### FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD FOR THE FAIR SEX.

### Orchard and Garden Notes.

In making selections for an orchard, the question should not be, What are the best varieties ? but what are the best grown in your locality. If there are any fruit-growers in the neighborhood, get their experience. If one is in a new country, where information of this kind cannot be obtained, the next best is the opinion of a nurseryman of good reputa-

For family use, the orchard should For family use, the orchard should contain varieties from the earliest to the latest, the greater number of trees being new ones, with very good effect.

For market fruit, the selection will depend upon whether the market is near at hand or the fruit is to be shipped to a distance. One near the shipped to

a distance. One near a town will find showy early apples, which do not keep long or transport well, more profitable than later kinds.

Protect young trees from large ani-mals by care of fences and gates.

Trap or shoot rabbits; smearing the trunks with blood or raw meat of any kind will keep them off.

If cions have not been cut, do it now in a mild spell; label and store in sawdust, moss or sand, and keep in a cool place

Make channels to carry off surface water wherever needed.

Cart out manure to the orchard.

If there is any one respect in which farmers-take the country through-do not live up to their privileges, it is in the matter of small fruits. The table of the city mechanic is better supplied with these fruits than that of many a

wealthy farmer. We hope to see the time when every farmer's family shall have their fill of fruits, from the beginning of strawberries to the end of grapes. The succession in small fruits is:

Strawberries, raspberries, currents, gooseberries (usually sold green), black-berries and grapes. Of course, there is some lapping, the late varieties of one kind coming in with the early sorts of the next. Those who have had no ex-perience in these are at a loss how to begin. If one has the money to invest, plantations may be made this spring; but many, whose means are restricted, would like to make a beginning; such may purchase a few plants of each variety, and propagate them to obtain a supply for a planting. This will, of course, take time and cause the loss of a year with strawberries, and of two or three years with the shrubs.

Whatever of pruning has been omitted should be completed on mild days.

Coarse manure may be applied around currants and gooseberries; the soluble portions will find their way into the soil, leaving the rest as a mulch in hot weather.

The plow and spade, wherever the soil is not too wet, may be kept at work in mild weather, and thus facilitate the spring operations,

Implements should be overhauled and put in order and the stock replenished. Extra plow-points, cultivator teeth, and duplicates of parts likely to be broken, save many a half day's work.

Overhaul the stock of seeds. If in doubt as to the vitality of any, there is time to test them by sowing in a pot or box of earth in a warm room.

Provide a supply of pea brush and bean poles. Make markers of various widths, and

dibbles.

A well-made wooden reel for the garden line is better than the weak iron ones sold at the stores.

Labels or marking-stakes should be provided; have these so large that they cannot be hoed up without some trouble.

Fashion Notes Pale-drab cloths trimmed with fur are worn by young ladies. Only one very small ornament on the head, even in full dress. Blue-gray, or lead-white, is annour as about to displace cream-white.

Suits of black chuddah cloth are now made up very plainly and trimmed with black silk.

contagious to those who hear the sick person complaining about the disease; wherefore the individual thus addressed will most ungraciously retort : "Bear thy pains alone, Or bewail them to a stone."

Finger puffs are little worn, the extraordinary f eaks played with them by Three crosses painted over the house some women having destroyed their door keep diseases and all other domespopularity. tic disasters off the homes of true be-

lievers ; for which the initials K., (Kas-par), M., (Melchior), and B. (Baltha-sar), or even the *pentalpha*, (common-ly called wizard-foot), may be substi-tuted. This *pentalpha* consists of two triangles united in a manner to form a Ear-rings-pendants-are going out of fashion, though solitaires, either dia-monds or pearls, will be worn by all who can afford them.

Winter fans have knob handles, which hold powder and a puff. A mir-ror, a scent tube and a pocket comb are hidden in the side sticks. five-pointed star. It is strange to observe how, in the above-mentioned customs, Christian and heathenish ele-ments are commingled, -- Chambers'

White and pearl-colored bonnets have facings, breasts, tips or ties of garnet or wine in a majority of instances, and Journal, the contrast is certainly most charming.

Striped silks and satins are used for facings on black gowns. They are cut straightwise and laid so as to show two or three stripes. Velvet is employed on red costumes.

amateur atbletic games, in Gilmore's garden, New York, resulted in a series of interesting contests, consisting of running and walking matches, veloci-pede and hurdle racing, and "tugs of war," in which two " teams " catch hold Jet, crystal and amber are all fashionably beaded among garnet grass or the various fancy colored gimps, but black jet is used more frequently than of a rope and try to pull each other over a mark. The last event in the exany, and is decidedly preferred for black trimmings.

Suits of fine twilled fiannel are worn both in the house and the street. They are made without flounces, the underskirt being of alpaca faced about fifteen inches from the hem ; the overskirt being turned up washerwoman fashion : and the basque a Russian blouse. Seven yards of double-width cloth is enough to make one of these suits for a person of ordinary height.

### Indoor and Outdoor Exercise.

Few ladies, says the Boston Transcript, have any idea of the number of steps they take and the number of miles they walk daily in going about their houses. The pedometer reveals some extraordinary facts. A lady, an acknowledged invalid, who thought she saved every unnecessary step, found that she had, between breakfast and tea, walked nearly two miles without going outside the door. The pedometer would prob-ably show that nervous ladies who "can't sit still," and are constantly "jumping up" to get this or that, walk at least five miles a day in their daily trayels about the house. What it would travels about the house. What it would do in the case of the young ladies who dance by the hour, yet are too delicate to walk, can be imagined. Of course, exercise is a good thing, but exercise in the open air is the kind that in bene-field to health. If the the day is the kind that in bene-field to health. If the the day is the kind that in bene-field to health. If the the day is the kind that in bene-field to health. If the the day is the kind that in bene-field to health. If the the day is the kind that in bene-field to health. If the the day is the kind that in bene-field to health. If the the day is the kind that in bene-field to health. If the the day is the day is the the day is t ficial to health. If our ladies would manage to avoid a part of their unneces-sary "trotting around" the housesthe result, in the great part, of nervous habit-and put the same number of steps in outdoor exercise every day, the result would be greatly to the advan-tage of their health. And then there are the stairs. If a lady were asked to hoist her own weight through twelve to fifteen feet of space, the ordinary height of a "story," she would esteem it a cruel hardship, but she will do precise-ly that a half a dozen times a day to get

her "other gloves," her fan, or to see

# THE DUELS OF THE PAST YEAR.

who Met on the Field of Honor, an What they Quarreled About.

are closely connected with church holi-days and other religious concerns. Thus, bathing in the open air on Good Friday or at Easter is supposed to keep the Silesians well and healthy the whole year, and in Saxony, the common preservative against ague is to eat nine different kinds of green vegetables mix-ed together on Maundy-Thursday. In many parts of the German empire it is a custom to take a cold bath on Christmas night, for during the following Twelfth What they Quarreled About. Jan. 12, --At the junction of the A. and G. and S. and C. R.R., three miles from Savanna, between Walter A. Har-ley, lawyer, and Robert Vishburn, ten paces, Oolt's revolvers. Harley killed; canse, politics. Feb. 3-A. J. Nicolopulo and George Villere fought with swords at Montgom-ery station, on the N. O. and M. R.R.; Nicolopulo wounded in hand. Feb. 26. --In Charles City county, Va., forty miles from Richmond, Thomas Wilcox and Richard Walker, dispute about lands adjoining; two shots fired and Walker fell; Wilcox slightly wound-ed in the arm. Both parties were ar-rested. After the first shot Wilcox said: "Hold on, my pistol is ont of order and won't fire." "All right; I'm not in a hurry and I'll wait," was his opponent's rest?

night, for during the following Twelfth night the water is believed to possess magic powers. In Brandenburg, the oll believers in these wonderful doc-trines say that every illness becomes

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reply. March 7.—At Panton, near University of Virginia, B. T. Johnson, Jr., and Mr. Cockrell fought with bowie knives; Cockrell called Johnson a liar over a game of billiards; the young men were aged about twenty-two; neither party hurt.

March 28.-At Eastville, Va., Sidney Pitts and A. P. Thomas fought with pistols, to settle a quarrel about \$20; two rounds at six feet apart. Pitts was killed, and Thomas fatally wounded.

killed, and Thomas fatally wounded. July 4.—On Luxembourg frontier, Jorres Oacedo, minister to Belgium from San Salvador, and Medira, minister from Guatemala. Cacedo wounded in shoulder. Dr. William Aubery and Adolph Flummer; Colt's six-shooting pistols; near Latonia Springs, Ken-tucky; one shot. Dr. Aubery wounded in foot. Quarrel about a lady; fifteen paces. The recent two days' exhibition of

July 14 .- The Rev. Dr. Wade Heil,

hibition—a tug of war between twenty men—is described thus by a reporter : Baptist, and Andrew Scroggins, son-inlaw, fought duel, ten paces, in Ruther-ford county, N. C.; Scroggins spanked Dr. Heil's daughter and the doctor re-The concluding event was a tug of war-the final of the contest of the previous evening-between the Scottishproved him, A quarrel and fight en-American team and the team of the Emsued, doctor coming out best. Scrog-gins challenged, the reverend declined. Scroggins vowed revenge, if he poisonpire City gymnasium. The former had never before been beaten, and looked like winners in their pretty uniforms, ed his coffee. The reversed was armed. They met on horseback, Major -."Ha, I've got you now." The rever-end—"Keep cool." Major—"Ten mindisplaying magnificently-developed mus-The Empire City men were knotty fellows, apparently workingmen, and were simply stripped to their shirts and end—"Keep cool." Major—"Ten min-utes to say your prayers." The rever-end—"Well, sir, I'm ready," drawing derringer. Major—"And so sm I may the Lord have mercy on us both," and fired, with no effect. The reverend fired and killed Scroggins. Aug. 1.—R. S. Sullsbury and J. S. Iverson of Augusta Ga. mot an Ouro pantalcons. The struggle was the fin-est that ever took place. At the flash of the pistol the Scots went to work immediately with every muscle of their bod-ies and all the skill for which they have won a reputation, but they did not budge their opponents an inch. Then

Iverson of Augusta, Ga., met on Carothe Empire City men pulled for all they were worth, and succeeded in dragging their opponents a foot toward the line. lina side of river and exchanged shots;

nobody hurt. Sept. 14.—John Riley and unknown man, at Catholic cemetery, San Francis-co, ten paces and advance; Riley wound-

ed; refuses to tell. Paris, Nov. 21.—A duel with pistols were simply deafening. The triumph of the Scotchmen had been regarded as a foregone conclusion, and the delight of between M. Gambetta and M. de Fourthe crowd at this indication that the conton, arising out of the passage in the chamber of deputies on the 18th inst., when the latter was unseated, was fought to-day at Plesses Picquet. They fought at thirty-five paces. Only one exchange of shots was had, and neither party was nor the excitement any abatement. The mortified Scotchmen rallied and made a

of the contest the din had no cessation nor the excitement any abatement. The mortified Scotchmen rallied and made a supreme effort, but they lost another inch in so doing. Pull followed pull in which is a supreme to the principals being Mr. Cantey, of Camden and Mr. Cash, of Cash's Dequick succession; the bunched muscles on the arms, backs, and legs of the Scotchmen swelled and writhed, and pot. Two shots were exchanged without effect .- Cincinnati Commercial.

Scotchmen swelled and writhed, and their powerful bodies swayed from side to side under an intermittent strain that seemed almost enough to part the thick rope, but the others were like rocks, and yielded not a hair's breadth. On the contrary, they proved quick to take ad-vantage of every relaxation of their op-ponents, and added inch after inch to their advantage, until they had a clear gain of four or five feet. Then they just

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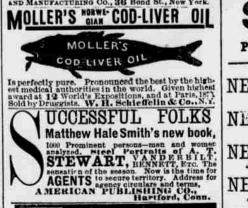
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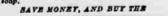
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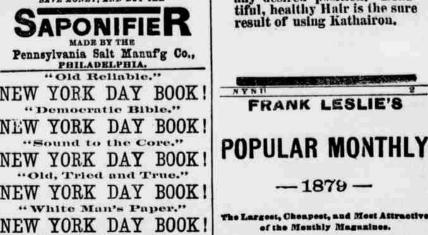
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### -American Agriculturist. Fruit Tree Borers.

Let not our readers forget that much of the weakening of our fruit trees is owing to absolute starvation, caused by the workings of stem-borers. The suphole which they make, and is just so much put in the way of the tree getting all the food it needs. It is of no use to manure trees, and keep our eye on all other cultural details, if these rascals are permitted to continue their depredations. This is one of the best seasons of the year to look after and destroy them. The egg laid during the summer has now developed to a consid-erable "worm," and it is working its way down between the bark and wood or even into the wood, so as to get comfortable quarters for the winter. Their presence can be readily ascery noting a little fresh looking tained matter like saw-dust near the tree at the surface of the ground, which the larva eject in their boring course. To destroy them get a trowel and dig away a little from the stem, so as to find exactly the opening of the channel made by the insect, and then thrust down a piece of stiff wire upon it, which will generally end its days.

To many this looks like a considerable job; but a smart hand can get through with several hundred trees a a day in this search, as the fresh dust affords an unerring clue to the direct whereabouts of the marauder .- Rural World.

### Health Hints.

A writer in the Farm Journal cures dyspepsia by a swallow or two of vine-gar after each meal.

The best drink for renewing the power of endurance that we have tried is simply hop tea three or four days old, strained and put away with a little sugar.-Ex.

Three cures for sore throat are recom mended by a New York paper, as follows: (1) Gargle the throat with solu-tion of salt and water. (2) Gargle throat with chloride of potash and water. (3) Keep a small lump of gum camphor in the mouth and swallow the saliva; do the same with chlorate of potash.

There is no simpler or better remedy for frost bites than the following : Extract the frost by the application of ice water till the frozen part is pliable, avoiding all artificial heat ; then apply a salve made of equal parts of hog's lard and gunpowder, rubbed together until it forms a paste, and very soon the frozen parts will be well.—Scientific American.

A curious old manuscript, containing an allusion to the death of Guttenburg, the great inventor of printing, has re-cently been found in the Walraf museum at Cologne. It contains the poems, written in Latin, of a certain Jan Burtzbach, who speaks in one of them of "a recent invention by means of which the recent invention by means of which the works of anthors can be rapidly multi-plied;" adding that this invention "had proved fatal to the discoverer, for a band of malcontents had entered his house, borne him away in a carriage, and then cut his throat." The moral that the wise medieval poet derives from this circumstance is that " the love of gain is often the cause of our ruin." The poem is dated 1441, and is com-posed of 2,000 verses.

the course of a day, and she will be surprised to find how much of her strength is consumed in lifting herself.

### Funeral of a Chinese Mason.

A stunning Chinese funeral took place in this city yesterday afternoon, says a recent issue of a Virginia City (Nev.) which gave the Empire City men the paper, deceased having been a member victory, and a shout arose that shook of the Masonic order, as it exists among the Mongolians, An American brass band headed the procession, which was composed of Chinamen wearing badges and other decorations denoting their rank, while in a large covered vehicle that followed the hearse were seated a number of female musiciane-a regular Chinese band, in fact. The instruments were fiddles, guitars, drums, cymbals and gongs. The noise made by the Celestial musicians was such that after they came up and passed not another note from the American band was heard. They gave their late brother a good send-off. Behind the native band wagon came a wagon loaded with roast pig and all manner of good things catable and drinkable to be left at the grave. Strips of paper pierced in three places with crescent-shaped holes in rows of five were strewn by thousands along the whole route of the procession. The The Americans who crowded the line of march-outside barbarians-seemed to consider the whole thing a sort of farce, and rather a jolly affair. A bevy of Pinte squaws standing at the corner of C and Taylor streets laughed until the tears ran down their cheeks when the Chinese band came along. These simple children of the desert doubtless put themselves outside of all the viands left at the grave of the defunct as soon as the shades of evening covered the hills.

### German Superstitions.

The directions prescribed as preventives against all sorts of witchcraft vary in different parts of Germany, and a: e too closely pruned. Great care should generally limited to certain provincer, Thus, in Silesia, people carefully avoid swallowing a cat's hair or a fragment of thread, as this imprudence would cer-tainly cause consumption. In the Tyrol, tainly cause consumption to be being filly five degrees in the night, ranging up to fifty five degrees in daylight. tainly cause consumption. In the Tyrol, eating a sparrow is believed to bring about St. Vitus' dance; and in Hesse, spitting into the fire will make the culprit's mouth sore, a belief which is probably a remnant of the time when fire was considered sacred. In Saxony, nobody ventures to wipe their fingers on the tableoth last their theory. on the tablecloth, lest their hands become covered with warts. Throughout

Germany, brooms play a large part in the tragi-comedy of popular medicine, since they are the witches' favorite means of conveyance to their nightly feast at the Blocksberg. In Westphalia —that lumber room of superstition and Saxony, the unfortunate mortals who happen to have been beaten with a broomstick firmly believe themselves doomed to die of consumption; and small children who have been chastised

Scotchmen got mad at length, and began taunting the Empire City men, but they stopped on being promptly hissed. The difteen minutes were fast slipping away. Bracing themselves, the Scotchmen partly arose, and pulled until it would seem that something must break. But old sge." to no avail. The pistol shot went off victory, and a shout arose that shook the building.

"The Tug of War."

The cheers, yells, whistles and cat-calls that arose from the assemblage at this

Roses in Winter.

At a recent regular monthly meeting of the New York Horticultural society the business was to elect half a dozen new members and to listen to the read-ing of a prize essay. Mr. Peter Hender-sin, the veteran florist, offered in No-vember last a special prize of \$25 to the writer of the best essay on "Rose Cul-ture for Winter Blooming." The prize went to William Bennett, florist, Flatwriter of the best essay on "Rose Cal-ture for Winter Blooming." The prize went to William Bennett, florist, Flat-bush. Mr. Bennett advised that cuttings should be taken from the strongest roots, as early as January if possible. In March plant them in the ross-house The border in which they are to be set should be of strong loamy soil, with no manure. Drainage of the border should be perfect. While the roses are grow-ing during the summer months, they must be well watered continually. The virieties best to grow for winter are Ron Silene, Saffrano, Sprunt, Cornelia Cook, Nephitos, Donglas, Madain, Tal-oot, Pearl of the Garden and Marshal Neil. These comprise all shades of c dor known in roses. Pruning should be done sparingly; roses are usually hurt by overzealons pruners. The tem-perature in the night should not average

bove fifty-five degrees Fahrenheit, and by day seventy-five degrees. Finally Mr. Bennett said that the causes of failure to produce winter rose blooms are not only that the border is usually manured too richly, but also that the borders are badly drained and the roses be taken to begin the temperature low when the rose-house is closed up in the

New Mexico has seven different tribes of Pueblo Indians, each speaking a dif-ferent language. Arizona has one tribe that live in seven different villages, adjacent to each other, however, and in several towns a different dialect is spoken-the Moquis.

### Words of Wisdom. Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam, No man is the wiser for his learning. Wit and wisdom are born with a man. Reason is the life of the law; nay, the common law itself is nothing else

To write well is to think well, to feel well and to render well; it is to possess at once intellect, soul and taste.

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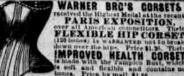
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