Farm, Garden & Household.

ROAD SAND.

The sand obtained from turnpikes, or roads macadamized with any sort of stones like granite, hard blue stones, very difficult to break and pulverize, has a peculiar value. The grinding of such rocks or stones under the iron-rimmed wheels of wagons, the wear of horse-shoes, and the mixture of this ground rock with the manure scattered along the roads—produces a compound which is found to be highly acceptable to trees and plants. The granite rock, we know, is rich in potash and silica; but it is not these elements alone which give this road sand its peculiar value. By the process of grinding and triturating inert substances, such as oyster shells, charcoal, quicksilver, we develop medicinal and other virtues which these substances do not possess in their crude form. And so it is supposed to be with road sand. By the constant grinding and triturating of the iron-bound wheels and horses' shoes, the comminuted granite becomes prepared for the use of plants; and when this road-sand is mixed with the compost heap and saturated with liquid manure, it is found to help the efficacy of the compost in a remarkable manner. Under the influence of road-sand of this kind alone, it is said that when applied to lawns, white clover is sure to spring up in the greatest abundance and luxuriance where it had never been seen before.—*Dr. J. S. Houghtou, in Gardener's Monthly.*

FROST CRYSTALS UPON DRIED GRASS.—Several persons have by this time laid up to put into bouquets the beautiful grasses which they gathered in the autumn and summer of the present year. In order to add variety and some pleasing effects to portions of such grasses, they may be covered with imitation frost-crystals, some white, others blue-green, and amber. To crystallize dry grass white, steep it in a solution of one pint of hot water containing one pound of alum. As it becomes cold, crystals will adhere to the grass, which will increase in size if left for a day or more; but small crystals look the best; and in order to keep them so, the grass should be often moved and turned about. When taken out of the solution and dried in the air, they are fit for mounting with the other grasses, and greatly add to their beauty. For the blue-green crystals use sulphate of copper, and for amber crystals use chromate or potash instead of the alum. Feathers may also be crystalized in the same way. Art and taste will arrange them into forms of beauty.—*Septimus Piesse.*

WINTER RULES.—Never go to bed with cold or damp feet. In going into a colder air, keep the mouth resolutely closed, that by compelling the air to pass circuitously through the nose and head, it may become warmed before it reaches the lungs, and thus prevent those shocks and sudden chills which frequently end in pleurisy, pneumonia, and other forms of disease. Never sleep with the head in the draught of an open door or window. Let more covering be on the lower limbs than on the body. Have an extra covering within easy reach in case of a sudden and great change of weather during the night. Never stand still a moment out of doors, especially at street corners, after having walked even a short distance. Never ride near the open window of a vehicle for a single half minute, especially if it has been preceded by a walk; valuable lives have thus been lost, or good health permanently destroyed. Never put on a new boot or shoe in the beginning of a walk.

HOW TO PRESERVE A BOQUET.—When you receive a boquet, sprinkle it lightly with fresh water; then put it in a vessel containing soap suds; this will nutrify the stem and keep the flowers as bright as new. Take the boquet out of the suds every morning and lay it sideways (the stock entering first) into clean water, keep it there a minute or two, then take it out and sprinkle the flowers lightly by the hand with water; replace it in the soap suds, and it will bloom as fresh as when gathered. The soap suds need changing every three or four days. By observing these rules a boquet may be kept bright and beautiful for at least a month, and will last still longer in a very passable state; but attention to the fair creatures, as directed above, must be observed, or all will perish.

REFUSE CHARCOAL.—The refuse charcoal obtained from the rectifiers of spirits, from the railroads where wood is burned in locomotives, from old charcoal beds, etc., is a very useful material in the garden. As a mulching about fruit trees I consider it very valuable. It keeps out frost in Winter; it keeps the soil loose and moist in Summer, and it does not afford a harbor for mice or insects. In the soil it assists to promote moisture in a dry season; and by its slow decay (for it does decay more rapidly than is generally supposed) it yields carbonic acid gas to plants, and greatly assists in the decomposition of vegetable and mineral matter. It is an excellent mulching for strawberries, in Winter or Summer.

EATING WHILE FATIGUED.—There are very few habits more injurious to health than eating when the body is fatigued. If the brain or any part or organ of the body becomes unduly fatigued, the whole system requires rest, until the nervous influence and the circulation of the blood are equalized throughout the body, before another demand is made upon the vital energies. If the stomach is filled without this rest, the food remains undigested, ferments and becomes sour, and irritates the stomach, producing disease of the digestive organs, and through them, of the whole system.

CURE FOR EAR ACHE.—Take a small piece of cotton batting or cotton wool, make a depression in the center with the finger, and fill it up with as much ground pepper as will rest on a five cent piece; gather it into a ball and tie it up; dip the ball into sweet oil, and insert it in the ear, covering the latter with the cotton wool, and use a bandage or cap to retain it in its place. Almost instant relief will be experienced, and the application is so gentle that an infant will not be injured by it, but experience relief as well as adults.

FOR A COLD.—As the season of colds and coughs is at hand, we publish the following: Take a heaped dessert spoonful of flaxseed, put in a pint of water. Cover it, and let it boil to a half pint. If the seeds do not settle to the bottom, pour in a little more hot water, and stir well. Put in a tablespoonful of genuine vinegar, and as much brown sugar as you like, and take after getting into bed. It is a powerful sudorific, and cuts the phlegm.

FOR A COUGH.—Roast a lemon very carefully, without burning it; when it is thoroughly hot, cut and squeeze it into a cup, upon three ounces of sugar, finely powdered. Take a spoonful whenever your cough troubles you. It is as good as it is agreeable to the taste. Rarely has it been known to fail of giving relief.

Humorous.

SIGNAL for a bark—Pulling a dog's tail.

How does a cow become a landed estate? By turning her into a field.

QUESTION for Actors—Can a man be said to work when he plays?

WHAT would be likely to give the best report of fire? A powder magazine.

A GOOD guess at a tailor's name—Mr. So and so.

WHY is an ax like coffee? It must be ground before it can be used.

A SPARROW can never be hungry. He takes a hundred flies a day.

IN some places out west the grass-hoppers have destroyed everything but grass widows.

QUERY—What remuneration does distance receive for *lending* enchantment to the view?

A SCAPEGRACE remarked that the principal branch of education in his school was a willow branch.

WHAT kind of essence does a young man like when he pops the question? Acquiescence.

ONE charge in a lawyers' bill against a client was, "For waking up in the night and thinking of your business—five dollars."

WHEN a man kisses the wrong woman what sort of a weapon should he be dispatched with? A blunderbuss, of course.

"SAL," said one girl to another, "I am so glad I have no bean now." "Why so?" asked the other. "Oh! why I can eat as many onions as I please."

A DISTURBED individual wonders how a few organ-grinders can manage to keep up so much music under his window. It is done by taking turns.

WHY is a lawyer the most ill-used man in our social system Because, though he may drive his carriage, he must draw the conveyance of other people.

A very modest young lady who was a passenger on board a packet ship, it is said sprang out of her berth and jumped overboard on hearing the captain, during a storm order the mate to haul down the sheets.

I don't care so much about the bugs, said, Mr. Womley to the head of the genteel, private family in which he resides, but the fact is, marm, I havn't got the blood to spare, you see that yourself.

A NEGRO in Dawsom, Ga., stole a pair of boots and returned them the same day, saying his conscience wouldn't let him keep them. They were both for one foot and three sizes to small.

"BOBBY, what does your father do for a living?"

"He's a philanthropist, sir."

"What?"

"A philanthropist. He collects money for Central Africa, and builds houses out of the proceeds."

SEE here! exclaimed a returned Irish soldier to a gaping crowd as he exhibited with some pride his tall hat with a bullet hole in it. Look at that hole, will you? You see if it had been a low crowned hat I should have been killed outright.

AN will ye be after telling what kind of a baste ye call this, said a newly arrived Irishman, holding up a wasp between his thumb and finger.

"Och, murder! Spake quick, for he's biting me."

A certain cockney, overcome by his sensibilities, fainted at the grave of his fourth wife. "What shall we do with him?" asked a perplexed friend of his. "Let him alone," said a waggish bystander, "he'll soon re-wive.'

A farmer near Montreal says no one need tell him that advertising wont cause a big rush, for he advertised ten bushels of grapes for sale, and the next morning there warn't one left, the boys stole 'em all.

A Providence boy, five years of age, having stolen a can of milk, his mother took him to task, with moral suasion, and wound up her discourse by exclaiming: "What in the world were you going to do with the milk anyhow" "I was going to steal a little dog to drink it," was the crushing reply.

AN editor out west wants to increase his Subscription list, and makes the following proposition: "For two new subscribers, furnished by any good looking young lady, we will furnish a husband, or if we fail in that, will marry her ourselves as soon as the law will allow,"

"SALLY," said a green youth, in a venerable white hat and gray pants, through which his legs projected half a foot, perhaps more, "Sally, before we go into this museum to see the serenaders, I want to ask you somethin'."

"Well, you see this 'ere business is gwine to cost a hull quarter apiece, and I can't afford to spend so much for nothin. Now, if you'll hev me, darned ef I don't pay the hull on't myself. I will!"

A NEWLY arrived boarder at one of our fashionable boarding houses thought he had not sufficient bolstering for his head, and accordingly, carried the pillows down to the landlady's room, who inquired what he desired. The gentleman wanted to know what the articles were which he held in his hands. "Pillows, you impudent fellow!" screamed the enraged woman. "Oh! I thought they were pin cushions," replied the disconsolate boarder.

A REMINDER.—A lady entered the cars, which were somewhat too full, and a gentleman arose and requested her to take his seat, he remaining standing in the passage way. The lady (?) took the seat, making no sign of gratitude.

Gent waited for a few moments, then inquired:

'What did you say?'

'I did not speak, sir,' said the female in a tone of the most freezing politeness.

'I beg your pardon, madam, but I thot' you said, "thank you."'

A scarlet flush told the discomfiture of the lady, while the audible titter of the near passengers told that the point was keenly relished.

EMMA GRAHAM, a notorious woman, died in Detroit on Tuesday, from the effects of intemperance. The room in which she died was formerly occupied by the wretched woman as a bar room. On the shelf was a row of bottles labelled "tooth tickler" "sudden death," 'lingering illness' 'eye-opener,' 'night cap.' Over the bar hangs a card, upon which was written:

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To keep a ranch,
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A BUFFALO OBJECTIONABLE.—A verdant Englishman, stopping in at the Brevoort the other day, who never took a sleigh-ride in this country, or any other perhaps, went to the stables of the hotel for "a nice thing, you know—something dashy," and the proprietor ordered the hostler to give the gentleman "a new cutter, with the bay mare and a large buffalo."

"Oh, no, none of that now, my dear fellah. None of your American jokes on me, you know. I'm not much used to that sort of thing, you see. I know you're a strange set of people out here. But never mind the buffalo. Just leave that hanimal out, and give me an 'orse by 'imself. He'll answer. Keep your blamed buffalo for one of your own Yankees."

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BEDFORD, May 16, 1869. Mr. W. W. Middletor: Sir—I procured a bottle of your Liniment for Rheumatism, and it gives me great pleasure in saying that after using it for two days, my rheumatism was completely relieved. My sister was suffering, at the same time, with Inflamatory Rheumatism in her right hand and wrist—after using it for several days she was relieved. I consider it the best remedy I ever heard of. JOHN KEEFE.

BEDFORD, May 24, 1869. This is to certify that I have used one bottle of Middleton's Liniment, for Rheumatism, and think it a good cure, and would recommend it to all persons that are afflicted with the above disease. AUGUSTUS GARVER.

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BEDFORD, April 14, 1869. Mr. W. W. Middleton: This is to certify that I was taken with Rheumatism, in my right shoulder, on the evening of the 8th inst., so that I was unable to raise my hand to my face. I got some of your Pain Cure and applied it twice, and was entirely relieved. I would recommend to every one who suffers with Rheumatism to give it a trial and be cured.

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