A Good Story.—We have to credit the *Independent* with a jest. A correspondent, Mr. X., we will say, being on a visit to New York recently, decided to go on Sunday morning to hear the Rev. Dr. Chapin. To his regret, on arriving at the church, he found not that eminent divine, but a stranger, who preached eloquently from the text, "But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever." X thought he would go to Plymouth church in that afternoon, to hear Mr. Beecher. There he found the same stranger in the pulpit, and again he listened to the expounding of the text, "But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever." Somewhat vexed at his ill-success, X., having liberal views, went in the evening to Dr. Osgood's church. What was his astonishment at being compelled to listen again to the now familiar sermon from the same clergyman. Having occasion next morning to cross the ferry, X discovered his next neighbor to be the strange preacher, with his sermon under his arm. "I wonder what that ringing can be?" suggested the stranger modestly, as a peal of bells was heard from the opposite shore. "I suppose," returned X., savagely eyeing the manuscript, "that Simon's wife's mother must be dead. I heard in several places yesterday that she was very dangerously ill."

Poultry.—In "Geyelin's *Poultry Breeding*" the following general rules are given for poultry breeding, and preparing it for the market:

The stock must be fed regularly at sun rise and in the afternoon an hour before going to roost.

The hens selected to breed from should be kept apart from the cock until they are at least twelve months old; and the cock should not be less than eighteen months old before he is put with the hens, as too early a call on nature degenerates the breed.

Whatever races are selected, they should be the most perfect specimens that can be obtained, as the first outlay will repay itself.

That the distinct races be kept strictly separate, except where it is intended to obtain a cross breed; and for this the finest specimens of both races and sexes should be selected.

Not more than six hens should be allotted to a cock.

After the third breeding year, it is advisable either to sell the stock or to fatten them for the market, as they become less fecund and their progeny are apt to degenerate.

The eggs should be collected at least three times day, as in a fecundated egg, when set upon for a few hours, the germ very soon gets developed, and the egg is afterwards unfit for hatching.

The question whether hanging should be abolished was recently discussed by a debating society. Sam Wood was adverse to the suspensory process, as may be gathered from his peroration; "Mr. President, talk of hanging for stealing! Why Sir, where would I have been, where would *you* have been, where would we *all* have been if hanging were the penalty for that offense?"

Rather Costly.—If Andy Johnson has to pay for all the trash which his unwashed adherents choose to send by telegraph to him—as was suggested by a most distinguished Copperhead the other night—he will require a larger purse than he is usually accredited with.

"Patrick," said a priest to an Irishman, "how much hay did you steal?" "Well," replied Pat, "I may as well confess to your rivirence for the whole stack; for my wife and I are going to take the rest of it on the first dark night."

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Josephine.

Horace Woodcock, Plaintiff, vs Thomas Feeny, Defendant.

Suit in Equity to Foreclose Mortgage.

To Thomas Feeny: You are hereby required to appear in said Court, and answer the complaint of said plaintiff, filed against you, within ten days from the time of the service of this summons on you, if served within said county, or if served on you within any other county in this State, then within twenty days from the time of the service, or if served on you out of the State of Oregon, then it is ordered by the Court that publication be made for six weeks in the Oregon Sentinel, prior to the second Monday in April, A. D. 1868.

And you are notified that, if you fail to answer said complaint as above required, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit: for a judgment against you for the sum of four hundred dollars, gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, from the 10th day of November A. D. 1868, and the costs and disbursements of this action to be taxed, and for a decree of sale of your mortgaged premises. Given under my hand this 4th day of March, A. D. 1868.

O. JACOBS, Att'y for plaintiff.
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JOHN ORTH.
December 8th 1866. tf