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Agriculture, &c.

Summer Chickens.

Those who bring out chickens in April, or earlier, do it at the risk of making considerable loss, as that month is usually a cold, wet and windy der and sweet. It keeps the hogs in a healthy When successful, however, they bring a growing condition-they are fed with as much high price, sometimes when marketed in July, as they will eat every day, and but little addihigh as fifty cents per pound. This has tional food is required besides the slops from the prompted many to get broods as early as the kitchen. ast of March, and the first of April.

We copy the following article from the London Cottage Gardener, and think it worthy of attention by those who do not care to send chickens an annual stock.

country that summer chickens never thrive. It runs thus in parts of Hampshire :

"Chicks that are hatched when there's making of hay, Will never grow up, but pine away."

much trouble choose the month of May for doing so. Sometimes a hen deserts a few days before hatching ; sometimes she dies upon it .---If we listen to the above tradition there is no remedy. But we believe there is, and a simple one; set more eggs, and be not deterred by fables. We go on hatching till August, and we are successful. The London market is only supplied by this process with the poultry for which it is so justly celebrated. Fowls of the same age can be had all the year round because the work of hatching never ceases. If we were to tell such of our readers as require instruction on the subject, that any expensive or very troublesome process was necessary, they. might, perhaps, say, that of two troubles, they thought waiting was the less. But it is not so; and we confess, it seems to us that the idea can only be supported by that undeniable argument, "I do not know how it is, but I know that it is so."

Another large class of poultry breeders say too late for chickens. Well, if you say it is too late, we say -- prove it. The nights are shorter in June than in May; the weather is warmer. Nearer to the winter you say; but you have four months to the end of October, all good, weeks or a month later, that is all. It may be said there must be some foundation for the proverb; the sun is too hot and scorching, and if chickens are entirely exposed to it, they will die. Put the rip, with the hen into it, in a shady place, but near the sun. As in April you gladly turn it to the sun wherever you can find it, so in June turn it away. Let it be near covert for the chickens, shrubs, artichokes, pears, anything that produces shade and harbo's insects. You will find your chickens live there a great part of the day, and always when the sun is most powerful. They find there the insects that have deserted the parched grass. Let them be well and frequently supplied with fresh and cool water. If you can do it, or have it done, you will find a great advantage in having a few fails of water scattered every evening on the ground they use in the day. It freshens it, and keeps it cool. To sum up; give your chickens shade, clean and cool water, with a run affording them covert; and we promise you, you shall say and prove that the prejudice against June chickens a popular error.

while the dew is on, and a part given to the swine at each feeding, three times a day. By the time the last portion of the grass is cut, the ground is mowed over many times during the summer, while the grass is kept short, thick, ten-

SCALDS AND BURNS.

The best, most instantaneous and most accessible remedy in the world, is to thrust the into market, but only to provide themselves with jured part in cold water, send for a physician, mining in a new country like ours remunerative. There is an old proverb in some parts of the or more deep with common flour. The water gives instantaneous relief by excluding the oxygen of the air; the flour does the same thing, but is preferable, because it can be kept more sequently working under great disadvantage.continuously applied, with less inconvenience, All those who wish to rear poultry without than by keeping the parts under water. As they get well, the flour scales off, or is easily severe, the patient should live mainly on tea and toast, or gruels, and keep the bowels acting freely every day, by eating raw apples, stewed fruits, and the like. No better and more certain cure for scalds and burns has ever been proposed. of a No. 1 Area has been sold for \$800.

FEEDING AND WATERING HORSES .- The following abridged observations of a French writer in the Journal a' Agriculture Grutique, are deserving the attention of all who have horses under their care: " The same quantity of oats given to a horse produces different effects according to the time they are administered. I have made the experiments on my own horse, and al ways observed there is a quantity of matter not. digested, when I purposely gave them water ini- swamps and many other obstructions, for want mediately after a feed of oats. There is decided- of a suitable road. The miners have had a ly, then, a great advantage in giving horses water before grain is fed to them. There is they do not believe in the saying; but June is another bad practice, I observe that of giving grain and hay on their return to the stable immediately after hard work. Being very hungry, they devou much food eagerly, and do not properly masticate it; the consequence is that it is not well digested, and not nearly so nutritious. growing, genial weather, and at that age, your When a horse returns from work, perspiring chickens will stand anything. They are three and out of breath, it should be allowed to rest for a time, then given a little hay : half an hour afterwards, water and then oats or other grain. By this plan water may be given without risk of cold, as the oats act as a stimulant."

mencing at one side of the plat, a large basket and reflects much credit upon its enterprising of the thick short grass is mowed each morning proprietor, Joseph Oulton, who is doing a good business and giving very profitable returns for most of the quartz crushed by him. There are first is ready to be cut again, and in this way the three other crushers here owned by London, American and Nova Scotia Companies which will be located on the Diggings as soon as the roads are fit to convey the Machinery over .---When in operation, they will no doubt fairly test the value of all the quartz now raised, and establish the future value of all the leads now

discovered. Many of the quartz leads here will no doubt be profitable if judiciously worked, but it requires time and experience to render quartz and while he is coming, cover the part an inch We feel the need of practical, experienced miners to conduct quartz mining here. Most of those now employed are inexperienced, and con-During the past week there have been some very promising discoveries of gold-bearing moistened and removed. If the injury is at all quartz. There appears to be a more vigorous and encouraging feeling among all the miners, and some shares in the best leads have changed hands at high prices, for instance, one sixteenth

> The Government is making about 11 miles of road to the Diggings for which we say "the smallest favours thankfully received' but we regret that this ' favour' is so small as four or five miles of road must be built before many of the miners can be accommodated. It is truly distressing for them to be compelled to carry their hard earned quartz for miles on their backs over rocks, mutiny and laid out the Diggings into districts and appointed Overseers, and as soon as possible intend to perform their statute labour, but much dissatisfaction exists, and, will exist among all parties interested in the Diggings, until a further grant of money is obtained from the Government for the roads.

The improvements both on the diggings and at our head quarters Sherbrooke are surprising. Wharves, stores, hotels and shanties are springing into existence in all directions as if by magic. I sincerely hope their enterprising proprietors will be fully remunerated. All Nova Scotians require is an opportunity, and their enterprise can not be questioned. The miners are for the most part, peaceful, industrious, temperate and The heretofore quiet retired little village of Sherbrooke will, no doubt, soon be transformed of the Province, and the arrival of steamboats, coaches, express and private conveyances now throngs its beautiful street with strangers, all attracted hither by that powerful magnet-Gold. As it has become the rule for your contributors to conclude their correspondence by offering advice, I will not be the exception, and would say to all who have a profitable business, do not relinquish it for the uncertainty of quartz mining. Those who are out of employment will here find an ample field for profitable speculation, and also plenty of hard labour which can be made remunerative by application and skill. A limited number of mechanics and labourers will find remunerative employment. We want any quantity of experienced quartz miners who will find profitable employment either by contracting for sinking shafts, or by mining on their own account.

At last the tramp of many horses, and the tinkling sound of their trappings, denote the approach of the Prince and his attendants. The gate is opened wide for his entrance, and the beautifully wrought ornaments of his charger flash in the sun, and tinkle musically as the young Prince passes through a file of soldiers, janissaries, and servants, and alights with a good deal of grace at the door of the Consul's house. He little knows of the anathemas' that moment heaped upon him by a woman standing a few paces off. I heard them; but, fortunately for the poor woman, he did not. She was one of the Deir-el Komr refugees, and a few days before had been relating to me how she had seen her brothers slaughtered by the Druses during the massacres, and how she shielded her brother's child in her clasped arms, and risked her own life to save that of the innocent babe for whose blood they were thirsting. When she saw the Druse Prince she recognized him, and fearful indeed would be his fate, were her prayers to high heaven answered, and her bitter curses tulfilled, turning upon him the while a look of despair, anguish and hatred, which I shall never forget.

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The Prince is a young, mild-looking man, wearing spectacles, prepossessing in appearance, and very agreeable. The white-bearded Pacha of Damascus had called on the Consul a few days previously, and on the Prince taking leave, the Consul was in momentary expectation of receiving the same sort of affectionate salutation he had received from the Pacha, who, on taking leave, kissed him on each cheek, and embraced him.

The Beirut literary meetings are still well attended, and the transactions of the last deserve a more than passing notice. The lecture, which was a very fine one, and the leading feature of the meeting, was delivered by Dr. R. G. Barclay, the subject being chemistry. On entering the door of the immense marble-paved hall in which the meeting took place, the spectacle which presented itself was no ordinary one. The lecturer stood at a table in the centre of this beautiful hall, and ranged on the table were the contents of his laboratory, which the lecturer had brought thither for the purpose of illustrating his lecture with experiments. A few Arabs having heard of the wonderful and miraculous things about to be done, had assembled around the door, and it is their astonishment which I would like to depict to my readers.

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CURIOUS PHENOMENON.

"How is it that you raise such large and nice onions?" I asked of an Iowa farmer, as I was sitting at table with him, and observing some on the table.

"Well," said he, "we sprout the seed with boiling water, and then plant it early and in good ground."

Sprout the seed in boiling water ?" I exclaimed, inquiringly. "What do you mean, sir, by that? Won't boiling water kill the seed ?" "Not at all," he replied ; " but it will sprout them, in one minute's time." " It will ? It looks incredible," I replied, with

surprise. "Well, you try it," he replied, "when the

time comes to plant, and you'll find it just as I tell yra."

And sure enough, when spring came, and my neighbor was planting his onion seed, being present, I said :

"Jewell, last winter, there was a man in Iowa told me that to pour boiling water on black onion seed would sprout it in one minute. Suppose you try it ?"

Robinson leads will prove remunerative, but the parations for the reception of His Highness, or My lowa friend assured me that this process His Excellency, as the case may be, you would boulder quartz and large quartz leads as far as would advance the growth of the onion two or think they had fallen into a species of insanity. they have been yet tested have not been remuthree weeks beyond the ordinary method of When it was announced to the American Connerative. As none of the quartz has yet been sul, the other day, that the Druse Prince was planting without sprouting. fairly tested, and the deepest shaft at the dig- about to make him a visit, the groom, the cook, gings is only thirty five feet, one can give no the housemaid, must all drop their respective CHEAP SUMMER FEED FOR HOGS. employments, in order to get every thing in correct estimate as to the average value. The A correspondent of the Homestead gives the readiness for the proper entertainment of the following as an economical manner of summer greatest yield has been \$300 to the ton, and the Prince and his numerous attendants. The house feeding hogs, practiced by one of his neighbors. is searched from top to bottom for all the finjans lowest about \$1. For want of roads, parties encaused her to rejoice in God her Saviour. We have practiced this plan for many years, to be found ; the cherry-stemmed chibouques, gaged in erecting crushers have been detained, and find it an excellent one. with the bright gold stripes coiling round them, are brought out, and a servant is dispatched to "A few rods of grass-plat convenient to the pen is reserved for this purpose, and is manured and we have but one crusher working at the Diggings, and one about four miles down the a neighboring Dukhan for ingredients for makby the weekly suds from the wash-room. Com- river, which seems to give general satisfaction ing the sherbet, so loved by all Orientals. Mr. Hall.

A Fox STORY .- One day last week a party of sportsmen belonging in this city and Boston went on a fox hunting expedition to Chelmsford. On "Thanksgiving Ground" they ran a fox into his hole, and then commenced to dig for him .--After working smart a number of hours, they enterprising Nova Scotians, and a class of men came upon a nest of young foxes, not having of whom any nation should be proud. their eyes open, one of which was brought away One of the party having a litter of young kit. tens at his bouse in this city, placed this young fox with them, and it takes its nourishment with into one of the most busy and flourishing towns the rest, and is now doing well. The old cat purs over the little stranger, and does not seem to notice any difference between it and her own family .- Lowell News.

OLD AGE -You will look long to find a better description of extreme age than the following, which is taken from a play written in the year 1860, by Nathaniel Lee:

"Of no distemper, of no blast he died, But fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long,-Even wondered at because he dropt no sooner; Fate seemed to wind him up for fourscore years, Yet freshly ran he on ten winters more, Till, like a clock, worn out with eating time, The wheels of weary life at last stood still.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

or Sherbrooke Dig-Goldenville gings.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-

ing districts of this Province is looked for with be profitably invested in mining here. A new interest by many of your readers, I shall notice field for enterprise is being opened for Nova a few facts respecting the present state of affairs here. During the past two or three weeks the excitement which previously induced many to take up claims in all directions, without due reis fairly tested, many of the claims will not be very extensively mined; but those whose claims washing. It is now a fixed fact that the claims in the Hewitt, Mcquarry, McCoy, Drisdel, and

I am fully convinced that this locality will be an extensive quartz mining district for all time As information from the different Gold bear- to come. By judicious management, capital can Scotia.

> Yours respectfully, JAS. W. BIGELOW.

and profitably employed both in shafting and opened ends of the seeds ! He did not retain Prince to a Consul throws every member of a the water on the seed above three seconds, and Consul's household into a state of excitement .--in less than one-half minute after it was poured To see the servants rushing about, making preoff, the sprouts were projecting from the seeds.

Among the jars of gases, minerals and other objects of this natule, with which the table was crowded, stood an electrical machine, and all the Arabs were eager to take a shock. At last, every thing being in readiness, they were gratified. Then came the ejaculations of surprise at the wonderful workings of this singular thing called electricity. They showed their astonishment in various ways. Some fled from the table in terror, some gazed in mute astonishment, and others uttered their belief that Franks knew every thing, and could do every thing.

Rhamadan is over now, and has passed without many of the usual demonstrations of fanaticism on the part of the Moslems. I was witness, the other day, to an instance of this kind, which was, fortunately, very harmless in its nature.---A little Christian boy dropped his ball, which a Moslem picked up and kept. The child screamed at a great rate, and demanded his ball; but the Moslem told him he should not have it until he said he was not a Christian, but a Moslem; on which the boy said, " Ana Muslem" (I am a Moslem)—and got his ball.

The Sult in lately sent the Mohammedans of Beirgt a present of three hairs of Mohamet's beard, which were paraded about the streets, guarded by soldiers, and accompanied by throngs of people and music, and finally deposited in a mosque.

The murder of the Rev. Mr. Coffing, an American missionary, near Alexandretta, has thrown a great gloom over the missionaries here. Mr. Johnson, the American Consul of this place, has just gone in a French ship of war to Alexandretta, to arrest the murderers and have them punished. I shall be able to give further particulars in my next letter.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notice.

MRS. NATHAN THURBER,

Died at West Port (Long Island), 16th April, Bethiah, the Leloved wife of Brother Nathan Thurber, Deacon of the Baptist Church. Aged 34.

Our departed sister was brought to the know-"Very well," said he. And taking the tea- gard to their value for mining purposes, has subledge of Jesus and baptized in early life, and [From the Cor. of Philadelphia Presbyterian.] kettle from the stove, he poured the boiling sided, and until the average value of the quartz during her short career exhibited the features of water on the seed, which he had in a sancer .--christian character in a marked manner. As Letter from Syria. Looking closely at it for a moment, he exclaimthe mother of a family she endeavoured to instill ed, "You have told rightly. Only look there." into the minds of her children the principles of BEIRUT, April 8, 1862. I looked, aud behold, the little sprouts about have been proved to be remunerative are busily divine truth, exercising a maternal discipline as large as horse hairs were shooting out of the not only over their actions but also their words. Messrs Editors,-The visit of a Pacha or a As a wife she was ever a help-meet to her husband, who mourns her death, encouraging him to persevere in the path of holiness and consistency. As a member of the Church she was sensible and stable, not diverted from the truth, but maintaining her relations to the Church with great consistency. During her illness her soul rested on Christ as her only hope. From time to time she would talk calmly of her departure to be with Jesus. The reading of the fourteenth chapter of Job by her husband gave her, on one occasion when her mind was depressed, much comfort ; the 14th verse especially Her remains were followed to their last resting place by a large congregation. The oceasion was improved from Job xiv. 14, " If a man die shall he live again."-Communicated by Rev.