



FARM AND GARDEN

Manure for Orchards.

So much mischief can be done by applying manures of the wrong kind in orchards, says the Agriculturist, that I doubt if we do not lose more by manuring than by neglecting to manure.

If barnyard manure is applied at any time, it should be thoroughly decomposed and applied as a top-dressing. Such manure, if placed about the roots, when planting a pear or apple tree, will kill it.

Covering a Wagon Seat.

Procure flannel, either black, blue or green, two dozen buttons for the top of cushion, and the same number for the bottom, black oilcloth for lining the "fall," a spool of stout linen thread, and a long darning needle at least five inches in length.

For the seat cut a narrow strip of oilcloth—buckram is better if you have it—for use as stiffening. Lay narrow tucks in the flannel, both lengthwise and crosswise, stitching them in.

To Pollinize Strawberries. A writer in the Rural New Yorker says that in raising strawberries to assist in securing pollenization, either for fruit for consumption or for the seed, swish an evergreen bush back and forth, just touching the plants lightly, doing this every day while in bloom.

Poultry Notes.

Drinking water often spreads disease. Fowls with colds or roup should not be allowed to drink with the others.

Common fowls can be greatly improved in size and vigor by selecting the best, and setting only eggs from the best layers.

Turkeys should not be confined while fattening. If they are fed plenty of corn and soft feed three times a day they will keep quiet enough and put on flesh very fast.

White corn is liked better than yellow by many turkey growers, who think it gives a clear white color to the flesh.

Millet as a Feed for Poultry.

Millet has not been regarded as favorably by poultrymen as it deserves as a food for poultry. It is said to be equal, if not superior, to any other

grain as a ration for all kinds of poultry. It is more fattening than wheat and should be carefully fed, and a very good way to avoid danger from it is to feed it unthreshed.

Ventilating the Cellar. A great mistake, says Medical Classics, is sometimes made in ventilating cellars and milk houses. The object of ventilation is to keep the cellars cool and dry, but this object often fails of being accomplished by a common mistake, and instead the cellar is made both warm and damp.

Nut-Bearing Trees. All the nut-growing trees do best when planted where they are to stand permanently, and all must be planted in the fall, as once the nuts become thoroughly dried their vitality is destroyed and they refuse to germinate.

Among all the nut trees none makes so quick a return as the chestnut when planted where conditions are favorable. The American chestnut is as good and sweet as any from any country, but the size of the nuts do not compare with the Japanese varieties.

The best way to secure Japanese chestnut trees is to plant native chestnuts and afterward graft Japanese scions on them. A similar plan was followed with a chestnut grove in New Jersey. The native trees were cut down and allowed to sprout up, and these sprouts were grafted with scions from Japanese chestnut trees.

Walnuts, hickory nuts or pecans are easily grown, the first two in the North and the last in the South. Walnut trees come into bearing in a few years where they are cultivated, and in course of time produce lumber of the most valuable kind.

The Sunflower. The sunflower is a native of North America, but it is more largely cultivated in foreign countries than in the United States. In Russia the seeds are to some extent parched and eaten in this country.

The Last Resort. "After all, a mother-in-law is a pretty good thing to have sometimes." "What wonderful experience have you been having lately?" "My wife was afraid to discharge our cook, and she wouldn't go for me, so we sent for Birdie's mother and turned her loose in the kitchen. They smashed some of the furniture, but the cook's gone."—Chicago News.

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TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE. A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and uncomfortable. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It rests and comforts; makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots.

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Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Queen Victoria has seen every throne in the world vacated at least once, some of them several times.

JOHN POOLE, PORTLAND, OREGON, can give you the best bargains in general machinery, engines, boilers, tanks, pumps, plows, belts and windmills. The new steel I X L windmill, sold by him, is unequalled.

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Men requiring unsurpassed treatment should consult personally or by letter "Free" with the manager or exclusive agent, Dr. Foote, in the United States. Diseases of men made the study of a life-time. Urinarians everywhere send everywhere in sealed packages and letters in plain envelopes.

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Precious manhood—Chronic, special and private diseases scientifically treated and cured by Dr. E. M. Ratcliffe, the champion specialist of the Pacific coast. Urinary and Kidney Troubles, Lost Manhood, Varicocele, Rupture, treated according to latest and best methods known to medical science.

Gave His Consent. The city clerk at Lewiston, Me., who always demands the written consent of parents before marrying minors, recently received the following unique letter: "Mr. Clerk, that girl of mine she want to be marry and I done care a darn. She got a feller and they earn ten dollars a week 'tween 'em. He good feller. She all right. You will marry them for me, and be much obliged."

Some wonderful stalactite caves have recently been discovered eight miles from Krugersdorf, in the Transvaal.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Fabucher, La., August 28, 1896.

The aggregate military expenditure of the British empire has advanced during the last 30 years from about \$25,250,000 to close upon \$50,000,000.

In Old Missouri. Mrs. Olive—It is rumored among the neighbors that your husband beat you last night. Is it true? Mrs. Poplar—There isn't a word of truth in the report. He struck at me several times, but failed to hit me. You know, he played with the St. Louis nine last season.—Chicago Evening News.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A bill-board before a church in Paisley, Scotland, contains this announcement: "Only short sermons delivered here. Excellent music. This is the place to save your soul and be happy. Walk in."

London is very much stirred up as to what it terms the "telephone monopoly," and a recent resolution of the highways committee asks of the postmaster-general categorically whether he does or does not intend to start "a really efficient telephone service in opposition to the monopoly."

English railway people have finally outgrown their prejudice and are adopting the American "cowcatcher" in the front of their engines. A recent accident, caused by a truck falling in front of an engine, and which a cowcatcher would have swept away, accelerated the adoption of the American idea.

Not long ago a Frenchman and a clause in his will set forth his desire to be conveyed to his last resting place in a motor car arranged as a hearse. Also near Marseilles there was held an "electric christening," wherein the party consisted of nine persons, who were conveyed to the church in an electric carriage.

A device designed for the greater comfort of wheelmen is a spring hat-pin, shaped similar to a hairpin and permanently attached to the rim of the hat, the points projecting inward. They are self-acting and adjust themselves to the contour of the head. They are hailed with delight by the male escorts, who have heretofore gallantly played the role of "hat chasers."

Wild Rush of Diamond Miners. A wild rush of excited miners is reported at Nullagine, Western Australia, where diamonds have been discovered in large quantities, and it is feared that many will lose their lives in the mad struggle for riches. In this country the rush for gain is causing many other men to break down in health and strength.

A law suit generally wears out at the pockets.

Will Get There. It is deep down to the Sciatic nerve, but St. Jacobs Oil will get there by vigorous rubbing, and will soothe the affected nerve and drive out the tormenting pains. The worst cases have been promptly cured.

Some women weary themselves gray trying to look young.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

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Even a poor writer can put a little style into his chirography by using stub pen.

No household is complete without a bottle of the famous Jesse Moore Whiskey. It is a pure and wholesome stimulant recommended by all physicians. Don't neglect this necessity.

Why does a woman always try to make you believe that her last season's hat is a new one?

Story Told on Liezt. There is a story told of Liezt to the effect that he was one day very hard on a pupil whose playing he condemned rather severely. The pupil said she had studied the piece under Mme. Schumann. To which Liezt replied: "Mme. Schumann, Mme. Schumann! Yes, you have learned from her how one plays the piano when one has six children—poor woman, six children! In such burgeois life any great interpretation is impossible. You must play this piece differently when I am your master. Thank God, I have not six children."

A Right of Burial. Despite the growing difficulty of finding space for the interment of public men within the walls of Westminster, at least one noble family still enjoys a prescriptive right of burial there. These are the Dukes of Northumberland, who have the exclusive use of a spacious vault in the Chapel of St. Nicholas. This vault, which was the last resting place of the Seymours, was opened as recently as 1883 to receive the remains of Lady Percy, the elder sister of the present duke.

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Locomotor Ataxia & Paralysis Can be Cured.

These extreme nervous disorders were treated with wonderful success by the discoverer of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, previous to his discovery being offered to the public generally. This remedy is the only known specific in many diseases that, until recent years, were pronounced incurable. Here is the proof:

James Crockett, a sturdy old Scotchman living in Detroit, Mich., at 88 Montclair St., was cured of Locomotor Ataxia by these pills. For many years he has been a chief engineer of one of those big passenger palace steamers plying upon the great lakes. This is a position of great responsibility and the anxiety causes a great nervous strain. Mr. Crockett says: "For fifteen years I watched the big engines and boilers without a single accident, and only noticed that I was getting nervous. Suddenly without warning I was taken sick, and was prostrated. I had the best of physicians but grew gradually worse. At a council of doctors, they said I had nervous prostration, and had destroyed my whole nervous system and would never recover. For three years I was unable to move from my bed. The doctor said I had locomotor ataxia, and would never be able to walk again."

"The pains and suffering I experienced during those years are almost indescribable. The friends that came to see me bid me good-bye when they left me and I was given up. The doctors said nothing more could be done. My wife kept reading to me, articles about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. We finally decided to try them. The first box gave me relief. I continued to use them for about two years before I could get strength enough to walk. I am nearly seventy-five years old and there is not a man in this city that can kick higher or walk further than I can and to-day I owe my present good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People for they saved my life."—Detroit Evening News.



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A Literary Note. "Your majesty," said the prime minister, "this is the page who has romies in his duty."

"Aha!" exclaimed the king, "we'll have to bring him to book."

"He'll be bound," said the king, "a noble jest. I'll be bound."

Thereupon the king's heart softened, for he marvelled that a man so young could make so old a joke.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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WHAT ALABASTINE IS. Alabastine is the original and only durable wall coating on the market. It is entirely different from all kalsomine preparations. Alabastine is made ready for use in white or two beautiful tints by the addition of cold water. It is put up in dry powdered form, in five-pound packages, with full directions on every package. It takes the place of scaling kalsomine, wall paper and paint for walls. Alabastine can be used on plaster, brick, wood or canvas, and a child can brush it on.

WHAT "KALDOMINES" ARE. Kalsomines are cheap and temporary preparations, manufactured from whitening, chalks, clays, etc. They are stuck on the walls with decaying animal glue. Alabastine is not a kalsomine. It is a rock-base cement, which sets, and it hardens with age. It can be re-coated and re-decorated without having to wash and scrape off its old coats. Beware of a large four-pound package of light kalsomine, sold to dealers for four pounds and offered to customers as a five-pound package.