

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

CARNATIONS.

Few summer flowers are more admired than these, combining as they do beauty of form and color with delightful fragrance.

BOXES OF CARNATIONS AND PINKS.

Dwellers in towns who have no gardens for growing button-hole flowers should grow the kinds named in boxes on outside window-sills.

JAPANESE SPIRALS.

These dwarf plants with glossy leaves and white feathery plume-like flower-spikes rising from them, are among the most admired of rock and greenhouse plants in spring and early summer.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Such good care is taken of these plants that they may still be seen in some room windows and greenhouses.

for compression. They should be examined morning and afternoon, giving water to those where the soil is a little dry, passing those which are moist, for though the leaves should never drop through want of water, the roots must not be kept in a constant puddle.

TO PRESERVE FLOWERS.

There is much discussion at present as to how flowers can be best preserved to send to far away people.

FARM NOTES.

THERE is a large amount of waste material that can be added to the manure heap with advantage, and during the warm days of summer the materials very quickly decompose.

EFFECTS OF LIME AND ASHES.

Ashes are composed largely of lime and contain small proportions of phosphates and other mineral matter, their composition depending on the kind of wood from which they were procured.

ASSISTING THE FERTILIZER.

As lime and ashes add no organic matter to the soil, but can only reduce the compounds already existing as possible plant food, the farmer can secure better results from the application of lime and ashes by growing some crop to be plowed under.

PUT IN A GOOD CROP OF FODDER CORN.

sown in the row, with rows four feet apart, so as to cultivate it. Do not cut the fodder until the ears begin to glaze, when it may be put in a silo, or cut down, cured and stored in the barn.

LONDON PURPLE.

According to Prof. Cook of the Michigan Agricultural College (who cultivates a farm of his own), London purple is the best for spraying fruit trees, and one pound to 100 gallons of water is the greatest strength advisable for the first spraying.

HOUSEHOLD.

THE SENSIBLE HOUSEKEEPER OF THE FUTURE.—I wish that it were in my power to persuade young girls who wonder what they shall do to earn their living, that it is really better to choose some business that is in the line of a woman's natural work.

LOBSTER NEWBURG.—Cut the meat of a four-pound lobster into thin slices or small pieces. Melt four tablespoons butter. When hot add the lobster. Cook slowly five minutes, then add two teaspoonsful salt, one saltspoonful pepper, two tablespoons sherry, and two of brandy, and a slight grating of nutmeg; then add one cup cream and the beaten yolks of four eggs.

Break the bones of the tail and take out the meat. The bones may be broken with the finger and thumb or with a hammer.

Of course you make it very nice without the brandy and sherry, but these give it a peculiar taste, which is generally liked.

In place of toast points, points of puff paste of chopped paste may be used.

The points are arranged around the sides of the dish and the lobster poured into the centre.

It has a pretty appearance, and tastes as well as it looks.

BOILED COCONUT CUSTARD.—To one pound of grated coconut allow a quart of sweet milk, and six ounces of white sugar; beat very light the yolks of six eggs, stir them gradually into the milk, alternately with the coconut and sugar, put the mixture into a pitcher, set it in a vessel of boiling water, place it on hot coals and simmer it till it is very smooth and thick, stirring it all the time.

As soon as it comes to a large bowl, and set it to cool; when cold, beat the whites of four eggs to a stiff froth, and pile it on the custard; sprinkle over each a little powdered sugar.

APPLE SNOW.—Bake six good tart apples in a covered dish, with a little water in the bottom to prevent their burning, until they are so tender a straw can pierce them; take off the skins, scrape out the pulp, mix it with two (scant) cups of sugar and the juice and half the grated peel of one lemon; beat the whites of four eggs to a stiff froth and add to them by degrees the apple; make a custard of the yolks of the eggs, a generous pint of milk and a half cup of sugar, when the custard is cold put it in a deep glass dish and heap the apple snow over it.

APPLE AND RICE.—Peel and core apples, being careful not to break them, put them in a deep baking dish, and pour over them a syrup made of a pound of sugar to a pint of water boiled till thick; put a small piece of lemon peel inside the apple and bake slowly until done, but not broken. Take out the lemon peel and put any kind of jelly or jam inside the apples, and between them put little heaps of well-cooked rice. Serve either hot or cold.

A new principle in steam packing, recently brought to notice, is claimed to meet the difficulties hitherto experienced in other methods. It consists in the employment of a common eccentric ring hooked together by a clamp, which forms a part of the ring itself, and this hook clamp limits the expansion of the ring and changes the whole principle of its action.

The rings are cast heavy, rough turned, very much larger than the cylinder, a piece cut out, sprung together and fitted with the hook clamp or shoes, left slightly larger than the cylinder, and then returned to a tight fit; the rings can compress to a limited extent, but cannot expand. In use, when the engine is first started, and the hot piston moves to the cool end of the cylinder, the rings compress and allow it to go free, but, when both cylinder and piston get up to working temperature, the rings just fit and work without any pressure and very little tendency to wear; fling out the hooks compensates for wear when it has taken place. The hook clamp is made longer at one end than the other, when two rings are placed side by side in the same groove, and thus cut off the leak that would otherwise take place through the gaps.

A tracing electric light has been used in Germany with much success. The arrangement is a very simple one. A dynamo, with an engine to drive it, is mounted on a wagon, something like a steam fire engine, containing boiler, fuel box and water tank, complete for a night's service. A supply of wire and a number of poles, corresponding to the number of arc lights required, are drawn to the equipment, which is then pulled by a pair of horses to any desired place. On arriving there the poles are set up where required, and slayed with wires fastened with stakes driven into the ground; the lamps are then hung to them and properly connected, and the engine is set in motion. The lights immediately kindle, and from one to fifty lamps can be operated, according to the power of the machine. As the lamps can be suspended anywhere and are not affected by wind or rain, the advantage of the apparatus to contractors and others who have to carry on night work is apparent.

Professor Eduard S. Holden, of California, gives the following information about the comet discovered there June 23d: "Mr. Luescher, a student in the Lick Observatory, has computed the orbit of the comet. He finds that this faint comet was already past its perihelion when it was discovered. It was nearest to the sun on June 20th. If the brightness of the comet on June 23d had been 100, its brightness on June 20th would have been 92, and on July 12th it will be only 76; so that this comet, like many others, will never become visible to the naked eye. On June 23d the comet was 101,000,000 miles from the sun and at the same distance from the earth. On July 12 its distance from the sun had increased to 107,000,000 miles, and from the earth to 114,000,000. Its positions were: July 7, R. A., 2 hours 29 minutes north; declination, 45 degrees 11 minutes. July 11, R. A., 2 hours 43 minutes north; declination, 46 degrees 27 minutes. The comet is too faint to allow the use of the spectroscopic to analyze its light, so that almost its whole history is given above. I learn by telegraph from Cambridge, Mass., that the comet had not been seen at all in the East up to June 30, on account of cloudy weather, whereas we have been able to observe it regularly here owing to unbroken good weather."

One of the most interesting achievements in modern engineering is the electric mountain railway recently opened to the public at the Burgstock, near Lucerne. The rails describe a grand curve formed upon an angle of 112 degrees, and the system is such that the journey is made as steadily and smoothly as upon any of the straight funicular lines. The Burgstock is almost perpendicular, from the shore of Lake Lucerne to the Burgstock is 1330 feet, and it is 2860 feet above the level of the sea. The total length of the line is 938 metres, and it commences with a gradient of 32 per cent., which is increased to 58 per cent., after the first 400 metres, this being maintained for the rest of the journey. A single pair of rails is used throughout, and the motive power—electricity—is generated by two dynamos, each of 25-horse power, which are worked by a water wheel of nominally 125-horse power, erected upon the river Aar at its mouth at Buochs, three miles away, the electric current being conducted by means of insulated copper wires. The loss in transmission is estimated at 25 per cent.

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A human skull, singularly like the famous Neanderthal skull which so engrossed the attention of archaeologists and ethnologists a few years ago, has recently been exhumed from a clay deposit near Podaba, in the neighborhood of Prague, Bohemia. It is notable for the great flatness of the forehead, the thickened eyebrows, and a remarkably small facial angle, apparently surpassing in this last respect the skull above mentioned. A mammoth's tusk was obtained from the same locality.

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