for our essay as one that has commanded as yet but little attention in our section of country, and is capable of being discussed to profit by all classes in an agricultural community. Fruit culture in its broadest sense, embraces most that is grown on the farm; but as commonly spoken of, it is divided into two classes; those growing on trees or large fruit, and those on vines or bushes, or small fruits. The culture of the latter has always been recommended to the control of the latter has always been recommended. for those owning small properties or in close proximity to a ready market. down, and when the floor is laid all There is nothing that yields a more sure or liberal return for the labor and capi- The finishing of the surface is thus pertal invested than a small farm devoted to the production of small fruits and cement and seven parts of sharp sand vegetables, when near a large city or smaller manufacturing village. But so added sufficient to make a thin mortar. far as the wants of a large part of the This is quickly spread over the paved farmers themselvs are concerned there floor and worked into the spaces be-is perhaps no other class of our citi-tween the stones with an old stiff corn zens, with equal facilities for supplying their tables, that are content to do fill the spaces evenly, and with the without these luxuries as much as some broom a fair smooth surface is formed of the farmers themselves. We regard fruit of all sorts in its seasons as not stones are seen. A thin wash of pure only one of the luxuries, but also as cement is spread over the whole, and it one of the necessities of life, as a liber- is left to dry. The next day a coating al use of ripe fruit is always conducive of hot gas-tar is laid upon it until no to health. But at the present time more is absorbed, and fine sand scatterwhen we are looking about us to see ed upon it. Then we have a floor that what can be done to lessen the expenses, will last indefinitely if only care has farms, we see no opening that presents and to ram the stones down solidly. a more favorable outlook than the more and lt is entirely rat-proof, dry, and theregeneral culture of the apple, pear and fore healthful. This floor is also pig-

with careful culture, they generally pay a good interest on the investment. But surface is solely a ground floor, and the apple and pear are as yet subject to but few diseases in this latitude; and our proximity to good markets, makes us quite sure of a profitable return for our crops. Most farmers that have given up apple culture as unprofitable, have done so because they never gave the subject enough attention to make i pay. The culture of peaches on our Eastern Shore has become a science, and gives employment to thousands of men, and the fruit has acquired a reputation that opens a market for it far north as it can be safely transported. Apples on the other hand, that grow here on our hills in as great perfection fat, bloody bits, lungs, &c., leaving the as in any other part of the globe are not raised in sufficient quantity to supply our home markets, and thousands of barrels have to be imported annually to supply our city markets, on which freight has to be paid from New York, from the inside of the turkey. Boil the New England or the great West.

Why is it that farmers, as a class, are so slow to take hold of a business that cannot fail to be profitable? Apples can be as cheaply grown as peaches; they do not require to be handled so quickly, and when properly marketed. will command as good a price. It is true, that apples grown in our State do not now command as good prices as some of those above spoken of, but this is nobody's fault but our own.

By years of care and culture, the apple trade of western New York has attained vast proportions and the fruit has an established reputation in market

All that is now needed to make all our hill country valuable as a fruit region is to plant more, cultivate more, and give more care to handling, sorting and marketing the fruit. There is hardly a farm but what might devote twice as much to fruit as they now do without diminishing their yield of grain or grass, and with the proper care in or grass, and with the proper care in always sending to market a uniform at the good old-fashioned hour of 12; and reliable article of fruit, there is no therefore my reason for advising you reason that Cecil county apples might to get it all ready to stuff the day benot have as good a reputation in our wholesale market as Cecil county hay ter, when we are supposed to eat such now has, and yield as good a profit to things. the producer. The orchard is not so exhaustive on the soil, does not require platter, remember to take out the thread such hard labor and can be attended to used to sew up the bird before roasting, in the way of manuring and pruning as I have seen the carver very much in Winter, when other work is not pressing. We could give you the profit of in it. After the gravy is thickened and a few acres in orchard from actual sales, but as this essay is long enough fat rise and remove every spoonful of for terms, circulars, &c., to J. B. Tord & Co. New a few acres in orchard from actual cooked, pour into a bowl, and let the

STABLE FLOORS.

floors of stables depends much of the comfort of the stock and economy in saving manure. Nothing is more detrimental to the health of farm animals than foul earthen stable floors. They than foul earthen stable floors. They are saturated with liquid manure, they are always damp, an unhealthy moldy smell constantly pervades them, and millions of the germs of possibly poisonous fungoid growths are constantly inhaled. It is no wonder that there are in consequence constant blood disorders or bronchial or lung diseases. Besides, the appearance and the comfort of the animals are sacrificed, because cleanliness is impossible under the circumstances. We very early in our experience discovered this, and for many years were constantly experimenting to discover the best stable floor. There are two of which we can hardly determine which is the better. One of these is a double plank floor. The bottom plank is of hemlock—which is as good any if kept dry, and is the cheapest—ten feet long and two inches thick if as any if kept dry, and is the cheapest—ten feet long and two inches thick if the herd good feed if you would have for single stalls. This lower floor being laid is well saturated with hot gas-tar, and the upper layer of plank, also of hemlock, which under these circumstances is durable; and which does not be- lutely certain that the deficiency in the come so smooth or slippery as oak or harvests of Europe will make necessary yellow pine, and is therefore safer, are the purchase of 150 million bushels of laid upon it. They are first coated upon the under side with the tar, then laid so that the joints are broken and largest proportion of this vast quantity finally firmly spiked down. These planks should be 1 1-2 inch thick and 7 Without trespassing upon our own refeet long. They form the bed of the quirements, at least as to wheat, we stall, of which 2 1-2 feet are occupied by the feed-trough, and 4 1-2 feet give standing room for the cow. At the ends of this bed or floor of the stall is a depression 1 1-2 inch deep, into which all the manure drops or drains. This may be made of one with that it do not be the control of the stall is a depression 1 1-2 inch deep, into which all the manure drops or drains. This which may result from the rise in price. There is a wholesale demand for writing the stall is a wholesale demand for writing the stall is a control of the stall is a depression of the profits and the stall is a depression of the stall is a dependent of the stall is a dept may be made of any width that is desirable. When the stalls are single two feet is a sufficient width, with a of their crops they will secure it.

sidewalk of one foot wide. stalls are double four feet will give lenty of room. The depressed porion of the floor should be kept well coated with gas-tar and sprinkled with sand while the tar is hot. The tar is a jon, Md. sand while the tar is hot. The tar is a great preservative of the wood. Such floor is quite impervious to water, We have chosen the above caption and is equally good for a hog-pen as for a cow-stable. For horses, the floor should be laid with the best white oak,

hemlock being too soft to stand contact with the shoe calks. The other floor is the cobble-stone and cement floor. The floor being DR. R. F. TULL. graded with a gentle slope, or half an inch to the foot, is paved with cobblestones selected for evenness of size and loose sand is to be swept off from it. formed. One part of good hydraulic

as well as increase the profits of our been taken to make a solid foundation peach. The latter, it is true, is rather proof, and suitable for hog-pens which an uncertain crop of late years; but have nothing beneath them but the surface is solely a ground floor, and

HOW TO ROAST A TURKEY.

cannot be used over a cellar,

To be able to send a roast to the table n good shape is quite an accomplishment. I well remember years ago how I dreaded roasting a turkey. Now, it is an easy dinner-practice makes perfect. When you are to have one for dinner, When you are to have one for dinner, get it all ready to stuff the day before. Pick out the pin-feathers; singe it over inside perfectly clean. Be very careful and not break the gall in taking out the liver-it almost spoils your stuffing, as no amount of washing can remove it heart, gizzard and liver until tender; chop very fine, and add to the stuffing, which make of stale bread if you have it-if not, of crackers pounded fine. Season with salt, pepper, sage, and but-ter. Mix with boiling water, being very careful not to put in too much, as

wery careau not to put in too much, as the Leauty of stuffing is to be dry. When right, add one beaten egg. After the turkey is stuffed, rub it all over thoroughly with salt, under the wings and thighs, that it may be well seasoned and cooked, as many are exceedingly fond of the brown, crisp skin, which is much nicer to be salted before cooking. Bind the wings down with that brings customers, and generally wrapping cord. The the legs together at remunerative prices. Our own ob- and tie them to the body of the bird. and tie them to the body of the bird. servation and experience for several I consider it a good plan to cut all the years past have proven to us that we trussing strings half an hour before can grow better fruit, that will retail at taking the turkey from the oven, that better prices than the same kind of apples grown further north; and by a careful selection of varieties, we can soon have enough that will also combine the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan, as the oily water soaks it and the pan. productiveness and good keeping qual- injures the flavor. If no cricket comes ities.

The only reason we are now deficient in winter apples is that we have trusted to northern growers to find us in hard wood strips half an inch square new varieties instead of improving our two, one foot long, and four, eight inches native sorts. No fruit will keep during long, for cross pieces—nailed together our Winter that is ripe before freezing an inch from each end—to be used in weather commences, and our longer roasting all kinds of ment—must be season ripens all fruit of a more northern origin, too perfectly to allow of their being held to profit for Winter sales. But this very circumstance to allow the fat to drip down and brown makes the fruit that we now have better upon the bottom of the pan. By this for Fall use, as we all know the super- means you obtain the much-prized iority of a ripe apple, to one prema- brown gravy with less trouble than the usual way of toasting flour for thicken-All that is now needed to make all ing. After you have put water in the one system, restores vigor to the debitated, cleaners and but the fowl frequently by dip-villated blood, removes visite obstructions and set

ter, when we are supposed to eat such When you remove the turkey to the we will defer many other points that might be made, for another occasion.

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