

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Corn, Wheat and Rye. It is gleaned from the current report of the United States department of agriculture that the products, acreage and value of the corn crop in the ten leading corn-producing States for 1877 was as follows:

Table with 3 columns: State, Bushels, Acres, Value. Lists top corn-producing states like Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, etc.

In the average yields of corn per acre, only one corn-producing State (Nebraska) reports a larger average than Kansas. The yield per acre in Kansas is given at 36.5 bushels; Nebraska, 38; Illinois, 29; Iowa, 25; Missouri, 20; Ohio, 31.5; Indiana, 30; Kentucky, 20; Tennessee, 25; Texas, 24; Pennsylvania, 33; Michigan, 31; Wisconsin, 28; Minnesota, 20; California, 30, Oregon, 26; Arkansas, 24.

The rank of the eleven wheat-producing States for 1877 is placed as follows, with the product, acreage and value of the crop:

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The product, acreage and value of the rye crop in the ten leading rye-producing States is as follows:

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In the average yield of rye per acre Oregon ranks first, producing 22 bushels; and Kansas ranks second, producing 20 bushels. Then follow Illinois, Vermont, Wisconsin and Michigan, in the order named.

Work in the Garden.

The garden demands attention in vines, haulm, leaves and other refuse waiting to be cleared away, and in the growth of weeds almost certain to appear in abundance at this season. These last by many farmers are carted off to the compost heap, where, after sufficient heating and decomposition, the vitality of their seed is destroyed; but it ought to be borne in mind and acted upon that slight fermentation does not always suffice to accomplish this, and there is danger of returning to the soil a seed which, after having been very well dried, is ready to germinate. Unless, therefore, troublesome growths are not to be thoroughly incorporated in a compost heap which is to undergo complete decomposition, it is safer plan to burn them on the ground.

Such portions of the garden as have been visited by cut-worms and other pests, or the entire plot if it be of stiff clay soil, may be fall plowed with advantage; throwing the earth up in ridges exposes insects in their transformation stage to the weather and affords the soil an opportunity of becoming ameliorated by the action of the frost. This is also a good time for laying garden walks, especially if these are to be finished with coal ashes. Tender plants should now be protected or removed as the late frosts for small-fruit bushes and trees should be mulched, and all plants that are cross-fertilizers liberally supplied with manure. Indeed, the entire surface of the garden will take kindly to a top-dressing after it has been cleared off and raked over. Not a few of the growers contend that manure spread at this season is productive of greater benefits than when applied at any other time.

Gardeners ambitious for a succession of early vegetables in the spring should begin the sowing of seeds in some protected spot, which is to be continued at intervals for the succession of transplantings.—New York World.

Seeds Best Sown in the Autumn.

Most people have observed, no doubt, that self-sown seeds, that is, seeds that have dropped from the growing plants of the previous season, sometimes produce the strongest and most healthy plants, that bloom the most freely. This is true of several kinds, and particularly of those that suffer under exposure to our midsummer suns. The reason is that self-sown seeds get a very healthy growth in the spring, vegetating as soon as frost is gone, and are good-sized plants at the time we usually put seeds in the ground, even if they do not start in the fall. They thus mature and flower during the cool weather of spring. The Clarkias and neophylas and annual arksups are noted examples. There are also several varieties of hardy annuals that do well with spring sowing, and that will bear autumn sowing in the open ground, and reward us with early spring flowers. Sweet alyssum and white candytuft will give us an abundance of white for early cutting, if sown in the autumn. In a sandy soil the portulacae may be sown in autumn with good success. Seeds of biennials and perennials, if sown early enough to produce strong little plants, will flower the next summer; and pansies and Chinese pinks, though they bloom the first summer, if sown in the spring, will make much stronger plants and flower more freely and earlier if young plants are grown in the autumn.—Vick's Floral Guide.

Grape Cuttings.

A correspondent asks for the best way to make grape cuttings. It is very simple. Select wood of the current year's growth, cut to three eyes each, from straight-jointed wood; tie in small bundles; set them on the larger ends on a dry soil, or where no water may stand. Cover all with a mound and they will winter nicely. Plant as early in the spring as the soil is in condition, six inches apart in the row, at an angle of about forty-five degrees. Back the earth firmly about the bottoms of the cuttings and leave the upper eye of each cutting just above the surface of the ground.—Prairie Farmer.

The whole of the capital and reserve fund, and fully five millions sterling besides, are "on a moderate and favorable estimate," that, according to the London Times, the bank of Glasgow has lost, altogether \$31,000,000.

Whales are becoming so numerous in the Pacific ocean that they are being taken on the California coast, and the newspapers there have a chance to lie about their length and size.

WOMEN WHO USE THE RAZOR.

Some Curious Revelations About Feminine Beards and Mustaches.

Except where it is in sufficient volume to have a commercial value in a side show, a beard is far from being a desirable thing to have growing on a woman's face. Whiskers, mustaches and hairy moles have always been, and probably always will be, classed as disfigurements for women, and not even fashion's freaks have ever made them popular, even for a time. Yet they have existed, in all lands and in all ages, upon feminine cheeks of every class, from queen to slave. Depilatory nostrums have been among the adjuncts of the toilet since the memory of woman runneth not to the contrary, and, starting as the revelation may be to many, myriads of fair hands are deft in the use of the razor, their cunning gamed by stress of personal necessity in strife with nature. As a rule women depilate or shave in secret, relying upon their own skill; but of late years professional practitioners have come among us, introducing European customs, treating superfluous hair with scientific gravity, and gradually bringing up a new practice, especially among the wealthy.

A San reporter interviewed one of these practitioners, a bright vivacious little woman with a strong foreign accent, who carries on her business in a great browned front on West Third-street. She said: "I have been engaged in the removal of superfluous hair some twenty-two years, eight or ten here in New York, and before that in London and Vienna. In Europe I did have a very great success. I attended a course at Vienna, and have from her a certificate to the good results of my skill. I also attended, with like success, many ladies of the Austrian court. In Europe it is not as here. There reliance is placed upon the skill of a scientific practitioner. Here, ladies generally are prone to treat themselves, often with terrible results. The drug stores are full of nostrums which women use as depilatories, quackstuffs in which are poisonous acids and corrosive substances, arsenic, aurum, sulphate of lime, and other dangerous things. Often the nostrum does not destroy the hair, sometimes producing frightful disfigurements by the irritation they cause, and, seldom, if ever, do they achieve the end for which they are employed. They even cause the hair to grow quicker and more stubby than it otherwise would. Many women, however, but that too, is productive of bad results, as you can readily understand.

"Who are my patrons? Oh! people of all classes and conditions of life, but generally from among the best; society ladies who wish to adorn the social circle in which they move, and who find a visible mustache would be an insurmountable obstacle to their doing so. Numbers of those who come to me are young girls about to be married, who desire to present themselves at the altar as perfect as possible. I have had a lady of noble rank, an operation at seven o'clock in the morning, and at four in the afternoon of the same day she has stood before the altar in the church. No one seeing her face as smooth as an infant's at the latter hour, would imagine that at the former I took her from eight to fifteen days. In June it is as hot as tinder, and the smallest sparks set it afire, when it makes the most terrible crackling and explosions. Stanley says the noise of two brigades of infantry, fighting, would hardly exceed it. Of course it burns everything before it, roasting the surface of the earth and leaving it black and parched.

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