OUR FARMERS' PAGE.

ENTERPRISE READERS ARE INVITED TO CON-TRIBUTE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, DAIRY OR "BIG CROP" ITEMS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.

POOR LANDS MAKE GOOD.

Principal Question is One of How to ey, abundant room can be given, and

is, in some sections, becoming the retained to be used. most valuable.

Sandy soil is adapted to fruits and vegetables, and these are crops which money returns.

In parts of New Jersey and in most of the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia peninsula the sandy loams were for a long period regarded as bad an acre in a single season. The sea-sons are not regular, to be sure, but much as eighteen tons per acre in the average is remarkably high when some cases, and containing over one-transportation is available. Cantaamong the products which give exreturns. Philadelphia shares with New York the privilege of marketing the crops, and far exceeds New York in supplying this productive business with the goods the money so earned buys for family the milker should be perfectly clean; uses. Since there is nothing to indi- the milk should never be set where the frosted comb and wattles of a cate that the products of these loams there are bad odors to taint it, and will lessen in quantity or value, and since they have a certain monopoly taints will be intensified. of early crops for quick marketing, the wealth coming from the poor lands is likely to prove an important factor in the enlargement of the city's business.-Philadelphia Ledger.

No man can afford to head his herd cent per square. with a scrub bull. The blood is an important item, though not the whole thing. Granted that you see the advisability of a pure-bred sire, the as possible. It is best to have a stall in New York City. or shed for a bull where he will be or young stock that can be used, cels from the town, Keep him in good condition, but do not keep him fat enough for the show ring all the year round. doesn't pay. Always give him kind treatment, but do not let him become familiar with you.

For Keeping Humus in Soil.

defines their system of rotation for pounds. the keeping of the humus supply in the soil as follows: "Corn is grown two years. The third year the land is thoroughly disked early in the spring and sown to oats. The oat stacked as soon after harvest as possible. If the ground is sufficiently long. When shingles are exposed 4 wet it is plowed at once. If very dry Thrice if necessary and then plowed deeply. Disking the land not only prevents a further loss of the water by evaporation, but it also fines the day with the disk or subsurface pack- leave the remainder undone. er, in order to thoroughly fill up all open spaces in the subsurface. The common drag harrow follows these tools to work the surface down into any farm product, pound for pound, is shape. After every rain the land is butter. When sold it takes the least harrowed, as soon as it is fit to fertility from the farm. work, in order to break up any crust by evaporation."

To Check Swarming. If the bees did not persist in dividing their forces so frequently, much not feasible except when very light more surplus honey could be obtained. salting is wanted. It takes the salt The bee-keeper would feel more easy itself to make good, marketable butabout his bees. In producing comb ter, honey in one-pound boxes, it is necessary to crowd the bees into the sec- ones carrying a large amount of flesh. tion boxes, for they seem loath to They cannot produce milk and flesh begin work in such small divisons, at the same time. But they need good and this crowding is one of the in- feed, just the same. A cow is a fac-

centives which creates the swarming fever. When producing extracted honthe swarming impulse is greatly Germany has discovered a sort of checked. Therefore, if bees are to bacteriological growth which excels be kept far from the house, and can the nitrogen-producing kind our De not be given much attention, it is adpartment of Agriculture has applied visable to produce only extracted honto plant life so resultfully. It costs ey, which is done by giving the bees less and grows faster. The news calls large combs and plenty of room, for attention again to a rather, notable it matters not whether the combs are feature of modern farming. Paradoxi- entirely completed or not, as the honcal as it may seem, the poorest land ey is taken from them and the combs

Condiments For Hogs. The most valuable "condiments" for sell at high prices. Sandy land is hogs are ashes, salt and copperas. A usually thin and poor. Suitable fer- big breeder says he once a week tilizing and cropping with peas and rakes up the cobs in the feeding yard clover, plants peculiarly benefited by and burns them, thus giving the awine nitrogen bacteria, result in these light some charcoal; occasionally he hauls sands quickly becoming productive. in a load of coal ashes, and salt and Hence the paradox that the poorest copperss are mixed with wood ashes land sometimes gives the largest and kept in a trough where the hogs can get at them at any time.

Work of Earthworms.

Earthworms perform excellent service in enriching the sail. According property. Today there are farmers to Darwin, on meadow land earthand truckers on these lands who worms eject sufficient digested mamake \$100, \$200, even as high as \$400 terial to greatly change the characterloupes, strawberries, sweet potatoes, also open the soil to permit the betpeas, onlone and early cabbage are ter access of water, air and warmth.

Butter Making.

Poor butter is caused by overchurning, oversalting, overworking. From for it, the start the milk is tainted. The cows should be well fed, the hands of if the cream is kept too long the

Coal Tar for French Roads.

The French government has adopted a method of treating macadamized to make the eggs taste, but it will be roads with hot coal tar thinned with enough to start the eggs to spoiling. about 10 per cent of oil. The cost is said to work out about 8-10ths of a

Postal Progress by Automobile.

Automobile postoffice for rural denext question is how to care for him. steps in the progress of public utilities his name in full. If you paid \$100 to \$300 for a bull you if the Postal Progress League can exnaturally want to give him such care ert sufficient influence with Congress. as to keep him in his prime as long The league recently held a meeting

With the adoption of automobiles separated from the herd. Give him a and a change in the postal regulations yard large enough so that the confine to permit of a rural parcels delivery ment will not be too severe, and be with a weight limit of 11 pounds, it sure to have his yard surrounded by was said a profit could be had, calcua bull fence. It is as important to lating on a route of 12 miles, cover-keep people out of the bull pen as it ed twice a day, as against present loss. is to keep the bull in. If possible, it These trips would cost, including caris an excellent thing to give him a rier's salary, only \$5 per day, which pasture if you can turn him out with would be more than provided for if out having him run with the milkers, each of some 175 families along the Often there is a pasture for the calves route paid only 3 cents a day for par-

Quarters for Fowls.

When comfortable quarters are pro- fault." vided for fowls, says Prof. Watson, the nutritive ration of the food should be about one-fifth; that is, one part protein or muscle-producing compounds to four parts of carbonhy-The Nebraska Experiment Station drates or heat and fat-producing com-

Roof Shingles.

and a bundle of them is 20 inches wide and contains 24 courses in the crop is removed from the land and thickness at each end. A bundle of shingles will lay one course 80 feet or cloddy the land is double disked. 107 square feet; 5 inches, 132 square chief.-Youth's Companion. feet; 6 inches, 160 square feet.

Plenty of Work on Farms.

Labor has gone to the cities and under at the bottom of the furrow farms and vineyards have been left slice, instead of clods and chunks, to go uncared for, and the farmer is

The highest price ever received for

- In planning farm work don't try to that may form and by keeping a loose cover too many lines or your fate will surface prevent the loss of moisture be like the tramp who said when he climbed through a barbed wire fence, "I covered too many points for my own good."

To use brine for salting butter is

The good milch cows are not the

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tory, where the raw material in the shape of hay and grain is taken in and converted into milk.

Remember that the milk does not have to be sour in order to be classed as poor milk.

Whole wheat is better for fowls than corn. It does not make them so fat and, considering the greater number of eggs that can be secured by using it, it is a more economical food. The value and usefulness of the farm saimal depends as much upon its mental as upon its physical con-

dition Get the best bull you can to breed to the dairy cows. To make the business permanent as well as profitable,

animals which will make good at the milk pail, must be kept. Make the hogs grow all over and all the time. Variety of feed and plen-

ty of it will keep the hog's system in the best condition for gain, The creamery patron has his month-

ly cream checks while the other fellow has the store bill. Turkey raisers claim that lice cause the death of more half-grown fowls

than any other cause. There is practically no difference in food value between the egg with a brown shell and the one with a white shell. This is the conclusion arrived at in tests made at the California experiment station.

When hatching duck eggs under hens, the young should be removed as soon as dry, as they become restless, and the hen often in her excitement treads on them.

As a usual thing the farmer does the matter.

Be sure to provide some plan for exercising the fowls during the winter months. Unless you do this they will become weak and sluggish and will take disease much quicker. Scatter the feed on the floor amidst straw or litter, so they will have to scratch

Keep a good, big jar of vaseline among your emergency remedies for the winter.' It is of value applied to bird, drawing the frost out thoroughly. Keep the eggs stored in a clean room till ready to take them to mar-

ket. Egg shells are porous and it is known that they will absorb odors. The absorption may not be sufficient

A Spelling Reform.

One of the witnesses in a lawsuit, grees, on the 15th, 1883. who had just been sworn, was asked to give his name. He replied that it was Hinckley. Then the attorney for livery service will be one of the next the prosecution requested him to give of an inch or more, 20.

> "Jeffrey Alias Hinckley." "I am not asking you for your alias," said the lawyer, impatiently. "What

is your real-name?" "Jeffrey Alias Hinckley." "No trifling in this court, sir," sternly spoke the judge. "Which is

your right name-Jeffrey or Hinck-"Both of 'em, your honor."
"Both of them? Which is your sur-

'Hinckley."

"And Jeffrey is your given name?" "Yes, your honor."

"Then, what business have you with "I wish I knew, your honor," said

"It isn't my

"What do you mean, sir?" demanded the judge, who was fast losing his

the witness, ruefully.

temper "I mean, your honor, that Alias is my middle name, for some reason which my parents never explained to me. I suppose they saw it in print somewhere, and rather liked the looks of it. I'd get rid of it if I could do Shingles are usually 16 inches long, so without the newspapers finding it out and joshing me about it."

The court suggests that hereafter witness begin his middle name with E instead of an A. Counsel will proceed with the examination," said the inches to the weather 1000 will cover judge, coughing behind his handker-

Preacher to Subdue Tipplers.

Rev. Dr. Maurice P. Fikes, pastor surface so that fine earth is turned towns in such quantities that our of the Franklin First Baptist Church, Franklin, Pa., and formerly of Baltimore, declares that it is his intention The plow is followed on the same compelled to do what he can and to drop from the rolls of the church every man who goes into a saloon, hotel or drugstore to buy a drink of

> Australia is going to astonish the world with its new issue of stamps. They are to be of such a superlatively artistic character that, according to the departmental board that has been considering the subject, it is estimated that £40,000 worth will be sold to philatelists alone during the first year and after that the sale to the enthusiasts will average £20,000 per annum. The stamps, which are to be a world-wide advertisement for the commonwealth, are to be printed from steel plates, and their designs will illustrate the characteristic features of Australia,

Spokane Church Element Enraged. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 30.-Since Mayor Moore has come out flatly in favor of repealing the Sunday closing ordinance and has gone on record to that effect in a plain letter as a reply to the petition signed by business men who represent fully 50 per cent of the taxable property, requesting the repeal of the ordinance, church people are horrified and have stated that the Mayor will "get his" as soon as they get around to it, which means that his political future will be retarded by the churchmen's efforts. There is some talk of impeaching the Mayor and Police Chief.

take Pinules. They are guaranteed.

TRAMPS FLOOD NEW YORK.

City Overrun By Hundreds of Unemployed-Charitable Institutions Are Swamped.

Bands of migratory mendicants and hundreds of unemployed workmen from other cities are pouring into New York and the inrush of dependents on the municipality has developed a situation which the charitable institutions are unable to meet. Hundreds of applicants for clothing, food and lodging are being turned away daily by philanthropic institutions, and to consider these extraordinary conditions an informal meeting was held today by representatives of 20 charitable organizations.

The records showed that hundreds of applications for aid came from those who had come here from other cities, and plans were discussed to stem the rush of mendicants. While no decisive action was taken, it was the sense of the meeting that the Department of Charities should provide an adequate work test in connection with its treatment of lodgers. It was suggested that each person who de-Blackwell's Island. Officers of the to do that. You will arrest the first the derision of the world. municipal lodging-house report that bunch of actors that appear after the between December 1 and December curtain rises; and if they keep it up 23, 2353 persons were refused lodging you will arrest the next bunch, and because of the inability to accommodate the applicants.

Bacon-Would you call him a good not know enough about poultry. He talker. Egbert-No, I would not. has it on his farm and allows his wife "How many times have you heard to take care of it on the limited time him talk?" "Only once." "And when she has at her disposal, and that is was that?" "When he was trying to man.

Weather Bureau Report.

The following data, covering a per-Portland. They are issued to show the metropolis. the conditions that have prevailed, above period of years, but must not

month. Month, January, for 36 years:

1873, with an average of 44.4 degrees. with an average of 29.2 degrees.

grees on the 25th, 1888. The lowest temperature was 2 de-

6.56 inches. The greatest monthly precipitation

was 13.71 inches in 1883. The least monthly precipitation

was 2.12 inches in 1893.

1895. Average number of clear days, 4; partly cloudy days, 7; cloudy days, 20. The prevailing winds are from the

south. The average hourly velocity of the wind is 6.3 miles. The highest velocity of the wind

was from the south on the 9th, 1880.

Blue Sundays in New York. By enforcing two blue Sundays in

succession in New York City, Police Commissioner Bingham is entitled to be ranked henceforth as among the saints. Never before has there been such a riot of piety among the "unco guid" of the metropolis; never before has the Pharisee been so unctuously in evidence at the street corners thanking God that he is not as other men. The more thoughtful among them, a pitiful minority, have some uneasy presentments of reaction and of a disastrous return of the pendulum, but the majority seem to believe

that the reformation of a city has at length been accomplished by a policeman with a bludgeon, and that the kingdom of heaven on earth has been waiting all this time for a Supreme Court decison. The Supreme Court decision, as voiced by Justice O'Gorman, is simplicity person fied. The Sunday Closing Act forbids anything whatever in the nature of public amusement or

entertainment upon the seventh day

of the week, and, that being so, what

else remained for the law-abiding and

law-enforcing commissioner but to

enforce the law and defy its consequences? Not his to reason why, His but to do and die.

An enthusiasm for the law is, it is true, a little unusual on the part of the New York police, but even deathbed repentances have not wholly lost their efficacy. The commissioner's instructions to

his subordinates were unequivocal. They were advised to use a little 'horse sense," but beyond that there was to be no discretion. Carnegie Hall, with its highly moral and uplifting program, must be closed. must the 5-cent vaudeville with its program neither moral nor uplifting. must all intermediary shows. Neither character nor motive must be considered by the stern guardians of public virtue, who must surely have thought that visions were about and that ascension robes would soon be the order of the day instead of helmets and uniforms. The Y. M. C. A. entertainments were just as much under the ban of the law as vaudeville and roller-skating. The Educational Alliance must take a day off on Sunday as well as the theatre. The public sports at Celtic Park must stop To stop that pain in the back, that in spite of their benificent work, and stiffness of the joints and muscles, Justice, with her eyes blindfolded, must discriminate in no way at all Don't suffer from rheumatism, back- between lectures on the Holy Land ache, kidney trouble, when you get 30 and the dancing halls of the Bowery days' treatment for \$1.00. A single "Put your men by the theatres," said dose at bed time proves their merit. the inexorable commissioner, "Let it Get them today. Sold by Huntley be understood that there will be no show. Tell people there will be no

Ben Franklin

who used to run a newspaper down East years ago, also edited an almanac which contained some wise sayings. Here is one of them:

"The way to wealth, if you desire it, is as plain as the way to market. It depends chiefly on two words-industry and frugality. He that gets all he can honestly and saves all he gets (necessary expenses excepted) will certainly become

What Ben said was not only true at that time, but it still holds good at the present day. There is no better way to save than to have a bank account

We will be glad to have you start an account at this bank. -you are not tempted to spend it.

The Bank of Oregon City

the ticket-seller, and anybody else you can get hold of in the office, including the manager and proprietor."

And it was so. The law was enforced to the letter on Sunday, December 8, and again the following Sunday. The giddy and frivolous world was represented by seventeen about all the attention he ever gives open a car window."—Yonkers States- had taken the precaution to obtain injunction against police interference. With these insignificant exceptions New York suddenly became a city of the dead, and there were no signs of lod of 36 years, has been compiled the "revelry by night" which is said But when things look "topsy-turvey," from the Weather Bureau records at to be one of the great attractions of

> There were practically no arrests. during the month in question, for the Every one obeyed the law, because obedience was the most effective of be construed as a forecast of the all possible protests. Deserted Broadweather conditions for the coming way had something almost bodeful about it, while the placards on opera houses, theatres, music halls, dancing Mean or normal temperature, 39.2 academies, skating rinks, and penny arcades, bluntly announcing that the The warmest month was that of places had been closed for the day, seemed to promise another opening The coldest month was that of 1888, later on when a selfish and mischleyous piety had been placed finally in The highest temperature was 62 de- the small corner belonging to it. Greeks, Russians, the Scandinavians, not to mention the Chinese, turned disconsolately away from their ac-Average precipitation for the month customed haunts, woefully perplexed as to what to make of it all, while Average number of days with .01 Coney Island was shut up so tight that its frequenters found nothing more exciting to do than to walk quietly up and down the nearly deserted beach. The restaurants everywhere were, of course, crowded, sim-The greatest amount of precipita- ply because people had nowhere else tion recorded in any 24 consecutive to go; but the churches found no hours was 6.86 inches on 5th-6th, 1883. difficulty whatever in accommodating The greatest amount of snowfall their congregations, in no way sensirecorded in any 24 consecutive hours bly swelled by the occasion. Perhaps (record extending to winter of 1884- it may yet be necessary to close the 85 only) was 15.0 inches on the 2nd, restaurants and parks, and re-establish the pilory for those who obstinately neglect the "means of grace

> > It would be rash to predict, as many are doing, that there will be no third Sunday of this amazing experience. The churches themselves are frightened and the Federation, learning that the decison has been enforced by the police "in extreme terms," has hastened to ask that there shall be a special committee of the Board of Aldermen with instructions to license such Sunday concerts as shall be "free from immorality and financial gain;" that is to say, such concerts as they themselves shall approve. The State Board of Aldermen to do this and anything else that seems good to them in the way of Sunday regulation, and there is no doubt that the board will hasten to do something to allay a state of stupefied indignation that is not far from dangerous. Personally, hope that the Blue Sunday will continue for some weeks to come, in order that New York may learn a needed lesson so thoroughly that it will never again dawn on the horizon of her affairs. That blue laws should exist anywhere in America is a reproach to our civilization, and there can be no such remedy as a vigorous enforcement.

and the contribution plate.

But there remains one question to be asked of Commissioner Bingham. We should more easily believe in his zeal for law enforcement if it were a little more inclusive. It needed a Supreme Court judgment to show him his duty in the matter of Sunday amusements, but how about the saloons? No one questions, or has ever questioned, that the ordinary saloon at which no meals are served remains open on Sunday in contravention of the law. What has Commissioner Bingham to say about this, and how does he explain the evident fact that what is sauce for the goose is not also sauce for the gander? Or are we to understand that the sacred saloon, as one of the great vote-getting institutions of the country, is above all law and outside all control? The I came in. I had my key in my pockcommissioner has been pointedly asked this question and he refuses to discuss it. He may well be excused inasmuch as there is no possible room for discussion about a law that is as clear as the sun at noonday and wholly without ambiguity. But the question ought to be pushed right home in the hope of discovering what are actually Cleveland Plain Dealer.

sires a night's lodging should spend show; don't try to stop them from go- the motives that have led to a state a short time at the stone quarry on ing inside, for you have no authority of affairs likely to earn for New York

FLANEUR. New York, December 16, 1907.

"JUST KEEP SMILING."

When the sun is brightly smiling, And the sky is always blue; When your friends are fondly smiling And you've nothing troubling you; Then is when you've lots of courage And your friends all say "What

pluck," And you keep on smiling, smiling, For you're in the best of luck.

And you don't know where to turn; And your clothes are getting thread-

bare And you haven't cash to "burn;" That's the time it takes real courage, Or, what's sometimes called "real

pluck:" Just to keep on smiling, smiling, When you're down and out of

But the road to real contentment Lies another way, they say; And if one would be successful Just keep smiling every day;

Smile when things don't go to suit Keep on smiling when they do, And before you're through your smil-

The world will smile right back at -ELSIE BRAYTON BLOOD.

THROUGH WITH RUM.

Man's Senses. "I'm through with the drink thing forever," remarked the smooth faced man with the little nub of a cigar in that same tone that the hero uses down at the Cleveland theater when he says, "Yes, I'm goin' away from hyah forevah!" The smooth faced man was just that positive about it.

"Nope," he said as he brushed the ashes off his coat lapel, "the rum proposition leads only to mortification and ruin. When a man gets so he pushes Legislature has fully empowered the the button and doesn't know it, when it comes to a situation like that, it's time"-

"Walt!" broke in the little chap with the flat top soft hat. "Just pause and slip back up the track about a car length! When you tell anything kindly begin at the table of contents, then go to chapter 1, and so on, will yuh? You talk like a busted down phonograph."

"As I was about to say," went on the man with the nub of a cigar, just as if no one had stopped him, "when we got through settling the street railway question and a few other matters of moment that had to be disposed of before the bunch broke away last night it was lacking just a few minutes of being 2:30 o'clock. When I got home I says to myself, 'Why wake up little wifey when she needs the sleep?

"Acting on that suggestion, I took off my shoes just before I started to climb up the steps to our front porch. wondering to myself all the time how much of a discount I'd be able to deduct from the time I came home when I spoke of it at the breakfast table next morning.

"I walked up to the door just as quietly as a cat-and then rang the doorbell! Yep, I just pressed the dinky little electric button, and then et all the time! It wasn't more 'n a minute till my wife opened the door and saw me standing there, shoes in

hand. "Without going into any more details, is it any wonder I'm sore on the stuff that steals away men's senses?"-



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