

HORTICULTURE



A HINT FOR NEXT YEAR. Fruit-Picking Device Which Will Prove of Good Service.

A fruit picking device may be made from any stout material, such as tin

or wood, capable of being bent easily. Over a light frame canvas or burlap may be used. The bottom should be hinged as shown in the cut so that contents can be easily emptied without removing the bag from the shoulders. The bag, explains Farm and Home, is carried by a strap which goes around the neck, while another should go around the waist to hold it close to the person at work. If the picker is careful not to crowd against the ladder or limbs there will be no danger of bruising the fruit.

BARRELING APPLES.

System is the Secret of Successful Marketing of Crops.

A good barrel is essential if you wish to store your fruit, have it keep well and sell well. A tight barrel is the best, and the better it is made the better results you will have. There will be smaller loss from shrinkage of fruit, from rats and mice and other causes.

In my orchard, writes a correspondent of Orange Judd Farmer, I have eight pickers and six sorters and barrellers in each gang. A strong sorting table, constructed of light, strong material is provided. This table is set in the center of 16 trees. Sometimes, if fruit is scarce and trees are small, in the center of 24 or 36 trees. Four or six rows are carried forward at once and the table is moved along the center rows and set in the middle of the square at each move.

One man usually nails the hoops, the headliners, and takes out the heads of the barrels, preparing them for filling. It is quite important to have headliners, as it prevents loss in shipping and facilitates in the examination and inspection of fruit in storage. This man usually heads up the barrels when filled.

A second man does the facing, and a third, who should be a good apple man and foreman of the gang, empties the baskets and assists in the sorting. He inspects the fruit as sorted and directs the work. This leaves three men who do nothing but stand at the table and sort. If the pickers are not able to keep the table supplied, a man from the table is put into the trees to pick.

STORING CELERY.

Suggestions by Prof. W. R. Beattie of U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Almost without exception the larger northern growers have found it unprofitable to store celery for late keeping, and those who still adhere to the practice do so in order that they may control and supply a special trade. Even under special circumstances there is only a moderate profit in storing for late marketing.

The best form of storage house is a broad and long structure with low side walls and a roof coming almost to the ground at the eaves. The walls should be constructed of concrete or brick and the roof made very tight to keep out frost. The roof portion should also be ceiled to form a double construction with air space between. Large doors should be provided at both ends, and if so arranged that a team of horses can be driven through, the work of unloading the celery will be greatly facilitated.

The earth floor of the storage house should have a covering consisting of four or five inches of loose soil, in which to pack the roots of the celery. It is desirable to have the storehouse divided lengthwise into beds six or eight feet wide by six inch boards on edge, raised three or four inches from the soil and fastened to stakes. These lines of raised boards assist in holding the celery in an upright position and increase the circulation of air through it.

Clean the Currycomb. Clean out the currycomb, occasionally, by washing it in water in which a little concentrated lye has been dissolved. The lye unites with the grease in the comb to form soft soap, which the water readily dissolves, taking the dirt with it and leaving the currycomb as clean as new. Then thoroughly rinse in clean water, and dry. It might be well to tell your wife to try the same plan for the house combs, using baking soda in place of lye.

Make Cuttings Now. Soon after the leaves fall, currant, gooseberry and grape cuttings may be made. Use this seasons wood; cut into lengths about eight inches long, tie into bundles, and bury in sand in the cellar, for spring plantings. Cuttings may be set in mulched ground this fall, but we prefer spring setting.

WHEN MONEY WAS SCARCE.

Practically Unobtainable During Period of Missouri's History.

"However scarce money may be at times at the present," said an old Missourian, "the oldest inhabitants will recall when it was almost unobtainable and other commodities had to be used as media of exchange. The wolf's scalp was worth a dollar because it was a state bounty upon the death of a wolf, and venison hams and deer skins also had a purchasing value. Skins of the fur bearers were likewise abundant and valuable. When the first sheriff of Audrain county, in 1837, went to Jefferson City to deliver the county revenue, he met an old friend on the way who, needing money, wanted to borrow the actual coin part of the county's revenue. The good-hearted sheriff lent it to him and went on to the capital and delivered only the scalps. By the time of the next settlement the loan was repaid and the sheriff made his next settlement complete. No note or other obligation than the mere word was given."—Columbia Herald.

Restricted Choice.

"The people and the corporations," said Senator La Follette the other day, "remind me of a woman and her little boy. There was a very large chicken and a very small duck on the table and the woman, pausing with the carving knife raised, said: 'Johnny, which will you take, chicken or duck?' 'Duck,' piped Johnny. But the mother shook her head. 'No, Johnny,' she said in a firm, yet kindly voice, 'you can't have duck, my dear. Take your choice, darling, take your choice, but you can't have duck.'"

TO PRETENDERS.

A Wholesome Word for Guidance.

Just a word to you, "Collier's" and other glaring examples of Modern Yellow Journalism and Cigarettes.

Environment gives you a viewpoint from which it is difficult to understand that some people even nowadays act from motives of old-fashioned honesty.

There are honest makers of foods and healthful beverages and there are honest people who use them.

Perhaps you are trained to believe there is no honesty in this world. There is, although you may not be of a kind to understand it.

Some of you have been trained in a sorry class of pretenders, but your training does not taint the old-fashioned person trained without knowledge of pretense and deceit.

These letters came to us absolutely without solicitation. We have a great many thousands from people who have been helped or entirely healed by following the suggestions to quit the food or drink which may be causing the physical complaints and change to Postum Coffee or Grape-Nuts food. You are not intelligent enough to know the technical reasons why the change makes a change in the cells of the body. Your knowledge, or lack of knowledge, makes not the slightest difference in the facts.

You can print from old and worn plates all the cheap books your presses will produce and sell them as best you can, but such acts and your "learned" editorials are but commercial, and seek only "dollars" and much by pretence.

When you branch out into food values you become only ridiculous. Stick to what you know. The field may be small but it is safe.

This first letter is from the President of the "Christian Nation", a worthy Christian paper of New York.

New York, Oct. 2, 1907. Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Sirs: I am, this morning, in receipt of the enclosed mighty good letter from one of my subscribers, which I forward to you, and which I am sure you will be glad to use. I am personally acquainted with this lady, and know that she has no object in writing, other than to do good.

Cordially, John W. Pritchard, Pres.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1907.

Dear Mr. Pritchard: Noticing Postum Food Coffee advertised each week in your reliable paper, I concluded to try it, and feeling it a duty towards those who may have suffered as I have from indigestion, desire to state what wonderful benefit I have received from Postum although using only a short time, and not do. I alone realize and appreciate its good effects, but friends remark, "How much I have improved and how well I look", and I tell the facts about Postum every time, for since using it I have not had one attack of indigestion. It is invigorating, healthful; does not affect the nerves as ordinary coffee, and if properly made, a most delicious drink. Although I have not had much faith in general advertising, yet, finding Postum has done so much better for me than I expected I am more inclined to "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good." I am so thankful for good health that I want it known what a blessing Postum has been to me. You may use these few lines as an ad. if you so desire and my name also.

Very truly yours, Anna S. Reeves.

275 McDonough St., Brooklyn. Coffee hurt her, she quit and used Postum. She didn't attempt to analyze but she enjoyed the results. Underneath it all "There's a Reason." POSTUM CEREAL CO., LTD.

TIED TO A CHAIR.

Unable to Move About On Account of Kidney Troubles.

Mrs. Anna Beebe, River and Monroe Sts., Anoka, Minn., says: "I had to sit in a chair day after day unable to move about on account of rheumatic pains in my back, hips and legs. I was short of breath and my heart would flutter after the least exertion. I had dizzy spells and bearing down pains and the kidney secretions were much disordered. I thought I would not live long, but since using Doan's Kidney Pills I am a different woman, can do my own work and have no fear of those troubles returning."

Sold by all druggists. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

HERE'S A NEW DEFINITION.

And Many There Are Will Say Senator Platt Was Right.

A rather cynical joke has been recently credited to Senator Platt.

The senator, on his last visit to the Manhattan Beach hotel, allowed a pretty little girl, a western millionaire's daughter, to be presented to him.

The little girl, in the course of one of her many chats with the aged statesman, said:

"Tell me, won't you, senator, what political economy is?"

"Political economy, my dear child," Senator Platt is said to have replied, "is the art of never buying more votes than you actually need."

DON'T BANISH THE CONSUMPTIVE, SAYS DR. HOFF.

Famous Consumptive Expert Urges Cure at the Fireside.

"Is the 'Great White Plague' at last to be ended?"

The scientific world has been watching with great interest the remarkable success of Dr. Adolph Hoff, of the Faculty of the University of Vienna, in the treatment of consumption and asthma.

The patients treated were mostly of the poorer class who inhabit small and badly ventilated damp rooms, too cold in winter, and too hot in summer.

Dr. Hoff says: "Had such patients the benefit of improved conditions it would not be surprising, but my patients all stay in their own surroundings, and when a cure is effected it is to be attributed to my recipe only."

To further the work of Dr. Hoff, the American Bureau has been established at No. 49 Third avenue, New York, and on application a book on exercise, diet and rational treatment will be sent free to all sufferers from asthma and consumption.

The Peaceful Cow.

She was even more afraid of cows than most girls, so when she spied a placid animal recumbent under a tree, peacefully chewing its cud, she at first refused to go through the pasture at all. Her husband calmed her fears to some extent, and they started by, when the cow slowly commenced to get up, hind legs first, as they always do. At this the little lady shrieked with terror, and said:

"Oh, Bob, hurry, hurry, he is getting ready to spring at us!"—Harper's Magazine.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. GLENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Two-Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

We don't believe people would be more lawless if there were less law.

STOP WOMAN AND CONSIDER

First, that almost every operation in our hospitals, performed upon women, becomes necessary because of neglect of such symptoms as Backache, Irregularities, Displacements, Pain in the Side, Dragging Sensations, Dizziness and Sleeplessness.

Second, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, has cured more cases of female ills than any other one medicine known. It regulates, strengthens and restores women's health and is invaluable in preparing women for child-birth and during the period of Change of Life.

Third, the great volume of unsolicited and grateful testimonials on file at the Pinkham Laboratory at Lynn, Mass., many of which are from time to time being published by special permission, give absolute evidence of the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Mrs. Pinkham's advice.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

For more than 30 years has been curing Female Complaints, such as Dragging Sensations, Weak Back, Falling and Displacements, Inflammation and Ulceration, and Organic Diseases, and it dissolves and expels Tumors at an early stage.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation to Women

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. for advice. She is the Mrs. Pinkham who has been advising sick women free of charge for more than twenty years, and before that she assisted her mother-in-law, Lydia E. Pinkham in advising. Thus she is especially well qualified to guide sick women back to health. Write today, don't wait until too late.

LIVE STOCK AND MISCELLANEOUS ELECTROTYPES. In greatest variety for sale at the lowest prices by A. S. KFLGGG NEWS PAPER CO., 18 W. Adams St., Chicago

Saying "Hello" to Heart Throbs.

"It is a curious thing," said a prominent lecturer recently, "how some books have a strong radiating personality, so that you feel like saying 'Howdy' every time you come across them. Last Christmas I visited friends back at the old home on the farm. When the supper dishes had been put away, the chores done and the evening lamp lighted we gathered beside the organ for a good old fashioned 'sing.' On the center table were strewn the Christmas remembrances taken from Christmas tree on the evening before. Glancing over them I suddenly exclaimed 'Hello! my good friend, Hello!' and as the others looked up with surprise, I picked up a copy of 'Heart Throbs' and read to them from its pages the 'piece' I spoke in school 40 years ago.

"That was enough to set in motion the friendly entertaining spirit of Heart Throbs, and the music was forgotten as we took turns reading the humorous and pathetic bits of prose and verse that have been preserved in this wonderful volume. Some books have great literary value, some have historical significance, but Heart Throbs is the only book I know that slaps you on the back in a friendly sort of way, suiting itself to your moods and proving faithful to every emotion. Next to my love of the Bible I love Heart Throbs. It is the most notable book of the times."

Martins' Revenge.

A correspondent tells the story of two house martins' nests built against an attic window of a farm, to which the birds came for several successive years. Last spring, however, before they arrived, a sparrow took up her abode in one of the nests.

Shortly after the martins returned as usual, and one day the farm people noticed that the hole of the nest which the sparrow occupied had been blocked up. Next morning a boy climbed up to ascertain the meaning of this, and not finding any outlet broke away part of the nest, to find the poor little sparrow dead on her eggs.

The house martins had walled her up for daring to take possession of their house.—Country Life.

FITS, St. Vitus Dance and all Nervous Diseases permanently cured by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for Free \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ld., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

How He Did It.

"He's one of the get-rich-quick sort, isn't he?" "Yes, his wealthy uncle died very suddenly."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. Includes text: 'ALL KIDNEY DISEASES', 'RHEUMATISM', 'BRIGHT'S DISEASE', 'DIABETES', 'BACKACHE'. Price \$1.75. 'Guaranteed'.

Advertisement for THE MAN WHO SWEARS BY THE FISH BRAND SLICKER. Includes text: 'is the man who has tried to get the same service out of some other make'. Price \$3.00.

Advertisement for STOP WOMAN AND CONSIDER. Includes text: 'First, that almost every operation in our hospitals, performed upon women, becomes necessary because of neglect of such symptoms as Backache, Irregularities, Displacements, Pain in the Side, Dragging Sensations, Dizziness and Sleeplessness.'

Advertisement for CASTORIA. Includes text: '900 DROPS', 'ALCOHOL 3 PER CENT.', 'Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN'. 'Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.'

Advertisement for CASTORIA. Includes text: 'CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Hatcher. In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA'. 'THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.'

Advertisement for HEART THROBS. Includes text: 'HEART THROBS', 'The Old Keep Book'.

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CHAPPEL PUBLISHING COMPANY, 935 Dorchester Avenue, BOSTON, MASS.

Advertisement for NO MORE MUSTARD PLASTERS TO BLISTER. Includes text: 'THE SCIENTIFIC AND MODERN EXTERNAL COUNTER-IRRITANT. Capsicum-Vaseline. EXTRACT OF THE CAYENNE PEPPER PLANT TAKEN DIRECTLY IN VASELINE. DON'T WAIT TILL THE PAIN COMES—KEEP A TUBE HANDY.'

Advertisement for W. L. DOUGLAS. Includes text: 'W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.00 & \$3.50 SHOES. BEST IN THE WORLD. \$25,000 Reward. THE REASON W. L. Douglas shoes are worn by more people in all walks of life than any other make is because of their excellent style, easy-fitting, and superior wearing qualities.'

Advertisement for NOVELTIES. Includes text: 'NOVELTIES "Nuffa" Mark. 10c. "Tiddy" Teeth. 10c. "Buckaroo" 10c. "Sunder" Fuzzie. 10c. "Loop" the Loop. Fuzzie. 10c. "Lark" Fuzzie. 10c. "Rubber" Bubbles. 10c. "Pocket" Cinematograph. 10c. "Toni" Fuzzie. 10c. "Winking" Eye. 10c. "Squirt" Camera. 10c. "Jacob's" Ladders. 10c. "Twin" Hacking Top. 10c. "Magic" Flourish. 10c. "Monie" in Trap. 10c. "Symmetroscope". 10c. "Anaglyph". 10c. "Wonder" Fish. 10c. "Lark" Fuzzie. 10c. Catalog of useful and amusing novelties for 10c. Ask for Catalog No. 10.

Advertisement for WESTERN CANADA. Includes text: 'New and Liberal Homestead Regulations in WESTERN CANADA. New Districts Now Opened for Settlement. Some of the choicest lands in the grain growing belts of Saskatchewan and Alberta have recently been opened for settlement under the Revised Homestead Regulations of Canada.'

Advertisement for PARKER'S HAIR BALM. Includes text: 'PARKER'S HAIR BALM. Cleanses and restores the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Prevents the hair from falling out. Restores Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases and hair falling out. 25c and 50c at Druggists.'

Advertisement for PATENTS. Includes text: 'PATENTS. Watson E. Coleman, Patent Attorney, Washington, D. C. Advice free. Terms low. Highest rate. If afflicted with sore eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water. A. N. K.—C (1907-46) 2204. H. M. WILLIAMS, Toledo, Ohio. Law Building.'

Advertisement for PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. Includes text: 'PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all colors. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye any garment without ripping apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Quincy, Illinois.'