Farm, Garden & Household.

HOW THE CHINESE MAKE DWARF TREES.

We have all known from childhood how the Chinese cramp their women's feet, and so manage to make them "keepers at home," but how they contrive to grow miniature pines and oaks in flower pots for half a century, has always been much of a secret. They aim first and last at the seat of vigorous growth, endeavoring to weaken it as far as may consist with the preservation of life. They begin at the beginning. Take a young plant (say a seedling or cutting of a cedar) when only two or three inches high they cut off its tap-root as soon as it has other rootlets enough to live upon, and replant it in a shallow earthen pot or pan. The end of the tap-root is generally made to rest on a flat stone within it. Alluvial clay is then put into the pot, much of it in bits the size of beans, and just enough in kind and quantity to furnish a scanty nourishment to the plant. Water enough is given to keep it in growth, but not enough to excite a vigorous habit. So, likewise, in the application of light and heat. As the Chinese pride themselves on the shape of their miniature trees, they use strings, wires and pegs, and various other mechanical contrivances to promote symmetry of habit, or to fashion their pets nto odd fancy figures. Thus, by the use of very shallow pots, the growth of the tap-roots is out of the question; by the use of poor soil and little of it, and little water, any strong growth is prevented. Then, too, the top and side roots being within easy reach of the gardener, are shortened by his pruning knife or seared with his hot iron. So the little tree, finding itself headed on every side, gives up the idea of strong growth, asking only for life, and just growth enough to live and look well. Accordingly, each new set of leaves become more and more stunted, the buds and rootlets are diminished in proportion, and at length a balance is established between every part of the tree, making it a drawf in all respects. In some kinds of trees this end is reached in three or four years; in others ten or fifteen years are necessary. Such is fancy horticulture among the Celestials.—*The Technologist.*

INSECTS ON PARLOR PLANTS.

There is a variety of insects which infest parlor plants, and, unless looked after very closely, will destroy their beauty. The green fly is a great pest to parlor and greenhouse plants; but is easily killed in the greenhouse, by filling the house thoroughly with tobacco smoke at the close of the day, and then shutting it up tight for the night. For parlor plants, it will be necessary to put them in large boxes or barrels, and fill them with smoke, and cover up tight. This will effectually destroy this destructive and disgusting insect. By immersing the plants in a tub of soapsuds, they may be freed from the fly. To do this, a piece of pasteboard should be made to cover the pot, cutting a side slit for the stem; then holding the hand over the pasteboard, the pot may be inverted without disturbing the mould, and, by the immersion, the foliage will be effectually freed from the insect.

The red spider may be detected by examining the leaves, which look yellow and sickly; but they are so small it will require good eyes to see them. This minute, ugly customer, is not so easily got rid of as the green fly. Plants from neglected greenhouses are infested with it. The most effectual way of destroying this insect is to give the plants repeated syringing with sulphur and water, or a solution of whale oil soap water. The plants can be taken out of doors on a mild day, and the operation performed upon them, remembering that it is important to syringe the under side of the leaf as well as the upper side, as the red spider will be found in greater abundance there.

There is another insect more difficult to get rid of than either of those named. It is the mealy bug, which may be found in the axils of the leaves, and on the stems of oranges, camelias, heaths, etc. It looks like little specks of cotton; but, upon picking it off, a disagreeable, ugly-looking insect will be found impedded in this glutinous, cottony substance. It is sometimes very troublesome in graperies, and requires much care to get rid of it. It is only to be destroyed by industriously picking it off.—*From Breck's New Book of Flowers.*

HUNTING FOR THE COWS.—Many of our farmers have wasted years of valuable time just because they did not teach their cows to come home at night. Any one who has ever lived or traveled in the country will remember the familiar Co-bos, Co-bos, of the farmer's son, or hired man, as they endeavor to coax the cows from the woods or the tall grass in the great pastures. We have had a little experience in these matters, and well remember how many times we have waded through the brush and bog looking for the cows, and, boy-like, we thought them dreadful contrary animals. But we have lived long enough to learn better, and now think that the biped was the more contrary animal of the two. Boys, we will tell you a secret that will save you a great deal of trouble, and it is this: Just sow a few rons of corn in drills, where it will be handy to the milking place, and every time the cows are driven upat night, or in the morning, give each one a good armeful of the fresh cornstalks, and our word for it, the cows will always be on hand at milking time. Besides this, they will give more milk, and forget to kick over the milk pail, even if you do whistle a little too loud.—*Weekly Sun.*

GO TO FARMING.—A good living is what comparatively few men succeed in making in village or city life, and yet nothing is more easy of accomplishment on the farm. Besides, these is a pleasure in cultivating and embellishing the earth, improving and increasing its products, and thus adding to the aggregate of human hapiness. Why, then, should young men hesitate to become farmers? It is both progtable and honorable. It is the nearest approximation to independence that man, as a member of society, can make. A gentleman farmer—and all farmers are, or should be, gentlemen—belongs to an order of nobility that is not indebted to place-holders for its installation, and may, if he chooses, be ranked among the greatest benefactors of the human race. Let all idle young men go to work on farms, and quit seeking third and fourth rate clerkships. In short, go to farming and quit begging.—*Exchange.*

CURE FOR FOUNDER.—The *Rural World* proposes to cure founder in horses in this way:

"Take the horse into a brook or stream of water deep enough to nearly reach his body and fasten him there with his head so high that he cannot drink. If the weather is warm keep him there several hours. Then remove him and rub his legs thoroughly to promote circulation. If still lame, repeat the process three or four times and a cure will be effected. In Winter twenty minutes will be long enough to keep the horse in water, when he should be taken out and rubbed as in the other case—repeating the operation if necessary. This is said to cure all cases of founder, when not of long standing.

ONE of the best farmers in Kansas is the Govenor. His wheat crop amounts to 10,000 bushels.

JUNE 1, in Australia, grapes and apples were gathered, and winter had set in.

Humorous.

WHEN is a man thinner than a shingle? When he is a shaving.

IF thou art a master, be sometimes blind, if a servant, sometimes deaf.

THE height of impudence—taking shelter from the rain in an umbrella shop.

NO wonder that the female sex is so obstinate, The Latin word for woman is *mulier.*

TO lose your watch interferes with your pleasure; at least it prevents you from having a good time.

WHY should physicians have a greater horror of the sea than any body else? Because they are more liable to see sickness.

IT is said when a Russian husband neglects to beat his wife for a month or two she begins to get alarmed at his indifference.

WHY is the letter "u" of more value than cream to a dairy maid?—Because it makes "better" "butter."

THE minister who boasted of preaching without notes don't wish to be understood to refer to greenbacks.'

WHY do girls kiss each other and men do not? Because girls have nothing bctter to kiss, and the men have.

THE most intensely Southern mariner we ever heard of was one that refused to be guided by the north star.

WHEELS like men are often tired, and very frequently from a kindred cause—going round so much.

WHAT would this world be without a woman? A perfect blank—like a sheet of paper—not even *ruled.*

THE new moon reminds one of a giddy girl, because she is too young to show much reflection.

PAT thinks it is good for a man to sometimes be alone, especially if he has his swateheart with him.

JOSH BILLINGS says he never will patronize a lottery so long as he can hire any body else to rob him at reasonable wages.

WHAT's the difference between an Indian and an Irishman? One smokes the pipe of peace, the other the piece of a pipe.

"MY DEAR," said a cross grained husband to his long suffering wife, "do you intend to make a tool of me!" "No my love; nature has saved me that trouble.

PRECEPTS are poor stuff tew bring up younng ones on, it is like sending them down cellar without enny kandle tew learn them tew see in the dark.

HIPOKRASY is one ov the vices yu kant konvert; yu might az well undertake to git the wiggle out ov a snake, or the grease out ov fat pork.

SAMPSON'S claims as a public performer are based upon the fact that in his last appearance before the Philistines. he "brought down the house."

THE arm of a pretty girl wound tight around your neck has been discovered to be an infallible remedy for sore throat. It beats pepper tea all hollow.

A GREAT many young men about town evidently believe in steam power. They use it daily, and go home at night under a full head of steam.

A PLATE of apples was being passed around to a group of children, one of whom took the largest and reddest one on the plate. What a greedy child! exclaimed another of the girls, adding, I wanted *that one* myself.

"OH!" said a poor sufferer to a dentist, "that is the second wrong tooth you've pulled out!" "Very sorry, sir," said the blunderning operator, "but as there were only three when I began I am sure to be right next time."

A DANDY getting measured for a pair of boots observed:

"Make them cover the calt.'

'Heavens!' exclaimed the shomaker astounded, surveying his customaker. 'I have not got leather enough."

A PHYSICIAN living in a certain town in Hampshire, who had determind to change his residence, but who hesitated upon receiving from four hundred and fifty of his fellow townsmen a petition that he would remain, went off at once on learning that the petition had been circulated by the undertaker.

A BLIND man had been sitting one day, and pleasantly chatting with some visitors for an hour, when one of them wished the company good-morning, and left the room. "What white teeth that lady has!" said the sarcastic blind man. "How can you possibly tell that?" said a friend. "Because," was the ready answer, "for the last half hour she has done nothing but laugh."

A SNAKE STORY.—Old Deacon Sharp never told a lie, but he used to relate this: He was standing one day beside a frog pond—we have his word for it—and saw a large garter snake make an attempt upon an enormous bull frog. The snake seized one of the frog's hind legs, and the frog, to be on a par with his snakeship, caught him by the tail, and both commenced swallowing one another until nothing was left of them.

A CHIMNEY-SWEEPER'S boy went into a baker's shop for a twopenny loaf, and conceiving it to be diminutive in size, he told the baker that he did not believe it was weight. "Never mind that," replied the man of dough "you will have the less to carry." "True!" replied the lad; and throwing three halfpence on the counter, left the shop. The baker called lustily after him, that he had not left mony enough. "Never mind that," said young sooty, "you will have the less to count."

SHERIDAN was once staying at the house of an elderly lady, in the country, who wanted more of his company than he was willing to give. Proposing one day to take a stroll with him, he excused himself on account of the inclemency of the weather. Shortly afterward she met him sneaking out alone. "So, Mr. Sheridan," said she, "It has cleared up." "Just a little, ma'am—enough for one, but not enough for two."

RETORT COURTEOUS.—"What business is your father?" asked an imperious colonel of a modest-looking lieutenant. "A tobacconist, sir." "What a pity he did not make you one." "Possibly, sir. And, now, will you allow me to ask you a question? "Certainly. What is it?" "What was your father?" "My father was a gentleman, sir," replied the haughty and imperious colonel. "Well, then, it is a duced pity he didn't make you one."

AN Irish stranger, slightly the worse for whiskey, got entangled in a political controversy, in a saloon in Trenton one day last week. He advocated 'Democracy' with great volubility. His antagonist ventured to remark:

'You don't know what Democracy is!'

'Don't know what Democracy is, ye Black Republican spalpeen. I've been in the Ohio State Prison for five years, served in the rebel army three years, and voted six times in the Sixth Ward,, New York, at the last election. Devil a man in the United States has served a better apprenticeship to Democracy than myself.'

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J. M. SHOEMAKER
HAS JUST RETURNED FROM THE CITY.
HE HAS BOUGHT A LARGE AND
CHEAP STOCK OF GOODS, JUST AT
THE RIGHT TIME, AT REDUCED
PRICES, WHICH HE WILL
SELL VERY CHEAP.
GIVE HIM A CALL AND SEE FOR
YOURSELVES.
Bedford, Pa., June 12th, 1868.

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WANTED—$20,000
AT
G. R. OSTER & CO.'S
LARGE AND SPACIOUS NEW STORE,
to buy the large and attractive stock of
NEW AND CHEAP GOODS,
just received, purchased since the
LATE DECLINE at
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES,
comprising a great variety of
LADIES' NEW STYLES OF DRESS GOODS,
HEAVY BLACK GROS GRAIN SILK, for
SACQUES and DRESSES.
BLACK ALPACA LUSTER, BOMBAZINE,
MOHAIR, all the new shades for
WALKING SUITS,
MELANGE FOR TRAVELING SUITS,
Handsome POPLINS, ARMERES, DELAINES,
FRENCH ORGANDY LAWN,
ELSTON AND SCOTCH GINGHAMS,
WHITE MERINO, WHITE MOHAIR, WHITE
PIQUE FOR SACQUES AND DRESSES,
DOTTED AND PLAIN SWISS, STRIPED AND
PLAID NANSOOK, ORGANDY, VICTORIA
LAWN, SHIRRED MUSLIN,
DIMITY, INDIA TWILL, BRILLIANT, ELASTIC, SHIRTING AND TABLE LINEN,
NAPKINS, TOWELS, MARSEILLES, ALLENDALE AND HONEY COMB QUILTS,
DAMASK TABLE-COVERS,
ALL THE LEADING MAKES OF MUSLINS,
New York Mills, Utica, Wamsutta, Lonsdale, Williamsville, Semper Idem,
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A LARGE STOCK OF CLOTHS, CASSIMERES
TWEEDS, JEANS, LADIES' CLOTH, COTTONADE, TICKING, SHIRTING
STRIPES, CLOTHING, HATS,
BOOTS AND SHOES,
DECIDEDLY CHEAP.
CARPETS, OIL CLOTH, WINDOW SHADES.
Wool Filling, and All Wool Ingrain Carpets, Venitian, Entry and Stair Carpets, new Listing and Dutch Yarn Carpets, the cheapest in town; Floor and Stair Oil Cloth, Gilt-Bordered Window Shades, cheap.
FRESH FAMILY GROCERIES:
Choice Java, Laguayra and Rio Coffee, choice Imperial, Young Hyson, Oolong and Japan Tea. A choice assortment of Sugars, Syrups, Extracts, Spices, &c. In a word, everything you want.
CALL AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES.
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It consists of—
DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS,
BOOTS & SHOES,
GROCERIES,
QUEENSWARE,
and all other articles usually kept in a retail store. All of which are to be sold
"BELOW LOW WATER MARK"
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Their stand is at the
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formerly owned by C. Loyer, one door west o the Bedford Hotel.
june26:3m FISHER & BURNS.

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A. B. CRAMER & CO.
Are now receiving the
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OF GOODS EVER OPENED IN BEDFORD.
GREAT BARGAINS on hand in every department.
TERMS CASH—or six months approved credit
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Nov 2, 1866

Dry Goods, &c.

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TO THE
COLONADE BUILDING
MILLER & BOWSER
HAVE REMOVED TO THE
COLONADE BUILDING
and offer great bargains in all kinds of goods in order to reduce their stock before making spring purchases. They have on hand
DRY GOODS,
READY MADE CLOTHING,
FANCY NOTIONS,
COTTON YARNS,
HATS,
CAPS,
BOOTS,
SHOES,
GROCERIES,
QUEENS WARE,
TOBACCO,
CIGARS,
BROOMS,
BASKETS, WOODEN WARE, &c.
Look at some of their prices:
CALICOES, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16.
GINGHAM, 12½, 15, 18, 20.
MUSLIN, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20.
CASSIMERES CLOTHS, SATINETT and LADIES SACKING at very low prices, Ladies, Gent's and Misses Shoes, Sandals and Overshoes in great variety. Men's, boys and youths boots; best Coffee, Tea, Sugar and Syrup at market prices. Feed and Flour for sale here at all times.
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TERMS—Cash, notes or products. apl3 68

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Take pleasure in informing their many friends and customers that they have moved the Bedford CLOTHING EMPORIUM to Shuck's Old Stand, one door west of the Washington House, where they have opened the largest stock of
READY MADE CLOTHING,
ever brought to Bedford and consisting in parts of
OVER COATS,
DRESS COATS,
BUSINESS COATS, PANTS, VESTS,
o match.
They have also a good assortment of
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at very low prices;
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PANTS,
BLANKETS, &c., &c.
Our
CASSIMERE DEPARTMENT
is full and complete.
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GENT'S UNDER CLOTHING from.....$1 to 3.50
" OVER SHIRTS of every style and price.
HOSIERY,
GLOVES, NECKTIES,
BOW SUSPENDERS, LINEN AND
PAPER CUFFS, LINEN
COLLARS.
We have the largest Stock of PAPER COLLARS in Bedford and the greatest variety.
In *HATS* we defy competition, as we have the largest stock, and direct from the Manufacturers. The latest styles always on hand.
MUSLINS, DELAINES,
CALICOES,
TICKINGS, FLANNELS,
CLOAKING CLOTHS,
in great variety.
LADIES SHAWLS
of latest patterns, and cheaper than the cheapest.
Persons buying for CASH or PRODUCE would do well to call and see us.
But remember, our TERMS are *Cash* or *Produce.*
Remember the place!!!
One Door West of the Washington House.
Nov.8:tf.

628 HOOP SKIRTS. 628
WM. T. HOPKINS' "OWN MAKE" OF "KEYSTONE SKIRTS,
are the best and Cheapest Low Priced Hoop Skirts in the market. Trail Skirts, 25 springs, $1.00; 3 springs, $1.20; and 40 springs, $1.45. Plain Skirts, 6 tapes, 20 springs, 80 cents; 25 springs, 95 cents; 30 springs, $1.15; and 35 springs, $1.25. Warranted in every respect.
"Our OWN Make" of "UNION SKIRTS," Eleven Tape Trails, from 20 to 50 springs, $1.20 to $2.50. Plain, Six Tapes, 20 to 50 springs, from 95 cents to $2.00. These skirts are better than those sold by other establishments as first class goods, and at much lower prices.
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March20:10m WM. T. HOPKINS.

WATERSIDE WOOLEN FACTORY!
30,000 lbs. WOOL WANTED.
The undersigned having leased the large new Woolen Factory er