



FARM AND GARDEN

A Delicious Fruit.
A type of berry in cultivation in but few places is the dewberry, which is a trailing form of the blackberry. The best dewberry is the Lucretia—named in 1875 in honor of Mrs. Lucretia Garfield. The fruit is early, of large size, and attractive in appearance and its reclining habit of growth makes it valuable, as it affords opportunity for



CLUSTER OF LUCRETIA DEWBERRIES.

winter protection. It is very fruitful. The canes and lower sides of the leaves are very thorny, which makes picking very unpleasant, but proper pruning and mulching largely overcome this. Trellising is often resorted to and for small plantations can be easily adopted, but for field culture it is not deemed advisable. It is usual to plant about four feet apart each way and cultivate until the new canes get so long as to prevent it. The old canes are removed any time after fruiting, but if trellises are used the young canes are not tied up until the next spring. In the north, it is well to protect with light covering during winter. A mulch is often placed under the canes to keep berries clean and the weeds down.—Farm and Home.

Care of the Icebox.

The care of a refrigerator involves more than the obvious necessity of seeing that no accumulation of food is allowed to spoil therein. A prudent housewife will likewise direct that the ice itself, in extreme heat, be covered with newspapers, than which there is no better preventive of its rapid melting away. She will see that the shelves are frequently scoured and kept perfectly sweet, but that no hot water is employed for this purpose. She will give orders that the drinking water be cooled by being placed under the ice, and not by having the ice put into it. And, last of all, she will endeavor to convince the maids that there is no magic preservation on top of the refrigerator and that that particular spot is quite as warm as any other part of the storeroom; also that the coolest place in the box underneath is underneath the ice—that is, on those shelves beneath it—and not, as so often supposed, on top of it. Thus, anything placed over the cake of ice is much warmer than what is put away within the refrigerator.—St. Louis Republic.

Roadside Watering Place.

A simple plan for making an attractive wayside watering place is shown in the illustration here reproduced from the Country Gentleman. A hoghead



A ROADSIDE WATERING PLACE.

contains the water that is brought to it by a pipe. The sides and top are boxed in, and a roof is carried up over the whole. Over this vines are trained until the little building is fairly hidden by them. It may be thought that this is considerable trouble to take for a watering place, but everything that enhances the beauty of a roadside enhances the value of the property adjacent to it and increases the respect of travelers for those who live adjacent. Well constructed roads, well kept roadsides, attractive watering places and properly marked guideposts indicate the vicinity of cultured, thrifty up-to-date residents.

Clover Hay.

Clover is at its best when in fullest blossom, but is better cut two days too early than one day too late. But do not cut it when wet with dew or rain, and let most of the making be done in the windrow or cock. Cut in the middle of the afternoon, it may be raked together right away after dinner the next day, and should be put into cocks

before the dew "falls." We like the hay caps, but good hay can be made without them. If the weather is not too bad, let stand in the cocks for two days, and when open out, and when dry, bunch tighter and haul to barn. Clover hay should not be trampled as it goes into the mow. Neither should successive forks be dropped in one place. Do the trampling next day, or just before the next hauling commences. This is to let the steam pass up and out into space. Keep the barn closed as much as possible.—Hoard's Dairyman.

Butter Making.

In a close, crowded and ill-ventilated stable, where there is too little air space for each animal, the air becomes foul from the exhalations, and this affects the milk, as well as the health of the animals. The remedy in this case is to provide more room for the stock and better ventilation. The stable should be kept as clean as possible, and the cows well bedded and clean. The utmost cleanliness should be observed in milking. All dirt should be brushed from the cow before beginning to milk, and it is best to dampen the udder and flank of the cow, so as to prevent the dust and fine dirt from falling into the milk. The milk should be strained immediately after milking, and not allowed to stand in the cow stable any.

A good strainer is indispensable, and one of cloth is much better than one of wire gauze. Milk pails should always be made of tin, and the seams should be soldered smooth, so that there will be no places for the dirt to lodge where it will be difficult to remove. They, as well as other dairy utensils, should be thoroughly cleaned every time after using. Tin articles should be washed first in cool, then in hot water, and after that thoroughly scalded with boiling water or steam. They should then be dried in fresh air, and, if possible, in the sunlight. In cleaning the butter bowl, ladle, worker, churn and any other wooden utensil, they should be first washed with hot water, then scalded with boiling water and steam.

Feeding for the Fair.

"In fitting Berkshire for the show ring select good animals to start with. Place the show herd to themselves on good pasture. Feed ground corn and ground oats of equal weights, and to this add equal bulk of shorts and bran. Feed just what the pigs will eat up clean. The feed should be soaked well, but not allowed to sour. Feed twice a day to within four weeks of the fairs, then feed three times a day. Should the pasture become dry, feed stock heats, and give plenty of exercise. I have made more sales as a result of showing at the fairs than by any other mode of advertising. We have always got our share of the premiums, competing with all breeds in the sweepstakes ring."—Farmer and Breeder.

A Summer Hog Pen.

The swine quarters are often in buildings connected with the house, and in such cases are likely to become offensive during the warm weather of summer. It is wise in such a case to con-



FOR THE HOGS.

struct summer quarters out in the orchard. The cut gives a suggestion for a cheap little house and yard. The end of the yard has a sloping top, so that the pigs can lie out of doors from the sun. The roof of the little house can be of matched lumber and left unshingled.

Co-operation.

There should be more co-operation among the farmers; co-operation in buying, as well as in selling. Hearty, intelligent co-operation is the farmer's only weapon of defense against the middleman, the speculator and the commission man. By co-operation there is retained in the community not only all the profit which the speculator and commission man make, but also the wages which are paid to the men who do all the labor of handling the produce. Let us talk the matter over until every one is interested in it, and has some outlined plan of association.—The Agriculturist.

Fatten Old Hens.

The hens that cease laying and which are intended for market, need not be sold at a loss. Just before selling them let them be confined for ten days or two weeks, and give them all the wheat in the morning and corn at night that they can eat, with a mixed ration at noon. Do not confine them in coops, but put a number together in a yard. They will, if made fat, not only be a pound or two heavier, but bring more than the market price per pound.—Maine Farmer.

Kill the 'quash Worms.

Two years ago, after losing a half-dozen hills of squash by the little white worms which destroyed the vines, I experimented somewhat with the remaining twenty hills. Procuring some crude carbolic acid, I saturated some soft paper and old rags with it and placed a piece near the stem of each vine, putting a stone upon it to keep it in place. As an additional precaution, I put mosquito netting over all, and never lost a bill afterwards.—Agric. turist.

Narrow-Leaved Plantain.

This is a bad weed in pastures and meadows, though as it is easily killed it is not troublesome in cultivated ground. It is called by English farmers lamb's tongue, and when cut it should be cut or the field plowed before it seeds, as the seeds are very numerous. When the ground is once well seeded with this weed it is never after free from it.

Electric Heating.

The extension in progress in the various applications of electric heat is hardly realized by the general public. A great number of electric heating apparatus are being supplied by the manufacturers for shoe-making machinery, heating silk-finishing rolls and leather-working machinery, and during the past year and a half alone 14,000 electric car heaters have been installed. A blankbook manufacturer has had in use since 1894 from 35 to 40 electric glue pots, and starch-makers are now employing electric-heat apparatus extensively. In one piano manufactory in Baltimore 30 electric heaters were recently placed and nearly all the large clothing houses of the country now do most of their work in certain departments by electric irons. Such irons have also been supplied to state asylums in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Maine and Maryland. Electric radiators are found very convenient where it is desired to heat a room, or a corner of it, for a limited period, as the heat can be instantly turned off or on. One of the most popular uses of electric heating today is for curling-iron sets. Three hundred and eighty-seven of these were ordered for the dressing rooms of two combined New York hotels, 72 sets for a Boston hotel and a large number for the American line of steamers across the Atlantic.

River and canal improvement is an important subject in France. One of the latest propositions is to improve the Loire and its canals at a cost of \$24,000,000. The Rhone and Garonne have already been improved and the heavy expenditure is justified by results.

Professor Forbes calculates that the first cataract of the Nile at Digh Nile represents 500,000 horse-power, and at low Nile 35,000 horse-power.

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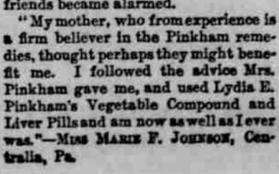
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ABOUT IRREGULARITY.

A Chat With Miss Marie Johnson.

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FLASHES OF FUN.

People whose opinions amount to anything never like to see a man without means blow himself just to keep up with the procession.

"Does your minister practice what he preaches?" "He has preached it so often he doesn't need to practice it any more."—Detroit Journal.

"Walter, it is almost half an hour since I ordered that turtle soup." "Sorry, sir, but you know how slow turtles are."—London Tld-Bits.

Bas—Was that baby talk your wife was talking as I came in? Fogg—That was mother talk; no baby I ever saw indulged in such gibberish.—Boston Transcript.

The Chaperon—You should never run down your friend, my dear. The Chaperoned—No danger of that; they can all beat me at scorching.—New York Evening Journal.

Doctor (to female patient)—You have a slight touch of fever; your tongue has a thick coat.— Patient (excitedly)—Oh, doctor, do tell me how it fits.— Fact and Fiction.

Mistress—Now, you must always sweep well behind the doors, Mary. Mary—Yes'm, trust me for that; I's the only way one can get the dust out of sight.—Pick-Me-Up.

Teacher—I want each of you to make a sentence, using the word "delight" in it. Small boy (colored)—De wind come in de winder an' blowed out de light.—Philadelphia Ledger.

He—I wonder if that couple are married. She—Certainly not. He—How can you tell? She—Why, they've been talking to each other for nearly half an hour.—New York World.

"Is this a healthy portion of the State?" asked a traveler in Arkansas. "Well, I should say it is. There has been nobody hung about here in three months."—Texas Siftings.

Mrs. Sweet—Do you find it economical to do your own cooking? Mrs. Burnum—Oh, yes; my husband doesn't eat half as much as he did when we had a cook.—Boston Traveler.

"We have much new and valuable information concerning the Hittites, the Hivites, the Jebusites and the Moabites." His friend—How about the Mosquitobites?—Household Words.

"Poor chap! Bright fellow, but a hopeless idiot, I judge, from his talk." "No, indeed; he's merely quoting a little passage from the latest Scotch novel."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Clara—Are you not afraid, Maud, to marry old Dodderly? I hear he gets horribly jealous without any cause. Maud—Don't be anxious, dear; I'll take care he never does that.—Pick-Me-Up.

"It's funny the shurref ain't scourin' the country for them stage robbers," said the postmaster. "I guess," ventured Rubberneck Bill, "that he ain't got the sand."—Indianapolis Journal.

Wiggins—What makes you so certain of Bawler's patriotism?—Boggs—Why, he just boils over with indignation when he hears of the wrongs of foreigners that we have no interest in.—Truth.

Widow—Is it true, captain, that a sailor has a wife in every port? Old Tar (savagely)—Madam, the sailor needs the time he has ashore for rest and amusement.—Philadelphia North American.

Professor—What is the best cure for prolonged emaciation? Medical student—Throw the patient in the air. Professor—Eh? What? Medical student—He'll come down plump.—New York Press.

"My good man, do you ever do anything to bring light and purity into the homes of your fellow men?" "Yus—lots." "You distribute tracts?" "No; I clean windows and beats carpets."—Illustrated Bits.

Mrs. De Style (for effect)—Norah! Norah! Did you put my jewel case away? Norah—Yis, mum, O! did. There on'y folve camphor balls lift in it. Shall I send for some more, mum?—New York Journal.

"George, I wish you'd leave this little package at the express office." "Me carry a bundle? I guess not. Besides, I've got to lug both my tires and a handle bar down to the repair shop."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He—You say you married a western man? She—Yes. "And that he never drinks?" "Never." "Nor smokes?" "No, sir." "Nor loses his temper?" "That's what I said." "When did he die?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Mickey Dorian—Hallo, Bill! How do you like being a caddie? Billy Nolan—Ah! I didn't like it at all, at all. First de feller he towld be ter kape me eye on de ball, den he gave me de ball in de eye.—Harper's Bazaar.

"I surely had a royal and noble time," said he recapitulating. "I had four kings, and in the row that ensued I had to put up my dukes and the up-shot of it all was that I was indicted on three counts."—Indianapolis Journal.

Teacher—Can you tell me in what year Caesar invaded Britain? Pupil—Yes'm. Teacher—What year was it? Pupil—You can't expect me to answer two questions in succession. That question belongs to the next in the class.—Boston Transcript.

"It seems to me," said one young woman "that Harold talks more clearly on the tariff than anyone else I have ever heard." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "He has the advantage of not knowing enough about it to get his ideas confused."—Washington Star.

"It's an Ill Wind," Etc. Brother Tom—Cheer up, Bobbie; I've got good news for yer. De doctor told mom is was noomonie wo't yer sick wid an' dat she desan't give yer a batf fer a month.—Judge.

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The German military authorities have decided that in future all bicycles for the army shall be constructed in the government establishments. The imperial gun factory at Spandau will accordingly be fitted up with the necessary machinery in the course of a few days.

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