

Rural Economy.

WEEDS IN GARDENS.

Nothing reduces the current expenses of a family for the outlay more than a well-managed kitchen-garden; but the general complaint with many is the labor of keeping it clean—the constant fight with weeds.

The question naturally arises, is it not practicable to clear out entirely and totally the last of the three? Are weeds a necessity? If a garden contains a hundred thousand of them, and ninety-nine thousand are killed by a hoe, why not the remaining thousand?

I was once so ill-informed of the progress of the fine arts, as not to know what an iron dish-cloth was. But seeing one in use at the house of a friend, I learned from a young Swiss gentleman who had presented it to her, that they were in general use in his native country, and he had accidentally been a cask full at an importer's, which were unsalable in New York, and had become rusty, and looked upon as old iron, procured a dozen, and distributed them among my friends.

HORSES AT PASTURE.

Every horse in the country ought, if possible, to have a few weeks' run in the pasture. It will do for him what no kind of medicine or nursing can do as well. It will improve his hoofs, his hair and skin, his wind, digestion, and blood, will take out stiffness and lameness, and put on flesh, and infuse new life generally.

TO HAVE A SWARM OF BEES.

Mr. Jones, of Dutchess County, New York, communicates a convenient way of having a swarm of bees. He says:—Take a long pole, and make the small end bulky by wrapping paper around it, making it about as thick as a man's arm, and half as long as you wish to bind a black cloth around it, long as an old woolen stocking over it, and then draw it with a cord; when the bees are swarming, as soon as they attempt to pass that end of the pole in the place where they are about lighting, and stop, they settle on it immediately; but should they persist in settling on a limb, or where it is, jar it, so as to disturb them, and they will leave it for the pole; then lay it gently down and set the hive over them. Sometimes, when fastened pretty

firmly on the pole, it is expedient to shake it a little, to make them leave it for the hive. We have tried this plan for years, and have seldom failed in bringing them down."

REMEDY FOR SCRATCHES.—In answer to the query for a remedy for scratches, I will give one which I have used for thirty-five years with complete success, having never failed in one instance:—Take white pine pitch, rosin, beeswax and honey, one ounce each, fresh lard, one-half pound, melt well together over a slow fire, then add one-half an ounce sulphate copper (verdigris), stir till it is quite thick, so the parts may not settle and separate. This makes an excellent application for harness galls and cuts and sores of all kinds, on horses and cattle.—Maine Farmer.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Anderson, James M., Pres. N. S.—Ordained Evangelist by Presbytery of Cincinnati.
Barnes, John P., Pres. O. S.—Accepted call to Brownsville, Nebraska.
Bergan, Geo. P., Pres. O. S.—Accepted call to Birmingham, Iowa.

Brook, J. R., Ref. Dutch.—Installed at Spring Valley, N. Y., May 7.
Brown, F. T., D.D., Pres. O. S.—Installed over Central Church, Ohio, April 12.
Campbell, Nathan P., Pres. N. S.—Ordained and installed at Cazenovia, N. Y., May 2.
Clemens, J. W., Cumb. Pres.—Resigned pastorate at Rich Hill, O.

McCormick, John D., Pres. N. S.—Accepted call to Plymouth, O.
McCorkle, W. A., Pres. N. S.—Installed copastor with Rev. Dr. Duffield over First Presbyterian Church, Detroit.
McKenzie, V. A., Un. Pres.—Installed at Sevier, Tenn., April 5.

Thyne, Joseph, Un. Pres.—Resigned pastorate at East Springfield, N. Y.
Timlow, P. J., Pres. O. S.—Resigned pastorate at Marietta, Pa.
Timlow, W. G., Pres. N. S.—Accepted call to Amity, N. Y.

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