







**The Chase County Courant.**  
**W.E. TIMMONS, Editor and Publisher**  
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The appointment, by President Cleveland, of Col. Thomas Moonlight, of Kansas, as Minister to Bolivia, is most gratifying to the people of this State, especially the Democrats, as it is an honor justly due one of the old war horses of that party; and it is also gratifying to the old soldiers of the State, as, when the late civil war broke out Col. Moonlight was one of the first to the front in defense of the Union; and, as a Democrat, he has been always at the front spending his time and money in helping his party. His many friends in Chase county are especially gratified over his appointment.

The conviction of the ex-Priest, McNamara, will find hearty approval in the opinion of the public which has looked with disgust on the vulgar blackguard and common nuisance, Society owes it to itself to suppress men of this kind. If their orations are too indecent for publication, it is fair to assume that the orators are not fit to be at large. People of the McNamara stripe, from a standpoint of common decency, must be taught that the limits of abuse of speech is quickly reached. There seems to have been not the slightest provocation for the obscene personal assault at Turner hall, and the verdict of the jury so quickly rendered indicates that the proof of the guilt was overwhelming. The retirement of Mr. McNamara to a public place for reflection, and even at public expense, will not exceed the limit of proper punishment.—Kansas City Star.

Had "our Mary" been in Queen Lil's place she would have caught on to the design of the cowardly dogs who, sneaking under the coat-tails of Uncle Sam, used all the arts of treachery and fair promises of arbitration to induce her to peaceably abdicate, but instead of doing so, she would have filled their carcasses so full of bullet holes that their hides would not have made decent gun wadding. The treachery used in getting Lil to abdicate has the stigma of cowardice added. With honeyed words she is coaxed to throw down her arms, when Uncle Sam is prostituted to the base act of seizing her and binding her hands behind her back and holding her while a dozen ambitious plotters for power and pelf bravely charge on her with clubs and beat her brains out. And that is what we call civilization. An act of perfidy that would put to shame a Cheyenne Indian laid as the corner stone to the new Republic. The overthrow of monarchies is all right when the result of a spontaneous uprising of people intelligent enough to enjoy something better and brave enough to fight for it. But these conditions are conspicuously absent in the present case. And it looks very much as if the people of those islands will long have cause and regret the chance from a monarchy to a republic in name, but an oligarchy in fact.—Leavenworth Stand.

**SUSTAINS THE PRESIDENT.**  
 Hon. A. D. Williams, of Topeka, general attorney for the Union Pacific Railway Company, returned, last week, from a trip to Honolulu where he spent a short time visiting Mr. Williams is a Republican of the staunchest kind. Before he went to the Hawaiian Islands he joined with many others in condemning Mr. Cleveland's policy towards the provisional government. This is the way he talks since his return:

"The inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands are the best educated people on the face of the globe and ninety per cent of them can read and write the English language. Among the natives of Honolulu and Oahu island there is none that is not loyal to the Queen and does not desire her restoration to the throne. The class of citizens who oppose the restoration are the missionaries and lawyers and a few would-be soldiers, mostly Portuguese, who think it a snap to get \$40 a month for standing around and doing nothing but calling themselves soldiers. They are the class of citizens who do not want the Queen restored. There is not a single property owner who does not want the government of Queen Liliuokalani restored. The government was stolen from the people of the island and by the aid of the people of the United States. While citizens feel kindly toward us, yet they look upon us to restore the Queen and believe that we will assist them."

**JUDGE FOSTER'S RETIREMENT.**  
 Advice from Washington are to the effect that the bill placing Judge C. G. Foster of the United States District Court, on the retired list, will probably be passed by the House of Representatives. When Joseph C. Wilson, receiver for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, was in Washington, a few days ago, he talked with all the Kansas members about the matter and found them heartily in support of the bill. Judge Foster's friends and some of the candidates for the place, in case of a vacancy, are considerably worked up over the report that Senator John Martin will oppose the bill in the Senate unless he has a promise from President Cleveland that he (Martin) shall be permitted to name Judge Foster's successor. It is generally believed that Martin would, in such event, name himself.

The latest candidate mentioned is Judge Lucien Earle, of McPherson. Judge Earle is a Kentucky Democrat and a graduate of the Lebanon (Tenn.) Law school. He is 41 years old and has been practicing law for twenty-one years. He came to Kansas in 1879, locating at McPherson. Two years ago he defeated Frank Foster, the well-known P. O. editor of the Topeka Courant. He had served two years

**THE PANTRY**

announces many new and important features. A special department, "Our Christian Endeavor Bulletin," will be devoted to the work of the Christian Endeavor Society; The Editor, Mrs. G. B. Allen (Fanny), has long been one of the prime movers in Christian Endeavor work. Rev. Dennis S. Hamlin, D. D., continues in November an article on "The Immediate Future of Christian Endeavor." To be followed by helpful and progressive papers from Christian Endeavor specialists.

Other departments of the magazine are to be broadened and enlarged. One is the department of "Athletics," and "Indoor Games in the Home Circle." Mr. A. Alonso Stage, the famous Yale pitcher, will contribute an early paper, to be followed by other experts.

**VIRA'S MOTTO,**  
 will be illustrated by H. P. Barnes. Margaret Sidney's Golden Discovery Papers will have important subjects. The Pansy Reading Circle is to take up Greek this year. Elizabeth Abbott will prepare interesting papers.

**OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN.**  
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**BABY'S CORNER,**  
 will be continued. So will the stories about animals, pets, etc. THE PANTRY is a year. A Free Subscription will be presented to any one sending direct to the publishers two new subscriptions worth \$2 for the same.

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 County of Chase,  
 In the District Court of the 25th Judicial District, sitting in and for Chase County, State of Kansas.  
 Minnie D. Myers, plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 F. L. Drinkwater, E. H. Hill and William Hill, partners as Hill Bros., C. N. Beal and Ballinger & Hostetter, defendants.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of the 25th Judicial District, in and for Chase county, State of Kansas, in the above entitled cause, and to me directed, I will, on

MONDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1894,  
 at 10:30 o'clock, a. m., of said day, at the front door of the Court-house, in the city of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, offer for sale and sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, best bidder, for cash in hand, the following described lands and tenements, situate in Chase county, Kansas, to-wit:

One equal undivided one-half (1/2) of Lot No. Four (4), Block No. three (3), in the town of Cedar Point, in Chase county, Kansas.  
 Said property is taken as the property of said defendants, Drinkwater and Hill Bros., and the same will be sold to satisfy said order of sale, taxes and costs.

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She's a broad, white brow, unwrinkled, set In an aureole of gold; And her lips, like a red, red rose, dew wet, Or a bunch of fragrant mignonette, Do enchanted sweetness hold.

Of her teeth, I've never a word to say, For in sooth, she has none yet; But there will be pearls "of the purest ray" By her fairy godmother brought some day From the sea, in a silver net.

No circlet of diamonds wreath she, She's a princess, be it true; No gown of silken embroidery Hides her tiny figures' symmetry, But a simple, snowy dress

Falleth softly down to her wee, wee feet, And down to the dimpled hand That, with infantine grace, she lifts to meet The lips she knoweth so ready to greet As with kisses, as tenderly sweet As were ever, in demerol.

O, baby Louise, you have won me quite, With your eyes, that like twin stars shine; By your face, with winsomeness all light From its perfect chin, to its brow snow white, So I choose you "My Valentine."

—Sarah L. Morris, in Inter Ocean.

**THE FOURTEENTH OF FEBRUARY.**



HERE was an unusual flutter in the little town of Pattleton. Joseph Jennings was coming home again. Years ago, when the old red schoolhouse was filled with the boys and girls of the town, February 14th was as great a holiday as could be made of it with school in session, and somebody had a party, or some one got up a ride, or there was a grand popcorn frolic. In fact, there was always something going on that day, if all other days in the year should be dry as dust, though that could never be the case with forty girls and boys to make them lively. The excuse for this extra fun on the 14th was that it was Jo Jennings' birthday, and they must celebrate it; and when any of the parents tried to remonstrate the ready argument was that they didn't celebrate other birthdays, because nobody was ever born on a day they could celebrate, and with such a good reason what could be said further? All the girls sent him valentines, and all the boys wished they could change places for just that one day. As he grew older the custom remained the same, for he was, and had always been, a great favorite in the town. The mail bag which came in on the stage that night fairly bulged with the number of missives directed to J. J. Jennings. To be sure some of the girls had married and left the town, but all who remained kept up the custom.

Everybody called him Jo, and as he came back year after year seemingly unchanged in his love for the old home, and just as cordial with all the old friends, they decided that travel could never make him other than the kind-hearted friend he had ever been.

Always impartial in his treatment of the young ladies of the place, he took one to the picnic, another out driving behind the fat, black pony, still another on the harbor excursion, and a different one up the mountain after blueberries.

Everybody called his mother Aunt Judith, because she was such a lovely old lady they simply couldn't help it. A face sweet and beautiful in its youth only grew more sweet as the years made wrinkles and drew lines here and there. The eyes, always sympathetic, only filled with a deeper light of love as time fled. The hair, in earlier years a rich crown for the erect figure, only laid itself in more caressing waves about the face. Truly she had grown old gracefully. An invalid, she was cared for by her eldest daughter, Martha, who had already sent away a lover because she would not leave her home just now.

She did wish Jo would marry and bring his wife home to live. That would make all clear. Martha could be happy, and she knew for herself she could love anyone of the village girls whom he might choose for a wife. Why didn't he care for some one? The year before something had happened! They had all sent valentines according to the usual custom. There were eighteen of them. The next morning, down at the Corners, Jo was talking to Jimmie Hazen, and Jimmie asked, "How many this time, Jo?" "Eighteen splendid ones; but I don't suppose one of the senders can make a biscuit to save her life."

Of course Jimmie mentioned it as a good joke to his sister Ruth, who had black eyes and a lively temper of her own, and she told the other girls, considering it anything but a joke, and that was what caused all the flutter. Now Ruth couldn't make biscuits, and she had always thought Jo just a little better than ordinary mortals, and to have him come down to biscuits, and then to throw out such a remark as that to her brother! He probably meant to have Jimmie tell her.

Ruth told the girls at the next social, and, with her eyes flashing, declared she wished she could bake, but she couldn't, and she hated dough; but if she could make biscuits she'd make a

bushel and another him. So now! She cried at home, and thought it very unkind of Jo, and declared she wouldn't send another valentine as long as she lived. But when the summer came and the girls, not forgetting the fling at their lack of ability, took to refusing him when invited to picnics or other places of amusements, Ruth was sorry, and yet glad, for she couldn't stop liking him all at once, even if she tried her best. So when the anniversary came again she decided she would just send as always and not mind what had probably thoughtlessly been said.

No one knew why the daughters of the several households were so anxious to learn to make bread, but it was a fact that every girl in town suddenly developed a desire to relieve her mother of the biscuit making. And yet, not every one; for little Ruth Hazen declared she couldn't and wouldn't, and stuck to the china painting which she sent regularly to Rockland, and which brought her more money than carloads of biscuits would have done.

Valentine's day brought only one valentine for Jo, and he opened it wondering if his friends had forgotten that it was his birthday, or whether they thought it time to drop the old custom. He wondered who had remembered him. The roses looked like some he had every year, bright blown and always pink. Ruth Hazen always wanted a bunch of the blush roses by the door, and he remembered so well how she buried her face in the last ones he had carried to her—yes, it must have been Ruth. Puzzled and a little troubled at the dearth of valentines, he knew not what to make of it. Then Grace Eames had refused to ride with him last summer, giving a good reason, of course, but one that he knew could have been laid aside.

After supper a rattling wagon drove to the door, and its driver, after knocking, left on the step a bundle directed to "J. J. Jennings."

"There, that's the Conant's wagon, I know; and this is Jennie's valentine."

The bundle contained a dozen of the lightest biscuit ever seen, and this rhyme:

A valentine I dared not make, But biscuits by the dozen bake. Another knock, and another parcel was deposited; another dozen biscuits so like the first that they might have been made by the same hands, and this rhyme:

You told the saint I didn't know how To make a good biscuit; Just look at this, now.

Sixteen dozen biscuits in sixteen different bundles were spread on the table

good deal. Yes, she would go, and as she pinned on the jaunty black hat with its red wing, and tucked her hands in a wee muff, she thought to herself there might be some chance to explain why she hadn't done as well as the rest of the girls.

There had been little snow this year, and the ground was hard and smooth. Only a few drifts by the roadside and in the fields, and these were fast going in the bright sunlight. The black horse was in high spirits, the air was clear. Jo's headache drifted away, Ruth was so pretty to look at, and his mother liked her so well—

"You haven't heard a word I said?" "Well, when I get old and feeble, I want to have a few of my senses left, and so while I had such good use for my eyes I thought I would let my ears rest."

Ruth laughed, but she would not look at him again, for she had seen the love in his eyes when she did look, and she decided that the view toward the hills was better for her than the one so near at hand.

"Did you know I had but one valentine this year?" with a peculiar emphasis on the "one."

"Didn't you have more last year?" "Yes, year before last I had twenty, and last year eighteen, and now this year I am narrowed down to one."

"Why, didn't the girls—"

"Yes, seventeen of them did. Sixteen thought I had got beyond the age of romance and now ought to live on the solids of life, but the seventeenth still thought I might cling to a little of the romance. I am glad there is one who still holds to the old custom. It isn't nice to think one is dropped out of the old life."

"Oh! I am sure the girls didn't mean—" she stopped, for though she might explain the meaning of the biscuit, could she explain the one valentine?

"Cousin Albert told me I shouldn't always have so many valentines, and he was right. But it is only the end of a lesson that I have been a long time learning. Martha says a man can have but one valentine. Now that I have really come down to one, I find that I have never had but one. That I have looked for yours first, and last night when I thought what it would mean if you stop sending each year I could hardly wait to see you and ask if you would come yourself as my valentine. Ruth, I love you dearly; I think I always have."

Ruth still kept her eyes on the far-away hills. But her heart was as full of joy as her eyes were full of tears. Now she could say what she had been trying to ever since they started. "I

have brought home a valentine."



before nine o'clock, each bundle containing a scrap appropriate to the day and the unusual gift.

Jo lay awake nearly all night trying to think what could have brought this avalanche of bread upon him, and finally concluded it must have been that little speech of his about the girls not knowing how to make biscuits. But his mind kept returning to Ruth's valentine, and by and by he decided that a man didn't need but one valentine, especially if he had plenty of bread. So, toward morning, he dropped asleep to dream of being shut up in a tower and not allowed anything but biscuits to eat or sleep on, and the only thing he could see for miles were fields of biscuits in all shades of brown, which he was told he must eat as fast as they ripened. Then he saw Ruth, with her hair flying wildly about her face, and, when he looked closely, he found that what he thought hair was only hundreds of valentines, and when he tried to take them off her head she suddenly turned into a plump biscuit, and the astonishment awoke him, to find that the sun shone, and also that his head ached.

"I wish you'd go over to the mills this morning and see about that grain," said Martha, when he came down complaining of such a dismal headache. "The air'll do you good, and you can take Ruth along. You go right by there."

Ruth's eyes were red when she came to the door, for she had secretly shed tears that she had not tried to learn bread-making, so as to have had her dozen with the rest which she knew must be reposing on the pantry shelves in the Jennings house. She had told herself a hundred times she didn't care, but it didn't alter the feeling in the least, and she knew every time she repeated it that deep in her heart she did care a

pony to walk leisurely into the open door of the barn, he led Ruth into the sunny sitting-room where his mother sat in her cushioned easy-chair, and said: "I have brought home a valentine, mother. One I am going to keep," and while she drew the blushing face down to hers with her thin, white hands and kissed it, Jo went out hurriedly to look after the pony and whisper in her ear that he was so happy. Meeting Martha on the way he stopped to tell her that Ruth would stay to dinner, but his face must have been a very telltale one, for he might just as well have said that she was to stay forever, and Martha shook hands with a hearty "I'm so glad, Jo."—Mrs. N. A. M. Roe, in Good Housekeeping.

**ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.**

Something About Its Origin and the Ceremonies Connected with It.

Among the many names of saints who have been canonized by the church in past ages, two stand out prominently as having received the wider canonization of the human heart: St. Nicholas, the patron of childhood, and St. Valentine, the patron of lovers. Yet in the case of the latter it is difficult, if not impossible, to trace any connection between the good bishop of the third century and the rites that have so widely celebrated in his name.

St. Valentine was an Italian priest who suffered martyrdom at Rome in 270, or at Terni in 306. Historians differ as to the date. Legend amplifies, by dwelling on the virtues of his life and the manner of his death, and tells how he was brought before Emperor Claudius II, who asked why he did not cultivate his friendship by honoring his gods. As Valentine pleaded the cause of the one true God earnestly, Calpurnius, the priest, cried out that he was seducing the emperor, whereupon he was sent to Asterius to be judged. To him Valentine spoke of Christ, the Light of the World, and Asterius said: "If He be the light of the world He will restore the light to my daughter, who has been blind for two years." The maiden was brought, and after Valentine prayed and laid hands on her she received her sight. Then Asterius asked that he and his household might be baptized, whereat the emperor, being enraged, caused all to be imprisoned and Valentine to be beaten with clubs. He was beheaded a year later at Rome on February 14, 270.

History having little to tell concerning the man, makes amends by dwelling at length on the ceremonies observed on his day. They trace the origin of these to the Roman Lupercalia, celebrated in February, at which one practice was to put the names of women in a box to be drawn by the men, each being bound to serve and honor the woman whose name he had drawn.

The church tried to turn the existing custom to religious ends by substituting the name of saints, to whom a year's devotion would be paid. Possibly the change may have been instituted on the day made sacred by the martyrdom of the Roman saint, hence his connection with these observances.

But changes came, and dead saints were neglected, for living sinners perhaps, and the old Roman custom somehow was transplanted to merry England, where lads and lasses met on the day of the Italian priest's martyrdom to choose their valentine by lot or otherwise. An old custom was to throw open the window early in the morning, and the first person seen would be your valentine for the year. The eager swain would insure the right man being in the right place on that morning.

But it is historically and physiologically true that the man clung more to the maid he had chosen than to her who had chosen him, if the persons were not identical. To meet this difficulty a gift canceled the obligation of personal service.

A modern legend tells that in this nineteenth century the good St. Valentine, with Peter's leave, revisited the earth, thinking to find youth and life and love the same as in days of yore. But he found the girls too busy with music and science and philanthropy to receive him, and he came to the conclusion that they were "nothing if not pedantic," and "anything but romantic." Yet the spirit of St. Valentine will linger, for love is never out of date, and his fidelity marks him as the fitting patron and pattern of lovers for all time.—Florence Wilson, in Ladies' Home Journal.

have felt so badly that I couldn't send when I found you didn't like valentines—"

"But I do."

"Well, you said you didn't suppose one of the girls could make biscuits, and we declared we'd like to smother you in them—"

"That explains it. I couldn't think what I had done to bring down a flood of that kind. Well, I was overwhelmed if not smothered."

"But I can't make biscuits and—"

"If you could see the stacks at home, sixteen dozen of them, you wouldn't wonder that I say with emphasis, 'I'm glad you can!'"

Ruth turned with laughing eyes: "Then I needn't apologize?"

"No, indeed. I like valentines better than biscuits, but I guess it needed just that to show me that I did."

"Sixteen dozen! What are you going to do with them all?"

"Take you home with me to help eat them. You haven't answered my question yet."

"I'm too young," but a bright blush was on the face turned again to the hills.

Jo laughed, liking her shy ways, yet sure that he had seen favor in her eyes. He wished he could surprise her into turning this way again. "Yes, I think I am too young. Why, I'm only thirty; but we can both be growing older as fast as we can, and by next June we shall be old enough."

He insisted that her aid was necessary in consuming those biscuits, so they stopped to tell Mrs. Hazen. What she could have seen in his face I cannot tell, but she went into the house with the remark that it "wouldn't be the last meal Ruth would eat in the Jennings house."

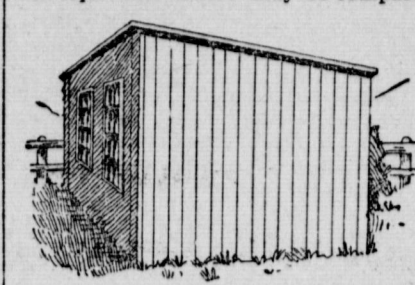
He lifted her from the carriage with a mute caress, and, leaving the black

**AGRICULTURAL HINTS.**

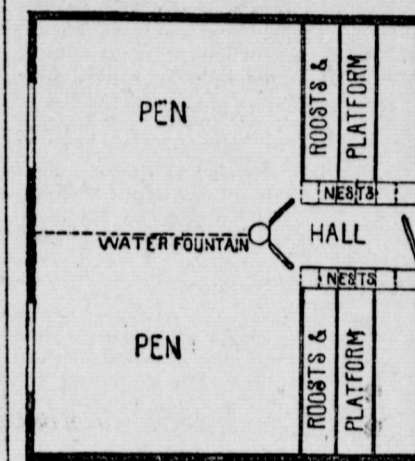
**HOUSE FOR TWO BREEDS.**

The Cheapest Serviceable Structure That Can Be Devised.

The accompanying illustrations show the exterior and interior arrangement of what is undoubtedly the lowest cost, serviceable poultry house that can be devised. It has a "shed" roof, but the usual stiffness of that sort of construction is relieved by a neat finish around the top. The frame may be compar-



tively light, as the up and down boarding assists greatly in supporting the roof. The sides and floor are of matched boarding, and if the tongues and grooves are covered with white lead when the boards are laid, an increase of warmth will be secured. The sides should be neatly covered inside with tarred or the red, resinous paper used by builders, and kept in place by the big-headed tacks that are made for



use with such paper. Laths used for this purpose harbor vermin.

The interior arrangement needs explanation. The platforms extend under the roosts to either side of the hall. Directly under the platforms, and accessible for gathering eggs from the hall, are the nests—a double row of them. This gives great convenience, and also affords shade for the nests, which fowls desire. The water fountain, accessible from both pens, can be filled from the hall.

Windows are provided only on the south side. A mistake is often made in having too much window space, letting in too much heat in summer, and letting out too much heat, by radiation, in winter, especially at night. A barrel should be kept under each platform, and the droppings frequently scraped from them into the barrels. If the bottom of each pen is covered to a depth of four or five inches with dry loam or road dust, a shovelful may then be dipped up and scattered over the platforms and over the droppings in the barrels. Double windows will be well repaid by increased laying in the winter.—Country Gentleman.

**Best Food for Young Pigs.**

Prof. Henry, of the Wisconsin station, says: "We feel warranted in maintaining that the kind of food supplied to young, growing pigs has a very marked effect upon the animal carcass; that foods rich in protein (shorts, bran, skim milk, pea meal, etc.) tend to build up strong, muscular frames and large individuals with ample blood and fully developed internal organs; that exclusive corn feeding with pigs, even after they have obtained a good start on proper feed, tends to dwarf the animal in size and prematurely fatten it; that, owing to the large amount of ash contained and perhaps for other causes, pigs receiving the usual nitrogenous feeds have stronger bones than those of pigs fed on corn, and that the bones of pigs fed on corn contain the least mineral matters. It is a rule with some farmers that the manure of fattening animals pays for the time used in taking care of the stock. If this is true, and it is without doubt, the one who feeds shorts instead of corn-meal gets double the pay for his work."

**Oil for Whetstones.**

Good sweet or olive oil is commonly used upon whetstones. In testing a new stone, try water first; if it glazes, oil is required, and almost all stones, unless oiled, become glazed or burnished on the surface, so that they no longer abrade the metal. Most stones, after being oiled, give a finer edge than they do in a dry or merely wet state. The pores of the stone become in a measure filled up, and while the action is rendered continuous, its character is altered. A dry stone is very apt to give a wire edge to a tool, and although this sometimes happens when oil is used, yet it does not occur nearly so often. Some stones, however, work better with water than with oil. Therefore the test should be made before the oil is used. If it cuts without glazing, do not apply oil at all.—Farmers' Voice.

**Give the Milk a Fair Test.**

In marketing grain the seller either watches the scales or, what is better, has the load weighed privately, but in how many cases is this done in the farm dairy? Every farmer who sends milk to the creamery should have a test and know the per cent of fat which the milk contains. Then if any variation is discovered by the report received from the factory he can soon find out the reason why. Then, again, he can test his cows individually, and if in quality as well as quantity any of them do not prove themselves good milkers, they can be weeded out. What the dairy cow eats should be put in the pail and not on her back, and the surest way of finding out just what she is doing and the profit she is making is to give her milk a fair test.

**STOCK YARD ECHOES.**

If you must winter oxen with nothing to do, getting them in shape for beef after spring work is done.

WHERE there is no artificial warmth, the animals have to furnish their own heat, and it must be done from the food which they consume.

When the calves are raised by hand they are less trouble, all things considered, if they are dropped in the fall rather than in the spring.

MAKE the barn as tight as boards and shingles and clapboards will make it, and see that it is made tight underneath so that the cold will not drive in there.

The colder the weather the more attention should be given to the stock. Keep them warm and in close quarters when the thermometer drops below zero.

The kind of food which may be sufficient to keep grown animals in good condition is not sufficient for young ones. An extra allowance must be made for increase of bone and muscle.

FROSTBITTEN hay and poor marsh hay should not be fed to the cows in large quantities, as it will affect the quality of the butter. A little marsh or salt hay is good, and makes a fine relish for them.

It is not what is eaten, but what is digested, that benefits and fattens the animal. With a balanced ration and some bulky food it will eat more and retain its appetite than when fed only on fattening food.

THE bull should be made to do much more toward earning a living than he does. How is the problem. He is not always governable in a team. Making him work a treadmill to saw wood, churn milk, etc., has been suggested.

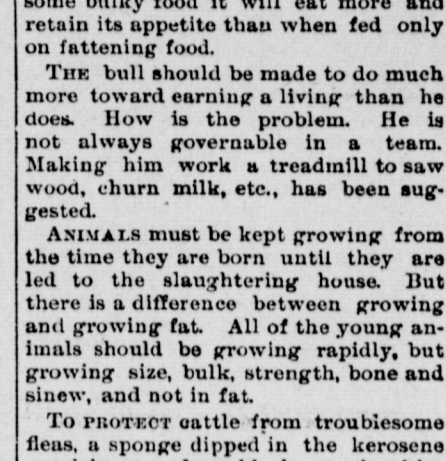
ANIMALS must be kept growing from the time they are born until they are led to the slaughtering house. But there is a difference between growing and growing fat. All of the young animals should be growing rapidly, but growing size, bulk, strength, bone and sinew, and not in fat.

TO PROTECT cattle from troublesome fleas, a sponge dipped in the kerosene emulsion may be rubbed over the skin. A little creosote added to the emulsion, so as to give it a smoky odor, will help to make it more effective. For the large lice, the same proportion of kerosene oil as of kerosene added to the emulsion will be an improvement. This is the best application for the horn fly as well as all other insect vermin.—American Farmer.

**A HARNESS HORSE.**

How to Make One of These Useful and Economical Implements.

Our illustration is of a device very useful in mending harness. The bench or main part is made from a 3-inch board 4 feet long and 1 foot wide. Put in legs, round off the edges and ends so as to form a comfortable seat. If the top is padded, so much the better. For the clamps use two pieces of 3x4 white oak lumber, about 13 inches long. Shape as represented in the illustration and fasten the one on the right firmly to the bench. Secure the other with two hinges so that it can be moved back and forth. Pass a strong leather strap from this through a hole near the top of the opposite part of the clamp, down through another in the bench and attach to the foot lever.



The piece of harness to be mended is put between the clamps and securely fastened by means of the lever and strap. Such a horse is very easily made and will enable one, during idle times this winter, to easily repair harness which otherwise would have to be taken to the shop.—Orange Judd Farmer.

**Improvement of Cereals.**

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**Small Coops for Broods.**

If the hens hatch out broods, small coops with runs must be provided. The chicks must not be allowed to go outside of the runs until they are well feathered, as they may stray off too far from the hen and fall over with cold before they can reach her to secure warmth. In spring and summer the chicks are allowed their liberty, while the hen is confined, but this cannot be done in winter, as the season is too unfavorable for the chicks. Feed them five times a day, on dry food, as soft or wet food will become frozen and useless.—Farm and Field.

**How to Destroy Gray Lice.**

There is one kind of pest that annoys the hens in winter. This is the large gray louse which hides down in the feathers of the head and neck, close to the skin, and a close search must be made for it. The best remedy is grease—melted lard being excellent—which should be well rubbed on the head and neck of the fowls, close to the skin, two or three applications sometimes being necessary. This is the kind of louse that gets on the early chicks. The hens should be carefully examined before any chicks are hatched out,

**Use.**

He—I wish you would let me be your valentine.

She—I wish you were my valentine.

He—Darling!

She—Because I could then send you off to some one.—Truth.

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"No! I was going to, but the horse blew first and the powder went down my throat!"—Texas Siftings.

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HE—"Do you believe in love at first sight?" SHE—"This is so sudden."—Yonkers Statesman.

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