Directions for Pruning,

M. Du Borenil, in a work on pruning and training fruit trees published in France, lays down the following rules based on the fundamental principles un-derlying the whole method:

1. The permanency of form in trained trees is dependent on the equal diffusion

of sap.

2. Prune the strong branches short but allow the weak ones to grow long.

3. Depress the strong parts of the tree, and elevate the weak branches.

4. Suppress the useless buds on the

strong parts as soon as possible, and as possible on the weak parts. 5. Nail up the strong parts very early, and very close to the wall.

6. Delay nailing the weak parts long as possible. 7. Suppress a number of leaves on the strong side, and leave them on the

8. Allow as large a quantity of fruit as possible on the strong side, and suppress all upon the weak side.

9. Bring forward the weak side from the wall, and keep the strong side close

10. The sap develops the branches much more vigorously upon a branch cut short than upon one left long. 11. The more the sap is retarded in its circulation, the less wood and the more fruit buds will develop.

12. To retard excessive growth, either devices and the same and the

during autumn root-prune, or remove the trees, or in the spring expose the roots to the sun, and keep manure and water from them; retarding the excessive vigor of the tree leads to its fruit-

13. Keep the fruits as far as possible vertical, and their stems lowermost.

14. Let the leaves lap over the fruit till nearly ripe, when the light as well as heat must be allowed to bear on the

Winter Management of Plants.

As there have been so many inquiries about the care of plants in the home, and they are such an unceasing source of delight to me, I will tell how I manage mine with perfect success. My large geraniums of last winter I put, early in June, into the border, and at the same time put well-wooded slips into wet land, and after three weeks, into the pots they are now in, and they are large slips, and I have had to pick buds off, though it does seem sacrilegious. My calla, fuchsias, oxalis, etc., I gave a long rest, only giving water enough to keep alive, and transplanted in September. My calla I treated in this way Put charcoal for drainage, one pint hen manure, and fill up the pot with ground from the woods, and its large green leaves insure me that I have made no mistake. Pelargoniums the same as geraniums, if they were not so shy of their lovely blossoms. Carnations I have taken just from the border, and they have grown very thrifty, and I love them dearly; perhaps because they were always my mother's favorites. Begonias weltenisis I cut back in June, transplanted, and they are beginning to bloom. There has been so little said in the home about ornamenting our houses with ivies, I cannot refrain from giving my plan. Nothing can be prettier than dainty coliseum ivy for a basket, and the large-leaved ivies fill a place nothing else can. I give them plenty of water and sunshine all summer, and they will be fresh and green all winter without much of either; and can be twined over any defect, and add to the beauty of any spot. Hovas are fine for twining on pictures, but are such exotics that they need the warmest nook. -Mrs. P. Smythe, in Inter-Ocean.

Asparagus and Rhubarb.

is usually a very busy season in the gar-den, and time as well as manure is more in demand then for other things. Moreover, the manure applied now becomes thoroughly incorporated with the soil by the winter rains, and is all ready for the early stalks of these vegetables in the spring. The method I generally follow is to clear off the stems and other rubbish from the bed and then run a small plow on each side of the rows lightly, so as to disturb the roots as little as may be; the manure, which may be rather coarse, is then spread along the furrows and covered by turning the loam back with the plow. A liberal dressing of ten cords or more per acre is needed by these vegetables to insure a good crop. If it is desired to plant a new bed of rhubarb it may be dene in the fall, though the spring is preferable. The rows are usually made three and a half feet apart and a good dressing of manure applied in the furrow. The old roots are cut up so as to have one or two eyes to each piece or set, and these are planted about three feet spart in the rows. A few may be expected to fall, and will need replanting in May, when the missing places can be seen. If planted in spring it is a little less likely to

Corns are nothing more than thick ened, condensed scarf-skin, which, ris-ing above the general surface, produce pain and pressure. They are always the result of an unequal pressure, made by an ill-fitting shoe or boot. A tight shoe, simply, never produced a corn, provided the shoe fit well, was equally tight at all points, so as not to produce unequal pressure. A tight shoe, how-ever, should never be worn, as it impedes circulation and causes results equally as bad as corns. A shoe or boot too large, is productive of corns, especially if the leather is hard and unyield-ward I was sufficiently recovered to ing. Such a shoe will be very apt to produce a corn wherever it touches sentitive parts of the foot. The proper way is to have boots and shoes made to fit neither too large or too small, but with much emphasis, "and though a just right-and then, bathe the feet frequently in warm water, to remove the scarf-skin. This is the best cure, also, for corns. Bathe the feet every night in warm water, and remove all the scarfskin possible, and wear only well-fitting shoes or boots, made of soft, pliable leather. Ignore fashion, and use com-

"Mr. Senior, on opening the enve-lope, was astounded to discover five \$100 bills and one \$500 bill, making a total of \$1,000. Thinking there might be a mistake, Mr. Senior ran after the man and told him what the sum was, to which the man coolly replied ;

MASSACRED IN RED CANON.

California Bill. ;the Sole Survivor in Party of Seven, Telling the Story.

A recent Black Hills letter says: Our discussion of mining locations, prospecting parties and other subjects kindred to a mining centre has been suddenly changed by the return to the frontier of William G. Felton, better known as "California Bill," whose reputation as a scout is widespread on the plains. His return brings to mind the Indian massacre of April 16, 1876, known as the Red Canon massacre, from which in a party of five men and two women, California Bill alone escaped. The party, consisting of Andrew Metz and wife.

John Burgesser, of Carson, Nevads, ta Mr. Grasham, of Missouri, Mr. Stimpson, of Colorado, and a colored woman, started from Custer City for Cheyenne April 14, 1876. They were attacked by Indians in Red Canon two days afterward, and all the above were killed outright, or received wounds that soon resulted in death. California Bill received a number of wounds, but escaped. These wounds, however, have made an invalid of him. Though as yet not really recovered, he has returned to the frontier full of fight. He has related the story he was on hand carly, and, when the senior partner came in, respectfully asked to be allowed to see him in the counting-room on business.

The man of business acceded to the request, and the two entered the back office. "A year ago to-day," said the youth, closing the door, "I entered to your fice. "A year ago to-day," said the wounts, closing the door, "I entered to your fice. "A year ago to-day," said the wounts, and wife.

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way out of the Hills to Cheyenne on the morning of the 14th of April. The first night we spent in Pleasant valley. Next morning we moved on, reaching Big Springs early in the afternoon of the 15th, and there going into camp. I felt assured that the passage through the Red Canon would be unsafe for a small party, and concluded to await the arrival of a larger one that was expected to overtake us. A short time afterward, Metz's party arrived with two two-horse teams, having Mr. and Mrs. Metz. a negro woman from Custer, and a Mr. Stimpson as passengers. They stopped to water the stock at the spring, and laughed at my fear of trouble ahead, saving that they were not affeid of Insaying that they were not afraid of Indians. With this they went on, and at the continued urging of my passengers, though against my own judgment, I hitched up and followed. We traveled together undisturbed in the afternoon, and went into camp at the head of the

canon about five o'clock. Everything went off peaceably during the night, and early on the morning of the 16th, Easter Sunday, we started down the canon, seven in number. About half way down the canon, where stands a giant cottonwood tree, there is a line of low hills, and close to the side of one of them, skulking well down, I discovered ten or twelve of the painted imps, under the lead of Sionx I discovered ten or twelve of the painted imps, under the lead of Sioux Jim, well known at the Red Cloud agency, waiting for us. This was about a downward career and of wanderings, ten in the morning, and my party was in which he had been to the South Afrithen about a quarter of a mile ahead of can diamond fields. The young woman the Metz outfit. On seeing that they were discovered, with a terrible yell the Indians fired at us, putting a bullet through Borgesser's leg and one through my bip. Seeing the attack upon us, sane fury, and beat the tramp so that the Metz party turned about their through Borgesser's leg and one through my bip. Seeing the attack upon us, the Metz party turned about their teams and endeavored to turn up the canon. Grasping my rifle, I jumped from the wagon, and using it as a breastwork, returned their fire with interest, knocking two of the cowardly scoundrels off their pins, and keeping the dust in a cloud around them, where most of my hurriedly sighted shots struck. As I began to fire, Graham started to run, and was shot through the stomach. He fell. After several volleys, sending a shower of bullets over our heads and into the wagon, but doing no further damage, the Indians doing no further damage, the Indians disappeared behind a neighboring hill, and thinking they were running after their ponies to cut us off, we mounted

to clean up the bed and give it a good dressing of manure. To be sure, this can be done in the spring, but the spring of miles away. The parties met at Ogden and exchanged salutations. The lady part of the calf of my right leg, and again through my shoulder. For a moment it seemed as though I was permoment in the couple reached the coast in the evenfeetly riddled with bullets, but I leaped ing and were married the same night. to the ground just as another volley As may be presumed, so excellent a business man did not fail to have a gesser in the thigh, knocking him into the wagon box. Keeping close to the front wheel furthest from the Indians, I drove and ran alongside the wagon for half a mile down the canon, when in crossing a small stream the axle broke, and the wagon was left in the mud. There we were, all severely wounded, the Indians close upon us, and we anable to move. There was no time for thought, and though rapidly losing courage and strength from many wounds, I quickly unhitched the two lead mules, managed to get Burgesser on one, and while Grasham, who did not then appear to be severely wounded, ran on down the canon, I mounted the other and sent them forward as fast as possible. After riding about a mile and a half we met a party of six en route to Custer, and they took us to the

miss growing evenly. Asparagus is always planted in spring." his wife and Stimpson and the colored woman were found the next day. Metz woman were found the next day. Metz of the third month of the year 1878, acand Stimpson had evidently been shot out of the wagon. Mrs. Metz and the writes Kusumoto Masataka, prefect of colored woman must have jumped from the wagon, tried to escape, and been murdered some distance from where the bodies of the two men were lying. The bodies were brought into camp, and all buried side by side, and on the evening

Cheyenne river stage station, where Burgesser and Grasham died on the fol-

of the 17th of April I found myself the sole survivor of this ill-fated party.

"After lying, more dead than alive, re ief. for eight weeks at Cheyenne River," continued the scout, "a few soldiers of Capt, Eagan's company took me to Fort Laramie hospital. Four months afterreturn to my home in Colorado; but little the worse for wear, am ready at any moment to mount the saddle, throw the cartridges into my pet rifle here, and give the red men another chance to get the scalp of California Bill."

Carrying Out His Contract.

mon sense in selecting your shoes or boots, and corns will never trouble you.

—Adviser.

Western swindlers happen into saloons, make bets on future events and give the stakes to the landlords to hold; then, a few days later, happen back, and contract was a simple one, but it was a contract was a simple one, but it was a contract was a simple one, but it was a contract was a simple one, but it was a contract was a simple one, but it was a contract was a simple one, but it was a contract was a simple one, but it was a contract was a simple one, but it was a contract of the services and do what he give the stakes to the landlords to hold; then, a few days later, happen back, and agreeing to draw the bet, obtain good money from the saloon-keeper, their base conterfeits having meanwhile been mixed up with his cash.

was a contract. On his part the youth was to give his services and do what he was told. The firm was to pay him \$100 for the first year's work and teach him the business. The money consideration was insignificant; the knowledge of the business was what the youth was after. business was what the youth was after. He was put down the cellar, kept open-ing and nailing up boxes, running er-rands and sweeping the store; in a word, he was made to do a porter's work, and his employers no doubt chuckled at the thought they were getting for two dol-

lars a week work that was well worth fifteen dollars. But like a sensible fellow, the youth said nothing until the time was up. On the morning of the first auniversary of his coming to the store he was on hand carly, and, when the morning arms of the store he was on hand carly, and, when A recent Black Hills letter says : Our

knew it. He, the man who prided himself that his word was as good as his bond, had been accused by a beardless boy of having failed to keep his agreement, and knew that the charge was true. He said nothing. "What I want," said the boy, "is an extra \$100 as an increase." "You shall have it," said the merchant. "And besides that," continued the youth, "I want \$200 additional to partly make good your broken promise."

Again the merchant looked in his eye, but got no comfort. "Well," he said, "it's a good deal to pay a boy the second year, but I will see about it," and he did "see about it," for the next morning the "boy" was a salesman on a \$400 salary. promise salary.

A Strange Romance. A tramp's queer romance is reported from Lebanon, O., pathetic in its details and cruel in its termination. A young woman at Westchester, Pa., had a lover at Wilmington, Del., some years ago, and her father smiled on the suit, until William Udderzook was hanged for butchering Goss, to get the insurance on his life, and it was known that the lover was a relative of the criminal. Then the father forbade the suitor to come to his house, which threw the daughter into an insane melancholy, and angered the young man into a cours of dissipation. The old man finally sold his Pennsylvania home and moved to Ohio, but the maiden was true, and a few afternoons ago threw herself into

tracted by the picture of a New York lady. A correspondence was opened, portraits exchanged, an engagement entered into, and a contract of marriage made before either had seen the other. and exchanged salutations. The lady dominie engaged for the arrival. There was no bridal tour, as the ante-nuptial ride of the bride was sufficient. - "Bur leigh's" New York Letter.

Debts of Chicago Churches.

The combined debts of the churches of various denominations in Chicago are estimated to be as follows: Presbyterian, \$275,000; Congregationalist, \$222,000; Methodist, \$210,000; Baptist, \$200,000; Episcopal, \$130,000; Lutheran, \$115,000; Unitarian, \$80,-000; Universalist, \$50,000; Miscellaneous, \$100,000; total, \$1,380,000. A correspondent of the Golden Rule says: The bulk of this debt may be fairly set down as the product of an almost unpardonable pride of worship within higher walls and beneath finer frescoes than one's neighbors.

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