

A ROCK THAT GROWS.

Remarkable Fertilization in a Pennsylvania Ravine.

Dripping Water That Carries a Burden of Lime-stone in Solution with It and Leaves Its Wonders in Straggle-moss and Straggle-trees.

In a deep, dark ravine a few miles from New Castle, Pa., in North Beaver township, Lawrence County, is a wonderful natural phenomenon...

The outer formation of this rock has a limestone appearance, but on a closer view the moss and chisel in the gritty surface and the real beauty and peculiarity of the rock are seen.

A peculiar formation like a mammoth sponge is discovered, and about the same is a stone as hard as adamant. On cutting further in, this calcareous substance is found to continue, but it seems to have been transformed into a translucent flint. There are tons of this flinty rock, for it is as heavy as granite, and every ounce of it is undoubtedly moss and water transformed into a translucent flint.

This remarkable fertilization has been wrought by the action of the water from the spring upon the moss.

The water seems to have the singular property of turning into stone every living thing that is brought in contact with it for any length of time. It has an acid taste, and is undoubtedly heavily charged with mineral substances, although thus far it has never been analyzed.

The most remarkable fact about it is that it accomplishes so much in so short a time. The moss grows in the dark hollow, and the limestone quality of the water has operated year after year upon the layers of moss, turning them into a honeycomb of stone.

A short time after the moss begins to grow in the spring, it commences to solidify at the roots, and the process of petrification follows closely on the track of the growing moss, like the formation of coral on the work of the coral insects.

As it progresses the moss grows yellowish, then changes to brown and darkens as the rock grows older.

To the mineralogist the rock is a mine of treasure and delight. No one ever enters into that happy border without coming upon leaves and twigs petrified among the moss and securing many fine specimens to place in his cabinet and make various tests.

Three Good Deeds. A Story of Benevolence the Like of Which Has Never Been Told.

Franklin Murphy brought sympathetic tears to the eyes of his hearers at the dinner of the Ladies' Aid Society.

"I walked into town," she replied. "It was the baby baptism, and now it will cost me \$20 to have the ceremony performed."

"I am a happier than usual to-day," said "I have not been in charge, but here's a \$10 bill. Take it and I will wait for the change."

"The woman returned in a short time and handed Jones \$7. He patted the child's head and then returned to his joining in his own goodness."

"I performed a deed of charity, started on my way to paradise and got seven good dollars for a counterfeiter \$20 bill."

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MOONING FOR YOUNG TREES.

Their Importance in Strengthening and Also in Protecting a Young Orchard.

An inquirer asks if it is an advisable practice to place mooning about young trees for wintering, and has heard it strongly objected to because when the wind whips the trees about a hole around the trunk is made, which because of the exposure to the wind is liable to freeze.

In answer to this inquiry—it is a good practice to make small moonings, for the purpose of protecting the trees from the danger of the incursions of mice. If the trees were planted in a grass field, the danger would be great without this protection; in clean cultivated ground it would be very small, except near the boundaries, which are more or less covered with weeds and grass. In such cases the trees near the outside would be safer with this protection.

The other two objects are, stiffening the trees against the wind, and protecting the roots of half-tender kinds against severe freezing in exposed situations.

The harm spoken of by the above is a queer word that takes with twelve or thirteen inches of soil.

leaves dug for transplanting, with the roots cut short and the soil packed carefully around them, and with sufficient soil remaining, on which the wind would have a strong purchase.

But the mooning may be carried on to save the trees from the wind, and to keep them from being blown down by the wind.

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A RECLAIMED SWAMP.

How Valuable an Unusually Proliferous Ground Was Made Both Beautiful and Profitable.

Near my residence, says a correspondent of Farm and Home, is about four acres of nearly level land, upon which I have raised in succession buckwheat, corn, potatoes, oats and grass, obtaining especially large yields of the latter.

When I was a boy this land was covered with brush, bogs and standing water the year round. Later on, when I bought this swamp, all the water was impossible to get full enough to drain it, as springs and water from the hillsides constantly emptied into it.

I cut the brush and ditched around and through the middle, so that I was able to plow it after turning over a network of roots six feet across and buckwheat was planted on what land was dry enough. Some of the bogs I had to cut off and burn, as a yoke of cattle could not pull them out, the buckwheat helping to pay expenses.

Each year I had a tussle with the swamp. When a dry time came, and put in another crop. My first ditches were partly of stone put in loose and were unsatisfactory, as they stopped the current and gradually filled up with earth and mud. My outlet would draw off the surface water, but was not deep enough to give me a suitable depth at the upper end and any perceptible fall.

I soon found my fifty dollars in ditches was good in a day time, but a lake formed in winter in a treetop, and I was not satisfied and tried again. This time I began to dig in the right way some ten rods below, where there was enough fall, and cut down six or seven feet in the highest ground, but to do this I had to build up the sides to keep it open long enough to put in my drains. This was done and made by building a wall on each side about one foot high with a cap stone over it.

I put a ditch of this kind on each side, and then the whole length of the west side as close to the line fence as possible, as this side was next to a steep hill full of springs. I also cut a ditch through the middle in the high way, digging just deep enough to have the water follow and set back an inch or two after me nearly all the way through. In this way I succeeded in getting six inches of water in the ditch, had fall enough for a good current, as I made the lower end of the ditch much wider than the upper. I also put in a few cross ditches crossing the main ditch covering them all over smoothly. Then I met another difficulty; a heavy rain would soon form such a volume of water to flow into this basin, that it could not get through the filter, and it became a sheet of water.

The result was it cut holes through the surface into the ditch, but the pressure was so great that it could not get through the filter, and it became a sheet of water. I filled up these holes with small stones to the surface, or stones of wood put down with a stone cover, and the water went through the ditch as if coming from a spring. To meet this I filled up these holes with small stones to the surface, or stones of wood put down with a stone cover, and the water went through the ditch as if coming from a spring.

After some fifteen or twenty years there is not a rock or stump left in the swamp, and a plow can be run over. I have taken every thing off the land for twenty years and seldom put any thing back, and with few exceptions my crops are good. I consider the money well invested, aside from the fact that such stagnant ponds are unhealthy and unattractive.

I think I might have used drain tile in part at much less cost, as the bottom was so soft in places that I could sink put boards in to make a floor, and then stone from slaking into the soft clay. Across the upper end I filled the ditch above the stone entirely full of stone to catch the surface water, and the water from a swamp above and prevent it irrigating the surface of my field.

ENEMIES OF THE POTATO. They Are Many and One of the Worst is the Colorado Beetle. One could almost say that man is one of the worst enemies of the potato. If we may judge from the manner in which he sometimes neglects his crop, he is just as much an enemy of the potato as any of the vegetable friends. While it requires a warm, rich soil, he gives it a water-soaked clay bed, and when the feeble plants come to the surface he encourages them by giving them a liberal amount of water, and then he threatens to choke out the last spark of life.

Many insects prey upon the potato, but the Colorado beetle is the most dangerous of them. It is a small, green, beetle, with a yellowish-brown stripe on its back. It is found in the field in the summer, and it is the most common enemy of the potato. It is found in the field in the summer, and it is the most common enemy of the potato.

As preventive measures at planting time it may be suggested that second crop should not be grown where the second crop should be free from the trouble, and there only sound potatoes are suitable for planting. Early varieties, planted early, are most apt to escape, for the rot does not get started usually until midsummer. Experience has demonstrated that it is best to hill the potatoes somewhat at the last plowing, so that the germs of the disease fall from the leaves and are washed down to the tubers, causing them to rot.

Protecting Small Bridges and Culverts. The greatest danger to bridges and culverts occurs at flood or high-water time, when driftwood chokes the waterway under the bridge, causing overflow and often great damage and destruction.

Method of Protecting Culverts. The danger may be greatly obviated by following the plan herewith illustrated. It consists simply in setting a post from two to four feet from the entrance to the bridge, and the up-stream side. All driftwood and other material of floating down against the walls of the bridge, lodge against the post in mid-stream. Even should the space between the post and abutments on both sides be filled with rubbish, the mouth of the bridge will remain unobstructed, and the water will flow through, under and over the obstruction with perfect freedom.

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