

Farm, Garden & Household.

FRUIT GARDEN.

Whatever may be said of birds and their evil when the fruit is ripe, they can be put to rest by the use of traps. We are not thinking of the insect life, but of the bird. Insects are a far greater scourge to the fruit grower than birds. It will be wise to encourage them. In the English sparrow is getting naturalized in various parts of the country. We expect to hear in time great complaints from its granivorous propensities. It is much to be guarded against than the attacks of insects. It seems as if we are again to have plums and cherries, for the plum knot is readily kept down now that its true nature is understood. The curculionid is now the only formidable enemy left, and he falls back upon "aerial vigilance." Our markets were flooded with plums last year. Somebody grows them.

In planting fruit trees it has been found that the hot dry soil will not have full effect on the ground about the roots. The great heat in this way injures the roots. Many who have trees, in garden plant raspberries under them. The partial shade seems to be good for the raspberries, and helps the trees. Blackberries would not do well in the same situation; and strawberries it is well known do not do badly grown in the same way.

It has been noted that the grape vine thrives amazingly when it gets into an arched position. These are generally good, and are thus dry, and are rich and necessary for support. It is also good for grapes. The gooseberry and currant also do well in partial shade. In fact, if you would have the gooseberry and currant in great perfection, get a lot of old brush wood and cover the rows closely, so that the plants will have to push through, and they will be established at the growth and healthfulness of the bushes. As for the raspberry, it is better in an arched position. The first cuttings ever grown can be had by mulching with old chestnut burrs, or even saw dust.

In fruit growing remember that fruits are like grain and vegetable crops, in that they must have manure to keep fertility. Unlike vegetables and grain, however, their feeding roots are mostly at the surface. It is best, therefore, annually to top dress fruit trees. If manure cannot be had, say fresh earth from ditches or road sides, spread a half an inch or so under the trees, and it will have a wonderful effect. Indeed, we do not know but that for the pear tree a thin layer of road sand is one of the best manures. We have seen apples thrive amazingly with a coating of coal ashes.

Whitewashing the stems of orchard trees has a very beneficial effect in clearing away old bark and destroying the eggs of insectivorous insects. The white color is had; throw in a little soap or some other water to make it brown. In greenhouses sulphur has been found of benefit in keeping down mildew. Possibly if mixed with the whitewash in dressing it might do good against fire blight, and such like fungoid troubles.—Gardener's Monthly.

SOYER'S CHRISTMAS PUDDING.

This receipt, if closely followed, would, at this festive season of the year, save tons of fruit and other expensive ingredients, which are partly wasted for the want of knowing how to turn them to the best advantage. This pudding will be found sufficient for eight persons after a Christmas dinner. Carefully prepare the following previous to mixing the pudding: Four ounces of stoned raisins, four ounces of almonds, half a pound of well-cleaned currants, half a pound of beef suet chopped fine, two ounces of powdered white sugar, four ounces of flour, half a pound of bread crumbs, twelve bitter almonds, blanched chopped small, half a pound of ground, two ounces of candied citron, the peel of half a small lemon, chopped fine, separately, put in a basin, break four eggs, and add half a gill of brandy. Mix these well the evening before wanted, cover till the morning, and when all is prepared, add half a gill of milk, again well stirred, slightly thickened with a little flour, and mix with a basin, pour in the mixture, the pour cloth in the usual way, not too tight; put in half a gallon of boiling water; add more now and then if required; let it simmer two hours and thirty minutes, turn out of cloth, and serve on a hot dish.

Serve plain, if preferred, or with the sauce only. After which, when at the dining room, pour round a gill of either brandy or rum, which set on with a piece of paper, place the dish on the table, let it stand half a minute, and pour over it the sauce made as follows: Half pint of ordinary plain melted butter, rather thick, add to it two spoonfuls of sugar, the juice of half a lemon, and a pat of butter; stir quiet, pour over your pudding.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Deep rich soil, now so generally condemned for fruit gardens, is of the first importance here. Soil cannot be too deep or too rich, if it would have good vegetables. It is indeed remarkable that in many respects we have to go very differently to work to get good fruits, than we have to get perfect vegetables. While, for instance, we have to get sunlight to give the best richness to our fruits, our vegetables are usually best when blanching or kept from the light. So also we have to keep the roots as near the surface as we can in order to favor the woody tissue in trees, while in let us say, in vegetables, it is best to let them be in the ground, and in row 20 inches, and plant one foot apart will do. Make the soil particularly rich.

HOW TO TAN SKINS WITH THE HAIR ON.

Any one can succeed in so doing by taking 2 parts of saltpetre and 1 of alum, pulverizing them well together—spread the skin carefully, for side down, before it dries—apply the mixture in sufficient quantity to thoroughly wet the surface after it dries, double the dose, and in an hour, and roll it up closely—put in a cool place, out of the way of frost, and let it remain three or four days, perhaps more, according to the thickness; then unroll, and when it gets nearly dry, with a dull knife remove the fat which may adhere in spots, and a little rubbing may make it pliable and fit for use.—Boston Cultivator.

A THOUSAND DOLLAR RECIPE.

Take one pound of sal-soda and a half a pound of unbleached line, put in a gallon of water, and boil twenty minutes; let it stand till cool, and drain off; put in a stove jug or jar. Soak your dirty clothes over night or till they are well wet; then wash them thoroughly, and put on plenty of soap; add to a boiler of clothes well covered with water one tablespoonful of washing fluid. Roll half an hour briefly; then wash the clothes through one side and rinse well in water, and your clothes will look better than the old way of washing twice, being boiled. This is an invaluable remedy, and we want every poor widow to try it.

Humorous.

LETTERS should never marry, for they never come to court.

Jury advisers for an undertaker to make coffins for the "dead of the night."

Way should a printer go hungry, when he can always convert his work into pi?

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

WHAT is the difference between a girl and a night? One is born to wed; the other is worn to bed.

"Glorious you as your end of the table, Bill?" "No, but I've got the next thing to it."

"What's that?" "A serious cold."

The landlord who raises a poor man's rent must be a very humane man. Because very few of them can raise it themselves.

An exchange declares that "girls who ain't handsome hate those who are, while those who are handsome hate those who ain't."

A student in want of money sold all his books and wrote home, "Father, rejoice, for I now derive my support from literature."

SOMEONE says that snoring is the spontaneous escape of those malignant feelings which the sleeper has not time to vent when awake.

An exchange, recording the fall of a deacon in the river, says:

"It is a wonder he escaped with his life."

Prentice says, "wouldn't it have been a still greater wonder if he had escaped without it?"

"MOTHER," said a little boy the other day, "why are orphan's the happiest children on earth?"—"They are not why do you ask?"—"Because they have no mother to whip them."

"PLEASE, sir, give me a penny to keep me from starving."

"Can't stop—in a hurry. I've got to make a speech at the Society for the relief of the Destitute."

A YOUNG lady having bought a pair of shoes a number too small, sent them to a second hand store to have them sold; whereupon the Tenthon shop keeper advertised them in the following manner: "For sale—a tight lady's shoes."

"MARRY, do you say your prayers morning and evening?" "No, Miss I don't."

"Why, Mary, are you not afraid to go to sleep in the dark without asking God to take care of you until morning?" "No, Miss I ain't afraid, 'cause I sleep in the middle."

"MARGERY, what did you do with the towel that Mr. Jones greased his boots with today?"

"Please, marm, I fried the griddle cakes with it."

"Lucky for you, I thought you had wasted it."

"BENNETT," said a mistress to her Irish servant, "where's the griddle?"

"An' sure, m'am, I just after giving it to my master's own cousin, Bridget O'Flaherty; the thing's so full of holes it's no good at all."

"I HAVE come for my umbrella," said the leader of one of the articles to his friend. "Can't help that," exclaimed the borrower. "Don't you see that I am going out with it?"

"Well, yes," replied the lender, astonished at such outrageous impudence, "yes, but—what about it?"

"Do?" replied the other, as he threw up the top and walked off, "do as I did—borrow one."

A LITTLE DEAR—In the olden time, before Maine laws were invented, Wing kept the hotel at Middle Grove, and from his well-stocked bar furnished accommodations for man and beast. He was a good landlord, but terribly deaf. Fish, the village painter, was affected in the same way.

One day they were sitting by the counter, waiting for the next customer, while Fish was lounging before the fire, with a thirty look, casting sheep's eyes occasionally at Wing's doctored and rickety derotandy that some one would come in and treat.

A traveler from the south, on his way to Brandon, stopped in to inquire the distance. Going up to old Wing's bar, he said:

"Can you tell me, sir, how far it is to Brandon?"

"Brandy," says the ready landlord, jumping up. "Yes, sir, I have some," at the same time handing down a decanter of the liquid.

"You misunderstand me," says the stranger; "I asked you how far it was to Brandon."

"They call it pretty good brandy, says Wing, "Will you take some sugar with it?" reaching out, as he spoke, for the bowl and toddy stick.

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