The Decline of Matrimony.

A contributor in addition to that of Cousin Henri Bouvier to the New York World on the subject of young women and matrimony. Girls no longer desire to get husbands as they used to, says Mr. Bouvier. "A new order of the sex has arisen since the civil war." It is partly owing to the fact that they earn their own living nowadays and do not need to look to men to support them. This is not flattering to men—the instinctive feeling of women have only taken husbands as a means of support, and now that so many trades and professions are open to them they choose a more agreeable means of maintenance—but if a masculine writer puts it forward as a reason, the rest of the world will not quarrel with him.

Another reason adduced by Mr. Bouvier is the prevalence and publicity of divorce suits. Formerly, before divorce was so common, wives buried their grievances in their own breasts and would have died before letting the world know of them. But now that they can get redress they no longer keep the doubtful side to themselves, but sometimes even on appeals it is polite to be free. This frightens off girls from marriage, oftentimes just those who would make the noblest wives. Again it is a man who says these things, we would counsel our readers. Mr. Bouvier, however, makes some amends for turning against his own sex when he says in conclusion that he does not think but women would still be delighted to marry if they could find anybody anywhere near their ideal husbands. Then he spoils it all again by asking, "But what woman can count on that?"

If you want good laws, elect good men to make them.

The Fifty-second congress added 600 new laws to the list on the United States statute books.

"Boomers, cattle and Indians" must clear out of the Cherokee strip till the president declares it open.

One of the acts of the late congress was to authorize the construction of a new cruiser, three gunboats and one line of torpedoes. These will be the great additions to our navy after the completion of those at present under construction. The gunboats are intended for shoaling waters where the large cruisers cannot go.

There was good question the Yale and Princeton debaters found for their great March year-closing "Resolved, that the peaceful annexation of Canada will be beneficial to the United States." Such questions account to college students with matters which they must need to know. It would be well, too, if every country neighborhood could contain a debating society at which all the people took part in the discussion of all questions of current public interest. If this were done we should not have so many old bachers in the country on the one hand or so much foul brewing in state legislatures on the other.

A bill is before a state legislature prohibiting the imprisonment of children under 10 years old with adults. The imprisonment of children under 10 years old at all ought to be prohibited. It is monstrous, almost fit to rank in barbarity along with the system which has allowed boys of 10 years to be executed according to the law which hangs murderers. The children have in some cases gone to gallows as to a picnic, without the faintest realization of what death meant. One year, half within little so age lad asked anybody if hanging hurt much. The moral sentiment is the last set and noblest to be developed. Children under 15 cannot be controlled by it, for except in the court of crime it is yet latent in them. Where they commit crimes there is sometimes even a lack of mental development, sometimes an unfortunate bent toward cruelty and moreover which must be eradicated by years of the best and most careful education. When children under 10 must feel these abnormal and criminal tendencies, they should be sent to a reformatory, not to a prison. Taken away from hardened criminals, away from evil influences, with only restraint enough to keep them from doing any more injury, they can be made nearly always into useful citizens. That is what will be done with them in 1893.

Eggs For Hatching.

There is no certain way of determining by the outward appearance of an egg whether it will produce a pullet or a cockerel. The old fashioned idea—the "Round eggs produce pullets, long eggs cockerels"—is a fallacy. In selecting eggs for hatching purposes, especially when designed for an artificial incubator, extreme care should be exercised. Very round, also very pointed, eggs should be rejected, as might also be an very small all even large ones are not equal all observed specimens. Double eggs rarely hatch, will often prove fertile for incubator. Medium sized eggs, other things being equal, are more generally fertile than others. Eggs with rough or brittle shells are bad, and cracked, misshapen eggs indicate a diseased condition of the hen. Perfectly pure laid eggs need be used for incubator work, and they are to be preferred rather from, though in the latter case older eggs will hatch.

Wheatless.

Wheatless are for farmers in spite of supplying a club brother and hard to partially in low, damp, cold soils. Sodden on the edges of grass and partially other herbaceous plants. They probably require a little more than three years to develop from the egg to the adult. No thoroughly practical method of distinguishing the sexes has as yet been discovered. Their numbers may be reduced by fall plowing, and their haunts rendered inhospitable by a mixed solution of clay and by ammonia bottoms. Where fields of corn are infested and perhaps small enough it is advisable to a bushels thus the Ohio station, to place the seed rows between the old rows, allowing the latter to stand as long as possible in order to hold the attention of the swarm and keep them diverted from the later plants.

Agricultural Notes.

Vermont maple sugar makers have recently formed an organization of which Frank Benfield of Burlington is the president. They propose to make a creditable exhibit at the Chicago exposition.

Regulations concerning cattle transportation and dealing from Pen. 15 have been issued by Secretary Rusk to the managers and agents of railroad and transportation companies of the United States, stockyards and others.

The New England Farmer is authority for the statement that "the condition of the average farmer in New England, all things considered, is much better than that of the average farmer in most other sections of the country."

The loss to the farmers of Michigan in 1892 from worst of oats is estimated at over $1,000,000.

The most important domestic sources of potash are wood ashes, commercial ball ashes, tobacco dust and tobacco stems.

One of the easiest and best ways of supplying charcoal when needed is by burning a few ears of corn in the oven.

Damp and muddy yards are a prolific cause of disease. Give the fowls a dry place to run and work.

Loss of turkeys in winter season caused either by wind of green food or no fresh bulk. Let these remain, therefore, be properly supplied, removing the fowls, if possible, to a grass run. For local application some recommend mercurial ointments, but we prefer an unguent composed of sulphur and cresote. Nothing, however, will restore the feathers before the next moult, says The American Poultry Yard.

The points of the compass can be told from trees by very simple observations. The side of the tree upon which moss is found is the north. If the tree be exposed to the sun its heaviest and longest limbs will be on the south side.

In accordance with the wishes of the postal general of France, the product of Schnoet-Marus has ordered the destruction of the barberry in this department, as it is thought to concur not upon wheat, and thus injures agriculture.

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