TO GET EARLY POTATOES.

Three Ways of Forcing a Crop to Come in When the Pay is Greatest,

Maturity may be hastened in three ways: (a) By planting sets in pots in a greenhouse and transplanting to op-ground; (b) by "sprouting," that is, planting sets thickly in a cold frame, and when ready to "break ground" transplanting them to the field; and (c) by "budding," that is, subjecting seed tubers the size of hens' eggs from four to six or more weeks to the action of moderate heat and light, so that one or two strong buds of a dark color ready to develop leaves and roots are formed on each tuber , while all other buds re-

main practically dormant.

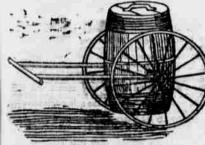
Budded seed tubers compared with dormant seed tubers in eighty-nine days from planting gave an increase of twen-ty-two bushels of merchantable potatoes, and a gain in total yield of thirty-two bushels per acre. Budded seed tub-ers compared with dermant seed tubers in eleven days from planting gave an increase of forty-one bushels of merchantable potatoes, and a gain in fotal yield of fifty-five bustels per acre. The Increase in growth in the period between the first and second diggings-July 29 and August 20—was forty bushels in the case of the budded seed tubers, and seventeen bushels per acre in the case of the dormant seed tubers.

For budding, seed tubers one to three ounces in weight are to be preferred. They may be "greened" by exposure to on ground free from vegetation, directly after digging, and placed in trays at any convenient time during winter. Where large seed tubers are used, sprouting is a better method of hastening maturity than budding, as the tubers are cut into sets before they are placed in the cold frame, and a more even development of sprouts is secured than is possible if large tubers are subjected to the budding process. The most successful growers of pota-

toes plow deeply and thoroughly, and fertilize and cultivate well, in order that the soil may be a reservoir of moisture and plant food ready to supply quickly every demand of the crop. deeper, richer and better prepared the soil, the closer may the sets be planted, but the soil should be like that of a rich garden trenched eighteen inch. es deep when sets are planted as close as 6x18 inches.—Bulletin Rhode Island

A Convenient Portable Swill-Barrel. The accompanying illustration represents a portable swill-barrel, evenly balanced on a pair of light wheels, which ought to be about three feet in diameter. The spokes and fellles of the wheels should be made of the best timber, in order to secure great strength and lightness. Dress out a stick of tough wood for an axletree, about two inches square, and make an axle-arm on each end of it, to fit the wheels. The length of the main part of the axietree, between the wheels, should be about thirty inches. Make a square mortise through two opposite sides of the barrel, just large enough to receive the axietree. Let the work be done neatly, so as to secure a good fit, and calk the cracks with tow, or with the strands of a rope picked to pieces. Two straight sticks for thills, with a cross-piece connecting the forward ends, are bolted to the axletree with small carriage bolts. The axletree should pass through the barrel, a little below the blige, provided the wheels are high enough to swing it clear from the ground.

The advantage of such a portable swill-barrel will be readily appreciated by every one who desires to keep the offensive odor which always arises from the piggery, at a distance from the dwelling house. The barrel, wheeled to the door of the kitchen, may receive the swill, and can then be trundled back to e piggery. Thus we dispense with all the disagreeable handling and spilling of swill, unavoidable when a swill-barrel is stationary and the swill is carried



A Portable Swill-Barrel

in palls from the kitchen to the sty. Another very important consideration is that if an inclined plane be made for the wheels to run upon, the contents of the barrel may be poured directly into another barrel, or into the feeding trough, by simply elevating the shafts so as to turn the barrel over backwards. A barrel may be supported on wheels in this manner for the purpose of carrying water to stock of any kind, or for any other purpose where it is usual to carry water, liquid manure, etc., in pails. A lid should fit the top of the barrel closely, to keep the liquid from slopping over.

Methods of a Successful Farmer. On a farm of 100 acres I would plant live acres potatoes every year, selecting Such fields as I knew to be best adapted to this crop. Would manure highly, cultivate often but not hoe. Would raise every year a uniform acreage of such crops as could be grown successfully on my farm, no more than I could take good care of without incurring extra expense, and enough to fully supply my home demands. Would not be induced to vary this rule by fluctuations in price and would thus avoid any great loss by the failure of some particular

I would keep as many cows, sheep and hogs as the farm could support, in-creasing the number as the land became etter able to maintain them. I would narket butter, eggs, poultry, pigs, salves and fruits, but never grain, hich cannot be profitably grown at

present prices. When would I market my produce? When ready for market. I would then get the highest price I could command, out never hold a crop for a further adance. From shrinkage and other ntage of the crop, which is never as marketable as in the season. Taking one year with another I have found rules to hold good,-E. S. R., tillwater, N. Y.

Buy hay rather than pasture the nowing lands.

"HONEYMOON FLATS. '

An Apartment House in Chicago Where Happiness Always liwells.

"Honeymoon Flats" contain more innocent happiness than any other domicile in Chicago. All its ten-ants are young married couples. It is the dovecote of eighteen blooming brides at present, and when they all put their pretty heads out of the windows at once they present to the vision a bouquet of loveliness that is unsurpassed. Even the street cars stop to the passengers to enjoy the beauty of the spectacle.

This elysium of the newly wedded stands at Francisco and Walnut streets. It is a rather pretentious building of cream-colored brick, 150 feet long by 100 feet wide, and two and one-half stories in height. It encloses a cool court or plaza in which all the flower beds are in the form of hearth or "Cupid's bow." Most of the flowers in the beds are of bleeding hearts, coumbine, narcissus, heliotrope, and the blushing red rose. A fountain sends a delicate shaft of water into the air. At night the garden is illuminated by four tall lamp posts, with a little Cupid on top of each. The robin redbreasts, the blue jays, and the sparrows come into this court to bill and coo, too.

In the windows of the "Honeymoon Flats" are statuettes of such subjects as Romeo and Juliet, Cupid and Psyche, Hector and Andromache, Paris and Helen. The pictures which adorn the rooms are chiefly shepherds and shepherdesses making love in the summer fields. Canary birds hang in the windows and sing of love all day long.

All the bells in the vicinity sound like wedding bells. Whenever they ring people in the neighborhood say: "Some one is going to move into the 'Honeymoon Flats." Near by stands the Alfred Tennyson public school, which suggests Locksley Hall to the happy tenants.

"Honeymoon Flats" are the property of a real estate dealer of a practical turn of mind, though he allows his tenants to have their own sentiments. He decided to rent his apartment house at Francisco and Walnut streets to families without children. Now, families that have been married ten or fifteen years either have offspring or have borrowed or adopted children. So only young couples just from the ministers were received as tenants, and thus it came about that the "Honeymoon Flats" contain so many brides.

The youngest bride in the building is only eighteen years old, a beautiful Others are nineteen and twenty, and the eldest is not more than twenty-two. The building is divided into small apartments of four rooms each, like doll houses, and in these the young brides play at housekeeping. They visit back and forth, chatter like birds, borrow cooking recipes, and ask such question as "How long do you bake cake?" "How long do you broil steak?" "How do you make biscuits?" Eighteen newly wedded couples thus try the experiments of housekeeping in one house. They get along harmoniously together, and when the young women exhaust their domestic knowledge they go to two old couples who live in the adjoining houses and act as philosophers and guides for the young people.

The brides who are already established in the house make all the rules as to the admission of new tenants. The only qualifications required are that they shall be good tempered and handsome.

The most recently wedded pair in the "Honeymoon Flats" date their nuptials from three weeks ago. None has been married a year. Many are in the third month of their honeymoon. Two of the couples go out bicycling together. Two of the most bewitching of the brides wear a sort of source costume when out for exercise a-wheel.

The rule of the landlord prohibiting children in the flats under any circum-stances is already arousing discussion among the tenants. Some threaten to leave within the next three or four years, at the very least, unless the rule is rescinded. It is believed that chil-dren born in the "Honeymoon Flats" will be considered naturalized and will be allowed to remain. The brides visit among themselves a great deal. Some of them eloped and they compare stories of cruel parents, rope ladders, and daring flights to Milwaukee. Disputes are created in this elysium only when the brides try to outrival one an-other in praising their husbands.

In the older part of the "Honeymoon Flats," facing Walnut street, dwell the eighteen newly wedded couples. In the new part of the building, just com-pleted, in Francisco street, lives one bridal pair, and three more couples recently at the altar are about to move The new edition will offer flats for twenty-four more tenants. Young men who expect to be married next week or next month call and engage flats in advance, saying, "I am not married yet. Don't say anything about this."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Mining Camp Advertising. One of the oldest and funniest features of life in the new mining camps of the West is the advertising meth-ods adopted by the wideawake business men, and the high-sounding names given to their places of business. The orthography of the signboards is often quite in accordance with the views of those persons who wish to change our present system of spelling. The writer once saw over the door of a dirty little

tent about ten by twelve feet in size these words painted on a pine board: "Fifth Avenco Hoetell." On a piece of brown wrapping paper in a grocer's small window one could

"This Whole Dam Outfit for Sail for \$50 Spot Cash." Painted on the cover of a rickety old wagon standing on the slope of Fryer hill in the early days of Leadville was

this poetical bit of information: Washing dun hear By Biddy McGreer, Who also will mend The duds that ye send.

The general hilarity of the camp was increased by the sign: "Daizy Deen Restrant, Red hot meals day or nite. If the Proprietor ain't up kick in the door or shoot down the

A transparency in front of a little half log and half slab cabin announced 'Select Dancing School. No fighting or Shooting allowed."-Detroit Free

HE WAS BLUFFING.

Had to Cave in, However, When the Cowboy Began Sample Shooting.

There were five of us who got to the crossing of Kaw River at the same time, and we found the old squaw which did duty as a ferryboat on the far side, with the ferryman dangling his bare feet in the water and evidenttaking things easy.
"Say, you!" called a cowboy from our

"Wall, what is it?" "We want to cross over."
"Yes, guess ye do." "Come on with the scow."
"I don't have to till I git ready."

"When will you get ready."
"Can't tell." 4.7 It was evident that we had bumped ap against an eccentric character, and is no one was in a hurry we walted for him to take his time. After fifteen or twenty minutes he called:

"Mebbe ye hain't heard the news!"
"What is it?" asked the cowboy, who
had been delegated to do the talking

on our side.

"The price fur gettin' over used to be a quarter, but it has riz."

"What is it now?"

"Half a dollar." "And I've some news for you!" 'Wall!"

"The price of cartridges used to be fifty cents a box, but they've come down to a quarter, and I kin afford to waste a dozen or so.' "Shootin' at what?"

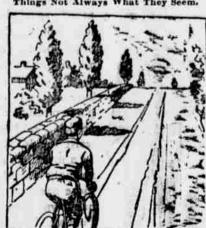
"At you! I'll give you five minutes to make a start," "Kin you plunk that?" asked the ferryman, as he held up his hat on a

"You bet!" replied the cowboy, as he sent two bullets through it. "That's 'nuff, and I'll come over! This is my bluffin' day, and I hate to trawfish, but if I must I must. That's the trouble out in this kentry. You bluff an Injun and lick a Chinaman, and git all swelled up over it, and then ilong comes a critter who shoots twohanded and makes you eat grass. Mighty pecooliar how the price of car-

Things Not Always What They Seem.

nain't it?"-St. Louis Star.

tridges fell down as my price riz up



Well, if there isn't old Deacon Wayback scorching for all he is worth. will give him-



A little surprise-



And show him how a way-up bicyclist can go.-St. Maxim.

Dainty Delia-You know how thin Ethel Perkins is?

Sweetest Susle—Isn't she, though?
Dainty Delia—Well, somebody sent
her one of those new ankle bangles, and while she was talking to Chawlie Litewaite she accidentally got her other foot through it, and had one bangle hoop on both ankles. Of course, she torgot all about it-it wasn't the least bit tight, you know-and when she stood up and tried to walk she fell right over onto Chawlie, and scared him most to death. He is engaged to Pet Plummer, you know. And every-body thought she had paralysis or something, and they sent for two doctors and a trained nurse, and then, after they had put ice on her head and put her to bed they found the bangle. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Retort Courteous. Smart Youth (to old gentleman from the country)-You seem to be looking at me pretty close, uncle. Do I remind you of some one you used to know? Old Gentleman—Yes; you remind me of an old aunt of mine in Pennsylvania only she's got a little more beard than you've got.—Yonker's Home Journal.

The Dear Creatures.

"Oh, yes, my husband has been a collector of curios and such things for a number of years." 'Was he in that business when he

married you?" Star, de la contraction de la

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ASSIGNED ESTATE OF I. W. MCKELVY.

Assigned Briand auditor appointed to make distribution of the balance in the hands of A. Z. Schoch, assignes of the estate of I. W. McKelvy, to and and among the creditors entitled thereto, well sit for the performance of his duties at the office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons who have calims upon said balance will present them or be forever debarred from coming in for a share of said fund.

C. W. MILLER,
1-23-4t.
Auditor.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, on the first Monday of next term, at 10 octock in the forenoon, under Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the tworporation and regulation of certain corporations" approved April 29, 4. D. 1871, and the supplements thereto, by Wav H. Smith, Ira R. Mellenry, H. L. Mattman, N. O. Mellenry and R. Appleman, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "First Christian Church of Benton," the charter and object of which is the support of the public toorship of Almighty God according to the constitution, canons, dicipline, doctrine, faith, government and forms of the Christian Church, which it hereby accedes to and adopts, and for the purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and previewes conferred by the Act of Assembly aforesaid, and its supplements, Bloomsburg, Pa.,

July 27, 1896.

Solicitor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ASSIGNED ESTATE OF Wm. NEAL.

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The undersigned auditor appointed to make distribution of the funds in the hands of J. M. Clark, assignee of the estate of William Neal, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office over the First National Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Thursday, the 10th day of September, 1896, at 10 o'clock a, m., for the performance of the duties of his appointment, when and where all persons having claims upon this estate will present them, or be forever debarred from coming in for a share of his fund.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ASSIGNED ESTATE OF Wm, NEAL & SONS, ASSIGNED ESTATE OF Wm. NEAL & SONS.
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estate will present them or be forever deburred
from coming in for a share of this fund.
C. R. BUCKALEW,
7-23-44.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF ELVINA WHITENIGHT DECD The undersigned auditor appointed by the Or-

The undersigned auditor appointed by the Or-phan's Court of Columbia county, Pa., to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the Executor of the estate of Kietra Whitenight, late of Fishingereek township, dec'd, will sit at the office of R. Frank Zarr. Bloomsburg, Pa., on Sat-urday, September 5, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., when office of B. Frank Zangarday, September 5, 1896, at 10 o'clock and where all parties interested will attend or forever barred from any share in said fund.

W. A. EVERT,
Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Rebecca Bogert, late of Fishingerees, township, Columbia county, dec'd. township, Columbia county, dec'd.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the fund in the hunds of Moses Mc-Henry, executor of said estate, will sit in his office in Bloomsbury, Pa., on Saturday, August 29, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons having clatins against said estate must appear and prove the same, or be decarred from coming in on said fund.

H. A. McKILLIP, 7-30-44.

Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan Rambach, late of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Notice is hereby given that letters of adminis-tration on the estate of Susan. Rambach, late of Bloomsburg, Pn., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or de-mands will make known the same without de-lay to

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Bond A. Kile, tate of Jackson township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Boyd A. Kile, late of Jackson township, devensed, have been granted to the undersigned administratirs, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are Feguested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to ANNIE SAVAGE,

Nescopeck, Pa.

Evans, Attorney. 6-25-6t.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Mrs. Sallie A. Buckingham, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Mrs. Sallie A. Buckingham, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned executor, to vehom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay. ROBERT BUCKINGHAM,

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