hinge fashion on the back. It can then be easily raised and lowered. Cover the sides smoothly with any strong plain material. Cover the lid in

the same manner, first putting on enough excelsior or hay to make it look rounded. The ottoman in the illustration has a strip of felt worked in a simple pattern around it near the top. Inside in one corner fasten by a nail through the botton a medium sized baking powder can, in which to set the bottle of shoe-blacking.

## Household Hints.

Ir the fat in the frying-kettle is hot before you are ready for it, put in a dry crust of bread. It will not burn as long as it has something to do, only when it is left idle.
IT is convenient to have an iron holder attached by a long string to the band of the apron when cooking ; it saves burnt fingers or scorched aprons and is always at hand.
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