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Farm and Garden

USEFUL SONG BIRDS.

Easy to Show They Have an Actual Money Value.
In his war against insects man's most valuable ally is the bird. The greater number of birds live on insects. Even those which live on seeds which fully grown are fed on insects while in the nest. As young birds grow fast it takes many a worm to satisfy their hearty appetites.



WHITE-BELLIED NUTHATCH—RED-HEADED WOODPECKER.

for grubs or eggs, the little black eyes rarely missing a mouthful of food. Birds even swing head down from the branches that the underside may not escape inspection. Nuthatches and down creepers explore the trunk and with their long, sharp bills dig many an insect from its winter quarters. The woodpeckers have a work all their own. The small, downy woodpecker is a good representative of his family. His bill is strong and sharp. His tail feathers are stiffened to serve as a brace while he clings upright against the trunk. He cocks his head to one side, and his quick ears hear a borer under the bark. A few blows with the bill and a hole is dug; then a long tongue barbed at the tip is shot out, and the borer is speared and snatched from its resting place.

As insects increase with the coming of warmer weather, birds return from the south to fight them. One watches the cheerful robin hopping over the lawn. He listens an instant, then pokes his bill deep into the ground. Up comes his head, and he has captured a worm. The flicker, though a woodpecker, is an imitator of the robin. He is fond of ants, and his big bill makes a good pick to dig them from their hills. Meadow larks and quails live entirely on insects found close to the ground. Were these birds strictly protected in the southwest instead of being hunted the boll weevil might not have things quite so much his own way in the cotton fields.

The trees when in foliage are full of birds. Small warblers and vireos take care of eggs and little worms, while thrushes, orioles and catbirds attend to those of larger size. The rose breasted grosbeak earns the right to favor



ROSE-BREADED GROSBEEK—CATBIRD.

by the way he eats potato bugs. Some birds cannot eat hairy caterpillars, but they are a choice delicacy to the cuckoo, which slips quietly through the trees as it hunts for them. Insects on the wing are not safe, for swallows and swifts in rapid flight skim back and forth over the meadows and without pausing catch many a small goat. The birds called flycatchers also take their prey on wing, but they remain quiet on a perch and only swoop down on insects which come near at hand.

Farm Notes. The prosperous farmer is seldom a soil robber. The garden should be well drained and the soil should be warm if the best results are wanted. A well cared for asparagus bed is a permanent feature, and it brings a lot of comfort to the one who has it. There is room for improvement in the roads of the country. It doesn't take much money either.

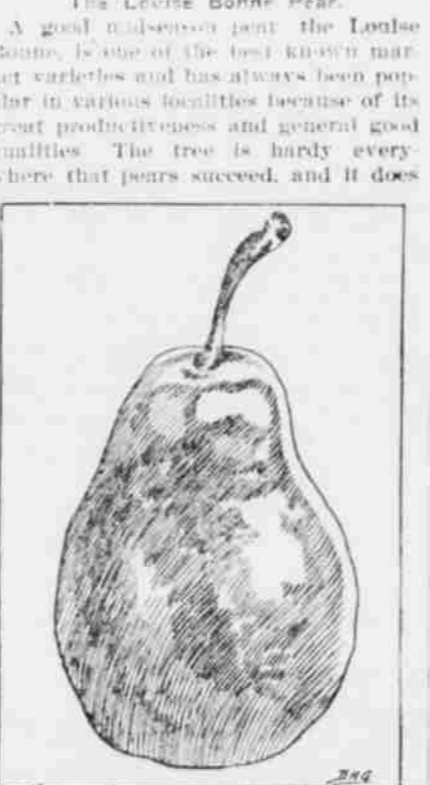
DWARF APPLES.

They Will Be Grown on Account of Their Convenience. G. T. Powell of Columbia county, N. Y., has been conducting some interesting experiments on the value of dwarf apple trees in business orchards. It is the idea of Mr. Powell that trees of a low habit of growth will be required more and more because of the need of convenience for spraying and harvesting. The scale insects make it almost impossible to thoroughly treat large trees, and the ease of labor makes a saving at harvesting time of great importance.

Two styles of dwarf trees are under trial. The so-called Paradise is very dwarf and is about level. The Douglis stock is half dwarf, making trees six feet to eighteen feet high, and produces good results in commercial orcharding. The trees are planted two or three inches below the surface of stock and top. In Mr. Powell's orchard the trees of Paradise stock are set as fillers between those of the larger dwarf kind. The rows in the orchard are twenty feet apart and the trees ten in a row. The wide spaces between the rows allow plenty of room for cultivation by horsepower, while the trees in the rows will be thinned out as soon as they become crowded. The dwarf trees give fruit in a few years from planting, and the amount gradually increases. The small dwarf kind bears six to eight years and the semi-dwarf trees the Spitzenberg, Jonathan and McIntosh are found successful. They produce fruit of very fine appearance and quality, suitable for packing in boxes for the distant trade. For the best variety in the Northern States, Roxbury Russet, Twenty Ounce, Astrakhan, Baldwin and Greening are suitable.

The dwarf trees must receive good culture, with plenty of plant food and careful cultivation. The soil is plowed and harrowed in the spring and is kept in a loose state of cover during the summer. Weeds and other things are carefully treated in the dwarf orchards. The trees are pruned according to Mr. Powell's plan. He is pruning his larger trees on the Round plan, cutting back the first of the winter trees in order to induce them to spread out and to remove the hard parts of the tree, which make so much difficulty in spraying old trees.

The Louise Bonne Pear. A good mid-season pear the Louise Bonne, is one of the best known market varieties and has always been popular in various localities because of its great productiveness and general good qualities. The tree is hardy everywhere that pears succeed, and it does



LOUISE BONNE PEAR.

well either on natural pear stock or on the quince. It is a vigorous upright grower and very productive, especially if grown in deep rich loam, which is its favorite soil. The fruit is large and yellowish green in color, with a slight tinge of brownish red. The flesh is white, fine grained and juicy, with pleasant aromatic flavor. It is a good dessert pear and also suitable for market or distant shipment.

It ripens in September and early October, just before the Sheldon, Bartlett, Louise and Sheldon make a succession of high grade market pears. It is a pear of French origin, but is highly recommended on the official list of the department of agriculture as suitable for the New England and middle states.

Designing Next Year's Planting. As your shrubs, perennials and annuals blossom planting plans for next year may best be devised. When the flowers are in bloom their effect may be noted, and the change to be wrought by new plants may be accurately calculated. That is the time to get out notebook and catalogue, figure out what your flower beds and shrubbery borders lack and decide what may best supply that lack.

If a pluk flowering shrub is needed at a certain point, make a note of it in your book; better still, stick up a little stake in the exact spot where the shrub would look best, marking on the stake the specifications, whether the plant should be tall or low growing, the season of flowering, etc. Then when you order your shrubbery for fall planting your nurseryman can fill your specifications, and when the plant comes you will know the exact place to plant it.

In grouping your plants take pains to make them fit in with the neighboring architecture. The texture of the foliage, the color of the flowers, season of bloom and the rapidity of growth should all be considered carefully. Do not plant shrubs so close together when they are young that when they attain a few years' growth they will be crowded.

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