



ASSORTING PLUMS.

It Is Easy Work Provided You Make a Table Like the One Here Described.

In most cases experience has proven that plums, if shipped to market in ten-pound grape baskets, provided with handles and put up in neat, presentable shape, will bring the producer a greater percentage of profit than if shipped in half-bushel or bushel crates or packages.

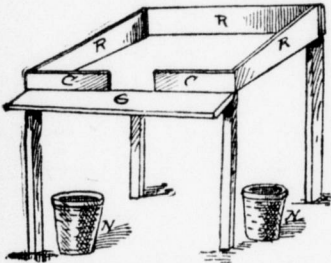


TABLE FOR ASSORTING PLUMS.

removal should be avoided as much as possible.

By the use of a single table, as illustrated, plums and other similar fruits are easily assorted. The top of the table should not be over 3x2 1/2 feet. The sides and back (r, r, r) may be eight inches wide in front, tapering to three inches in front; the front guards (c, c) should be less than three inches high, leaving a six-inch space between the inner ends; the slanting board (g) is six inches wide. To operate it, place the fruit carefully upon the table, the assorter occupying a chair in front of the table, with a basket on his lap.

LOCATING THE HOME.

How the Surroundings of a Farm-House Can Be Made Healthful and Attractive.

In laying out country homes one of the most important points to be well guarded against is the direction from the house of the stables, pig pens, cattle lots and other necessary but bad-smelling accompaniments of the farm. However neatly they may be kept, there will be more or less of unwholesome effluvia arising from them in hot weather.

OUR CHEESE INDUSTRY.

To Make It Respected in Foreign Countries Requires Sensible Congressional Legislation.

A leading cheese exporter who is quoted in the Boston Transcript states that the total production of cheese in this country at the present time is figured at about 265,000,000 pounds annually and that we export about 70,000,000 pounds of this amount. He figures that the home consumption is about 260,000,000 pounds, including about 12,000,000 pounds of foreign cheese that is imported.

THE FARMER'S WIFE.

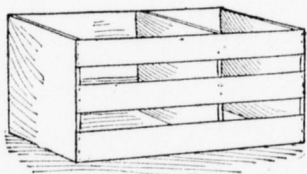
This Writer Thinks She Should Have a Great Deal Less Work and More Reward.

The life of the average woman on the farm is by no means one continual round of pleasure. Her duties are multifarious, beginning with the early dawn and ending—well, they never seem to end. There are so many things for the busy woman to do in the daily routine on the farm. Outside of the regular household duties which fall to the lot of the city wife, there are chickens, turkeys, ducks, etc., in the poultry line to attend to, churning and often the milking to do, fruits in season to pick and care for, and hundreds of little things that are calculated to keep an ambitious woman busy.

QUICKLY MADE CRATES.

How to Make Shoe Boxes Available for the Rapid Handling of Fruits and Potatoes.

Shoe boxes are the right shape and size for crates, just as they come empty from the shoemakers. Cut out two strips



CRATE FOR GARDEN TRUCK.

on each side and put a cross partition in the middle, and the crate is complete. This will prove very useful in handling the fruit crop, or for potatoes, etc. A short strip of wood with the under surface cut out for the fingers, nailed to each end, will prove convenient when handling the crates.—Orange Juice Farmer.

Keeping Old Cows in Milk.

Milk cattle, receiving indifferent care, age a great deal more rapidly than others, says George E. Newell in the American Cultivator. A cow's age, as regards milk yielding value, should be measured not so much by years as by care and feed. A naturally good cow, if she has had rough usage, will be played out in a lactical sense when she is eight or nine years old. But if she has a fair showing from her owner in the pasture and stable, she should remain a profitable milker for 12 years, and sometimes longer.

Wheel Hoe for Garden Work.

The wheel hoe will save much labor in the garden. Usually such an implement is a combination affair, comprising seed drill, cultivator teeth, markers, rakes and knives, each being detachable. On heavy soils the wheel must necessarily require more power for its operation than when used on light, sandy soils, but as it is the cheapest implement made, in proportion to its various uses, no one will make a mistake who procures one, as it is a wonderful labor saver.

Family Ties Exhausted.

At one of the great department stores the other day a young man was indulging in airy periffage with the pretty shop girl behind the counter while waiting for his change. "What a wonderful place you have here!" he said. "What do you sell?" "Everything," was the reply. "Everything?" was the incredulous comment. "What do you mean by everything?" "Just what I say," responded the girl. "Anything you want we can supply you with here."

He Wouldn't Tell.

The argument by analogy or hypothetical case is often dangerous. A very stately and dignified clergyman used to tell a story of this nature in the pulpit. One of his parishioners was much addicted to drink and one night the vicar met him coming home in such a condition that he remonstrated with him on the spot, and by way of clinching his argument, asked: "What would you do if you were to see me reeling down the street in a state of hopeless intoxication?" The offender appeared to be deeply impressed and answered, fervently: "I wouldn't tell a soul, sir."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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Those Loving Girls.

Maude—If I only had my life to live over again— (interrupting)—Why, I thought that's what you were doing. "What do you mean?" "I heard you tell the census man you would be 22 your next birthday."—Chicago Evening News.

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Horror of War.

The hardworked humorist sat at his desk, and without the slightest apparent effort he dashed this off: "Why do you Peking here?" asked Tsi Ann of the Russian general, who was reconnoitering in the imperial neighborhood. "Because I am going to Taku," was the fierce reply. Yet such things as this were not mentioned among the horrors of war discussed at The Hague conference.—Baltimore American.

Lane's Family Medicine.

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Love does not usually laugh at a parrot which says: "Now, George, you are a fool, though to our mind this is much funnier than the average locksmith."—Detroit Journal.

Each package of PUTNAM'S FADELESS DYES colors more goods than any other dye and colors them better too. Sold by all druggists.

The oldest of a crowd of girls, though she may be only 18, is always made to feel as if she is a wrinkled spinster.—Atchison Globe.

A dyspeptic is never on good terms with himself. Something is always wrong. Get it right by chewing Beeman's Pepsin Gum.

Max O'Rell says Paris is so fast that they use quiksand in the hour glasses! Max is a dizzy joker, but time flies all the same.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Robbins, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb 17, 1900.

When one woman out of a hundred has nothing to say the other 99 are asking what is the matter with her.—Chicago Daily News.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

If a man is industrious and frugal, he can acquire a good deal of money without knowing much else.—Atchison Globe.

Hall's Catarrh Cure Is taken Internally. Price 75c.

Don't try to condense the milk of human kindness.—Chicago Democrat.

A perfect stranger is not necessarily perfect in any other way.—Indianapolis News.

The Cornfed Philosopher.—"It is hard for me to acknowledge that I do not know it all," said the Cornfed Philosopher. "I confess I cannot see why the rock-the-boat idiot is allowed to live until he's strong enough to tip it over."—Indianapolis Press.

Mrs. Gable—"Mrs. Phoxy seems to exercise a peculiar influence over her husband." Mrs. Noah Tall—"She does. She has preserved an alleged poem he wrote when he was a young man, and whenever he gets obstreperous she threatens to read it to him."—Philadelphia Press.

Deacon Jones—"This custom of making wagers is becoming lamentably common, besides being absurd. What would you think of me, now, if I should say I'll bet ten dollars I will get a letter to-day, instead of simply saying I expect to get one?" Frank Mann—"I should say you had a dead open-and-shut."—Boston Transcript.

Robert—"What's the matter between Fred and Fannie? They are not seen together of late?" Richard—"It's all Fannie's fault. She made Fred ridiculous in public and I don't blame him for getting mad." Robert—"What did she do?" Richard—"Something awful. She asked him to open a car window for her—of course knowing that the thing was impossible."—Boston Transcript.

I used to know a nervous man, who feared that he'd be robbed. Immense precautions did he use, yet with that terror throbbing. He thought thieves might take anything—his folks, his goods, his life—so when he went away from home he always wired his wife. He pursued his lips to keep them safe, he used to hide his son; he always kept his books well bound; he tied his gates alone. Of course he'd lashes on his eyes, and, as it sometimes rains, he took in all the shows each night. His arguments had chains. He wouldn't buy a claimless wheel, although the neighbors laughed; and when he died he left a wish they'd sink his marble shaft.—Yale Record.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

He Advised Others But Did Not Follow Out His Own Suggestions. The crowd began to gather as soon as the man fell down. One of the thoughtful ones ran to a drug store and rang up an ambulance, and in a few moments a great clanging and clattering was heard down the street. Then the ambulance drew alongside the curb, the natty young physician dismounted from the rear step, and the crowd standing around the man who had fallen formed a lane for him to pass through. It required only a glance for the natty young physician to see what ailed the man, says the Washington Post.

"Prostrated by the heat," he said, coolly, to the crowd. "Anybody here know him?" There was no reply, but just as the ambulance men were about to pick up his prostrate man a stout man pushed his way through the crowd, glanced at the limp form of the victim of the heat, and said: "Here, you can just fetch him up to my house. He lives with my family. He's the man who writes the 'Hints on How to Keep Cool in Hot Weather' for the papers."

Just about seven-eighths of the people should shut out that part about forgiving one's enemies before they repeat the Lord's prayer.—Atchison Globe.

Remember that other people's business isn't any of yours.—Chicago Daily Democrat.

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