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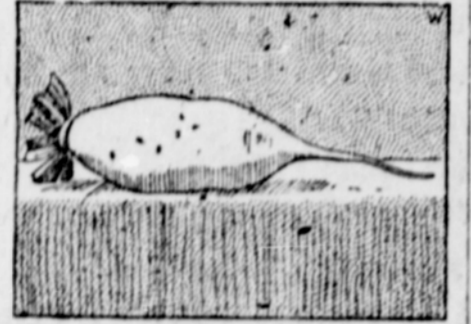
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Foreign Vegetables.
There is a prosperous farm not far from Boston which is given up largely to the raising of vegetables for the foreign population of the Hub. The Chinese are very critical in regard to the quality of the vegetables which they buy, and they are among the farmer's best customers. The Chinese are great consumers of vegetables. Now, the Chinese radish is something to wonder at. It is not uncommon to find specimens a foot and a half in length. It is eaten both raw and cooked. It is white and is carefully washed before being carted to market, so that



CHINESE RADISH.
It presents an attractive appearance, although its enormous size makes its identification a difficult matter for an average American farmer. Chinese cabbage grows tall rather than round. When growing the cabbage bears some resemblance to our celery, being very white at the bottom and green at the top. One of the most interesting vegetables grown at this farm is a variety of Sicilian squash, which has a very peculiar shape, specimens often being seen which are fully a yard long, although so larger around than one's wrist.—Country Gentleman.

The Road Drag.
A wave of enthusiasm for the road drag is running through the agricultural press of the country. The drag has lots of good endorsements, and not the least is that of Secretary Coburn of Kansas, who is out with a little press bulletin on the subject, in which he affirms that rough and muddy roads cost the farmer more than his taxes. Try it for a year, says Secretary Coburn. Get your neighbors to do the same. See how simple and inexpensive it all is.

Roads should be dragged ten or twelve times a year. The time is after each soaking rain, so that the drag will form a smooth mud coat on the surface. Don't be disturbed if your road doesn't reach perfection the first year. Keep everlastingly at it and later on you will be glad.

Health For the Hog.
The time is drawing near when swine plagues are prevalent. An ounce of prevention now will be worth a ton of cure after awhile.

If we had to drink from a pond or a mudhole our health would suffer; it's the same with the hogs. They like cool, fresh drinking water these warm days as well as we do.

During summer when on grass our hogs are provided with salt and wood ashes at least once a week, and they relish them. Keep your hogs clean, feed them on pure and wholesome food and you will not be very likely to have any disease among them.

At our place we feed the hogs the slop as it is made every day. We think that the swill barrel is a cholera breeder.—Farm Journal.

FRUIT TREE LABELS.

Those Made of Sheet Zinc Said to Last Many Years.
Sheet zinc cut into strips an inch wide and four or five inches long make permanent tree labels. If the name is written on the zinc with a soft lead pencil it remains for years.

The label must be properly attached because the zinc is soft and if hung to a wire by means of a hole in the end of the zinc label the constant flapping in the wind will soon wear the hole out and the label will drop to the ground. Some orchardists simply wrap the label itself around one of the lower limbs, where it will remain and expand as the limb grows. This is a good plan, says a writer in Farm, Field and Fireside, and satisfactory except that owing to the color of the zinc and the bark of the limb being so much alike the label is inconspicuous. Another objection is that it is easily removed by mischievous persons.

The better way is to loop the tags securely on a piece of galvanized wire (about No. 12). The wire should be eight or ten inches long in order to make a loop big enough to hang loosely on one of the lower limbs. Then if the ends of the wire are twisted together with a pair of pliers the label probably will remain on the tree as long as wanted. The connection between the label and the wire must prevent the swinging and flapping of the label, but this may be easily prevented by looping the zinc on to the wire and clamping it down tight with the pliers.

A good ink for writing on the zinc labels may be made by mixing in an earthenware dish one ounce of verdigris, one ounce of sal ammoniac, half an ounce of lamp' black and half a pint of rain water. This ink should be used with a quill pen upon bright zinc and should be well shaken in the bottle before using.

A VICTIM OF TRADE.

Nature's "Craggy Ocean Pyramid" Leased to a Quarry Firm.

Great indignation has been excited by the story that the Marquis of Ailsa has leased for the purpose of quarrying its granite the noble rock known as Ailsa crag, says the London News.

This stupendous crag, rising abruptly from the sea to a height of 1,114 feet and having a circumference of nearly two miles, stands sentinel at the entrance to the estuary of the Clyde, almost equidistant between the peninsula of Kintyre and the County of Ayr and within sight of the Irish coast hence its sobriquet, Paddy's milestone. The rock is an object of great natural beauty and inspires feelings of wonder and admiration. The thought of its demolition to make paving stones raises bitter resentment among a people who are at present collecting \$50,000 to preserve the "auld brig o' Ayr" against the dilapidations of time, simply because their beloved peasant poet had endeared that structure in their hearts. Ailsa crag, storm beaten by the foaming billows, has enlisted the muse of Keats and Wordsworth, and Daniel Defoe is among the many prose writers who have paid it homage.

Apart from its recognition as nature's "craggy ocean pyramid," as Keats called it, the rock is of great strategic importance. It is the Gibraltar of the Clyde. Although unprotected, the rock commands the waterway that leads to Greenock and Glasgow. It has besides great geological and historical value. Scientists say it is of volcanic origin—thrown up from the bed of a crater like Berwick, Low and Edinburgh castle rock. Many basalt columns, four, five and six sided, resembling those seen at the Giant's Causeway and the Island of Staffa, are also found there, and there are besides several interesting caves.

Above the lighthouse on the eastern side there stand the ruins of an old castle, and the ruins of an old church and burying ground are known to have existed near by. The castle is said to have been the property of early monks. Quarrying operations to the extent of the material for 1,000 pairs of curling stones have been permitted at the rock for a number of years, but the wholesale deprivation of the granite, of which it is largely composed, is exciting stern opposition.

Their Niece.
"But, dear," said the caller, "I don't see why you should care to change the name of your charming little country place. Idlewhiff is so romantic. It seems to signify dreamy idleness."
"That's just the trouble," replied the housewife. "It was too suggestive."
"In what way?"
"Why, it attracted all the tramps in the county."—Chicago News.

False Economy.
There is a vast difference between the economy which administers wisely and that niggardly economy which saves for the sake of saving and spends a dime's worth of time to save a penny. I have never known a man who overestimated the importance of saving pennies to do things which belong to large minds.—Success Magazine.

Our Debt to Ancient Greece.
Greece and Rome were at the opposite poles of the human world, and equally opposite are their influences upon modern times. Rome was practical, hard headed, juristic, while Greece was intellectual, emotional, artistic, abounding in what may be called the forebrain versus the brain behind the ears. Rome's empire was lengthy, material, matter of fact, while Greece banked on the intellectual and spiritual, finding her greatest conquests in the realm of mind rather than in that of matter. Rome produced no great original thinker, her greatest men shining like the moon, by borrowed light—light reflected from the sages of Athens. Rome taught men law, order, obedience, but the mother of ideas and sentiments was Greece. From the Eternal City we have inherited our jurisprudence, but it is from the City of the Violet Crown that we have derived our art, science and philosophy. In a word, to quote the substance of Dr. Johnson's saying, eliminate from our modern civilization all that it owes to Greece and the residue would be barbarism.—New York American.

Nature and Man.
Huxley was once talking to Sir William Gull about the healing power of nature. "Stuff!" said Gull. "Nine times out of ten nature does not want to cure the man. She wants to put him in his coffin."—London Telegraph.

His Explanation.
"Henry," whispered Mrs. Smithers, tightening up in bed, "what's that noise in the library?"
"Must be history repeating itself," muttered Henry drowsily. "Go to sleep!"

Not at All Easy.
"Oh, it's easy! Easy as taking candy from a baby."
"Easy, eh? Ever try to take candy from a baby?"—Pittsburg Post.
He that is proud puts up himself.—Lansdowne.

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