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The Contrabandist; OR One Life's Secret!

A TRUE STORY OF THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued.)

The next day Robin came again. "Rose," he said, "I saw, yesterday, going away from here, when I was coming down, a man who I think I have seen before. Do you know who it was?"

me of this, and so he left it all for her to tell.

"I knew you were going to stay at the chateau, Rose, but not that your father was going away. I learned it from him last week," said Robin.

society. It was plain that she did not dislike him; and Helen, although she had many doubts at first, changed them finally for most agreeable yet secret speculations on the future, little dreaming that Francis Egerton was yet true to her, as that Rose Lamonte's thoughts, even in his presence, turned and dwelt fondly, though sadly on the memory of her husband, yet unforgotten, lover.

Meanwhile, Mademoiselle Montauban thought often and anxiously of her cousin; for Louis had not written once since his departure from the chateau, and two months had now elapsed, and nearly the third, since that time. Her father also mentioned him frequently, and expressed his perplexity at his silence, and no less at his prolonged absence.

"When will he traverse it again?" she asked herself. "When, kneeling here, at my sad post, in the twilight or the dawn, shall I behold him returning?"

"I have been ill—yes; but not long or seriously; and as soon as I recovered, I came hither."

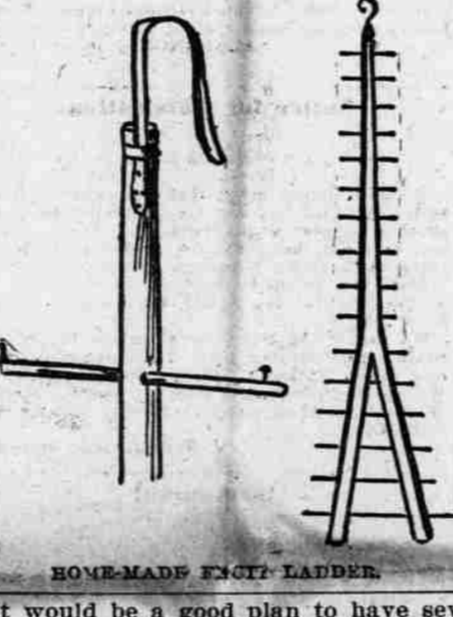
"Do not weep, mignonne!" entreated the young man, sadly; "can you not see it is for the best? I cannot stay here without meeting you daily, as of old. And we may not meet now you are to dwell at the chateau. We both would be more unhappy should I stay. If I go away I may gain some situation where I may obtain wealth, and rise gradually to a position worthy to come back and win you. Now, Rose, tell me I may go."



Home-Made Fruit Ladder.

The average fruit ladder, as found in most orchards, is not particularly desirable mainly because it is not designed for this particular work. The broad top of the common ladder makes it almost impossible to get it among the branches in a firm position.

A pole, preferably a green one from the woods, should be secured, having it of the desired length. The largest end should be split up about three feet and a brace inserted to keep the sides apart.



HOME-MADE FRUIT LADDER.

It would be a good plan to have several of them of different lengths. Poultry Raising. One correspondent writes of the case of a woman who buys the groceries for the family and the clothing for herself and two grown daughters from the profits of the poultry yard.

Lime and sulphur Wash. Fruit growers are quite interested in the formula composing the new insecticide, lime and sulphur, but have found the labor of making it considerable because of the necessity for boiling the mixture.

Succession of Crops. In a rotation a shallow and deep-rooting crop should follow each other, so that the demand for plant food is shifted.

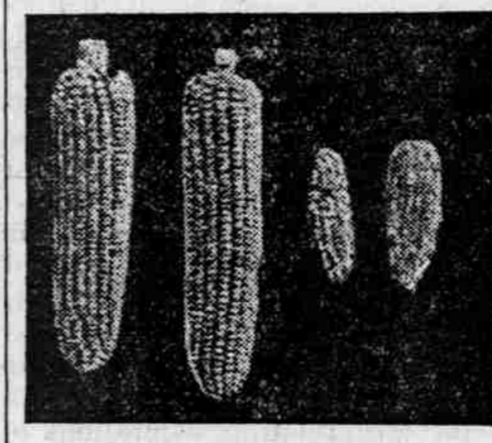
Farm Notes. The crab apple is one of the hardest of trees, and as there is nearly always a demand for crab apples in market, they are found profitable by some.

Keeping Sweet Potatoes. To keep well sweet potatoes should be dug when the soil is quite dry and afterward spread thin to cure for ten days at least in an outbuilding secure from rain and frost.

Crops for Orchards. If the soil in the orchard is in good shape and fairly rich, the best cover crop is undoubtedly crimson clover, and this may be sown at any time now.

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The Value of Fertilizer. The Purdue Experiment Station has been conducting a number of experiments with corn, using different kinds of fertilizer. The tests show that kainit is valuable as compared with



TREATED AND UNTREATED EARS.

straw or lime. The corn was planted the second week in June. The corn on the plots to which kainit or straw was applied made a continuous growth, and after the middle of July these plants could readily be distinguished from a distance by a darker color than that shown on the plots on which no fertilizer was used.

Table with 3 columns: Plot No., Treatment, Yield Per Acre (bushels, Sound corn, Fodder, tons). Rows 1-11 showing various treatments and yields.

The conclusion is that returns are bound to be profitable in land treated as were the plants in the experiments cited—especially as to kainit or straw. Another thing shown is that the influence of the treatment is bound to be effective for years to come, as the land will more readily respond to labor put upon it.

Good for Hogs. Take six bushels of cob charcoal or three bushels of common charcoal, eight pounds of salt and one pound of Epsom salts, two quarts of air-slack lime, one bushel of wood ashes. Break the charcoal into small pieces and thoroughly mix the other ingredients with it.

Grandma's Butter Stamp. They were out in the cool little dairy. Grandma was making butter, and Bartly was looking on.

"I must certainly have a new butter stamp," grandma said, between sips of the big wooden "paddle." She was working the buttermilk out of the soft golden mass, and working the salt in.

"I'll div you one, 'g'amma, on your birthday day," Bartly said, promptly. And of course he plucked his hands into his small trouser pocket and jingled the pennies.

"But to-day is my 'birthday day,'" laughed grandma. "I'm sixty to-day, Little Pockets!"

"Then I'll div you one this to-day," Little Pockets answered, gravely. He meant to get right down from the high bench at once and go and buy it, but he wanted to see grandma spat, spat, spatter first. It was such fun, and little salt drops kept splattering across into his face and making him wink!

"Professional horse trader?" I asked. "No, the preacher."



Little Stories and Incidents that Will Interest and Entertain Young Readers

Noises in the Night. The creaking in our rooms at night is only just the noise. The flooring makes discussing if we little girls and boys.

The rustlings in the wall we hear are whispers of the news. Downstairs tells to Downstairs when For below it's very lonesome when we're all up here in bed.

The squeaking in the hallway and the cracking on the stair. Are just the timbers trying to be very alert there.

Thus the dear old house is waiting all through the quiet night, And watching for the dawn to show our faces fresh and bright.

How to Draw Correctly. To get a correct drawing of a landscape, or of other objects, in the right perspective, hold a pane of glass over the drawing paper, which must lie on the table, or be fastened to the drawing board.



TO OBTAIN PERFECT PERSPECTIVE.

Looking perpendicularly down on the paper through the pane of glass, you will see the landscape or other object reflected in the glass and it will be easy to draw the outlines of your object on the paper.

The only difference is that the picture appears upside down, but with a little practice you will be able to get a drawing which is absolutely correct in regard to perspective.

Lincoln's Defense. Lincoln's greatest legal triumph was the acquittal of an old neighbor named Duff Armstrong, who was charged with murder.

A Real Conversation with Clancy. Once a year Clancy comes up to Meadowview to plow the garden. "You have a new horse, Clancy," says I.

"Where's the old one?" "Thraded her fer this one." "What was the matter with her?" "She'd bad kidneys and a weak back."

Russian Ignorance. Recently an American traveling in Russia who had neglected to provide himself with a passport when he arrived at the borders of the Czar's domains was held up by an official with a demand for his passport.

Grows a New Head. A curious characteristic peculiar to the California redwood tree is that if the head is cut off by lightning a new one will gradually grow out in its place as shapely as the first.

We have this ambition as we grow older: That death will come for us before we become too worthless to brush the flies off our face.