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Farm and Garden Notes.

Success in Medicine.

Mr Peter Henderson of New York State, states in the *Gardener's Monthly* that he has discovered that mulching roses in pots to force flowers for the holidays, in January last, with common moss mixed with a good portion of bone dust, say one part bone dust to thirty of moss, has a wonderful effect in bringing forth early roses. In two weeks after the mulch was first applied a change was clearly to be seen, and by the end of May the plants had attained from four to six feet in height, "and though they had been bloomed profusely during a period of nearly six months were in the most perfect health and vigor." All other plants on which the mulch had been tried showed marked benefits.

We should be thankful for some reliable information about the pink water lily, which it is claimed will grow nowhere else than in the neighborhood of Cape Cod. Cannot some of our Boston contemporaries tell us something about it? We have heard a great deal about their exclusiveness but we don't believe it.

In England black walnut is in large demand, and agents of English manufacturing firms have lately been visiting Iowa, Indiana and Missouri for the purpose of buying all they could obtain. About twenty-five years ago this wood was so little appreciated in the Western States that it was cut up with common woods into posts and rails for fencing purposes and much was thus used. There is but little danger, however, of the supply becoming exhausted. There are vast forests of it in some of the Southern States.

Some horses possess an immense amount of endurance. No doubt many of the ill which horseflesh is heir to are more frequently produced by over feeding than from an insufficiency of food. An evidence of long continued service are a pair of horses owned by Joseph Festerhuis of Tipton, Birds County, Pa., which have been used in our teams for eighteen years and are still serviceable.

An immense quantity of tomatoes and other vegetables have been canned in New Jersey this season. At Campbell's cannery establishment, Camden, as many as 300,000 cans of tomatoes and peas were thus put up during the past three months. Two hundred hands were employed to do the work. The demand for these goods is largely from the South.

The crops from Canada are reported this year to be satisfactory. While the yield of wheat is not so heavy as last year, other crops, particularly barley, oats, hay, roots and fruits were heavy. The potato crop of Prince Edward Island gives a generous return, and altogether the farmers of the Dominion are better suited pecuniarily than they were a year or two ago.

The hop crop of New York turns out to be very superior, one, enough not only to supply all over our consumption, but to have several thousand bales to spare. This is good news. Some years the crop is almost an entire failure, entailing great losses on the cultivators. Cooperstown seems to be about the headquarters of the crop in New York.

The "Pacific Rural Life" says that supplied stock in considerable numbers has been sent to Asia, the Sandwich Islands and Mexico. From California, Shorthorn and Jerseys are favorite breeds in that State. In raising horses much progress is now being made, and many superior animals have been raised within a few years.

No family in China is said to be too poor to keep poultry. About every shanty struts a pert cock and a few hungry hens, which lead a precarious existence and never become diseased from food. During winter they get barely enough food to sustain life.

The late arrival of two American steamers at Rostov, Russia, created a decided sensation in that country. Owing to the high road charges grain is said to be imported from this country cheaper than it can be shipped from some of the agricultural districts of Russia to the seaboard.

Owing to the heavy apple crop the shipments of foreign ports this season promise to far exceed those of my former year. The other day a steamer took from Boston 10,073 barrels, one of the largest cargoes of the kind ever shipped from America port.

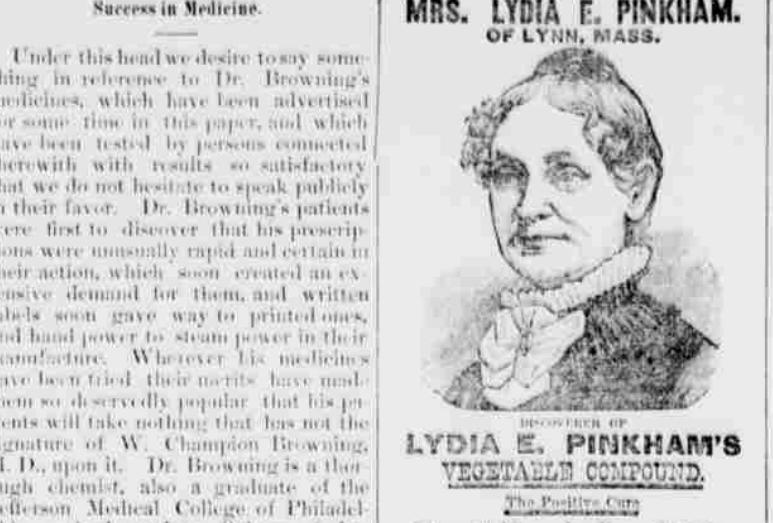
Advertising Cheats.

It has become so common to write the beginning of an elegant, interesting article and then run it into some advertisement that we avoid all such cheats and simply call attention to the merits of *Hop Bitters*. The latter cause, by the way, is a mine had a wonderful ride in a in a pan at Colorado, being at the top of a high mountain, and desiring to get to the bottom of the valley, he knew that a tedious and circuitous walk of fifteen miles was necessary by the ordinary route while the distance straight down the snow-covered incline was only three. He had such a pan as miners use in washing out gold. Squinting down in this, he went, faster and faster, until the solder of the vehicle was melting by friction, and he was almost insensible from lack of breath. But the trip was quickly over, without any mishap, and the passenger now declares that he enjoyed it.

In the streets of Milan and Naples a song is now very popular in which is described the life and death of Pluto, who is lately dead in New York.

In Vicksburg, Mich. a cluster Mississippi town, commercial traders are compelled to pay a sum of \$25.00 for a week or a portion of a week.

The production of hops in this country has increased yearly 5000 bales for the last twenty years.



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