Perfection in Footwear....

Shoemakers are progressing towards it with rapid strides. The lasts most in use today are the most comfortable since leather shoes were made and that's been a long while.

But we have a shoe which we sell at **$3.00** which is about as near to perfect as anything created up to the present time. It is a shoe for Ladies. We call it the "Sappho." It has a shape peculiarly its own and very easy on the feet. The new Orthopedic last. Leathers (chocolate or black vici kid) are the best and the finish is excellent. Try a pair of "Sappho" Shoes.

We have the largest stock of Gent's Shoes in Pontiac.

All the new styles and lasts at popular prices.

H. B. Merritt, 17 N. Saginaw St. Pontiac.

SEE

What You can do at Nixon's for Cash!

His store is packed full with new goods for spring trade and he is anxious to show you whether you purchase or not. Give him a chance and see what he can do for you.

53 pairs Ladies' Shoes, former price $1.50 to $3.00, sizes 2½ to 4—they will go at.....$1.00 pr.

50 pairs Misses' and Child's Shoes, sizes 8 to 2, former price $1.50 to $2.00, to close at...$1.00 pr.

Just received new line of Ladies' Shoes, the same goods competitors ask you $2.50 to $3 per pair—you can have them from me at.....$1.50 pr.

Just half what the "cellar-worn goods" man asks.

My line of Men's tan and vici kid Shoes, grain and calf, from.....$1.00 to $3.50

Bought from the best factory in the land; all the latest styles; every pair guaranteed to be the best value for the money the market.

My line of Men's Shirts in white and fancy, from.....29c to $1.50

Are better values than you can get of any house in town.

Men's Hosiery from.....5c to 50c

My Men's 5c Hose are better goods than the cheap house of our town asks 10c for.

In fact I will give you better goods for your money, and no fault found if you do not buy. Yours,

V. NIXON.

WHEN YOU WANT

English Breakfast and Uncolored Japan Teas

GO TO THE **TRIANGLE GROCERY.**

Prunes at 5c and 10c a pound.

Also Bananas, Oranges, Lemons and Figs.

T. H. COBB.

"Spades Are Trumps"

And W. R. Owen is digging in the best he knows how to make his Crockery Department a success by placing on his counters the finest stock he ever displayed. The prices are right, the goods are up-to-date, and all he wants is that his friends should make themselves happy by carrying away an armful of goods now and then. Yours truly,

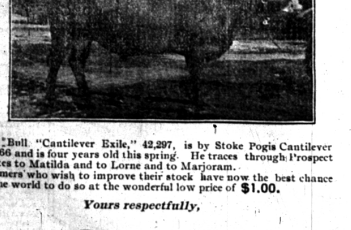
W. R. OWEN,

Pontiac, - Mich.

TO FARMERS!

We wish to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that the use of a Thoroughbred Jersey Bull can be secured at the Peabody farm in Troy, one mile north and one-half east of this village.

The Jersey Bull, "CANTILEVER EXILE." Weight 1,500 pounds.



The Bull "Cantilever Exile," 42,297, is by Stoke Pogis Cantilever 28,366 and is four years old this spring. He traces through Prospect Rioter to Matilda and to Lorne and to Marjoram.

Farmers who wish to improve their stock have now the best chance in the world to do so at the wonderful low price of **$1.00.**

Yours respectfully,

Potts & Peabody.

FOR BETTER HORSES, BREED FOR SIZE, STYLE, SPEED, ACTION.

JUDGE RIDER 7983 (RACE RECORD 2.26) Sire of Gesner, 2:13¾; Kitty Rider, 2:28, etc. The Wilkes-Mambrino-Patchen cross is established as the most scientific combination in breeding the American Trotting and Coach Horse. JUDGE RIDER inherits from his sire the substance and speed of the Wilkes family, and from his dam the size, style and finish of the Mambrino-Patchen family. JUDGE RIDER, his sire, his grandsire, and his great grandsire have race records and are all sires of race horses. His dam, grand dam and great grand dam have colts with race records. In service at ELMDALE FARM. Fee $25. Correspondence and personal inspection solicited. W. W. COLLIER, Propr., Detroit, Michigan. F. S. CHAMBERS, Supt., Franklin, near Birmingham, Oakland Co., Mich.

Women Should Know It.

Many women suffer untold agony and misery because the nature of their disease is not correctly understood. They have been led to believe that womb trouble or female weakness of some sort is responsible for the many ills that beset womankind.

Neuralgia, nervousness, headache, puffy or dark circles under the eyes, rheumatism, a dragging pain or dull ache in the back, weakness or bearing-down sensation, profuse or scanty supply of urine with strong odor, frequent desire to pass it with scalding or burning sensation, sediment in it after standing in bottle or common glass for twenty-four hours, are signs of kidney and bladder trouble.

The above symptoms are often attributed by the patient herself or by her physician to female weakness or womb trouble. Hence so many fail to obtain relief, because they are treating, not the disease itself, but a reflection of the primary cause, which is kidney trouble.

In fact, women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble and both need the same remedy.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is the great discovery of the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is easy to get at any drug store for fifty cents or one dollar.

To prove its wonderful merits you may have a sample bottle and book telling all about it, both sent absolutely free by mail. Kindly mention the Birmingham Eccentric and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

OVERPERSUADED BUT SATISFIED.

An interesting letter from Mrs. T. L. Reynolds, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., to the manufacturers of Drake's Dyspepsia Cure & Nerve Restorer:

"MESSRS. DRAKE & RIDDLE.

"DEAR SIRS:—I have been troubled with Stomach troubles for over two years. I was induced to try your Dyspepsia Cure & Nerve Restorer. After using three boxes my stomach troubles left me. It has been over Six Months and no signs of its returning. I feel as if I wanted to speak in praise of your Medicine, you are at liberty to publish this to my friends, and those suffering from any stomach trouble.

"Very truly yours,
"MRS. T. L. REYNOLDS."

The title Mrs. Reynolds gives her letter is appropriate, from the fact that she had tried so many preparations for this disease without receiving any lasting benefit, that she very reluctantly consented to try this new treatment. Drake's Dyspepsia Cure & Nerve Restorer is a combined method treatment in tablet form, which does not contain Opium or Calomel, and will not harm the most delicate stomach. For any form of stomach or nerve trouble this treatment has no equal. For sale by F. Hagerman, Druggist.

ROYAL OAK.

Royal Oak went republican.

School started Monday after a week's vacation.

J. Holmes and family moved to their home in Troy Monday last.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. J. Wood last week Wednesday.

Ransom Ford is recovering from the fall he received some time ago.

The Easter exercises of the M. E. church were a grand success and largely attended.

The Literary Society met at the home of Master Hilton Ling last Friday evening.

Mr. Jansen and family, of Detroit, visited friends in this place Saturday and Sunday.

Royal Oak is in total darkness again. The engine has been taken to Detroit, and a new one is expected in place of it.

Wm. McCracken returned to his home in Tuscola after spending three weeks with friends and relatives in this place.

Mrs. E. A. Kidder had her auction of horses and buggies last Monday and intends to move to New Baltimore this week.

CLAWSON.

Old Mrs. Codner is very ill.

Ella Gould is staying with Mrs. Lulu Banks.

Jack Lawson has a nice well-filled greenhouse.

Mr. Johnson lives in the Adam Most tenant house.

Chas. Baker was elected township treasurer of Troy.

Libbie Sutherland returned to her home at Marlette last week.

Grandma Goldsmith spent Easter with her son, Fred, and family.

Mrs. Jay Williams is very seriously ill. Her child is but two weeks old.

Ed. McBride and family of Detroit, spent Easter with Samuel Groves and wife.

Mrs. Azel Blair attended a birthday party at Will Blair's at Northville last week.

Mrs. Goldsmith fell in getting out of her carriage Easter and was quite seriously hurt.

Louie Stauch has rented his farm to his brother-in-law and will reside in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladd, of Utica, and Eliza Baker and Mr. Brenten of Detroit, spent Easter at Eli Phillips.

Clarence Fullan and wife, Mrs. Mary O'Connell, are expected to visit in the neighborhood this week.

BEDDOW.

Spring is coming at last.

Mrs. Young visited at Mrs. Joseph Brooks' last week.

The Gleaner Society will meet with Mrs. Lawrence next Wednesday afternoon.

We hear that Mr. and Mrs. John McQuarters will take up their abode in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon visited their sister, Mrs. McKinney, at Holly quite recently.

We hear that our blacksmith, Frank Bowden, of Franklin, will move his family to Beddow.

Mr. Allen, from Judd's Corners will make cheese for J. M. Beddow this year. Mrs. Allen will clerk in the store.

Mrs. Elmer Chapman has left our neighborhood and will live in the house formerly occupied by Cyrus Woodruff. Mr. Woodruff will move to Pontiac.

The Ladies' Missionary Society met last week with Mrs. Joseph Miller. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres., Miss Mary Miller; Vice Pres., Miss May Brooks; Sec., Lizzie Kirchoff; Treas., Flora Angstman. The ladies have succeeded in raising over $100 in the past year.

TROY.

The Ann Arbor and Lansing students returned Monday.

Preaching in the M. E. Church once in two weeks hereafter.

C. E. Hadsell and R. Wilbur, are remodeling their barns.

Claude and Frank Jarvis went to housekeeping April 1st, '99.

Rhoda Frank, of Pontiac, visited relatives and friends the past week.

Edna Oliver, of Detroit, spent her Easter vacation at her aunt's, Mrs. Elliot's.

Cy Jarvis and Harry Aspinwall attended Mayflower Court at Pontiac Thursday night.

The Surveyors of the Winter & Laurence Street Car Co., surveyed along the Troy roads Friday.

Hattie Spencer of Rochester, spent Sunday with the granddaughters of Seth Leonard, Misses Lawrence and Watkins.

Charles Aspinwall has moved onto his farm south of Troy. Alm Decker of Royal Oak, moves into the house vacated by Mr. A.

FRANKLIN.

Mover's week.

How does election suit you?

Master Fred Blandingis suffering with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Frank Green, who has been serving in the 35th Regiment for the past nine months, returned home Monday and received a hearty welcome from kindred and friends.

Mrs. Lydia Rust slipped and fell on Friday last, breaking her wrist. Dr. Barl set the broken arm, and the good old lady stood the painful accident with much fortitude in spite of her four score years.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. George McCrumb gave them a pleasant surprise on Thursday evening last, and as the occasion was their first wedding anniversary, they were presented with a number of beautiful and useful gifts.

COUNTY LINE.

Joe Blakely still continues improving.

Mr. Douglas has moved to H. Hoxy's place.

Fred Ames has rented the C. Gamble house.

A good show has been in the place all the week.

Herman Bartels of Rondo called on old friends lately.

E. McClure has moved to the Mason house at Warren.

A gang of men are busy at work on the new mill at Warren.

Frank Dunn has purchased a fine team from Ward at Pontiac.

S. Martin has secured the agency for the Cyclone fence in Troy.

Charles Wilson has moved to his newly purchased place at Warren.

The Warren brickyards are going to employ about 30 men this season.

Dr. Flynn has gone to the hospital in Detroit for treatment for a week or two.

Chas. Anderson has bought the Mrs. B. F. Skinner farm of 40 acres, for $2500.

Frank Bert and Fred Hawthorn have gone to commence work on boats soon.

Comrade McCracken of Deford has been visiting old friends in vicinity of County Line.

Mrs. Dr. Smith received a $2000 insurance from the Maccabees on her husband's death.

A re-count of the Warren village votes gave C. Gerlach 31, and L. Reddick 29; so Mr. G. is elected.

Thomas Brace has bought the C. Brace farm of 40 acres, opposite his home. Consideration, $2,400.

Mrs. Beebe, Sr., is very low at present. Her daughter, Mrs. E. Tharret, of Mt. Clemens, is with her at present.

The donation party for Rev. A. Smith amounted to nearly $50. Held Friday evening in M. E. Church.

C. Evens, proprietor of the Warren brickyards, is putting in a new boiler. All the brick he can make are contracted for.

Mrs. Jenny broke her arm a few days ago. About a month ago she broke the other, being 75 years old it is hard lines for the old lady.

The handsome editor of the Watchman was elected Justice of the Peace for Warren township; E. Peck, Treasurer; F. Weigand, Clerk; J. Hoxy, School Inspector.

Mrs. Esther Beebe was buried Tuesday at the Warren Cemetery, Deceased has lived over 50 years at Warren, and leaves one son and three daughters.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25c per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Grocery Store Yarns from a Michigan Town.

The following from a Birmingham correspondent in the Chicago Saturday Blade again impresses us that you must go away from home for the news:

There is no place on earth better adapted to telling wonderful stories than in a country town, and Birmingham, Mich., is no exception to the rule as will be easily seen by reading the three following, heard by a Blade representative the other day. Two of the stories were told by the ex-president of the village and their truth is vouched for by him. The other one was told by a former merchant of Birmingham, and one whose word no one doubts:

A RABBIT STORY.

"Speaking of hunting," said the village ex-president, "puts me in mind of a rabbit hunt that a gentleman of Lansing and myself enjoyed a few years ago. My friend had a good hound and he soon started a rabbit which he shot. We walked for some time and came to a cornfield with the corn standing in rows. Here the dog started another rabbit and round and round this field went the rabbit with the hound in hot pursuit. I was carrying the dead rabbit by the hind legs and heard the live one coming up a row of corn. I waited and soon poor bunnie jumped into the row in which I was standing and came toward me as fast as he could run. I waited patiently until he was within reaching distance when I swung the dead rabbit around, striking the live one, knocking him over and then walked out and picked him up. I had a good laugh on my friend and told him that although he had the gun I had killed as much game as he had."

A CRANE STORY.

The ex-president then told the following: "Two friends and myself were fishing on one of the inland lakes, using reels and minnows for bait. A sudden rain storm compelled us to row to the shore and seek shelter in an old shanty where we had left our lunch, gun and other things. Our lines had been permitted to drag behind the boat and the minnows were left on the hooks and lay in about eight inches of water, although quite a little distance from the shore. After the storm had passed we emerged from the shanty and one of the party had nearly reached the boat when he turned and made motions to bring the gun which I did. He then shot a monster crane which was flying up and down from the water and going through the strangest antics you ever saw. Well, we made an investigation and found that the bird had actually swallowed one of the minnows, hook and all, and the line having caught in some rushes was unable to get away. I cut off one of its wings and had it for a long time here in the store and used it as a duster for the stove."

AN EGG STORY.

Then one of the listeners, a former prosperous merchant, told the following which does not speak very well for the honesty of one of the former farmers of this vicinity: "When I used to keep store a certain farmer brought in a few dozen eggs which he wished me to buy. I inspected the eggs and for reasons of my own refused to buy them. He then went over to the meat market and disposed of them. Being in market shortly afterward I asked the clerk if he had purchased any eggs from a man that day, naming the farmer who had been to my store. He said he had. Well, we examined them, and by listening could hear chickens peeping in them, and this was the reason why I would not purchase the eggs. The clerk was greatly surprised that he had been caught and when I told him that I had seen up home that we used to set hens but I might take the eggs and see if she could hatch them out. I selected a few of the loudest peepers, took them home, placed them under the hen, and she actually hatched out some as nice chicks as ever saw. Sounds rather fishy, don't it? But, nevertheless, it is true."

Then the reporter walked out of the store and marveled greatly at the strange things in this world of ours.

E. P. J.

Consumption Cure.

Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth, cures a cold in one day if taken in time; 25 and 50 cents.

IS Baby Too Thin?

If so, there must be some trouble with its food. Well babies are plump; only the sick are thin. Are you sure the food is all right? Children can't help but grow; they must grow if their food nourishes them. Perhaps a mistake was made in the past and as a result the digestion is weakened. If that is so, don't give the baby a lot of medicine; just use your every-day common sense and help nature a little, and the way to do it is to add half a teaspoonful of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

to the baby's food three or four times a day. The gain will begin the very first day you give it. It seems to correct the digestion and gets the baby started right again. If the baby is nursing but does not thrive, then the mother should take the emulsion. It will have a good effect both upon the mother and child. Twenty-five years proves this fact.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

Sousa's Band in Detroit.

The merit of the Sousa band is too well known to need comment for their fascinating, clean cut and spirited playing arouses enthusiasm in even the dullest mind. With the finest of brass and the sweetest of wood wind, the band appears to remarkable advantage in all that it does. Mr. Sousa has the resources of his players to the utmost with only the most satisfactory results. Free to follow the best of his genius, with unlimited resources in the matter of men and music, and, above all, with the personal magnetism that seems of equal effect over audiences and players alike, small wonder is Sousa has achieved international fame as the foremost bandmaster and made his organization at once the most popular and prominent of its kind in the world.

In the minds of the countless thousands that have listened to the work of this superb band in the past there there have always lingered for many days the vague, wonderful impressiveness of the ponderous harmonies of the old masters; the lighter, witching music of the present foreign school, and the boisterous, ringing, swinging marches of the famous leader himself. Either as conductor or composer, John Phillip Sousa needs no further commendation. So much has been truly said and written of his great musical talent, his exceptionally good taste and marked ability, that comment at this stage of his career is superfluous.

No musical event of the season brings pleasurable anticipations to more people than the annual concert of Sousa and his band, and the announcement of the early advent of that famous organization will be hailed with delight. The concerts will be given on Sunday, April 9th, at the Lyceum, Detroit, matinee and evening, and Mr. Sousa has prepared programmes that cannot fail to satisfy the most exacting tastes.

Missionary Week at M. E. Church

The past week was quite a missionary week for the M. E. church. Tuesday evening Miss Kamper, recently from India's mission field, gave an instructive talk to those who had the courage to brave the storm.

Wednesday afternoon the anniversary meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the church was held at the pleasant home of Alex Parks, where it was organized one year ago. Invited guests were present from the W. F. Society, of Pontiac, and the W. H. M. Society, of Birmingham. The exercises were varied and interesting. Tea was served.

Thursday evening was a missionary prayer meeting, led by the pastor.

Sabbath morning the pastor gave an earnest sermon on missions followed by the usual annual collection which was found to be double the amount realized last year. The Sunday School gave their collection for the same cause. Sabbath evening the services were in charge of Supt. Staley. An Easter missionary responsive service by the Sunday School—"Our world-wide Methodism, a survey of the whole field at home and abroad," was rendered by the school.

A GODSEND TO HUMANITY.

Saves Health, Life and Doctor Bills.

The most remarkable invention for man, woman and child, cures without medicine, prevents disease, you can have at home in your room, sanitarium, Hot Springs, Turkish, Russian, medicated, dry steam, vapor, alcohol, oxygen, perfumed, mineral or sulphur baths, at a cost of about 3c per bath. If the public, instead of filling their systems with poison, by taking drugs and nostrums, would get into a vapor bath cabinet and sweat out these poisons and assist nature to act, they would have a skin as clear, smooth and healthy as a child's.

The Economy Vapor Bath Cabinet is not only a luxury for the well, but a comfort and cure for the sick. It restores and preserves health, proves life, a quick and rational cure for rheumatism, obesity, blood, skin and nervous diseases and private diseases of either sex. The best spring remedy known, equal to any cabinet made, costing from $30 to $100, price complete $5 with full directions. Economy Vapor Bath Cabinet Co., St. Louis, Mo.

To Agents: Don't waste time answering catchpenny advertisements, if you wish to improve your position in life, write us at once and we will help you make an honorable living in any part of the U. S. or Canada. We support thousands of homes. Aug1

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order; have no appetite; no life or ambition, have a bad cold in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store Only 50 cents per bottle.

THE WISDOM OF BURKE.

Bad laws are the worst form of tyranny.

Indecision is the natural accomplice of violence.

"Too much" and "too little" are treason against property.

A peace too eagerly sought is not always the sooner obtained.

Whatever be the road to power, that is the road which will be trod.

Kings will be tyrants from policy when subjects are rebels from principle.

Lawful enjoyment is the surest method to prevent unlawful gratification.

There are times and circumstances in which not to speak out is at least to connive.

Men love to be told of their power, but have an extreme disrelish to be told of their duty.

An Englishman is the unfittest person on earth to argue another Englishman into slavery.

He that accuses all mankind of corruption ought to remember that he is sure to convict only one.

How often the desire and design of a tyrannic domination lurk in the claim of an extravagant liberty!

A disposition to preserve, and an ability to improve, taken together, would be my standard of a statesman.

Magnanimity in politics is not seldom the truest wisdom, and a great empire and little minds go ill together.

Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites.

Nothing in progression can rest on its original plan. We may as well think of rocking a full-grown man in the cradle of an infant.

Treatment of Frozen Trees.

The Ohio Experiment Station sends out the following: A number of inquiries have come to the Ohio Experiment Station concerning the best method of treatment of fruit trees which have been injured by freezing. It may be said, in the beginning, that a frozen branch is of no use to the tree, and the best thing that can be done is to remove all parts that are seriously affected. The questions which naturally arise are "When should pruning be done and how much of the top shall be removed?"

It is well to wait until it is possible to determine about how much injury has been done, as shown by the discolored wood and shriveled bark. Usually one warm spell is a sufficient length of time to wait, but it is possible to defer the work too long, as the frozen wood seems to have a deleterious effect upon the sound parts, if not removed before growth commences. During March and in many cases even as late as April, the pruning should be done. The quantity of wood to be removed will be determined, in most cases, by the extent of the injury; but in the case of peach and some varieties of plum trees an important exception may be mentioned. These ought to be pruned more severely than merely to remove injured wood, except where they are killed to the ground line, and in such a case it is doubtful if they can be saved at all.

Peach trees which are from three to five years old and have never been pruned to any extent need special attention. In case the limbs of such trees does not extend beyond the twigs and small branches, the best thing that can be done is to cut off all the branches to within one or three feet of the body of the tree. A tree five years old, which has been allowed to grow at will, may have long, slender branches, six to ten feet in length, with most of the fruit-bearing wood near the extremities. Such a tree needs topping, even if a crop has to be sacrificed in order to get it into proper shape. To cut off half the top from such a tree will improve succeeding crops and prolong the life of the tree. This puts the pruning upon a different basis. It is to be done not merely to remove dead wood, but to get the trees into shape for future usefulness. With this object in view the trees are to be so pruned that they can carry the next crop of fruit without breaking down. Of course it will be necessary to cut off limbs of considerable size, in many cases, and it will not be possible to avoid naked stubs.

This can be remedied the next season, however, at which time surplus branches may be removed also. Incidentally, it should be stated that some cutting back is necessary each season, in order to keep the trees in proper form. This method of pruning peach trees has so many advantages, that the loss of this season's crop will really prove to be a blessing to those who take advantage of the present opportunity to get trees into proper shape. In case of young trees which have been planted only one or two years, it may be found that the injury extends to the trunk, and possibly to near the ground. If there is life above the bud union, it is going to do best to cut the entire top away as far as there appears to be injury, and start a new top. If cut off early in the season, however, the stump is apt to become dry, as shown by cracking. To prevent this it is best to cover the stump with wax, or some material that will prevent the escape of moisture.

American and Japanese varieties of plums should be treated in the same manner as peach trees, and possibly sweet cherries also. Apple and pear trees will probably need no pruning of the kind mentioned.

Bottled Milk in New York.

The demand for bottled milk is growing in New York, and to all except the cheap trade milk is not used in this form, says Country Gentleman. The milk is bottled both in the city after it has been shipped in forty-quart cans, and in the country on the farm. The highest-class dairies have their milk bottled on the farm, but cheap imitators of them bottle it in the city. When bottled on the farm, one-third of the contents of the bottle usually shows cream, and as many customers judge their milk by the amount of apparent cream on the top, this method should prove the most satisfactory. It may cost a trifle more to ship a box of forty quart bottles to the city than a can of forty quarts; but in the end the milk is apt to be better and is less likely to be tampered with. One of the most successful dairy companies in the city seals the top of the milk bottle at the dairy, and advises its customers to refuse to take any with the seal broken. This is certainly an effective way of getting around the small retailer who frequently waters his milk. The standard price of milk has been 8 cents a quart here for many years; but there are plenty of stores which sell milk at 5 and 6 cents a quart. This is all can milk, and is never sold for less than 7 or 8 cents in bottles.

The Jug Watering Trough.

I water my chickens in jars or jugs, putting them out in different places, so the fowls will always have plenty of water, says a correspondent of Nebraska Farmer. Fill jar or jug and turn it bottom side up on a plate. Put under the mouth of the jar some little pieces of iron like small nails to raise it up, just high enough to let the water out, but be careful that you do not raise it too high or the water will all run out. If you do not put something under it the air will shut off the water. The jug will tip over very easily so you will have it to drive some stakes down to hold it bottom up. Now, I don't say this is the best way for every one to water fowls. It is for me.

Poultry Science.

Successful poultry breeding, and breeding with an object, is a science. It calls into action the best energies of a man who is possessed of the requisite "grey matter," to so mate his birds that their progeny will possess standard markings to as equally a high degree or to a greater extent than the parent stock. How to accomplish the desired results in mating the breeding stock is the last rung in the ladder, not yet reached, but sought by all who are possessed with the spirit of a real fancier.—Ex.

Fewer eggs will be gathered if the hens are crowded.