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CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

THE FARM.

MAKING THE CROWS USEFUL.-W. S. Morgan, Somerset Co., Pa., a house-to-house visitation, and of in view of the fact that the corn- removal to hospital, in time of planting season is at hand, gives epidemic, was perhaps never more his experience, which we commend conclusively demonstrated.-British to those who look upon the crow as Medical Journal. an enemy. He says : "For the past five seasons, I have, just before I expected my corn to come up, sowed a few sprigs of cedar mixed with on the field about a gcart of corn hay or other material for hen's nests to each acre, and repeated the operation as often as necessary, until the from lice. corn was so large that the crows could not pull it up. If the corn is soaked until tender, they prefer picking what they want to eat from the surface rather than to pull the young plants to get it. The cost of the corn thus sown is but a trifle; as a result I have a great number of crows almost constantly on my corn field, and after they have been satisfied with corn they will still pick up all the insects, grubs, and cut worms they can find, as a dessert. In raising fifty acres of corn since adopting this plan, I have not lost a hundred stalks by crows and cut worms combined."-American Agriculturist.

A New York farmer prefers the plants. A writer in the Ohio apples to roots for feeding stock. more nutritious, he thinks they are medicinal in effect. He thinks a

how many apparently mysterious season through. Nothing bettter cases of small-pox may not yet ap- can be done to secure to children pear in Nottingham. The utility of a happy life.

It is said by a poultry raiser that will keep the fowls entirely free

Parched corn is the only medicine chickens need; they have laid all winter, and look fine and healthy. snow in winter, lodging in the rows, Char it on the ear, and feed it once affords a protection which is lacking or twice a week. Give them plenty in the case of stool culture. of clean water to drink.

" PLOW DEEP WHILE SLUGGARDS SLEEP."-That was what Frankfin, the at any price than poor seed that can philosopher and stateman, said, and be had for the asking.

it is probably as true now as it was then-a hundred years ago or more. There is undoubted benefit to land from deep plowing. Truckers who cultivate cabbage on lowlands with heavy subsoil have no success, often, in a pailful of rain water is strong unless the subsoil be loosened to allow the water to get away from

Farmer shows how beneficial in the shops is as good, and can be While the apples may not be other ways deep plowing is. "If men of ordinary judgment would look around them, they may see horse would do better with a peck with half an eye that it would pay of oats a day and apples, than with to "plow deep while sluggards twelve quarts without apples. He sleep." Yes, even as deep as possible to be done with one plow. (The subsoil plow will not be necessary unless the subsoil is tenacious or hard.) I remember when I was a little boy, a Pennsylvania Dutchman bought a worn-out farm beside my father's, in Highland County, in this state, and forthwith began to

The "Florida Agriculturist" of May 10th brings the unwelcome news that the promise for the next orange crop in that State is by no means bright. Numbers of groves report little or no fruit, and others that gave good crops last year will make a poor one this year.

Planting raspberries in rows instead of in stools is recommended.

The thick rows shade the ground and keep it moist, and probably the

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FERTILIZERS FOR HOUSE PLANTS. -When plants are in a growing state they may be stimulated by the use of guano water. A small teacupful of Peruvian guano dissolved enough; water the soil with this once, or at most twice a week, The water of ammonia (hartshorn) of had everywhere. If of ordinary strength, add a fourth of an ounce (two teaspoonsful) to a gallon of water, and use as above stated .--" American Agriculturist"



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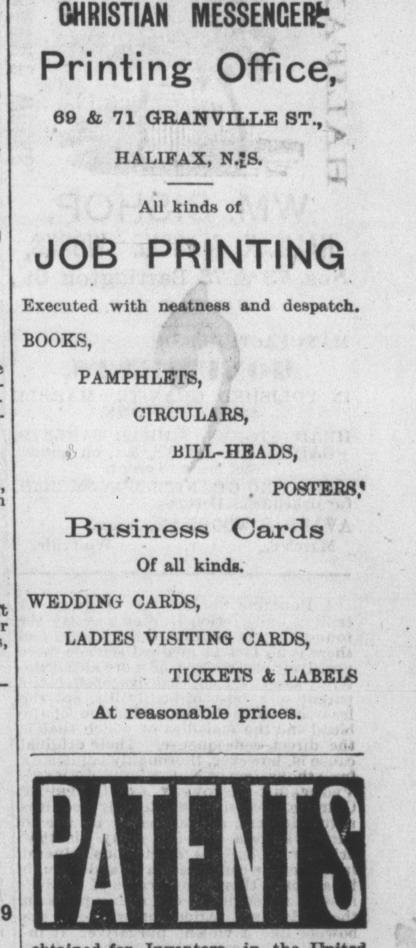
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prefers sweet apples, as sour fruit sometimes makes the teeth sore.

Mr. E. R. Billings says, in the Poultry Monthly, that the most successful breeders feed laying hens twice a day-" about 7 a. m. and 4 p. m."

TURKEYS .- The first laid eggs should be set under common hens and the turkey hen allowed to sit upon those laid later in the season. When aer litter is out, and she desires to raise a family, the turkey will remain on the nest. If the nest is on the ground, and you do. not fear disturbance from two-footed or four-footed night-prowlers, give the mother turkey her eggs and let her alone. Some wise people who have had but precious little experience in raising turkeys say that the turkey is a "close sitter" and must be "taken daily from the nest and. fed and watered," but don't do anything of the kind; turkeys are not born idiots, and they know enough to eat when hungry. If corn and a dish of water are put somewhere in the neighbourhood of the nest the turkey will come off and eat when she feels like it, and if she don't come you may conclude that she is not hungry. We used to own an old bronze turkey who always made her nest in a pile of brush some distance from the house, and we never troubled ourselves about her. When she came to the house we fed her, and when she didn't come for her meals she went without; but she always brought off a full brood of voung turkeys. In nine cases out of ten a turkey will, it left to herself, hatch every egg.

at the present time visited by so of 48 feet to the left and 54 feet to said he, "when we were first married serious an epidemic of small-pox, the right of the parent stem. The that it has been necessary to organ- average depth of the tree is five or ed to sleep on linen sheets, my wife ise a house-to-house visitation, so as six feet, and last year 2,500 roses prefered cotton, and we couldn't sgree to ensure the removal of cases of the were plucked from it, and this Finally we talked the matter over, and disease from over-crowded localities to the hospitals provided for their tion have been counted already. reception. In the course of the perquisitions, the chief inspector entered one of the "back-to-back" the advice to give the children a houses, of which there are many in garden. Choose a convenient narrow Nottingham, and in which, of course, little border unshaded by trees and thorough ventilation is impossible. unrobbed by roots, yet not far from In one of these tenements, consist- the shade, the play house, the seeing of a common sitting-room and saw, and the swing. Show them two bedrooms, - occupied by two how you plant onions, lettuce, dwarf families, lived a hawker, his wife, peas-things that will soon show and daughter. The man himself their charming green and growth to was down with small-pox; his wife the impatient, expectant little wonwas nursing him, and, in the inter- derers, and which will soon lave a vals of attending to him, was arrang- real value, either for meals or for ing flowers, which she had purchased gifts. Let them imitate in their for the purpose, into the little bou- own ground-having a little spade, quets known as "button-holes," and or a hoe, or a large spoon to move which she was about to try to sell the soil with, and don't forget to go in one of the chief thoroughfares of along to see how they have cleaned man to hospital; but as the woman and weed, and give some petunias had been selling these bouquets on or phloxes or other flowers to be previous days in the public thor- set here and there between the early

plow as if he thought his deed gave him a right to more than three inches of the surface of his soil. To be short, the farm began forthwith to bring paying crops, whereas, before the change it had barely "kept the wolf from the door." -- Christran at Work.

CURRANT CUTTINGS.—The currant may be successfully propagated from slips. Cut strong, healthy stropped my razor on it." The court ones of last year's growth, and cut decided that this was equal to the into pieces six or eight inches long. Set them in a rather damp soil, leaving only one bud exposed to the light and air. Press the earth firmly about the young slip, and keep the grass and weeds out. During the summer you will find that most of your slips are growing. They should be left in their beds about two years, and then set where they are to remain. They ought to begin bearing the second year after being set in the open ground. The old Red and White Dutch are about the best varities. all things considered. My soil is light sandy loam, and was well enriched with common stable manure before the bushes were set-four feet apart one way and six feet the other. They should P. Willis. have been six feet apart each way.

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VARIETIES.

A colored witness was asked if he knew and used the Bible. He replied in the affirmative. It afterward appeared that the man couldn't read, " Now, sir," thundered the attorney on the other side, "didn't you swear that you used your Bible?" "Yes, yes, sah," faltered the witness, "I done general knowledge of the Bible and was sufficient.

"Edward," said Mr. Rice, " what do I hear-that you disobeyed your grandmother, who told you just now not to jump down those steps?" "Grandma didn't tell us not to, papa; she only came to the door and said, ' I wouldn't jump down those steps, boys;' and I shouldn't think she would-an old lady like her !"

Average weight of a fool. A simple ton.

The chief obstacle and inconvenience in traveling is the prejudice in favour of taking the body with us.-N.

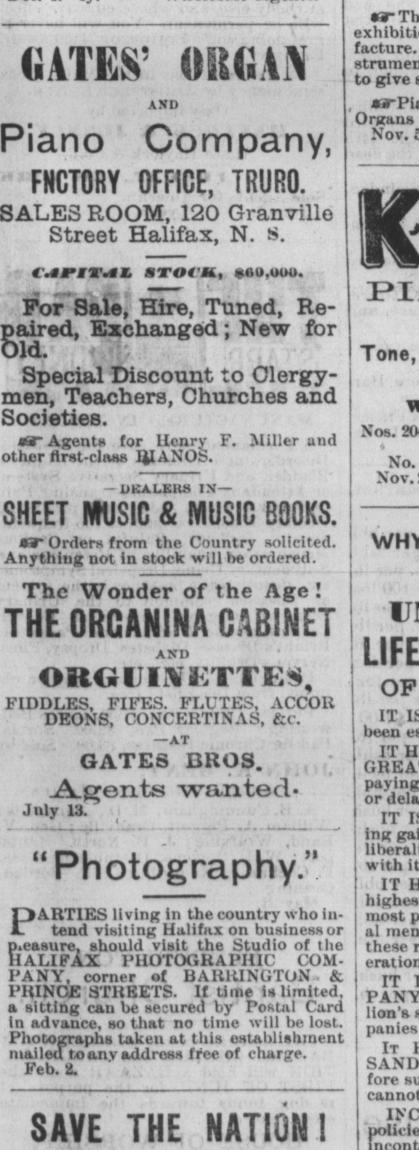
Advice to wives-Man is very much like an egg-keep him in hot water and he is bound to become hardened.

A man was once asked how he and his wife got along with so little friction in the family machinery. "Well," we both wanted our own way. I want-

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came to the conclusion that it was unchristian to live in constant bickering ; so we compromised on linen, and have got along all right ever since.

In life it is difficult to say who do you the most mischief, enemies with the worst intentions, or friends with the best.

IWAYS FOALS for a forget and and the ex A gentleman somewhat advanced in life, and who never was remarkable for his good looks, asked his grandchild what he thought of him: The beys parents were present. The youngster made no reply. "Well, why don't you tell me what you think of me? "'Cause I don't want to get licked."

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