

THE AMATEUR GARDENER.

An Illustrative Example of What He Does Not Know About Gardening.

One of the recently married couples rented a house in the suburbs and started to housekeeping on their own account, relates the Memphis Scimitar.

They planted a garden. Recently the husband was looking over the new vegetables as they were bursting through the ground, and with his wife was discussing the appearance of the different plants as they appeared above the ground, most of which were new to them.

They came to the row of beans which were just shooting their heads into the air and marveled that the seed should be thus thrust up. It appeared to the husband that the order of their appearance was reversed.

He pondered the matter over and, after giving it due consideration, decided that it would be a pity to have the beans ruined through their ignorance of the proper manner of coming through the ground. To save them this catastrophe, he pulled them all up, and reset them with the seed underneath, where he thought a good seed should be.

When the Southdown drummer returned to the city the other day from his regular run over the Illinois circuit, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, it was evidence that he had run across a "new one" during the week. Being an unusually acute observer, he rarely lets anything go by him, and, therefore, the leap-year doings down in the corn belt have not gone unnoticed.

"Well, sir, it's a fact," he said in telling of the trip, "that the matrimonial business has fallen off about 50 per cent throughout the state. I have been in half a dozen county seats during the past week, and the county clerks swear the marriage license business has dropped off in an amazing manner. Last year at this time and in other years, the business was brisk, but this, as the clerks say is leap year, and as a rule, young men prefer not to be married during leap year. They seem to have the idea that their friends will believe that the young women did the courting, and their conceit compels them to fight shy of matrimony during the year."

"If you think this leap year business doesn't have the effect of bringing about a slump in matrimony, just go with me on one of my jaunts and you'll find that leap year is the poorest of all years for Mr. Cupid and his sneaking tricks."

SHAVED THACKERAY'S BUST.

American Collector Didn't Like the Whiskers and Had Them Taken Off.

The bust of Thackeray in Westminster abbey had several years ago upon its cheeks those pendant whiskers that are called "weepers" from their resemblance to the foliage of the willow. To-day the whiskers are no longer there, says a London paper. Their destruction was due to William H. Lambert, of Philadelphia, the greatest collector of Thackerayana in this country, who has many portraits in oil and many in ink pencil and wash sketches of Thackeray, and hence should know how the novelist looked at every stage of his life. Mr. Lambert is sure that Thackeray never wore "weepers," and, therefore, he volunteered not long since to stand the expense of the removal of the objectionable whiskers from the otherwise accurate and spirited Marochetti bust. Mrs. Thackeray Ritchie arranged the matter; the bust was taken for a brief space out of Westminster and the whiskers were trimmed down to the proper length. Mr. Lambert was permitted to have a replica made of the Westminster bust, and it now stands on one of the landings of the stairway of his house in Germantown.

FREE SMOKES FOR SINNERS.

Tobacco Used in Prisons Does Not Pay a Government Revenue Tax—A Recent Ruling.

Convicts serving terms in the various prisons of the country have one privilege people outside the walls do not enjoy. The commissioner of internal revenue has decided that it is permissible for state prisons to manufacture tobacco or cigars for its own inmates without paying license. The commissioner says:

"I would say that upon careful consideration of the question involved, it is held that a charitable or other institution conducted by the state and under state authority, with its own operatives, has the right to manufacture tobacco, cigars, or any other tobacco product without the payment of tax when all such manufactured tobacco is used exclusively within the state institution."

"The tobacco must, however, be manufactured within the limits of the state institution, and no portion of it be removed therefrom. If any portion of such manufactured tobacco is found outside of the limits of the institution, it will be liable to seizure and forfeiture, the same as any other unstamped manufactured tobacco which might be found upon the market."

DIDN'T LIKE THE EAST ROOM.

Woman Visitor at the White House Was Not Favorably Impressed with Furnishings.

"Is it solid gold?" The eager questioner was a country woman, a member of a large party which a railroad agent was piloting through the East room at the white house. She pointed to the piano with the gold-leaf coating as she asked the question.

The guide attempted to evade the woman's question by referring to the seals of the 13 original states which adorn the sides of the instrument, and explained that it is the one hundred thousandth piano manufactured by a prominent American firm, says the Washington Times.

"Is it solid gold?" the woman interposed.

Still the guide did not answer. "You will notice that there are 13 settees in this room, one for each of the original states," he continued.

"But I want to know whether the piano is solid gold," the woman insisted.

"No, madam, it is not solid gold," the guide remarked, with a slight display of temper.

"Huh!" the woman retorted. "I've seen calligraphs that looked better and I'd hoped that it had value to recommend it. When there's only one real piece of furniture in a room of this size a person sort of expects that it'll be worth while coming to see. I can't find anything fine about this room but the view you get from the south windows."

A TERRIBLE PENALTY.

Prisoners Sentenced to Solitary Confinement in France Not Allowed to Speak, Read or Work.

The Law Times makes the following comment on the sentences passed on the Humberts, the notorious French swindlers: "Some of the comments in the press on the sentence passed on Mme. Humbert and her husband (the other pair of culprits came off more lightly) betray a very imperfect appreciation of its nature. Five years' reclusion, or solitary confinement as it is understood in France, is not only a rigorous but a terrible penalty. Our own code offers no parallel to it and it is probable that a life sentence of penal servitude in this country would be far more easily endured. The solitude of the prisoner in reclusion is all but absolute. The strictest silence is enforced. Presumably the consolations of religion—whatever that may amount to in so dreadful a situation—are not entirely withheld; otherwise the prisoner is forbidden to speak, even to his guardian. Books are denied and (which must be almost the worst infliction of all) the most complete idleness is enforced; no employment of any description may mitigate the appalling vacancy of days, weeks and years. Half an hour's exercise is allowed daily, in a hood which covers everything except the eyes. This horrible life in death may end in the tomb, but it is more likely to end in the padded cell of the maniac."

MINING AT GREAT DEPTHS.

Copper Shaft in Lake Superior Region Extends Nearly a Mile Under Ground.

In no other district in the world are active mining operations carried on at such depth as in the Lake Superior copper region, says the Chicago Chronicle. The No. 5 shaft of the Tamarack mine is the deepest in the world, having attained a vertical depth of 4,940 feet, nearly a mile. Not far behind it is the Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet & Hecla, which is down 4,920 feet. Another deep shaft of the Calumet & Hecla is the No. 4 of the Calumet branch of the property. This is down 7,800 feet on an incline of a mile and a half. In view of the marvelous efficiency of the modern hoisting engine no considerations of a mechanical nature need limit the prospective depth of shafts.

The greatest obstacle to deep mining is the proportionate increase in temperature. In the Lake Superior copper district State Geologist Lake has ascertained that the temperature in the mine varies one degree for every 110 feet. The temperature in the deepest shafts at the Tamarack and Calumet & Hecla varies between 85 and 90 degrees, and in view of these conditions it is evident that considerable depths can yet be attained in this section.

Brewer Didn't Know Hops. Congressman Ruppert, of New York, is one of the best known brewers in that city. It is of this same brewer that a story is told which is worth repeating.

He was traveling in the upper part of New York state along the line of the New York Central railroad, when he noticed some vines growing in great profusion.

"What kind of vines are those, conductor?" asked Mr. Ruppert. "I notice a great many of them along the railroad here."

"Those," said the conductor, "are hops."—Washington Post.

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Morrow county has thousands of head of sheep, horses and cattle. The wool production for 1904 was 2,500,000 pounds. Alfalfa and fruit growing are profitable industries, rapidly growing in importance. The county has also a great coal field, soon to be developed.

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