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THINNING FRUIT.

The next essential thing after you

have got your fruit started, says Mr. J.

H. Hale, the Connecticut fruit grower,

is a judicious thinning of it. I believe

the thinning of apples should begin

when they first begin to bear. A well

planted and well fed tree will begin to

bear early. Only let it bear a little. Al-

low some of the strength to go into the

development of the fruit buds for next

year. Next year thin pretty closely; then

by and by you will build up an orchard

that will have no off years in it. There

isn't an off year. It is because the ap-

ples are in the hands of an off man.

constant bearing.

Thinning constantly would bring it into

It is seed growing that exhausts the

vitality. There are no more seeds in a

large fruit than in a small one, and a

large one doesn't take any more vitality

out of a tree. If a Keiffer pear tree has

on it a thousand pears, and you take off

500 of them, the balance will weigh as

much as the whole of them and bring

more money, weakening the tree only

half as much. Our rule for thin-

ning peaches is not to leave one within

four inches of another. This covers the

ground with green fruit and looks like

destruction, but at the end of the season

there are more bushels than there would

the trees and put boys on them whose

bump of destructiveness is large, and tell them to go ahead. We begin when

the peaches are three-quarters of an inch

in diameter, and take everything that is

curculio stung and diseased. These we

cart away and burn. The rest that are

taken off are dropped on the ground and

left there. In future our three or four year old peach trees shall not bear over

250 peaches; our four or five year old

trees not over 300, and full grown trees

not over 500. That means six inches

apart; 500 peaches on a tree will make

six to eight baskets of fancy fruit. Three

thousand peaches to a tree won't make

more, nor sell for more money, and the

AN EXPRESSMAN'S HARVEST.

Queer Things the Northern Soldiers Sent

Home From the War.

principal express companies was during

the late war of the rebellion, when ev-

erything was sent and received by ex-

press, no matter what the cost. The

writer of this sketch had a varied and

somewhat tedious experience in the busi-

ness during that protracted disturbance.

and was witness to many scenes of som-

ber and many of a humorous character.

These were mostly seen in the returns

from the seat of war just after a battle.

action, or the capture of a rebel town,

the officers, as well as the men, made a

practice of sending home trophies they

had captured. These often were house-

hold effects of comparatively little val-

ne, and cost the recipients at home a

large tax for express transportation.

Sometimes live stock was sent, consist-

ing largely of dogs and donkeys, some-

times a singing bird, or fowls of pecul-

iar breed. On one occasion a stalwart

negro fellow was received at the Boston

office, sent by an officer who found he

could do nothing else with him and

thought he might be of use on his farm

at home. The grinning darky had a card

firmly fastened about his neck, giving

the address where to land him, with this

direction: "Feed and grub this nigger all that he needs."

rough boxes often piled up outside the

office containing the remains of the

boys in blue sent home for burial among

the scenes which they had left a short

time before for the southern battlefields.

These relies often proved a kurdensome

cost to their bereaved families at home.

We were always glad to forward remit-

tances of money to the oftentimes dis-

tressed ones at home. The business

transacted by some of the big expresses,

Adams & Co., for instance, was of enor-

mons proportions, and added largely to

the wealth of many proprietors, the ter-

rible war proving a godsend to them at

The Obedient Dog.

chronicler: "One of the most interest-

ing and at the same time truthful dog

stories we have heard for some time is

that told by Victor Peloquin, who keeps

a confectionery store on Bridge street.

Last winter he went to Canada and

brought back with him a little black

and tan dog, the gift of his father. All

went well for about a month, when he

had occasion to reprove him for some

trivial offense, telling him in French to 'go home.' He saw no more of his dog

and was greatly surprised recently to

receive a letter from his father in Can-

ada, informing him that the dog had

returned. He was three months in mak-

ing the journey."-Hartford Courant,

At Oxford there is what is called "chancellor ale," brewed out of 16

bushels of malt to the barrel, and so

strong that two wineglassfuls will in-

toxicate most people. It is kept in oak,

Here is a dog story by a Putnam

least.—Boston Transcript.

It was sad, however, to see the

The greatest harvest reaped by the

trees are ruined. - Hartford Times.

Thin by hand. Put stepladders under

Baking ABSOLUTELY PURE

SELF DEFENSE.

The Law Relating Thereto Laid Down by It Makes a More Profitable Crop and Saves the Supreme Court.

A United States district judge in Arkansas instructed a jury that everywhere except within his own house the law requires a man to run away and do his best to escape from an assailant before killing him. The judge further said that when assaulted on his own premises, but outside of his house, a man must show his sense of danger by efforts to escape before his plea that he killed his assailant to save himself from great bodily harm can be accepted.

This instruction was handed down from ancient times when weapons of assault consisted of knives, bludgeons, swords, etc., which an active man had some chance of escaping. But it is not applicable to these days of revolvers and winchesters, whose bullets no man can dodge or outrun, and the United States supreme court has sent it to the black letter lumber garret.

The man sentenced to eight years imprisonment by the Arkansas judge obtained from the supreme court an order for a new trial under a new instruction. This new instruction declares that wherever a man may be, if he has a right to be there and if he has not himself provoked the assault, the law justifies him in standing his ground and killing his assailant provided the provable circumstances are such as to satisfy a jury that he had reasonable grounds for believing and acted on the belief that the killing was necessary to protect

himself from great bodily harm. Putting any further limitation on the right to kill in self defense would abolish it altogether. Arkansas is only one of the many states in which a man may have to decide very hastily whether he shall be tried for killing a fellow citizen or let the fellow citizen be tried for killing him. In these cases, with his attention excitedly fixed on his assailant, he has no time to get legal advice or to study the necessities of the situation through the eyes of bystanders. Court and jury will do that afterward, and he is under restraint enough when he knows that in saving himself from the peril of the moment he incurs the further peril of having to satisfy a jury that his act as justified by the circumstances.—New York World.

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AT THE ARMY'S HEAD

GENERAL NELSON A. MILES WILL SOON ASSUME THAT PLACE.

He Was Not Graduated From West Point, and He Is the Youngest Man but One to Become Commander In Chief-His Career In Brief.

General Nelson A. Miles, now in command of the military department of the east, with headquarters on Governors island, in New York harbor, who is to assume command of the entire army upon the impending retirement of General Schofield, will be the first officer not a graduate of West Point to reach that high place. He will also be the youngest general, excepting General Phil Sheridan, who has ever been at the head of Uncle Sam's military forces. General Sheridan was but 52 years old when he died. General Miles is 57, and as 64 is the retirement age has seven years of active service before him.

Nelson A. Miles was 22 when the war broke out, having been born in 1839 at Westminster, Mass. The little red schoolhouse was the source of his earliest education, and the 'course he received there was supplemented by the training of the village academy. At 16 he left the academy and went to Boston, where he got a place as clerk or salesman in a dry goods store. Among his ancestors were numbered some of the old time fighters of the republic, and a love for



teristics even when a boy. In 1860, when there seemed to be some prospect of civil war, he joined in with a number of other young men and formed an organization which took military instructions from an old French officer. He was therefore fairly well trained in military matters when hostilities broke out, and upon enlisting was made a captain in the Twenty-second Massachusetts infantry.

With this regiment he joined the Army of the Potomac and served throughout the peninsula campaign. He attained the rank of colonel in the short 22 years old.

At Fredericksburg he was wounded in the neck, and at Chancellorsville received a severe wound in the groin and leg. being so badly hurt that he had to be carried from the field. This injury kept Miles from active service for some time, and it was due to it that he was not present at the battle of Gettysburg, the Sometimes after a victorious Federal only important engagement in which faith in the pills is increased by the the Army of the Potomac took part at which he was not present. At Spottsyl- I have never felt the least indication vania he was in the thick of the fight, and in the closing operations of the war, including the action at White Oak Ridge and the pursuit of Lee, Miles still further distinguished himself. When the war closed, he was brevetted a,brigadier gen- and I think that a number of them eral of the regular army in special recognition of his services at Chancellorsville. Later he received a full commission as brigadier general of volunteers for his services at the Wilderness and Spottsylvania.

When there was no more fighting to be done in the south, Miles having signified a desire to continue his military career, he was made a colonel in the regular army and assigned to command the Fortieth infantry. In 1869 he was transferred from that command to the Fifth infantry. Application was made by the interior department in 1874 to the war department for punishment of hostile It. ans wherever found, and it was then that Miles' career as an Indian fighter began. Before the year was over he had inflicted exemplary punishment upon the Kiowas, Comanches and Cheyennes in southern Kansas. In 1876, and shortly after the Custer massacre, Miles and his regiment were ordered to the Yellowstone valley, in eastern Montana. Generals Terry and Crook were in the field, but had not succeeded in doing much, although they had 4,000 seldiers. Soon after Miles arrival they withdrew, and then, late in the fall, Miles began his campaigns against Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. In 1877 Miles did excellent work along the Red water, among the Wolf mountains and in the Roseoud valley, and in the same year practically wiped out the Nez Perces, under Chief-Joseph. In 1878 he cast gated the Bannocks. The next winter he passed in the east as a member of the army equipment board, but in 1879 he did more and ef-

feetive Indian fighting. Shortly after his victories in 1879 he was made a brigadier general in the regular army, and was in command at first of the department of the Columbia and then the department of the Missouri. In 1886 and 1887 he captured Geronimo after Crook had failed, and was then assigned to the division of the Pacific, and in 1890, on the death of General Crook, was made major general, with headquarters at Chicago. That winter he broke up the ghost dances in Dakota, and since then there have been no Indian disturbances worth mentioning. He was placed in command of the

department of the east last year. In 1868 General Miles was married to Miss Mary Sherman, a niece of Senator John Sherman. Their daughter, Miss Cecilia Miles, is a charming woman, and the son. Sherman Miles, is a sturdy hid in his certir toess.

A VETERAN EDITOR.

R. B. AVERY WAS A NEWSPAPER MAN BEFORE THE WAR.

Health Shuttered by Hardship-Suffered all That Man Could Stand, and

Finally Won the Fight.

From the Examiner, San Francisco, Cal. ard B. Avery, now residing at 345 practice, and the practice is for a surscure, At the opening of the civil war Rich-Thirteenth street, San Francisco, was an associate editor on the Chicago Times. Chicago was not then the great commercial and industrial center that she is today, nor had the Times even begun to be the great representative journal of the inland metropolis, as it has become in late years under the control and direction of the late Carter Harrison. At that time Mr. Avery was a man 30 years of age, and had come to his position as an editorial writer after twenty years of service in various branches of the newspaper business, having begun his apprenticeship as a compositor at 10 years of age. When President Lincoln issued the first call for volunteers, Mr. Avery threw aside all the bright prospects which lay before him in the journalistic field and joined his fortunes with those of the North. He enlisted as a volunteer and fought with the Union army until the close of the war. He took part in some of the fiercest battles of the war, and when he received his discharge was considerably broken down in health. By continued exposure to the severe weather that prevailed during

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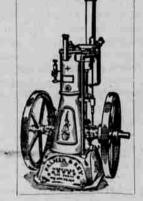
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