

THE FOOTBALL PLAYER.

He is brave beyond a doubt. Though he never boasts about his valiant deeds, And lusty college yell Is the quiet admiring knell Of his meeds.

IN THAT BLACK BAG.

"I want you," said our superintendent one day, "to go down to Strandon hall. Some mysterious thefts are taking place and the local police can make neither head nor tail of the affair."

purpose, or he has an hallucination. "He is not short of money, for he certainly is very wealthy, and his business is exceedingly prosperous. As to an hallucination, he once did suffer from a very peculiar one indeed. He thought that his right arm was off; but he was cured of that."

Queer Railway Economies.

Railway economy has taken some curious forms: "Every line its own manufacturer," says the London and Northwestern Railway, and hardly a thing that it needs, whether a locomotive or a printed label, is made for it by people not belonging to the company.

The Cat and the Lizard.

We have all heard of the odd power a lizard has of throwing off his tail when frightened or excited. We witnessed a curious instance of this when sitting at tea on the flowery terrace of one of S. Remo's prettiest villas.

Next to the Oldest Railroad.

The Ponchartraine railroad, though now occupying a very humble position among the railways of the world, yet enjoys the distinction of being the second road that was completed in the United States.

The Age of Stone.

Recent study of the remains of stone and flint implements found near Abbeville, France, has strengthened the belief that, when those implements were made by pre-historic men, elephants belonging to two species were abundant in that part of Europe.

Stone Soles for Shoes.

A German inventor has hit upon a method of putting soles on boots and shoes. He mixed a water-proof glue with a suitable quantity of clean quartz sand, and spreads it over the leather sole used as a foundation.

Be Cheerful.

Tears in the household cast a gloom over it; smiles fill it with a light which is more radiant and genial than that of the merriest sun. It is so easy to be cheerful, yet, and it is so easy to be sad.

His Best Opportunity.

"Can you play 'The Maiden's Prayer'?" he asked. "Why, yes, I can," she replied, wearily. "But what's the use? You probably wouldn't answer me?" Then it was that, after a few moments of deep thought, he decided that he never would have a better opportunity to propose.

A New Discovery.

An English paper claims that by use of the Roentgen rays it has been discovered that, in cases of asthma, the right half of the diaphragm stops work during the attack, leaving the left half to bear all the exertion.

SOME EXPERIENCES.

Both With Fruits and Vegetables Raising.

One-fourth to one-third of the limbs in the tops of an old apple orchard are dead, and the owner wonders what is best to do to put it in the best condition. Our advice is that the trees which are in the best shape receive a load of well-rotted manure, to be scattered evenly over the surface of the ground as far out as the limbs extend.

A village lot was planted to potatoes last spring, having been plowed last fall; about the same amount of ground alongside was planted the same time. Both plots were given the same care. On the fall-plowed ground the potatoes are making a much better growth and are much superior to those on the spring plowed. It seems that the fall plowing proved the best for retaining the moisture.

There is a fine patch of the Wilson and Warfield strawberry grown in hills. The plan is to grow alternately in the row a hill of Wilson and one of Warfield. There is no doubt that Warfield's No. 2 will be laden with well-timed fruit.

In layering plants of Schaeffer raspberry, it is well to have the tip point almost straight down and not to layer too early. If layered at too much of an angle, it pushes out of the soil, often making but a few roots, and when layered too early, the little germ at the crown starts in to grow in the fall, the severe winter weather freezing the tender shoot back.

In improving varieties of small fruits we select out of each variety those having the highest number of good points and propagate plants from them.

After a good shower we like to start the cultivator to hold moisture, but we do not start until the soil is in a "mealy" condition or not to wet.

One gentleman generally has a good crop of apples and raspberries on the same ground, but he keeps the ground covered the year around with heavy mulch of straw and marsh hay, so the soil cannot be seen at any time. The mulch is well loosened up in spring and fall to give air to the soil before putting on more.

Many growers in Michigan being disgusted with the price of small fruits this year, are plowing under a part of their plantations. This means a fair chance for those who keep at it.

With regard to asparagus, we find there is more in the richness of the ground than in the variety.

We have found by experiment that black raspberry plants should not be set too shallow, the plants which were set three or four inches deep (four inches on sandy soil is none too much), stand up straight, but on those which were set a scant three inches deep, the canes will have to be staked and tied up. It is profitable at this season of the year to cultivate the late cabbage early in the morning as possible while the dew is on, especially if the weather be dry.

Not a weed should be allowed to go to seed on the lawn.

We must have a good pile of sods piled up with alternate layers of poultry manure; it is one of the most satisfactory of fertilizers when allowed to rot and shoveled over a few times before next summer.

A Hundred Years Ago.

Life on farms and in our villages 100 years ago was very different from that of the present day says a writer. The houses were built of logs, the chimneys lashed with clay, the roof thatched with rags or in the case of the more prosperous owners the logs were hewn square, so as to need no chinking, or a frame of heavy timbers, sometimes eighteen inches in diameter was made.

The chief feature of the kitchen was the great fire-place. The room was six or seven feet high, and from the joists hung bunches of herbs, dried corn, strings of dried apples, etc. The furniture generally consisted of a tall wooden clock, a dresser or sideboard, a spinning wheel, some wooden chairs, a wooden table with hanging leaves and sometimes a loom for weaving. There was no carpet in the best room of 100 years ago, but the floor was sanded and marked off in some simple design.

The androns before the fireplace shone like gold and the fireplace itself, in summer time, was filled with feathery branches of asparagus.

The coarse, but plentiful, food of those days was usually served on wooden platters. It consisted mainly of salt pork or beef, salt fish, vegetables, "rye and Indian" bread or "bannocks," which was something like the present "hoecake" of the south, and bean porridge. Tomatoes, called "love apples," were cultivated only for the beauty of their fruit, as they were thought to be poisonous.

Pinching Back Squash Vines.

A practical gardener makes the following important statement: "Last year, as a test of frequent practice among growers of melons and squashes I pinched the ends of the long, main shoots of the melons, squashes and cucumbers, and left some to run at their own will. One squash plant sent out a single stem reaching more than forty feet, but did not bear any fruit. Another plant was pinched until it formed a compact mass of intermingling side shoots eight feet square, and it bore sixteen squashes. The present year a muskmelon plant thus pinched in corners the space allotted to it, and it has set twenty-three specimens of fruit, the most of which have been pinched off. The pinching causes many lateral branches, which latter produce the female or fertile blossoms. The difference in favor of the yield of an acre of melons treated by this pinching process may easily amount to 100 barrels."

The Canning Idea.

Why not have some competent man equally appointed in every community to spray trees and destroy insect pests and fungous diseases, taxing each man for the number of trees grown? The thirty man would then no longer suffer from the habits of his negligent neighbor.—Wisconsin Agriculturist.

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Self Destruction.

Just now a wave of suicide seems to be sweeping over the country, and all causes under the sun are assigned for reasons for the many cases of self destruction. It cannot be attributed to poverty, for the times are brightening daily and if every one has not employment the conditions of business activity are such that all have the hope of being soon busy.

Milk, Cream and Butter.

Here are a few facts which may be preserved for reference. In 100 pounds of milk there should be sixteen pounds of cream, from which should be made three and a quarter pounds of butter. One quart of milk weighs two pounds and three ounces, and a quart of cream containing 25 per cent of fat should weigh two pounds one and a quarter ounces; half a gallon of cream should make a pound of butter. One pound of butter fat should make 1 1/2 pounds of butter; that is, add 15 per cent. to the butter fat to estimate the butter. Of course, milk and cream vary, but the above is about correct for an average.

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