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## Spring Work.

will be as well to find out what is the by actual experience.

will be as well to find out what is the matter with the tree, and if possible place it in a position to throw off, as it grows, the dead bark on which the mosses and sickness feed. The strated condition of the trees which induces mossy and hide-bound bark is more frequently the result of starvation than anything else. When a tree does not expand fast the bark is not thrown off but remains on the tree to slowly decay; but with a rapid expansion it is thrown off as a tree swells and thus keeps the tree from grow-ing. A liberal supply of good food making a tree thrive and expand rap-iduc to one of the tree form grow-ing. A liberal supply of good food making a tree thrive and expand rap-iduc to one of the tree food food for a staple diet. Buckwheat in a company of the tree food for a staple diet. Buckwheat in a staple diet. Buckwheat

trees towards getting them to do bet- them. ter. The loose bark may be scraped cut away, and some good fertilizing material may be hauled and spread under the trees.

As to what is a good fertilizer for fruit trees much has been written, but In the British army, India, betting among nation. we believe for the apple and pear al. the officers often runs to an extreme told of the curious bets that are made. from the kitchen. These were always saved expressly for his apple orchard Betting on a certainty is held to be un-

the most beautiful fruit. It may be that the wood ashes from the "kind-ling," and perhaps some kitchen re-fuse among the rest, were the chief fertilizing ingredients. Be that as it

## Quality of Eggs.

CLEANING THE TRUNKS OF FRUIT TREES. Germantows Telegraph. Now, before the warm weather gives life and motion to many insects who use the barks of trees for their winter quarters, is as good time as any—and before netice outdoor work. CLEANING THE TRUNKS OF FRUIT TREES. A gentleman once remonstrated with his market woman on the high price of her eggs, to which she replied : "Eggs now a days, I would have you know," meaning that they were scarce. "I am very glad to know it," said the gentleman, "for the last I bought of burg to Moscow. The number of these any—and before netice outdoor work. any-and before active outdoor work begins-to clean off all the moss and superfluous or old bark from the trunks superfluous or old bark from the trunks of trees. Not only the insects, but their millions of eggs, and the seeds of various blights and mildews are shel-tered in the crevices and rough places of the old barks, moss, &c. It should be taken for granted that the appear-ance of the vogetable organisms on the stems of trees, as well as upon the bark of the trunks, shows that some-thing has already gone wrong. Some-thing has prevented the tree from thriving as it should have done, and because it did not thrive the moss fol-lowed. When, therefore, we make uplowed. When, therefore, we make up ferred from the slightest knowledge I. and Nicholas I. Conspicuons among our minds to look after the moss, it of animal physiology, and is proved them is the magnificent gilded carriage presented to the empress Elizabeth of

The Coming Coronation.

making a tree thrive and expand rap-idly, is one of the best means of keep-ing a tree clean and clear of moss. When a tree has once got into its hardened condition, mere mannring will hardly get it out of it alone. In such cases orchardists make use of a liberal application of the pruning knife—cutting away all the branches which may seem to be pretty well hardened or stunted. This brings on hardened or stunted. This brings on a free growth of foliage the next seaa free growth of loliage the next sea-son, and a free growth is one of the best ways to keep the main stems (vinter they have no such resource. Re-all private houses, are undergoing re fuse pieces of meat, liver, etc., may be pairs in order to offer accommodation Much can be done in the early spring obtained at the butchers, and scraps of to the expected guests. None of the with those old starved and stunted meat from the table should be given persons summoned for the occasion to them. ter. The loose bark may be scraped off, and even washed with weak pot-ash water or soft soap. The branches which seem group heven he branches which seem gone beyond recovery, or are too weak or so much stunted as to promise little in the future, may be will be found in the result of good care will be found in the result of good care

rooms in the two large historic monasteries of Moscaw, and likewise will be accommodated the other twelve prelates who are to officiate at the cora-

The nobles of the government of most anything that comes convenient. of vice that is sometimes fearful to con- Moscow, in council assembled, have demost anything that comes convenient-ly to hand is good. We knew years ago one very successful apple raiser who used nothing whatever but ashes have resolved to give a ball to the Em peror at which, in order to avoid a and spread evenly on the ground under fair, unless the avowal is distinctly crowd, but 2,700 persons will be pres and spread eventy on the ground under each tree. It is commonly said that there is no nutrition in anthracite coal ashes, and perhaps there is not : but it is a fact that these trees grew amazingly, and bore a large crop of the most beautiful fruit. It may be that the wood ashes from the diad



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ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS

The bark was always with his back toward his visitor-Colosuccess. have known others who used simply ditch cleanings, or good top soil from hogany. wet places, and always with considerable increase in the apparent health and vigor of the tree.

famed Western New York, writes connoisseur in all matters, said the thus sensibly to the *Tribune*: "To ble was perfect, with one exception. use plaster on any of our growing Jon crops requires so slight a cast and so nel?" often proves beneficial, that one can hardly afford to neglect its application, although occasionly no perceptible advantage is derived from it, and, at advantage is derived from it, and, at best, we scarcely look for benefit ex-cept for the one season and the one beight, just thirty six-inches, and it ought to be less than that by at least estimated at 1,800,000,000 pounds, an erop. But in using ashes we are more half an inch." sure of benefit, and its good effects are Jones. "Th so lasting that after one liberal appli cation, say of from 50 to 100 bushels per acre (though if leached ashes are even with a small quantity of ashes Brown. "I am just as sure as you are; the acre is enough of the plaster), the my eye never deceives me. I will lay into an open wagon, so as to have it no more, no less." along convenient to the work, and almost any time in the early growth of the corn apply a small bandful to each assuring him that he knew the height hill, not as some do, by throwing it of the table, and did not want to bet on carclessly in a compact heap near to a containty, but when the excitement the most lasting of any kind of fer-tilizer, and one of the cheapest, too, when the ashes can be obtained with out costing more than 25 or 30 cents a bushel. After such an application of and I saw you take the measure of the ashes, or other fertilizer, or manure, it table with your cane. Suspecting that is still just as desirable as ever to you were preparing for a bet as to its plaster the corn growing on such fer-tilized land." height, after you left I had a half an inch taken off, and it is now precisely thirty-five and a half inches high."

He Was the Wrong Man.

Several weeks ago, by special enactment of the legislature, the governor offered a reward of \$200 for an Arkansaw man who is not a judge, col-onel, major, or captain. The next day a plain, unassuming man called upon the governor, and said :

"I have the honor, sir, to claim the reward you offered for a man who is neither a judge, colonel, major, no I am neither of these. captain.

Magazine for April.

"I am glad to meet you, sir," said the governor. "Just sit down a mo-ment until I attend to a little matter of business.

The man took a seat, and the governor went into an adjoining room, and, after a moment, called : there was nothing of it. "Colonel.

"Yes, sir," said the gentleman aris-ing. "That's all right," remarked the gov-ernor. "I see you are a colonel. Porter, please show the military gen-tleman to the door, and admit the next man." ver gawkin' at ! man.

may, this orchard was a grand er was shaving himself at the glass come of the landed proprietors of the government of moscow, who are all easmooth and healthy looking, without any washing or scraping. Nothing in the orchard line could look better. We [A ruble is a Russian silver coir have his legs under that elegant ma- worth from 75 to 80 cents according to

the date of coinage.] The owner of the table, whom we must call Major Jones, made up a little dinner party in the course of a few The Paper Consumption. days, and Colonel Brown was one of Of the estimated 1,300,000,000 hu-

Betting on a Certainty.

Use of PLASTER AND ASHES.—Hen-ry Ives, one of the best farmers in far-ry Ives, one of the best farmers in farconnoisseur in all matters, said the ta Mongolian race) use a paper made from the stalks and leaves of plants ; 10,000,000 use for graphic purposes tablets of wood ; 130,000,000-the Jones. "and pray what is that. colo Brown. "It is just a little too high. Persians, the Hindoos, Armenians and Jones. "Do you think so ! How Syrians-have paper made from cotton, while the remaining 300,000,000 igh would you suppose it to be ?"

> average of six pounds to the person, Jones. "That is the exact height, which has increased from two and a thirty-five and a half inches, not thirty-To produce this amount of paper, 200,-

six as you suppose." Brown. "Pardon me. I am certain 000,000 pounds of woolen rags, be used one could safely apply three to six times this quantity), the effect will a bet on it." I will make you side great quantities of linen rags, straw, wood and other materials, are show for five, ten or even fifteen years, by increasing fertility. When apply-give you notice that I know its exact factured in 3,960 paper mills, employing plaster to corn, or plaster and height to be half an inch, and if I bet I ing 90,000 male and 180,000 female guano, phosphate or hen manure, or shall bet to a dead certainty." I is amounta, proportionately, of the different kinds of paper (in all cases from 100 to 200 weight to I am betting on a dead certainty also : are stated to be : Of writing paper, the acre is enough of the plaster), the my eye never deceives me. I will lay 300,000,000 pounds; of printing my eye never deceives me. I will lay 300,000,000 pounds; of printing paper, 900,000,000 pounds; of wall well mixed on the barn floor, loaded that this table is thirty six inches high; paper, 400,000,000, and 200,000,000 ounds of cartons, blotting paper, etc. -Papar World. The major sought to dissuade his

Puget Sound is considered one of the nost remarkable bodies of water in the world. It is surrounded by continuous the hill, but as it is thrown sifting through the fingers give it an even distribution all about the hill. But after the corn is a little more advanced That seems preposterous, when such a mountains on every side have fertile I believe it would do it more good, and triffe was the subject, but the gambling valleys : some of them already occuwithout costing much if any more, to use two or three times as much of the fertilizing mixture, sowing it broad-cast over the field. If, instead, the farmer could apply 60 or 80 bushels of ashes to the acre, it should be done before planting or seeding, so as to be before planting or seeding, so as to be well mixed with soil when preparing it for the seed bed. This, I believe, is and found it to be, as I have said, pre-

> the upland between the streams and extending to the mountains, is rich, deep soil that will produce anything that will grow in that climste.

ABOUT ROAD TAX .- The Supreme

The applause that followed this re-Court of Pennsylvania has rendered alt was tremendous, and completed several decisions of general interest in the discomfiture of the unpopular colothe matter of road tax. The right of nel. It was evident that he had been farmers to work out their road tax has been generally conceded, but supervisors laying a plan to cheat, and would have pocketed the money if he had won. He in a few townships insist that the tax was sent to Coventry. He sold his must be paid in money. A test case has commission and returned to England, been decided in favor of the tax-payers, wing unable to stand up against the and their right to work out the tax dis contempt of the officers, who thorough. tinetly and finally affirmed. In other y despised his character .- Harper's cases collectors of road tax have claim ed a commission on the part worked Baltimore, are accused of having thrown the body of a deal infant to their bears. This seems to have a baltimore in the second deal infant to out, as well as that paid into the town

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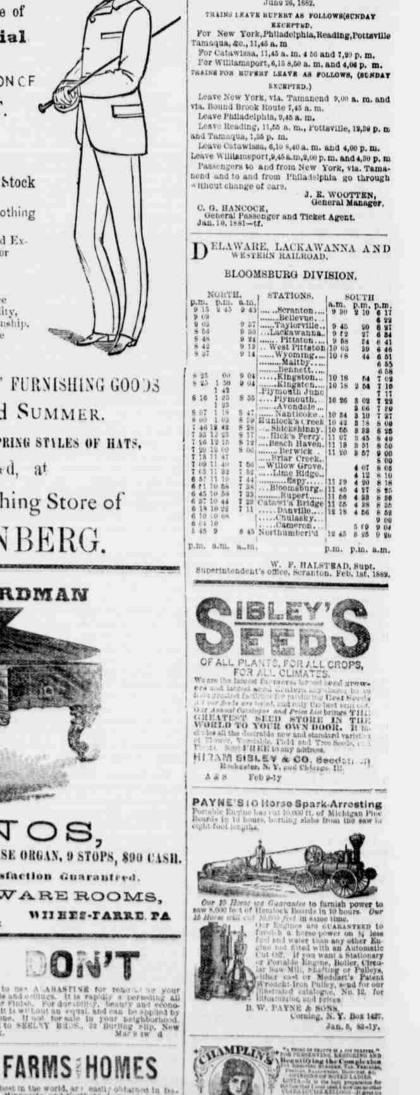
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