THE FARM.

OVER-FEEDING WITH HAY.—Now that cows have been put into winter quarters, a hint about feeding hay may not be out of place. We often hear dairymen talk as if the height ther. A few newspapers laid over of skill in taking care of cows in the winter was to get all the hay down that it is possible to cram into them. 'I give my cows all the hay they can eat," is the boastful remark often heard from a spirited and aspiring dairyman, tho' in doing to know. In travelling, one may, so he is wasting good provender, without promoting the best welfare of his animals. It is a good thing to feed cows well, and to be sure that they have food enough to sustain them fully, but it is neither wise nor economical to crowd them Cows should have no more hay than they have time to remasticate, and if this is not enough for their necessities they should have some food along with it. The quantity of hay should never exceed what a day is often enough to give time for properly ruminating.

A favourite style of putting up butter in California is to make it in two-pound rolls and wrap in thin muslin. In shipping East, a new, stout oak barrel, iron-bound, is taken, and a large canvas bag made to fit the inside; then the rolls, covered with thin muslin wrappers, are packed in upright layers, the head put in place, and the barrel filled with brine until the rolls are entirely surrounded with the pickle. Butter thus treated will make the journey to New York without deterioration in flavor.

MANURE FOR ORCHARDS, -An exchange says unleached wood-ashes, used either alone as a top-dressing or in connection with a compost, form a most valuable fertilizer for orchards young or old. They are rich in potash, one of the elements most needed by fruit trees, and are worth forty cents per bushel for this purpose. Ashes being in a finely divided state, their valuable elements are in a very favorable condition for the action of the roots of plants, and for orchards they have a value fully equal to that of ground bone. To any orchardist who wishes to put his orchard in the best condition at least expense, there is no question but ashes are worth two or three times what soap factories are accustomed to pay for them.

Horses' Hoofs .- A horse's hoof is of the same nature as horn. you desire to know the effects of applying a not shoe to a horse's hoof, place your comb on a hot stove for a minute or two, then let it cool and see how easily it will break. hot shoe makes the hoof brittle instead of tough.

HEALTH HINTS

and worry with the little ones? and being :now, forsooth, you wish to know whether it is not bad for her to lie till eight o'clock in the morning.

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WARMTH FROM NEWSPAPERS .-Many years ago, in one of the severe winters when there was much hard- THE INVENTION OF THE TELESCOPE .ship among the poor, a city paper | Some of the most important discovsuggested that old newspapers, eries have been made accidentally clothing, especially, we are apt to covery of the telescope.

will make a warm covering. Paper working in his shop, his children itself is a poor conductor; but still helping him in various small ways poorer are the thin layers of air or romping about and amusing that are confined when two or three newspapers are laid upon one anothe bed will keep one much warmer than some of the heavy, close-woven blankets. We do not propose newspapers as a substitute for blankets and comforts, but it is one of those make-shifts that it is well by the aid of a few papers, secure a comfortable rest in a thinly-clad bed, and if we cannot afford to give a destitute family a blanket or a comforter, we may show them how to increase the usefulness of their thin coverings by stitching a few with a great bulk of coarse food. layers of newspapers between them. It may be well to remind those who grow window-plants, that by removing them away from the window, and arranging a cover of newseasy digestible and concentrated papers over them, they may be preserved from harm in severely | cold nights; with the plants as with they will eat up clean, and twice ourselves, it is not so much that cold comes in, as that the heat goes

> that growing plants kept in a sleeping-room are deleterious to health. The theory is that as plants, at night, give out carbonic aid gas, which is poisonous to animal life, they are liable to cause sickness and even death to the inmates of the The English botanist, Lindlong ago pointed out the absurdity of this idea; and Mr. Peter Henderson, in a recent address before the New-York Horticultural Society, scouted it as utter nonsense. Yet, he said, thousands of plants, particularly in the rural districts, are annually consigned to the coal cellar at the dictum of some wiseacre of a village doctor, who is happy to be thought thus learned in the chemistry of plants.

American Agriculturist.

Meat stewed with vegetables is the best food for hard-working men and growing boys and girls.

SCIENCE.

THE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT OF ARTISANS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN .-The report of the Anthropometric Committee of the British Association contains a new and unexpected statement—that there is a very slow but decided increase of stature in all classes of persons up to the age of seventy. This is explained by the survival of the taller and better developed members of the population, and the elimination of the smaller and feebler ones. In the matter of height, to him that hath shall be given. If you are tall and strong at twenty-one, you may go on getting decidedly, though very slightly, taller for half a century. The discovery, therefore, does not concern men who are in extremes. The dwarf will grow no taller, because he is not tall to begin with. | time? Women and sleep. - Women The giant will grow no taller, besleep by far to little. Sleeplessness cause giants, since Goliath, are is one of the most fruitful causes of usually not well developed. As the paleness and nervousness so regards class and occupation, the characteristic of American mothers. | two extremes of the anthropometric You will excuse us, sir, but permit scales, both as regards height and us to ask whether your wife is not | weight, are the artizans and the still busy with the care of your professional class, the average diffamily six hours after your day's ference between the two being a work is done? And then when little over two inches, and rather your children cry at night, don't more than 16 lbs. The labourers you turn over your lazy two hundred and the commercial class come bepounds for another good sleep, and tween the two, the average height let that little, thin, pale wife get up and weight for all four classes

	Height.			Weight.	
Artisans	66.55	in.	136.2	lbs	
Labourers			137.3	66	
Commercial			143.9	66	
Professional			152.7	66	

HOW A LITTLE GIRL SUGGESTED spread over the bed, would form an and it has happened to more than excellent substitute for blankets and one inventor, who had long been coverlets. This brought upon the searching after some new combinajournal a great deal of harmless tion or material for earrying out a ridicule from other papers; but it pet idea, to hit upon the right thing brought comfort to many a poor at last by mere chance. A lucky family. In the matter of bed- instance of this kind was the dis-

associate warm with weight, and do | Nearly three hundred years ago not consider that there is no warmth there was living in the town of in the coverings themselves; but Middelburg, on the island of Wal- ing a prey to the devouring element, that they merely prevent the heat of cheren, in the Netherlands, a poor and the iron work of the waggon in a

ever is a poor conductor of heat One day in the year 1608, he was themselves with the tools and objects lying on his work-bench, when suddenly his little girl exclaimed:

"Oh, Papa! See how near the

steeple comes!" Half-startled by this announcement, the honest Hans looked up from his work, curious to know the cause of the child's amazement. Turning toward her, he saw that she was looking through two lenses, one held close to her eye, and the other at arm's length; and, calling his daughter to his side, he noticed that the eye-lens was planoconcave (or flat on one side and hollowed out on the other), while the one held at a distance was plano-convex (or flat on one side and bulging on the other), Then, taking the two glasses, he repeated his daughter's experiment, and soon discovered that she had chanced to hold the lenses apart at their exact focus, and this had produced the wonderful effect that she had observed. His quick wit and skilled invention saw in this accident a wonderful discovery. off, and often a slight protection He immediately set about making use will prevent the escape of heat .of his new knowledge of lenses, and ere long he had fashioned a tube of It is a common error to suppose pasteboard, in which he set the glasses firmly at their exact focus.

This rough tube was the germ of that great instrument the telescope, to which modern science owes so much. And it was on October 22, 1608, that Lippersheim sent to his government three telescopes, made by himself, calling them "instruments by means of which to see at a distance."

Not long afterwards another man, Jacob Adriansz, or Metius, of Alkmaar a town about twenty miles from Amsterdam, claimed to have discovered the principle of the telescope two years earlier than Hans Lippersheim; and it is generally acknowledged that to one of these two men belongs the honor of inventing the instrument. But it seems had not lived we still should owe to Hans Lippersheim's quick wit, and his little daughter's lucky meddling, one of the most valuable and wonderful of human invention.

VARIETIES.

A BASE TRICK .- Strangers often remark that Detroit ladies seem to have great fondness for carrying gold watches, and any person walking ten blocks on Pepten street will see, if it is a fine day, at least one hundred ladies with gold chains hanging down to the watch pocket. But is the watch there? On a Woodworth avenue car yesterday there were half a dozen ladies and only one gentleman. Satan must have put him up to do a mean thing. Taking out his watch, he looked at it, shook it, sighed heavily and said:

· Ought to have been cleaned a week ago. Will you please, give me the

The lady addressed had a magnificent chain, but she blushed, half rose, sat down again and whispered:

'My-my watch is-is out of order.' 'You have the time, perhaps?' he asked of the next.

'Y-yes, sir-it's ten o'clock,' she replied looking out of the window. 'Does your time agree with that?'

he asked the third.

'I believe so,' she coldly replied, though she well knew that her chain was pinned to her dress.

And what does your watch say?' he smilingly asked of the fourth.

· It's a little slow I think,' she answered, drawing her shawl closer.

The fifth lady had a watch, and a fine one too. She drew it out, made as much display as possible, and called out:

'Ten minutes after eleven?' The gentleman smiled, the four ladies bit and scowled, and the driver

shook up the lines and called out: 'Go on now, you old raw bones !'-Free Press.

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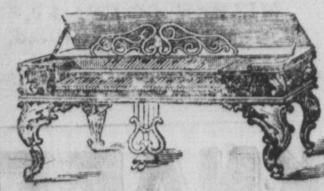
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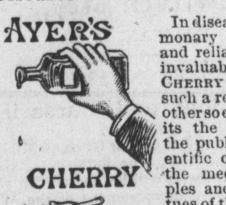
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