

The Time Poultry Pays Best.—C. G. Huntville, Ala. Poultry raisers do not think to keep hens after they become five years of average number of eggs usually laid the after birth by each hen is eighteen; the one hundred and ten; the third year, one hundred and twenty-eight; the fourth year, one hundred and eight, after which the number laid each year decreases at such a rapid rate that the proceeds from the sales do not pay the expense of keeping.

Live on Cattle.—No. D. Dotyville, Wis. Got at the drugstore some Persian Insect Powder, place it in a pepper-box and dust it into the hair of your cattle in those parts where the lice congregate. This is sure shot for all sorts of insects and bugs.

A NEW TREATMENT OF DIPHTHERIA. Diphtheria still prevails in and about the city to an alarming extent, and has been so successful this winter as to baffle the skill of the best physicians. There are, of course, various modes of treatment, some of them directly opposed to one another, but all of them have repeatedly failed. Any method which seems reasonable or plausible is worth trying, and what purports to be a new discovery appears to be deserving of consideration. A young man in the West, whose arm had been amputated, was recently attacked with the disease before the limb had healed. To the surprise of his physician, the matter incident to diphtheria appeared on the arm where it had been severed. In place of depositing itself as usual in the throat, and the case proved to be a very mild one. The doctor profited by this strong intimation from nature, to whom many of his profession pay very little heed, and when next called to visit a diphtheritic patient, he washed his chest. These most of the deposits showed themselves, and the patient speedily recovered. Hence it is inferred that the disorder generally affects the throat on account of the nature of its lining, and not because it is any of its morbid law to do so. When the disease is epidemic, the tenderness of that the body draws the virus in the system, instead of to the throat, as ordinarily may prove to be of vast advantage to medical fraternity. If it should, it would be only one of many instances in which what we of accident has revealed more than any amount of science.—New York Times.

GRAFTING WAX. A reader writes us for a recipe for making grafting-wax that will not melt in summer or crack in winter. Replying we would say that three parts resin, three parts beeswax, and two parts tallow will make an excellent grafting-wax. A cheaper wax that has given us good satisfaction is made by melting together four parts good, clear resin, two parts beeswax and one part tallow. When the ingredients are melted and mixed, pour into a pail of cold water, when the wax will harden sufficient to be worked and pulled, as in working molasses candy. If used in cool weather it will be necessary to keep it in warm water and in hot weather cold water will be needed. For nursery grafting, this wax is sometimes melted and spread on narrow strips of cloth which are wound around the graft.

Syphilis, or Venereal Disease. is sometimes communicated through the use of, or in washing, infected clothing. Its approach is very insidious, and persons often suffer for a long time from the disease before knowing what they have. Most cases, however, are preceded by the primary ulceration, and should, as soon as possible, be submitted to the treatment of a physician. By cauterization he may prevent the absorption of the poison into the blood. The symptoms of secondary or constitutional Syphilis which first appear are generally a redness or enlargement of the tonsils and throat, eruptions on the scalp, face, and other parts of the body, and ulcerations of the mouth and tongue. They are more rapidly developed, and much aggravated, by scrofulous predisposition.

When the symptoms of Syphilis have appeared, add to each bottle of AYER'S SERRA-PAPILLA one drachm of the Iodide of Potassium, and take the mixture in large doses with each meal. After taking it for six weeks, then substitute for one month, twenty drops of Tincture of the Murate of Iron three times a day in half a glass of water. Thus alternate these two remedies until the disorder is expelled from the system. Perhaps months may be required for a cure. When the constitutional effect is produced, the disease will begin to disappear. Ulcers in the mouth or throat should be touched with a solution of twenty grains of Nitrate of Silver in an ounce of water every other day; if on the skin, bathe them daily with a solution of five grains of zinc sublimate in one ounce of soft water. Avoid exposure, malt liquors, spirits, and tobacco, and take a plain but generous diet. This is a tenacious disease, and the patient must persevere in the treatment, and, after becoming apparently well, should continue the SERRA-PAPILLA for four or five weeks.

A LARGE INDUSTRY. The extent of wine making in California is attested by the fact that the largest in the state, 500,000 gallons of wine and 100,000 of brandy will be made from this year's crop of grapes. The unskilled labor employed in raising grapes, but the experts are mostly from the wine districts of France and Germany, though numerous learn the process readily. The grapes are stemmed and crushed by machinery. The juice runs into vats, where it ferments naturally, and is pumped into great butts in the cellars. There it stands until it is clarified by whites of eggs, leight or solution, after which it is filtered through charcoal, and drawn off into casks for shipment. As to the profits of grape culture, it is calculated that the vines will bear in the third year after the cuttings are set out, give a profit in the fourth, and in the fifth yield enough to pay all expenses, including the cost of the land. There are seven wine-producing districts in California, and the total vintage this year is 12,000,000 gallons. Some of this will be distilled for brandy, and some drunk at home, but the bulk will be sent eastward, to be sold under foreign labels.

The Proper Position for Sleeping. From the London World. A German, Baron Reichenbach, has occupied many years in studying the art of bed-making, or rather bed placing, and maintains that improperly placed beds will shorten a man's life. If a mere magnet exercises an influence on sensitive persons, the earth's magnetism must certainly make itself felt on the nervous life of man, in whatever hemisphere, you may always sleep with your feet to the equator, and let your body lie "en face" as a matter of course. The proper direction of the body is of the utmost importance for the proper circulation of the blood, and many disturbances in the organism have been cured by simply placing the bed in a different point of the compass from that it had occupied. Let such as have hitherto been in the habit of sleeping with their heads toward the north, or south, or east, or west, change their position, and you will find that the most unhealthy position, we are told, is when the body lies due East and West. Some observers assure us that to sleep in such a posture is tantamount to committing suicide, and that diseases are often aggravated by deviations from the proper posture.

A writer in the Druggists' Circular offers the following remedy for earache, which, he says, after repeated trials, never fails to afford almost instant relief: "Olive oil, one ounce, chloroform, one dram. Mix, and shake well together; then pour twenty-five or thirty drops into the ear, and close it up with a piece of raw cotton to exclude the air and retain the mixture." (Earache)

A CURE FOR HYDROPHOBIA.—Dr. Buisson, of Paris, was lately called in to treat a woman who had been seized with hydrophobia, and in whom the disease had reached its final crisis. Having bled the patient he wiped his hands with a cloth moistened by the saliva of the dying person. On the forefinger of the left hand he had a trifling wound, with the skin broken. He at once perceived his impudence, but trusting to the method of cure lately discovered by him, he was satisfied with washing in water. "Thinking," says M. Buisson, "that the malady would not declare itself before the fortieth day, and having many patients to visit, I put off taking my remedy of vapor baths from one day to another. On the ninth day, being in my closet, I felt all at once a pain in the throat, and one yet more keen in my eyes; my body felt so light that I thought if I jumped I could raise to a prodigious height, or that if I threw myself from the window I should be able to float in the air; the hairs of my head were so sensitive that it seemed to me as if, without seeing them, I could have counted them; saliva rose continuously in my mouth; contact with the external air caused me frightful pain; and I shunned looking at anything bright. I had an incessant longing to run after and bite, not men, but animals, and even objects about me. I drank with difficulty, and I may mention that the sight of water tried me more than the pain in my throat; I believe that by shutting his eyes every one with hydrophobia may drink. Attack came on every five minutes, and I observed that the pain began in the forefingers, and stretched along the nerves of the shoulder. Thinking that my system was only preservative, not curative, in its nature, I took a vapor bath with the intention, not of healing, but of suffocating myself. When the bath was at a height of 62 deg. centigrade—52 centigrade—123½ Fahrenheit; 57 centigrade—13½ Fahrenheit; 63 centigrade—144 Fahrenheit; 67 centigrade—96 Fahrenheit; 63 centigrade—144 Fahrenheit—all the symptoms appeared as by enchantment, and I have felt nothing of them since. I have treated more than eighty persons who have been bitten by animals in a state of madness, and all have been saved by this method." When a person has been bitten by a mad dog he should be made to take seven of the so-called Russian vapor baths, from 57 deg. to 63 deg. centigrade hot, one every day, by way of preventive. In case of the malady having distinctly shown itself, the vapor bath should be heated rapidly to 37 deg. centigrade, then slowly to 63 deg. The patient should strictly confine himself to his room until he is quite well. Dr. Buisson mentions some other curious facts. A man in America was bitten by a rattlesnake, about sixteen miles from home. Wishing to die in the bosom of his family he ran home, went to bed, perspired plentifully, and the wound healed like any simple sore. The bite of the tarantula is cured by dancing, the virus being dissipated by perspiration. If an infant who has been vaccinated is made to take a vapor bath the vaccination is of no effect.—L'International.

GRAFTING WAX.—Mix together three pounds of resin, one-half pound beeswax and one and one-half gills of linseed oil and thoroughly work it. Some have a prejudice against animal fats in grafting wax. They think it injurious to the stock. Made with the oil it adheres better than with tallow, and a hot sun will melt the tallow, while it will harden the oil. J. B. B. South Turner, Me.

WHALENS. A letter from Capt Penhman, of barque Europa, of ND reports her at Monterey Nov 12, having taken 5000 lbs of whale blubber, 2000 lbs of oil, and 1000 lbs of tallow. The third mate had been injured by a whale, but it is thought not serious. Another letter states that he was tossed down by a whale and had the presence of mind to cut the line after one draws under water.

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 So Ends.

Wednesday May 16th
 First part of this day moderate E. winds, middle part light air from N. Latter part wind S.E. by E. ship heading E. by N. fresh breeze & cloudy. all hands engaged in getting ready for whaling. saw 2 sails.
 So Ends.
 Lat 40° 09' N. Long 71° 32' W.

Thursday May 17th,
 At his 24 hours fresh E. & S. winds ship heading N. by the wind water engaged in getting ready saw a sail band near
 So Ends
 Lat 37° 40' N. Long 71° 38' W.