THE POTATO CROP.

Hearth and Home on new varieties of po-

tato. We quote:
"Fifty years ago the main variety grown in
this country was that known as the English White, a watery, insipid, waxy-fleshed potato only fit for stock. In those days, and, indeed, until within the past twenty-five years, deed, until within the past twenty and deed, until within the past twenty are ally choice potatoes were imported from he had Ham with him.

The first part of married life is the shine of the rest, too often, moonand held its own for many years; but as our shine. country became opened up for farming purother varteties appeared, some of which-as for instance the Peachblow-divi- deal more money than they know what to do ded honors with the Mercer. The progress with. made in this, as in improvements in fruits, flowers, and vegetables, is, of course, but slow, perhaps only one point at a time being gained. If earliness was gained, perhaps size or flavor was wanting; if these were gained, productiveness or hardiness was wanting,

The appearance of the rot in 1844, and the disastrous losses it entailed upon the community, drew the attention of persons devoted to rural studies to the necessity of raising new varieties, capable of resisting the rot and other diseases which had attacked the potato.

Few persons are aware of the amount of the potato crop in the United States. It is estimated that one hundred and fifty millions of bushels are consumed annually in this country as an article of food. The crop of the State of New York is estimated at nearly twenty-five millions of bushels, of which the counties of Washington, Rens ratoga produced nearly two and a half mill ons of bushels; and the counties of Oneida, Monroe, Genesee and St. Lawrence produced over three hundred thousand bushels each

Aside from being used as an article of food, they are also extensively used in manufac tures. In Stowe, Vt., five starch factories use up yearly about one hundred thousand bushels of potatoes, and some print works consume over fifty thousand pounds of starch

Hearth and Home pronounces the "Early Rose" the very best potato yet introduced. In the warm, sandy soils of New Jersey, we, last season, saw two crops in suc raised from tubers planted in April-that is to say, those planted early in April ripened early enough to make a second planting which ripened in October. It has sold at from one dollar to five dollars a pound, and is now selling readily at the former price. Notwithstanding the high prices paid for it, we appointed or dissatisfied with it, many re porting it as ripening in forty days from the planting-sixty days, however, being the time in ordinary cases. It is reported as yielding from forty to sixty pounds of tubers

This variety was raised by Mr. Brezee in 1861, from seed of the Garnet Chili. Stem erect, stout, of medium height, with large leaves; it flowers freely, but does not fruit; tubers very smooth, skin very thin, but tough; of a dull, bluish tint; flesh white, solid, and brittle; very mealy, and of excellent quality for the table. It ripens ten days earlier than the Early Goodrich, and is equal if not superior to that variety for the table. It is very productive

WORK TO BE DONE NOW.

Many gardeners and others who have gar dens delay work through the winter, which can just as well be done then, when there is then are so hurried with other work as to at least partially neglect the other.

We refer to the gathering up of the rubbish scattered about—the stones, stakes, boards, posts, heaps of brush, decayed roots-pruning generally; pruning of the fruit-trees, when the branches are not too large, which ought to be dwarf pear-trees, when they fail to fruit from rapid growth, as we have often recommended, by thrusting the spade down to the handle from eighteen inches to two feet from the stem all around it. Prune or clear out the

rakes; prepare the brush for the peas; the est man; its incredible." poles for the beans; the stalks for the rasp berries; and make trellises for flowers and vines as may be necessary. Every good garparative leisure during the winter and early spring months. Tools should be carefully find another I won't eat the pudding." sheltered and always kept in the best order. Overhaul occasionally the seed chest to see

safety, got among them. flower plants are growing finely, and the long scarlet radish is up. But it is not too late de sugar, I stole two pair of shoes." horse-manure and they are very simply made, as described by our Chesapeake City cordidn't know but what we could find one." respondent in another colu

LARGEST STEER IN THE WORLD. There is a white steer, aged six years and Henry, it would be so very dark." six months, belonging to Samuel H. Jones, of Sangamon county, Illinois, that is six feet six inches high; nine feet six inches in length; ten feet six inches around the girth; three feet across the hips; and weighs three thou- norance of it. and and six hundred pounds! He is a cross of the "Short Horn Durham" and the 'Patton' stock.

An excursion party was made up recently, at Springfield, with the express purpose of visiting this monster beast, twelve miles from that place, at Williamsburg. The party on val, appointed a committee, consisting of Col. White, of Sangamon county, and fellow citizen, A. W. Bothwell, Esq., to which they did, with the above result. We derive these facts from Mr. A. W. Bothwell, one of the committee-men, and therefore they

Save, Carden & Household, then coating the cracks with it. The hotter melt and combine with its metalicing redients and the more completely will the crack become closed.

Humorous.

Is a pretty woman called a toast because she is exposed to the fire of so many glances.

seedling, then the famous Mercer came up, the honeymoon; the rest, too often, moon-If time is money, most people have a good

> The most delicate method of giving a lady a key to your feelings is to send her a lock of for their invigoration a diffusive stimulant, THE most delicate method of giving a lady

We think that a man carries the borrowing rinciple a trifle too far when he ask us to

end him our oars. A prisoner was examined in court, and outradicted himselt. "Why do you lie so?"

asked the judge; "haven't you a lawyer?" THE woodman who spared that tree, came ear freezing to death the past winter, on acount of the scarcity of wood.

Ir four quarters make a yard, how many ill make a garden? If seven days make ne week, how many will make one strong? THERE is a man in town so knowing, that o him for information on the subject.

A courtly negro recently sent a reply to an vitation, in which he regretted, "that cir imstances repugnant to the acquiesce would event his acceptance to the invite."

It is supposed that the thief who was re he house, did so because he was not able to

take it with him. "WHEN things get to the worst, they gen rally take a turn for the better." This proerb applies more particularly to a lady's

"FINE day for the race," said a wag to a porting friend one bright morning lately.

Ax Irish girl told her forbidden lover that travelers. the was longing to possess his portrait, and needed to obtain it. "But how if your riends see it?" "Ah, I'll tell the artist not medicinally termed, Extracts) of Roots, Herbs

narked that Ireland grew no wines. One of nis hearers reminded him that the Green Isle grows whiskey. "Oh, yes," said Beecher,

on, of whom he was very fond, thus vented is inconsolable grief over the corpse of his hild: "I don't see wot did make him tie-he | was so fatter as putter-I wouldn't haf him ie tor ten shillings!

"Peter, what are you doing to that boy? little or nothing else to do until March, and said a schoolmaster. "He wanted to know if you take ten from seventeen how many will remain, so I took ten of his apples to him and he wants them back." "Well, why don't you do it then?" then forget how many was left.'

In Westerly, R. I., a missionary had painted on the fences: "What shall I do to be branches are not too large, which ought to be deferred to June; pruning of the roots of the dwarf near-trees, when they fail to fail t list retorted by printing under "Use bitters," in another place, the words, "Then prepare to meet thy God."

A RECENT Paris paper thus reports a condead or surplus stalks of the currant and gooseberry bushes; scrape and wash with whale oil soap and water, one pound to a bucket, the stems or trunks of the fruit-trees badly." "How's that? I thought he was intally condition, by the use of these remedies, and no disease will ever assail. astrious, What has become Repair the garden implements; put in new of him?" "He has become a journalist." handles where needed; teeth in the wooden "A journalist-and his father is such an hon

dener should make himself familiar with pudding. He turned the insect over and that they tools, and become competent to do all this over, examined it closely, and finally remarkwork satisfactorily in the many days of com ed to a person who was sitting near him. "That ain't right. I don't like it, and if I THE WHOLE SUPREME COURT OF

A Darkey in Natchez was boasting to a that the mice bave not, despite your efforts at afety, got among them.

The hot-beds should now be made for the darkey assented, and it was two pounds short. crop of cauliflower and lettuce. In some garown more than two weeks ago, the caulicheat dis chile much; for while he was getting

yet for these beds; in cold springs they are A GENTLEMEN was walking down the street better late, for the heat of the manure some- the other day, when he saw two boys on the times becomes exhausted before it has per | sidewalk apparently searching for something. formed its office when made up at too early a One of the boys remarked, just as he reached period. During the coming month the hot- them : "Well, ten dollars is worth hunting beds for cabbage, beet, tomato and eggplants after." So the gentleman stopped and must be under way. Every farmer should searched awhile. Finally, he got tired, and have a hot-bed or two, as he has plenty of said to the boys; "Have you lost a ten dollar

AMELIA, for the-yes, at thy command, I'd There is a great gain in the work of the season to have the things we have named attended to, so that when the active labors of the garden begin there will be no drawbacks or hindrances, but everything can go or drances, but everything can go on I'd pick the sun-that oriental god of day steadily and regularly.—Germantown Telemajestic splendor-I'll tear him from the sky and quench his bright effulgence in the for tain of my eternal love for thee." "Don't

> WHILE trudging along one day all alone, a soldier met a Methodist circuit-rider, and at once recognized him as such, but affected ig-Preacher .- "What command do you be

> Soldier .- "I belong to the-th Texas Regiment, Van Dorn's army. What army do you belong to ?"

> Preacher, (very solemnly.)-I belong to the army of the Lord!,' Soldier - "My friend, you've got a very

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