

PLYMOUTH MAIL.

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PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN.

A watchmaker named Rhodes, formerly of Boston, has invented a clock which will run over a year at a single winding.

PRIDE is sometimes brought low by other means than a fall. A gentleman who paid a large sum for an officers' room on deck for an ocean voyage was inclined at first to give himself an air of superiority because of the superiority of his lodging.

THE eastern boundary of Alaska, which separates the United States from British territory, and is 600 miles in length, has been mapped out and determined to the satisfaction of both this country and Great Britain.

TO MOVE the Eiffel tower from Paris to Baltimore will cost \$500,000; still the managers of the Baltimore fair of 1897 say they are going to stand the expense.

To those people in middle life whose stomachs have grown somewhat bulky the Journal of Hygiene reads a useful lesson. Instead of advising them to deluge the stomach with all sorts of nostrums recommended to cure indigestion.

THE Society for the Advancement of Science, which recently met in Brooklyn, has not lived in vain. Two of its members, inspired, no doubt, by the erudition that dripped from the numerous able papers read, determined to investigate the notorious Mapleton ghost that has kept the teeth of the western part of Long Island chattering for, lo, these many months.

Two years ago New York was face to face with the most serious cholera scare that it has ever experienced. The experience of that unhappy period is not one to be looked back upon with pride or satisfaction; but some important lessons were learned then and have not been forgotten.

Of course, the moral obliquity of the milkman would be dense if he did nothing more than to adulterate milk with such well-water as the Montclair, N. J., milkman used not long ago, well-water that had been contaminated with typhoid fever germs, and which resulted in one hundred cases of typhoid fever developing along one milk route in Montclair.

THE West is beyond the domination of the East. The seat of empire is not in New England, nor in the middle states. It passed from them long ago. Every decennial census is followed by a redistribution of seats in the national house of representatives, and each successive appointment strengthens the West as compared with the East.

THE fact that a manufacturer or merchant is anxious to make known his goods to the public is regarded by most people as evidence that they possess merit.

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Homestead—Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

Experience With Poultry. TO THE FARMERS' REVIEW: In your issue of Aug. 11 I read an article from the Poultry Journal where a writer gives it as his opinion that 100 hens can not be profitably kept together in one flock.

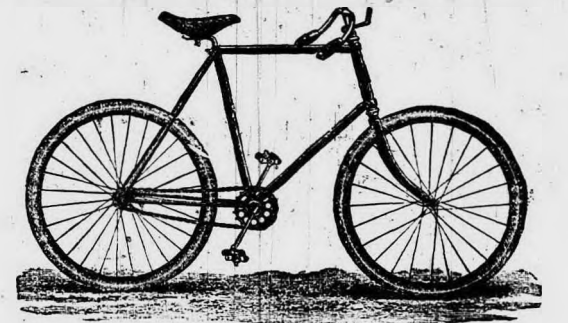
corn about the size of No. 8 shot, and here let me say that if you are running the incubator constantly, I believe it to be a good plan to leave one or two 3-week-old chicks in each pen of the newly hatched ones, as by so doing the older ones soon teach the younger to pick and where to drink.

Use of Insecticides. Farmers' bulletin No. 19, issued by the department of agriculture, gives some directions concerning the preparation and use of a few of the insecticide agents having the widest range and attended with the greatest usefulness, economy and ease of application.

Cost of Butter and Cheese. At a Wisconsin dairy convention speaker made the following estimate: Food required for 100 pounds of milk when feeding cornstalks: 193 pounds of cornstalks, 25 pounds of corn meal, 35 pounds of wheat bran.

Inattention to Cows Expensive. A. W. Putnam says: "Why is it that dry cows and young stock, classed

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LYNN MASSON'S HEN.

A REMARKABLE HEN THAT DIED HAPPY.

Of Wonderful Longevity, Though Her Memory Was Her Masterpiece—She Had No Faith in Chickens That Would Not Swim—Ducking Them.

Lynn Masson's forgetful old hen was prized not more for the great age she had reached for a hen than for her marvelous memory. Ten years ago she was "set" for the first time, and she duck eggs.

body's surprise, she was seized with all the symptoms of the setting hen, and would not be put off. It happened that there were half a dozen duck eggs in the house and the contrary old hen was set to hatch them.

Strange Scene in New York.

The cafe of a long-famous French hotel is one of the most interesting and characteristically foreign places in New York. Whatever hour in the day finds you there also finds in the same place sundry Frenchmen drinking absinthe, vermouth, coffee with brandy and the hundred and one other things that Frenchmen love.

Hot Water for Cows.

Hot water for cows is the maxim of the French dairy farmers in the department of Finistere. They claim to have proved by experiments that when cows drink hot water they produce one-third more milk than when they are refreshed with cold water only.

One Postal Accommodation Lacking.

Inquiry at the Boston postoffice shows that there is one place in Boston and doubtless one or more in New York, where, at a price nearly double, foreign stamps can be had to enclose in letters sent abroad for return postage.

The Master Barber.

A novel shaving record has been established by a Hungarian barber. He made a bet of 100 florins that he would on a railroad journey of twenty-five minutes, from Pistan to Nausadt, shave fifteen men without cutting them.

His Faithful Dog.

Robert E. Stone of Lexington, Ky., has erected over the grave of his dog a monument that cost \$65. The stone is a pointed shaft of sea-shore granite, elaborately and fancifully carved.

In the Southwest.

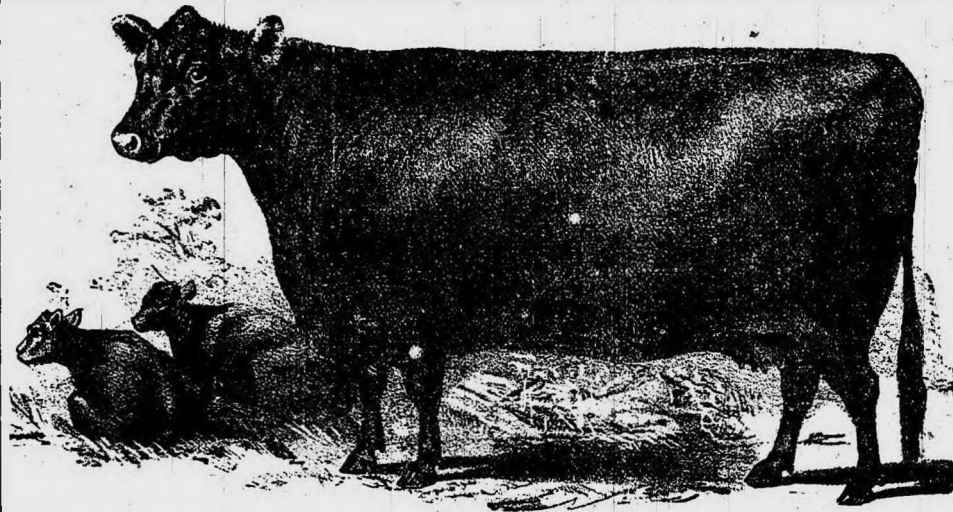
Miss Boston, a visitor—I was so sorry I couldn't attend the ball last night, but I understand you were there and were quite comely in fact.

New Hampshire's First Name.

New Hampshire was formerly called Laccia. It received its present name in 1829, being first called New Hampshire by Captain John Mason, who had been a resident of Hampshire, England.

Appropriate.

Nodd—What have you named your twins? Todd—Off and On. Nodd—What's that for? Todd—When one stops crying the other begins.



THE ABERDEEN-ANGUS COW, "PRIDE OF ABERDEEN," AT FOUR YEARS OF AGE, WITH HER HEIFER CALVES "PRIDE OF BALLIOL" AND "PRIDE OF BENTON."—FARMERS' REVIEW.

market, owing to the pressure of farm work our record keeping was abandoned in April, however the hens kept on laying, and we have raised better than 500 chicks since March 1, and are now marketing them, which weigh thirty-three to thirty-seven pounds per dozen, and at 8 1/2 cents per pound.

Chickens via the Brooder.

It is a fact, not to be disputed, that we can successfully hatch chickens by artificial means. But to raise these little lumps of down, so hatched, is by far a different and also a somewhat difficult problem that not every one who uses an incubator can boast of solving.

experience the price has been enhanced from \$1 to \$2.50 per barrel, and this at a cost of only about 10 cents per tree for labor and material. The cotton crops which formerly in years of bad infestation by the leaf worm, was estimated to be injured to the extent of \$30,000,000, is now comparatively free from such injury, owing to the general use of arsenicals.

Oleo and Butter.

THE Practical Farmer prints the following: "Lately we have had the spectacle of a United States senator rushing into print to point out that—in his opinion—oleo is cleaner and purer than dairy butter, and to this end, we give a few of the substances and ingredients that are used in its manufacture, for nearly all the concerns make oleo under letters patent, and while they all work in unison to palm off the stuff as cow butter, they each work under some form of manufacture and variety of composition of oleo.

QUEEN CAKE.—One pound each of flour and sugar, one teaspoonful Price's cream baking powder, three-fourths of a pound of butter, five eggs, one gill each of wine, brandy and cream, one pound of currants; citron, mace and nutmeg to taste.

as animals at rest, are often so poor in the spring, when fed on salt-marsh and meadow hay? It is because, though classed with animals at rest, they have no opportunity to rest; an animal can not rest unless it is comfortable. On one of the coldest mornings of last winter I went to a neighboring town for hay.

POULTRY IN THE GARDEN.

If circumstances oblige the shutting up of the hens when the garden is planted, by all means give them a run a couple of hours before night and all day when it is raining lightly. They do little or no damage when the ground is wet, while they find an abundance of food.

