

Grape Growers' Maxims.

The following are given by the Rural American:

- 1. Prepare the ground in fall; plant in spring.
2. Give the vine plenty of manure, old and well composed; for fresh manure excites growth, but does not mature it.
3. Luxuriant growth does not always insure fruit.
4. Dig deep but plant shallow.
5. Young vines produce beautiful fruit, but old vines produce the richest.
6. Prune in autumn to insure growth, but in the spring to insure fruitfulness.
7. Plant your vines before you put up trellises.
8. Vines, like old soldiers, should have good arms.
9. Prune spurs to one developed bud; for the nearer the old wood the higher flavored the fruit.
10. Those who prune long must soon climb.
11. Vine leaves love the sun, the fruit the shade.
12. Every leaf has a bud at the base and either a bunch of fruit or a tendril opposite to it.
13. A tendril is an abortive fruit-bunch—a bunch of fruit a productive tendril.
14. A bunch of grapes without a healthy leaf opposite is like a ship at sea without a rudder—it can't come to port.
15. Laterals are like politicians; if not checked they are the worst of thieves.
16. Good grapes are like gold—no one has enough.
17. The earliest grape will keep the longest, for that which is fully matured is easily preserved. (Not correct, says the Fruit Recorder).
18. Grape eaters are long livers.
19. Hybrids are not always high-bred.
20. He who buys the new and untried varieties should remember that the seller's maxim is, "Let the buyer look out for himself."

A Blighted City.

Holly Springs is a city of the dead; empty houses that have such a deserted appearance that you imagine a thousand horrors; the gardens four feet high in weeds; broken fences, no gates and the hogs and cows destroying the flowers and shrubs; not a soul to be seen in the streets. Here and there, amid the desolation, you see a pale, sickly stream of smoke issuing from the doors, windows and chimneys of apparently deserted house. But no sound is heard. All the associations connected with the living seem buried. It is so horribly quiet that you find yourself shuddering, and you wonder if you are quite well. Presently you see a negro convalescent, who recognizes you, and who, in doing so, presents a grin rendered more hideous by his cadaverous look and the color of his skin. He encourages you by saying that everybody who comes back to town gets the fever; that this man and that man are down with it and are sure to die, or that they are already dead. If you meet a white person, you feel afraid to ask after his friends, and if you do, you hear the stereotyped answer, "dead and buried!" followed by an outburst of tears. Then you are compelled to listen to all the incidents connected with their death and burial; how the husband looked at his wife, before he laid down forever himself, and how he lay helpless while they carried her to the grave; how another lay shut up with his wife in a fodder house, with no one to wait on them, and how the husband after crawling on his hands and knees to perform the last earthly duties for his loved wife, crawled back to his own bed, made of three or four bundles of fodder, to die if God wills it so, or else to struggle through fifteen days of

sickness, and to come forth a wreck of humanity, only to be cursed by the wretches outside who charged him with endangering the lives of the community by coming there to die. This is no fanciful sketch, but the truth, except that I have not told all. It is too horrible.—Cincinnati Gazette.

The Vice of Comparison.

One of the commonest and worst of the vices is the vice of comparison. There is good authority for saying that those who measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves among themselves are not wise. The Pharisee who went up into the temple to pray fell into this snare. "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are." That is the language of spiritual pride and of censoriousness. Thinking in this strain he is sure to paint others as black as he can in order that he may show himself to the better advantage on this background. It would have been well to thank God for not being suffered to fall into grievous sin; but the comparison between himself and other men was sure to bring with it harsh judgments and many hateful passions. Such a comparison, moreover, puts the true standard of character out of sight; for that is the law that demands perfection. God's requirement is not, "Be as good as other men;" it is, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Besides, such a comparison is very likely to be unjust. How do you know that you are better than "this publican, Sir Pharisee? Perhaps his life may outwardly seem worse than yours; but it may be that he, though vicious and unprincipled and degraded in the eyes of men, is a better man than you are in the sight of God. It may be that he has been crippled from infancy with a heritage of bad passions. It may be that he was born with an organization that inclined him to indulgence. It may be that his environment from his earliest life has been evil. And it may be that against all these hindrances he has striven bravely—far more bravely than you have ever striven; and though his achievements, so far as man can see, have not been remarkable, God may credit this man, who has lived a bad life, with more real moral heroism than you have ever shown. You had better not thank God that you are better than other men, for God knows both you and them; and he may know that they are better than you.—REV. WASHINGTON GLADDEN, in Sunday Afternoon for January.

The Mystic-sounding Church Bells.

Manitaba Lake, which lies northeast of Fort Garry, Montana, and has given a title to the province formed out of the Red River region, derives its name from a small island, from which, in the stillness of night, issues a mysterious noise. On no account will the Ojibways approach or land on this island, supposing it to be the home of the Manitaba, the "Speaking God." The cause of this curious sound is the beating of the waves on the "shingle," or large pebbles lining the shores. Along the northern coast of the island there is a long, low cliff of finegrained, compact limestone, which, under the stroke of the hammer, clinks like steel. The waves beating on the shore at the foot of the cliff cause the fallen fragments to rub against each other, and to give out a sound resembling the chimes of distant church bells. The phenomenon occurs when the gales blow from the north, and then as the winds subside, low, wailing sounds like whispering voices are heard in the air. Travelers assert that the effect is impressive, and that they have been awakened at night under the impression that they were listening to church bells.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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