FARM AND ORCHARD

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Interesting Experiment in Fattening Fowl on Stubble Field.

Oregon Agricutural College, Corvallis-Believing that Oregon farmers can add materially to their poultry profits by keeping the birds pastured swhile on the waste grain of the stubble fields, Prof. James Dryden, of the Oregon Agricultural College, has inangurated an interesting experiment near Moro.

In a colony of ten white canvas tents he has housed 500 white Plynouth Rocks, and will keep them there six weeks, keeping accurate record of the weights and gains made. Movable fences are used, and the tents are on frame at the bottom, on runners, so that they can be moved readily as fast as the chickens clean up the waste grain on one part of the field and need new foraging ground.

the waste grain on a given area with a given number of birds in any certain space of time, at the least exwith the poor quality of the chickens sent in there by the farmers of the state. They were so largely bone, with very little meat on them. I believe that they could be kept a little longer, to good advantage financially, if the farmers would put them out on lay. We are feeding nothing but a little animal food-beef scrap from the slaughter houses-and this would not be neceassary if there were grasshoppers and other bugs in the fields."

PINK EGGS AND CHICKENS.

Agricultural College Feeds Dye to Poultry at State Fair.

Salem, Or .- An exhibit at the Fair that is attracting great attention is that of "sky-blue-pink" chickens, and eggs with red yolks and pink whitesboth perfectly sound and wholesomeshown by the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural College. Dyes of coal-tar product, are fed the eggs, the flesh, and even the feathers and toe-nails of the fowls.

EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES.

By R. W. Thatcher, Director Washington Ex-

Pork may be pickled by using for each eighty pounds of meat, one pound of salt, four pounds of sugar, one quart of molasses, and three ounces of saltpetre. The meat is well rubbed with salt and left in a pickle barrel be used in conjunction with the grain. for fifteen days, draining off the fluid from time to time.

A second method is to use one bushel of fine salt, two pounds of brown sugar, and one pound of saltpetre, which would be enough for eight hundred pounds of meat. The sugar improves the flavor of the meat, and the saltpetre makes the pork firmer. After a few days a little more of the salt mixture may be applied, rubbing it salted in, as decomposition is most likely to occur in such places. This method may be used where hams, shoulders, and bacon sides are packed together in the same barrel, the hams being packed at the top of the barrel to prevent them from becoming too salty. Re-salting should take place within ten days or two weeks according to the weather. After four to six weeks the meat may be unpacked, washed, and smoked, or the salt may be left on the meat during the process smoke house the meat may be sprinkled with black pepper or a mixture of black and red pepper. A molasses barrel is better than a whiskey barrel, but if a whiskey barrel is used, the will remove the flavor of the whiskey.

Alfalfa makes an excellent pasture for hogs, and we have never found any injurious effects in pasturing our brood sows on it. Alfalfa will stand pasturing after it has beome well es-

this Western country. account of the high protein content of alfalfa hay, it would not be well to use oil meal and bran, unless these When it comes to feeding cows, on

TO ADD TO POULTRY PROFITS. | fe eding stuffs can be secured cheaply We use rolled barley alone and would feed about seven or eight pounds per day per head. It must be rememberhowever, that we cannot give specific rules for the feeding of dairy cows, for a ration that is satisfactory for one might not be satisfactory for another. The best thing to do would be to make a trial of the ration suggested, and watch the effects on each cow, varying it where necessary.

Young trees should not be permitted to go into winter in a soft and suc-culent condition. Cracking of the bark at the ground, in the spring, frequently happens where trees are not properly hardened in the fall, or where the ground is wet on the surface during the first freeze of the real cold weather. About the only thing that can be done is to bank them up with earth, providing the bark has not loosened entirely around the stem of the tree, and permit them to heal in. It is only occasionally that a tree dies "The point is to determine how from these results, and usually it does much poultry flesh we can make from not happen after the second or third winter of the orchard. Very frequently fruit trees are frozen so solidly during the winter that they pense," said Prof. Dryden, discussing split their bark, serious injury resultthe experiment. "In going through ing. In such cases, trim off the rag-the Portland markets I was struck ged edges of the bark, and paint the wound over, permitting it to heal over naturally during the summer. If this splitting continues it will kill the tree.

The record cow for butter fat is the Holstein, and although the Holsteins as a rule give a large flow of milk, we the stubble fields, where there are always quantities of waste grain to be picked up. I am sure there could be ever, that the Holstein cow is the added a pound or two apiece to the weight of each bird, in good, solid flesh, bringing a much better price, and that with almost no financial outically than will the Jersey, we also ically than will the Jersey, we also find many Jerseys that will produce higher butter fat much more econom ically than the Holsteins. The type of cow that one should keep on the farm will depend on various conditions, and while the Holstein cow may be the best in one case, the Jersey will prove better in another.

In mild climates, where the winters are not severe, the Jersey will do very well. The Holstein is of course a much larger cow and is able to withstand severe winters.

By orchardists it is generally considered to be a poor plan to run hogs in an orchard, as they are likely to injure the trees. However, if it is decided to handle them in this way, they should also be fed ground barley, birds one day, and the next day the eggs and birds show a gay difference, illustrating vividly the immediate effect the quality of food has on the pound for pound, and produces a most pound for pound, and produces a most excellent quality of pork. For young pigs, middlings will give somewhat better results than the others. Where grain is being used without pasture, it will require about five hundred pounds to produce one hundred pounds of gain. Knowing the values, one can estimate whether or not it will be safe to raise hogs under given market conditions. Pork can be produced much more cheaply where pasture can

The best method of preserving butter, and the method that is used almost exclusively is by chilling it to a freezing point or below and keeping it until ready to use in that condition. This is the way they store all storage butter, but on the farm very good results have been obtained by keeping it in strong salt brine solution. butter is packed in stone jars and the brine is poured over the top and left in if absorption is going slowly. All in as cool a place as possible until you cut ends of bone must be thoroughly are ready to use it. You will find that great care must be taken in the selection of the cream and the care of the butter in this kind of storage, but if proper methods are used in handling, the butter can be kept from four to six months in good condition.

The amount of salt necessary in butter depends largely upon the market requirements and varies from three-fourths of an ounce to an ounce and a half per pound of butter, one ounce per pound being the average. of smoking. Before hanging in the The temperature at which cream should be churned will vary according to the conditions from as low as fifty degrees in the summer time to 65 degrees in the winter. We cannot set a temperature at which you should interior should be charred first. This churn. The temperature will have will remove the flavor of the whiskey. to be determined by experimenting and should be such as will bring the butter in small granules after about thirty to forty minutes after starting to churn.

We generally find that cows that tablished, but should not be pastured have had their calves running with until it is at least a year old. Some them as long as three weeks are very grain should be fed to hogs that are on hard to manage so as to get a maxi-alfalfa, barley or wheat usually, in mum amount of milk. If it is possible it would be better to wean the calf while it is only a few days old, and Misapplied.

It is related that a clergyman living in the suburbs set a tired-looking man who had applied to him for work digging potatoes. In an hour or so he went out and found that the man had uncovered about two quarts of the

"Well," said the parson, "you don't believe in overworking yourself, do

"Oh," replied the laborer, "I work according to Scripture.'

"Where in the Bible can you find anything that justifies your taking two hours to dig two quarts of pota-

"Why, this: 'Let your moderation be known to all men.

The minister thought this rather witty and he took the man to dinner. The moderate worker did not prove to be a moderate eater; in fact, he cleared the table.

"You don't seem to eat according to your text," remarked his host, watching the victuals disappear.

"No. replied the tired man, plying his knife and fork faster than ever. 'I have another text for this: 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do, it with all thy might!" "

"Humph!" said the clergyman. "My good man, you've got your two texts misplaced."

Guard Your Ideals.

How true it is that without a vision the people perish, says Orison Swett Marden, in Success Magazine. Where the pursuits are sordid, where the highest aim is the all-absorbing ambition to make money, everything that is finest, cleanest and most beautiful in life evaporates; the nature coarsens. This is the threatening picture of American character today.

The vast resources and great commercial prizes of this country are so tempting, so fascinating, that by the time they are ready for active life our youth are so saturated with commercialism, so ambitious to coin every bit of their ability, their education, their influence, their friendships, almost everything, into dollars, that all else is neglected. They lose their ideals, which are the true test of

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His Lullaby.

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"I am so afraid you didn't pass a comfortable night" pursued the host-ess, sympathetically. "Can we do "Can we do

anything for you?"
"Not koomfortable? Me!" claimed the long-haired one. "Ach, ja, I sleep like ze hummingbird! I was oil rite. Joost before I go to bed I br-ractise mit mein feedle-

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"How are you this morning, Sam?" inquired a friend.

Worse than I've ever been," replied the judge, with a groan. "Im in bad at home. When I left the house a little while ago the children were calling me Sam and my wife was addressing me as Mister."

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Mothers will fad Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children luring the teething period.

Guilty of Something.

Another lawyer's story arrives. We are told that a man was charged with picking a pocket the other day and that when arraigned he pleaded 'guilty.'' The case went to the jury, however, and the verdict was "not finest in Qual'ty. Largest in Yar guilty." And the court spake as fol-polishing shoes of all kinds and colors. lows:

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A man has a shrewd suspicion that age has overtaken him when he keeps assuring you that he feels as young as ever-and he doesn't know butyounger. Poor fellow, he whistles to keep his courage up; but, alas! he cannot recall youth as he calls his pointer-with a whistle.

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