



PRUNING THE ROSE.

November and March the best time for pruning roses.

By judicious pruning one causes the rose bush to form new and strong roots, new shoots from which excellent blooms will be produced.

The best time to prune hardy roses is in November, when they are in a dormant condition, or just before the sap flows in March.

With the knife we do the main pruning, and with the shears we remove the small weak shoots, dead wood or anything that is difficult to get at with a knife.

Late in autumn is the best time for thinning out, and March for general pruning.—Florida Life.

PERSIMMONS.

The Japanese Much Larger and Better Than Our Native Sorts.

By selecting the best native persimmons and propagating from these a rapid improvement in this common southern fruit may be made.

Native persimmons range in size from one-half to two inches in diameter. The fruit is very bitter when green, but this quality disappears when it becomes fully ripe.



JAPANESE PERSIMMONS.

Persimmon is usually produced from seeds, but as the best varieties cannot be relied upon to reproduce themselves true from seed they should be grafted or budded.

The Place For the Lilies. In selecting a location for lilies a well drained situation should be chosen, so that water will not collect around the bulbs.

Roman Hyacinth.

The Roman hyacinth can be most successfully grown in the window garden and is more desirable than the large bordered varieties because of its coming into bloom much earlier.

Spraying With Crude Petroleum.

Use a fine nozzle and exercise great care to avoid overspraying. It requires a careful workman to spray peach trees with crude petroleum, as too much of the material, especially on the bodies of the trees, is likely to do harm.

HORTICULTURAL BREVITIES

I have been planting red raspberries, blackberries and currants in October and November for the last twenty-five years and have always had uniformly good results from this fall planting, says a New York fruit grower.

The American sycamore is one of our finest street trees in some situations. Waugh says it does not succeed north of Massachusetts and central New York.

Grass grows well during October, and the mowing should not be neglected.

As the end of the season approaches it is natural to become unmindful of the weeds, but if left alone they will soon disfigure the grass plots, walks, drives and flower borders.

In the south and on the Pacific coast hardy and half hardy annual flowers may be sown in the fall.

WEALTH IN TREES.

Facts About the Forestry Resources of Pacific Coast States.

The forest wealth of Oregon is of vast extent, and in these days, when timber has become so valuable a possession, the fact is an important one. There is one county in Oregon, Coos county, which has 1,300 square miles of forest, upon which there are estimated to be 11,000,000,000 feet of timber, square measure.

There are many interesting scenes in connection with this great lumber industry, especially at this time of year, when the activity in the lumber camps



ONE OF OREGON'S BIG TREES.

is at its height. In Oregon and Washington the most densely timbered area is west of the Cascade mountain range. This is due to the moisture peculiar to that section, which aids in the rapid and prolific development of plant life.

A HAPPY MOTHER.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., and Her Romance.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., though a young woman whose social duties are onerous, is very fond of her children. And well she may be, for it is largely due to them that a reconciliation was effected between her husband and his family after the famous quarrel which



MRS. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR., AND CHILDREN.

occurred because he chose her as his bride. Mrs. Vanderbilt was Miss Grace Wilson, and, although she belonged to a family of wealth and brilliant social connections, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt objected when he learned that his eldest son was going to marry her.

He was so much put out about the match that he changed his will and left the bulk of his fortune to his younger son, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. But Cornelius junior has been a success in business, and his wife has made a social success. The couple received special attentions from Emperor William of Germany and Prince Henry. Meantime the widow of Cornelius Vanderbilt longed to see her son and his little ones, and about two years ago a family reunion was brought about at Newport, to which the young wife and mother was invited, and since then all has been harmony.

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FOR SALE. Fine Sheep Ranch in Modoc County. The Examiner has for sale one of the sheep ranches in Modoc county, which is the best range in California. It consists of 500 acres all under fence. It lies along Pitt river for 2 1/2 miles. Besides other buildings there are two houses 1 1/2 miles apart. It is an ideal sheep ranch. If taken quick it will be sold for \$5000.



ENGRAVING BY ALL PROCESSES.

WOMAN CAME FIRST.

Eskimo Tradition as to the Origin of the Human Family.

The arctic Eskimos have their tradition of the origin of man, much the same as the Caucasian, and their tales of the prowess in battle, their songs relating the past glories of what is now an almost extinct race are as thrilling as some of those that tell of the wondrous deeds of Odin and Thor or of those Grecian ancients whose deeds are yet preserved in prose and poetry.

According to Eskimo tradition, the first man was made not from the dust of the earth, but from a piece of chewing gum, for he it is known that the Indian is the original gum chewer as well as tobacco smoker. But woman was first. The first woman was lying one day on her couch of furs chewing gum. Growing weary, she took it from her mouth and fashioned it into the form of a man. Tired then, she fell asleep, to find upon her awakening that the breath of life had been breathed into the figure of gum of which she had been the architect, and, lo, man was there! And so the world began to be peopled.

It is related as a fact that high upon a mountain to the north and east of Point Hope are the skeletons of three oomiaks, or boats, in good condition. They have been well preserved during 20,000 years or more by climatic conditions and may have been the original Noah's arks. They at one time in all probability rested upon the beach.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

CHARCOAL.

The Way That Used in Making Gunpowder is Produced.

Charcoal making for gunpowder is a much more complicated process than the ordinary field kiln manufacture. Only certain kinds of wood are used—usually the young shoots of elder and willow—and it is cut in the spring, so that the bark may be stripped off. It is then piled under airy, open sheds and allowed to remain several years until it is thoroughly dried. When the powder maker is ready for a new supply of charcoal the wood is cut into lengths of three feet and placed in tight iron retorts, under and around which a fire roars continually. The dampers and pipes are so arranged that the workmen have complete control of the heat. At the end of the retort a hole is left for the escape of the inflammable gases resulting from the charring process. A pipe catches them as they leave the retort and conveys them into the furnace, where they take the place of a good deal of fuel. When the flames of the gas become a deep blue color the workmen know that the wood is sufficiently charred, and the retort is cooled down as quickly as possible. The charcoal is then left for a week or more before grinding, because if placed in the machine at once there is danger of spontaneous combustion. The best charcoal is jet black and fractures show velvety surfaces.

A Mystery About Blood.

There is something very mysterious about the color of human blood, or rather, as to what causes its red color. The physiologists say that "the color of blood is due to the red corpuscles which are contained in the vein fluids," but this does not nearly explain the mystery. An aggregation of blood corpuscles is red, to be sure, but in small numbers they are yellow, while one or two examined separately are found to be of a very light straw color. Why a large aggregation of these tiny disks should convey the impression of red to our senses, while a few show a yellow and a single specimen of light straw color, is something we would like to see explained.—St. Louis Republic.

A Dangerous Symptom.

When a member of Aunt Eunice Washington's family died—the family she had served with faithfulness so many years—the old woman's grief was as poignant as if she had understood the causes which led to it.

"It's de same trouble took Miss Lily off dat took her sister Marianna eight years ago," she said to a friend, wiping her eyes on her gay plaid apron. "When I heard Dr. Sam speak 'bout 'de vital spot' I knew Miss Lily wouldn't stay hyar much longer. When dat vital spot comes out on a pussion you might jes' as well lay down your hope an' prepare for de end."

Feeders of the Rhine.

A German geographer calls attention to the fact, known to few, that the Rhine gets some of its water from Italy. Some miles above the Via Mala the Rhine is augmented by a turbulent mountain torrent whose chief tributary is a brook that comes from the Val de Lei, which politically belongs to Italy, though separated from the rest of that country by glacier covered mountains over which there is a trail to Chiavenna.

Incomprehensible.

"And," asked her dearest friend after she had returned from her wedding trip, "is your husband just as you expected he would be? Aren't you disappointed in him in any way?" "Well, yes," she replied; "or, I don't know that it is disappointment exactly, but I can't understand how he can see a letter addressed to me lying around all day and never think of opening it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Survived Out.

Police Magistrate—With what instrument or article did your wife inflict these wounds on your face and hand? Michael—With a motty, yer honor. "A what?" "A motty—wan o' these frames wid 'Happy Be Our Kere' in it."—Cassell's.