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FRUIT & FLOWERS

PEACH POINTS.

By R. Morrill, the Famous Grower. What a Peach Man Must Know.

Following is only a small part of some terse talk on peach culture given by R. Morrill, the famous fruit grower, before the Illinois society:

The man who can make success of peach growing must love the business. He must understand a few essentials in selecting a location; he must know that elevation means everything to a peach orchard under trying conditions; he must understand the effect of temperatures on plant life and on peach buds particularly; he must know that cold air runs down hill as readily as water; he must know that the buds of the peach do not die as quickly in moving air as they do in still air, as, for instance, they may not kill on the top of a plateau and on the side of a hill, but kill at the lower level; he must know that there must be a proper balance maintained between root and top in the care of his trees.

I spoke about the proper balance between root and top. The balance must be preserved by a careful culture of the soil, without mutilation of the root, at the proper time. The proper

time is when growth commences. Begin your culture and hurry it forward, and keep at it. Then cease at a time which you must determine from your own conditions. On my soil, which is not nitrogenous soil, if a tree is bearing a heavy load, I will carry on that cultivation as long as I can get around that tree, until the branches begin to hang down. If it were a highly nitrogenous soil, I would stop a bit earlier, but stopping anywhere in the middle of summer would be to put a check on the tree.

I would trim severely any peach tree; I would trim it for symmetry and to throw the balance of power with the root; I would trim it because I get better fruit; I would trim it because it is a method of thinning the peaches; I would thin the fruit of a good crop because the formation of seed is a draft on the tree and debilitates it. It cannot mature a large crop of pits, but it can mature a large crop of peaches. If it is compelled to mature a large crop of pits, it is in a state of semi-exhaustion, and next year perhaps you will hear of the June drop. A tree carefully cultivated, fertilized, thinned and thinned never suffers from June drop, and it will add from five to eight degrees to the ability of the tree to stand cold weather, and that frequently makes the difference between an immense profit after a hard, trying winter, and nothing.

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Ornamental Japanese Cherry.

Current literature relating to Japan never fails to make mention of the esthetic regard with which the flowering cherry is honored in that country.

American Gardening reproduces a photograph showing a flowering branch



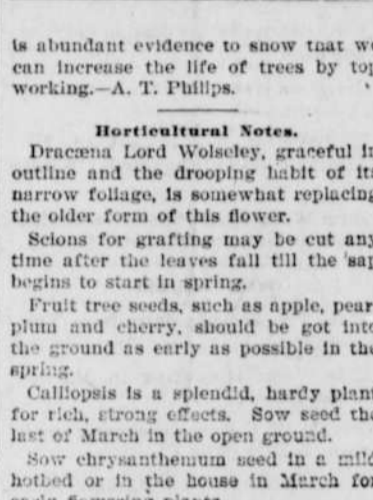
THE CHERRY OF JAPAN.

of one of these cherries sent from Tokyo by a Japanese correspondent, who says the cherry is regarded as the queen of all the flowers, the rose and other similarly exalted flowers of the European and American not being accorded any notice. Naturally there are very many forms of the cherry. The one shown, known as "Fugen," is very extensively planted. It has double flowers of a bright red color.

THE DAIRY COW'S UDDER.

The Varying Types Illustrated and Described by an Expert.

The illustration, reproduced from bulletin 143, issued by the department of agriculture, shows the types of udder more or less desirable in the dairy cow. At its shown as clearly as possible an ideal udder. The udder need not be overlarge. It should have sufficient capacity, however, to allow the continued growth of numerous cells for the manufacture of fat and its emulsification with the other constituents of milk. It should be evenly quartered, so that about the same amount of milk will be secured from each teat. It should be evenly balanced before and behind, and the central stalk should be well developed and strongly attached to the body. It should be covered with soft, fine hair, be free from fleshiness and closely attached to the body. It should come well forward on the



Top Working Apples.

Twenty years ago I had about fifty Hans trees on their own roots beginning to bear, and I also had five trees of Hans top worked that began to bear about the same time. In 1896 every single one of those Hans trees on its own roots was dead and gone, but the top worked trees are still there and bearing fruit. A famous tree that was given me fifteen years ago is still

Veterinary

A California reader of Hoard's Dairyman reports having had good success, as many others have had, in using scorched flour as a remedy for scours. He brews a cup of wheat flour, mixing it first with a little cold milk to prevent cooking, then stirs it into boiling sweet milk, either skimming or new, and gives the product to the calf quite warm; continues this manner of feeding as long as there is any trouble, and in one or two days the calf is generally well. It is a good plan to continue the flour, but without scorched, for some days longer.

A Lotion For Sore Udders.
As a lotion for dressing sore udders among farm animals a correspondent in a contemporary recommends a mixture consisting of tincture of opium, one ounce; spirits of camphor, two ounces; soap suds, three ounces. This lotion is especially suited for application in cases of inflamed udders, and its efficiency will be much assisted

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Horticultural Notes.

Dracma Lord Volsley, graceful in outline and the drooping habit of its narrow foliage, is somewhat replacing the older form of this flower.

Scions for grafting may be cut any time after the leaves fall till the 'sap begins to start in spring.

Fruit tree seeds, such as apple, pear, plum and cherry, should be got into the ground as early as possible in the spring.

Calliopsis is a splendid, hardy plant for rich, strong effects. Sow seed the last of March in the open ground.

Sow chrysanthemum seed in a mild hotbed or in the house in March for early flowering plants.

ways a sign of a good milker. At g is shown an udder much cut up, with very large and poorly placed teats. It is what may be termed a restricted udder, though rather elongated. At h appears another form of udder often met with, which, like that shown at g, is somewhat funnel shaped in character. It has not sufficient rotundity, does not come well forward on the belly and is lacking in development in the posterior region.

ONE WOMAN'S SUCCESS.

How She Made Good Money with Her Flock of Hens.

At a recent farmers' institute at Avoca, N. Y., Mrs. Fillmore Billings, a farm woman, read the following paper on how she cared for her fowls and the profit she realized from them the past year:

"I have had some experience with poultry, as I have had the care of a flock of hens for the last twenty years, with good success. We keep about 200 hens. I raise from 100 to 200 chickens every year, hatching and raising them with hens. My way of caring for the chickens is this: I do not feed them anything until they are twenty-four or thirty-six hours old and then feed them bread soaked in water for about a week. After that I bake cornmeal in a Johnnycake and soak that and feed five times a day until they are about five weeks old. Then I feed wheat screenings or whole wheat, always giving them plenty of fresh water or sweet milk to drink. In caring for them in that way the loss from sickness is very small. Sometimes the crows or hawks will catch some of them.

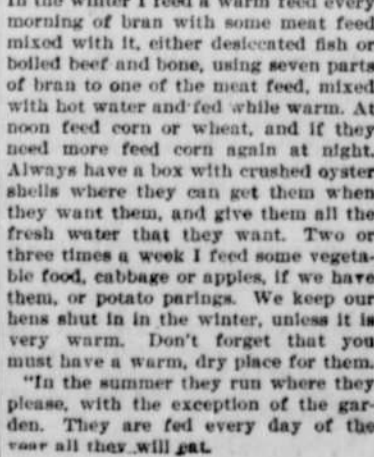
"My way of caring for the hens is: In the winter I feed a warm feed every morning of bran with some meat feed mixed with it, either desiccated fish or boiled beef and bone, using seven parts of bran to one of the meat feed, mixed with hot water and fed while warm. At noon feed corn or wheat, and if they need more feed corn again at night. Always have a box with crushed oyster shells where they can get them when they want them, and give them all the fresh water that they want. Two or three times a week I feed some vegetable food, cabbage or apples, if we have them, or potato parings. We keep our hens shut in in the winter, unless it is very warm. Don't forget that you must have a warm, dry place for them.

"In the summer they run where they please, with the exception of the garden. They are fed every day of the year all they will eat.

"Here is what we did with our hens last year: Jan. 1, 1901, we had 200 White Leghorn hens and eleven Plymouth Rocks for sitters. We sold 1,500 dozen of eggs, which brought \$298.87. We have sold seventeen roosters for \$7.80, which makes the sales amount to \$306.67. The eggs used in the family are eighty-four dozen. Calling them worth 18 cents a dozen makes them worth \$12.12. You will see that the eggs sold brought almost 20 cents a dozen, only lacking a fraction of a cent. The chickens used for meat are fifty at 30 cents each. This is the lowest price that we have sold any for; it makes them worth \$15.00. The eggs used in the family are ninety-five extra pullets worth 50 cents each, which is \$47.50, and twenty-four extra roosters worth 40 cents each, which is \$9.60, which, by adding what we have sold and used and the extra fowls, is \$306.23. The cost of feed for the year is \$159.73, a profit of \$256.50. If they had had more room, they would have done better. I have had them do better than this. I shall continue in the poultry business as long as they do as well as they have the past year."

Pekin Preferred.

James Rankin says: We have grown all the different breeds extensively and find the Pekin possesses great advantages over all others. Their wonderful fecundity, often giving us 150 eggs per bird each season, also their wonderful precocity (sometimes dressing fifteen pounds per pair at ten weeks old) make them by far the most desirable bird for market purposes.



"Don't you think," I inquired of the prosperous looking man with the heavy mustache and watch chain, who was dressed in the fourteen inch balk line suit, "that the world is getting better?" "Sure," he replied, with the frank enthusiasm of success; "not only better, but easier."—Puck.

Overfeeding Causes Death.

A lady writes me that her turkeys are dying. Upon inquiring into the symptoms and the way she feeds I am of the opinion that she is killing her turkeys with kindness by overfeeding. She feeds them five or six times a day. A turkey in a state of nature picks up its food, a bug or grasshopper at a time, and never gorges itself with food, as it is able to do when we feed the flock. A duck can be fed all it will eat and as often as it will eat, but if you feed a turkey the same way you are sure to have trouble. A turkey is a voracious eater and will eat as often as you feed it. I can only get time to feed my turkeys three times a day, and as they nearly all live and make rapid growth I think that is all that is necessary.

A neighbor told me that her turkeys were dying, and I sent her word to come and get some grit to give them, as I knew she was not giving them any grit. I advised her to put a little in the food every morning. She did so, and her turkeys are no longer dying. It was the absence of sharp grit that caused them to die.—Mrs. Charles Jones in Turkey Culture.

"Not yer follerin' of dat ere dog fer?"
"I tink he's goin' fer er bone he's done buried somewhere."

MOTOR TIME TABLE.

Leaves Independence for Moonmouth and Arlie—	5:30 p.m.
Leaves Independence for Moonmouth and Dallas—	7:15 p.m.
Leaves Moonmouth for Arlie—	8:30 p.m.
Leaves Moonmouth for Dallas—	8:50 p.m.
Leaves Arlie for Moonmouth and Independence—	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Dallas for Moonmouth and Independence—	6:00 p.m.
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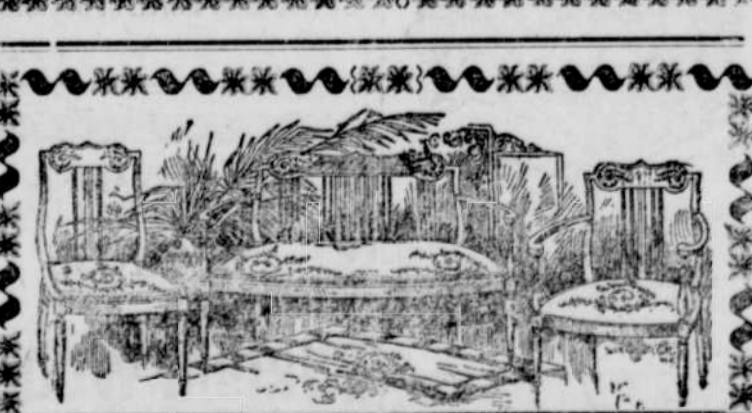
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