

Rural Economy.

THE TULIP.

The tulip is a great favorite with almost all lovers of flowers. It has held its place in public esteem for more than a century.

The Duc Van Thols are the earliest tulips, growing only about six inches in height. They flower often the latter part of March, and continue nearly a month.

The Tournesols come next. They have large, double flowers, some twelve or fifteen inches in height.

Single Early follow the Tournesols, and embrace a large collection of the most brilliant colors. This class is superb in all respects.

THE DOUBLE TULIPS commence to flower with the Single Early, and continue in flower, by a proper selection, a long time, as some sorts are quite late.

The Parrot Tulips are not in much favor with professional florists, but they are exceedingly brilliant, most varieties having three colors.

The Late Tulips are the florists' pets. There are many varieties. They have fine, large, well-formed cups on stately, strong stems, usually eighteen inches in height.

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FARMERS.

A writer in the Rural New Yorker says:—It has always been a matter of wonder to me that so little sympathy exists between farmers as a class.

A CONVENIENT DISINFECTANT.

The most convenient and, I believe, the most effective disinfectant, is chloric ether. It should be burnt in a glass spirit lamp, which is liable to the same mishaps as other spirit lamps.

FALL PLANTING OF GRAPES.

Select your ground on some southern or southeastern slope, or any other dry land that you may have; plow it from fifteen to twenty inches deep, with a plow so constructed as to run in the same furrow, which can be done at a very little cost.

Y., and he deserves a great deal of credit for it. Then, as the season advances and the vines grow, level your ground, which the horse-cultivator will do.

Among the many reasons for fall planting, let me tell you the main ones. In the month of October and a part of November, we have the finest and most uniform weather in the world; the ground is generally looser and warmer, and plants then removed hardly experience a change; while, on the other hand, plants sown frequently by spring shipments in cold spells.

Scientific.

STEAM PLOWING.

It takes a long time to effect some reforms. It is difficult to make mankind believe that there are ways better than they now walk in—methods more economical, and processes more speedy, than those now used.

There may be some force in the views quoted, but it seems impossible to doubt that steam cultivators can be introduced and successfully used here as elsewhere.

THE RIGHT KIND OF AN INVENTION. Duple, an inventor in France, has designed a new umbrella, which is a simple walking stick without any covering, from which the rain spreads out in the form of an umbrella.

Miscellaneous.

HOLIDAYS.

The late President Felton, in his "Familiar Letters from Europe," has the following sensible observations:—"It is a great misfortune to the Greeks," he says, "and to the Athenians in particular, that they have so many saints in their calendar, and so many festivals in their honor, to interrupt the usual business of life."

ALLIGATORS' NESTS.

These nests resemble hay-cocks four feet high, and five in diameter at their bases, being constructed with grass and herbage. First they deposit one layer of eggs on a floor of mortar, and having covered this with a second stratum of mud and herbage eight inches thick, lay another set of eggs upon that, and so on to the top, there being generally from one to two hundred eggs in a nest.

her eggs until they are all hatched by the heat of the sun, and then she takes her brood under her own care, defending them and providing for their subsistence.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Quaint Thomas Fuller recorded this prayer against sudden death:—"Lord, be pleased to take my clay cottage before thou thrust it down. May it totter awhile before it doth tumble. Let me be summoned before I am surprised. Deliver me from sudden death. Not from sudden death in respect to itself, for I cannot how short my passage be, so it be safe. Never any way traveller complained that he came too soon to his journey's end. But let it, note sudden in respect to me. Make me always ready to receive death. Thus no guestiness unawares to him who keeps a constatable."

The venerable Professor Silliman used to tell his students, "Sudden death is never to be dreaded. If 'tho' God's will, let the angel of death come in a flash; only let him find me at my post of duty. He cannot be too quickly."

Earliest Thanksgiving day Professor Silliman had nearly recovered from a short illness, was repeating Hymns appropriate to the day, when there was a sudden change in his countenance, and in a moment he was gone, as he preferred to go.

The Rev. Dr. Belknap, author of the History of New Hampshire, and other works, died of apoplexy on the 29th of June, 1798. The following lines were found long his papers:—

Whoa! and patience, hope and love, Have had me meet for heaven above, I've lost the privilege to rise, Staked in a moment to the skies, Uncertain to resign on my breast, No! the bitterness of death! Sudden my lot, Lord, if it please, To in silence and at ease, Without dost find that I'm prepared, O! me quick to thy reward! But thy wisdom sees it best. To be by ear from this request; If I may be the appointed way, To this high grief and racked with pain, I'll let mine angels round me stand— Subtly by thy powerful hand. Let my faith or patience move, Nightshade may my hope or love, Brighter may my grace shine, Than the absorbed in light divine!

CHOLERA.

"Asiatic cholera," as first known in thirteenth century, and 1833, is chiefly a disease prevailing in warm weather, or, rather, in a warm atmosphere, for it can be contracted at any season, and in the coldest latitudes, by combining the proper degrees of the three essential requisites, namely: moisture, vegetable decay, and a regular heating of eighty degrees. The great distinguishing feature of cholera is a copious, frequent and painless discharge from bowels of a substance almost as thin water, with a whitish tinge, as if rice had been washed in it, or as if a little milk had been dropped in it.

Send a cure is impossible under any conceivable circumstances, without absolute fluids of body on a bed, for days together; the time of confinement being shortened in proportion to the promptitude with which the quietude is secured after the full action of the bowels has taken place, which gives a feeling of tiredness, and of sitting down, a sensation of rest and satisfaction.

This when the patient ceases to urinate begins to die, and its resumption is a certain index of recovering health, always and infallible.

One of the usual attendants of an attack of cholera is an unconquerable tendency to vomit. The very instant anything reaches the stomach, it is ejected—but cold water, it is ejected; the mildest food meets the same fate in such cases; much less will medicine find a lodgment, except one, and that it is impossible to vomit up if it once reaches its destination. That medicine has no taste; it is small in bulk; will retain its virtue for a quarter of a century, as the writer knows by personal experience and repeated observation. Unless it is in the very last stages, it is believed capable of arresting the disease in nine cases out of ten—will made up of ten grains of calomel with a little gum-water. If the symptoms do not abate in two hours, double the dose, and let it work itself off. Do nothing else, but let the patient be quiet, and eat at the ice he can possibly want.—Hall's Journal of Health.

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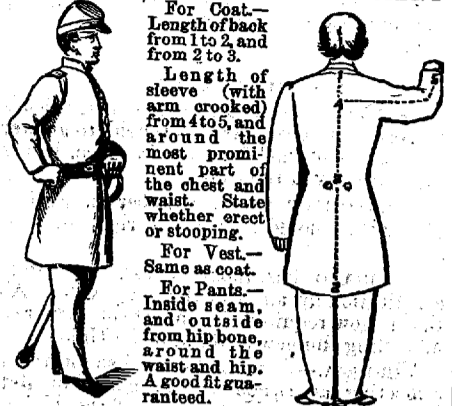
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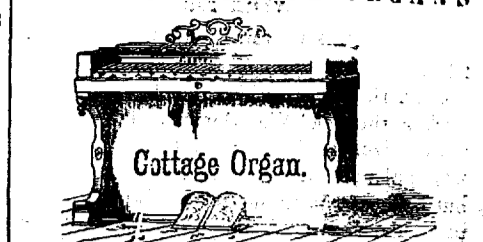
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