Carpenters and Woodworkers Agree to Amalgamate.

Among the Important decisions rendered at the A. F. of L. convention was the one which requires the carpenters and woodworkers to get to gether in one organization. Those w have watched closely the fread of fairs in that particular industry the past few years knew that an amgamation was inevitable. The carper ters, with a powerful organization of 170,000 members, gradually were at sorbing the woodworkers, with a mebership of less than 15,000. Th are some who believe it was a qution of might making right, but air the bitter feeling which has been egendered dies out it will probably be found that the amalgamation is best

for the interests of all concerned. When the woodworkers' organization was formed in 1895 the carpenters were willing to draw lines of demarcation at the factory door, allowing the woodworkers furisdiction over the men In the factories. As the organization of both grew it was found difficult to observe those lines. In some cities the carpenters took over the men in the mills, while in other cities the woodworkers had control. There was a continual turmoil. In one city the carpenters would grant a charter to a local of woodworkers; in another city the woodworkers would charter a local of carpenters. In every convention of the American Federation of Labor the dispute would be thrashed out. On two or three occasions the woodworkers were given decisions over the carpenters, but the latter kept on regardless of decisions.

Chicago was always the stronghold of the woodworkers. Two months ago, when the carpenters broke into this stronghold and chartered two unions of woodworkers, it became apparent that the end was near. The woodworkers made a fight, but developments height.-New York Press, proved that the membership was not united on the subject, and many of the members favored joining the carpenters. Realizing that further efforts to A Precaution of Animals That Man keep their organization intact would be futile, the representatives of the woodto the inevitable and agreed to the terms. An amalgamation must be consummated within two years or earlier If it can be brought about. The most all hostilities between the two unions of the American Federation of Labor is under instructions of the convention union which violates this agreement --Luke Grant in Chicago Record-Herald.

WARRING UNIONS AGREE.

New York Planterers Settle a Long Standing Difference.

The officials of the old and new unions of plasterers, which have been engaged in a warfare for more than a year in New York city, have come to an agreement, and the fight, which the Journeymen Plasterers' International union and was locked out by the Building Trades Employers' association for refusal to abide by the conditions of the arbitration agreement. The new union, the Journeymen Plasterers' society, was then formed under the arbitration agreement.

The terms of settlement provide that | manner. the new union is to form two locals with charters from the international union. There will thus be three locals York city which will recognize one another's cards.

Jewelry Workers' Strike.

The strike of jewelry workers for an eight hour day has been declared off, says Luke Grant in Chicago Record-Herald. So far as outward appearances go it was a failure for the workers, for they returned to their posts without having gained any concessions. They, however, refuse to regard the strike as a failure. They assert that it was the means of bringing the unorganized men into the union and that the organization is in a stronger position today than ever before. All the men who desired their former places were reinstated, as the employers secured practically no nonunion men during the strike. It was the jewelry workers' first experiment in the way of a strike, so that if they have gained nothing else they have no doubt learned a lesson by experience that will prove valuable to them in the future. The employers have also learned a little, so that the next time the workers make a request for a reduction in hours it will probably receive more attention than it did last time.

Majority Rule.

At Omaha, Neb., the Central Labor union and other associations have worked for some time to get a direct vote of the people on the question of adopting the initiative and referendum for municipal affairs. A state law enacted in 1897 authorizes each city in the state to establish majority rule in local affairs. The city council submitted the question at the November election, and the system was adopted, the vote being five to one.

Labor Problems.

The American Federation of Labor is about to conduct an investigation of a number of problems confronting the wage earners of this country, the principal matters being the apprentice question, displacement of child labor by the machine, graduates of the trade school, manual training schools and schools of technology, child labor and dasanitary conditions in home and

UNIFORM STEPS.

With Them Many Palls Downstates flow One Breeder Keeps His Herd of Would Be Averted.

Falls on staircases are of rather comentises of serious falls have suggested that the tikelihood of accident of this kind would be lessened considerably if all steps were built according to a standard of height and breadth.

A child's fall on the stairs is apt to. be bad enough, and for an adult it places to eat and sleep. may have serious consequences, but for an aged person the result is not unlikely to be fatal; hence it is held that the construction of staircases deserves more attention than is ordinarily paid to it.

long time before it can ascend a stairway in an upright position without losing its balance. Stairs have been fed in this way. brought about by necessity, Fowever. and down them without paying any more heed to his steps than if he were walking on a surface level. Motion bethe steps on the stairway most free and get his share, and not much more. quently used. The stride unconsciously becomes adapted to a grain height in taking steps.

often is the cause of many falls. When and trough for giving them extra good a different stairway is used the foot is care and the best of the feed. As soon unaccustomed to the pitch, and hence as a pig drops behind its fellows in a trip is likely to occur. On introw growth and thrift he should go at once and steep staircases there should be a to this runt lot. The inmates of this hand rail on each side. The instinctive pig hospital show'd first be supplied clutch following a stumble would with any milk there may be to spare. mean the saving of many limbs and They should have the first chance at heads. But the surest way to obvinte accidents would be to acandardize all farm affords. Soon some of these will stairways, at least in the matter of be thrifty enough to go to the regular

FENCING OUT RATTLERS.

Uses to Advantage. Did you ever hear of a rattlesnake workers in the convention succumbed fence-not one made of rattlesnakes. of course not, but one made of prickly thorns to protect one from the rattlers and keep them away? That is what the Arizona campers build, and the Important part of the decision is that only way to keep these deadly polsoners away is by building one of these must cease, and the executive council fences of oktea, a shrub covered with night and morning. thoras which grows on the desert

As the tents have no doors and are at once to revoke the charter of either not set much above the ground, it would appear easy for Mr. Rattler to effect an entrance. Imagine the sensation of crawling into bed some cold night to strike against the clammy sheep, and if cut green and properly skin of a snake, and this is just where cured and then put through the shred-Mr. Snake likes to snuggle, in among der there should be but little waste, the warm blankets.

To avoid this men who work in the mines have found that a snake will fed some grain and roots should be not go near this oktea, and they have added to the ration. built closely knit fences around their Don't feed the sheep on the ground. tents, with little gates to go in and Have good troughs. resulted in many building strikes, is out, and beyond this the rattler will It never pays to let sheep begin the ended. The old union is local No. 25 of | not penetrate. It was first the In- Winter thin. When the pasture gets dians of the desert who discovered this short, begin on the grain ration and deadly shrub, and they got the secret keep it up till the sheep are in good from birds and animals, which, to pro- order. They will winter better and tect their young, travel sometimes have better lambs by and by. many miles back and forth, bringing the thorns with which to cover their be bright clear hay. little nests. Gophers and other small If the sheep are not in good flesh animals there cover their nests in this give them about two gills each of

It is strange that in that country, so dry and forbidding, many things grow | fifty each. in exuberance, and especially noticeaof the one international union in New | ble are the great fields of Brown Eyed Susans, the yellow daisies with the are preferable to closed ones. brown centers. They grow so high and wild that you can step in a field should be aired during the day by leavand your head will just peep over the ling the doors open when the sheep are top of the nodding sea of bright eyed in the yards. faces .- Los Angeles Times,

Boil It Down!

It is the short piece, be it letter or editorial, that catches the reader, and correspondents who wish their letters to be read should never extend them tion. It is good for the digestion. beyond a quarter of a column, and half that length is preferable. Condensation is an art, but it can be acquired with a little practice. Never try to flock. see how long you can make your article, but how short. Use never a superfluous sentence or word. Be as brief as an intelligible statement of the case will allow and you will have ten readers where the long winded fellowwill have one.-Richmond Dispatch.

Given Back.

Never say of anything, "I have lost it," but, "I have given it back." Is your child dead? It has been given back. Is your wife dead? She has been given back. Is your estate taken away? Well, and is not that likewise given back? "But he who took it away is a bad man." What is it to you by whose back again? While he allows you to possess it, take care of it, but as of something not your own, as travelers do of an inn.—Epictetus.

High Life In Gotham.

"The way them New York folks act is dreadful curious," said my aunt Betsy. "They dew say as Mrs. Demillion is at home on a horse. I'm glad she ain't one on whom I call, for I calculate I shouldn't know exactly how tew act."-Harper's Weekly.

The Last Course. "Paw, when there's a big banquet, why do they always have spoiled cheese to wind it up with?"

"Because, my son, it makes you forget the earlier courses." - Chicago Trubune.

Bear the best humbly and the worst resignedly.-Homer.

THE RUNT EVIL.

Every man who takes some pride in mon occurrence, especially in houses his herd dislikes to see it composed of where the stairs are steep, dark or pigs of various sizes, some growthy built with sharp turns. The frequent and thrifty, others stunted and weak. After this difference in size and thrift is once established. If not seen to, instead of evening up the difference will be apt to widen, for the strong will growd back the weak and take the nest

Another prolitic cause of runts is lack of trough room and roomy sleeping spartments and keeping too many bunched together. One of the greatest aulsance? in the hog basiness is that old fashioned trough with one end pro-The trouble is that stair climbing is truding through the feace. Here we not a natural method of progression can conveniently pour in the slop on for the human being. A child may one side of the fence, and it will be learn to walk with case, but it is a satch up by the very strongest just on the other side. It is not possible to raise an even bunch of hogs on slop

The best trough I have ever found, and the ordinary person has become so the one I have used for many years, accustomed to them that he d shes up is the V shaped, with a swinging door, provided with a drop latch. This can be pushed toward the pigs and the latch dropped, so that every ill mancomes purely mechanical, without any nered porker must stand back until the effort of will, and the muscles of the feed is put in. Then the door is drawn leg automatically adjust themselves forward, and the trough is on their so as to lift the foot to the height of side. Every fellow can now come up

Extra Care and Feed. But the one thing above all others that will almost obviate the runt evil This unconscious estimate of height is the separate lot, with its own house the choice bits and scraps that every herd, and their places can be taken by new patients. By this constant sorting and extra care and feed the runt can almost be eliminated from the herd.-J. Al Dobie in National Stockman and Farmer.

Remedy For Lump Jaw.

The Ohio Farmer gives the following emedy for either lump jaw or glandular swelling in a cow: Apply one part red iodide of mercury and four parts lard to bunches twice a week. Give one dram of iodide of potash in feed

THE SHEPHERD

Cornstalks are valuable fodder for says the Farm Journal.

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grain.

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Protect heavy wooled sheep from cold rains. The weight of the water will sometimes prevent the sheep from rising. It chills the ewes, and lambs are lost by it.

Give some oil meal with the grain ra-

wrong. Find the cause and right it at will please call and settle at once, once. Delays are dangerous with a

Make the sheep tame by kindness. They will do the better for it. Make it a point to count the sheep every day. As soon as the wool is clipped from the sheep the ticks go for the lambs. If the sheep are dipped each should be brushed, as some of the young ticks may adhere to the old sheep; then, in about two weeks, dip both sheep and lambs. That will finish the tick busi-

Dressing and Keeping Mutton.

In dressing mutton always bear in mind that you should not feed your wether for twenty-four hours prior to slaughtering. It is not generally known, but undigested food is apt to hands he who gave it has demanded it flavor the flesh. Keep this point constantly in mind, writes L. B. Harris in Orange Judd Farmer. Do not try fancy methods in dressing your mut-Have your carcass perfectly plain. Do not hire a butcher to kill your sheep. Do it yourself. After slaughtering hang the carcass in your cellar. If the latter will keep bread without its molding you may rest asgured that your mutton will not spoil. Hang the mutton; do not lay it down. If hung properly, with no two carcasses touching and with the loose bieces drav n back so that the air can thoroughly permeate the surface, these carcasses should keep till April. At any rate, d. not take it down for cutting up until one month after putting it in the cellar. I prefer six weeks. There is a chemical change in the flesh of the sheep within six weeks from the time of klising. You will find after that time the mutton will not stick to the knife in handling the carcass.



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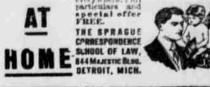
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