KEEPING PLANTS IN WINTER, Doors opening into the room in which you keep flowers should have strips of isting tacken about them in such a way as to close all cracks through which the wind can enter. A strong wind will me any money to get home," blow more cold into a room in moderate weather than will be likely to penetrate young man, or you won't need any fare in still nights when the thermometer is down to zero. Therefore, be sure to fortify against the admission of air through these inlets. It is a good plan of coiffure will you choose to-day to take a day for doing this work. Begin at one corner of the room and go You may do it up in a-a Gordian knot, over it thoroughly, finishing up each if you please. part as you go along. By systematizing the work in this way you are sure to have it done well, but if you stop a crack here and there, and now and then, as it happens to be discovered, you will be pretty sure to have a bad job of it; taken as a whole.

If your plants should freeze, as soon as you discover what has been done put them in a dark room or the cellar, where the temperature is but little above freezing, and sprinkle, or rather, shower them with cold water. In most cases such plants as abutilons, geraniums and others of similar character can, if taken in time, before allowed to thaw, be saved, and I have had quite tender plants come through the ordeal with comparatively little injury. The frost must be extracted gradually and with the application of as little heat as possible. Keep them away from the light and waimth for two or three days. If the tops wilt after the frost has been extracted you may feel quite sure that the wilted portion cannot be saved, so cut it off at once, and be sure to cut below that part which appears affected by the frost. If some of the gists. frosted part is left on, very often decay sets in, which extends to the stalks below. Should the whole top seem killed, it does not follow that the roots have not vitality enough left to send up new shoots, so do not throw them out till you have given them a trial.

GET a hogshend and use it for storing the poultry droppings. By next spring it will be found that several hogsheads have been saved if the flock is large. The quantity of manure made by poultry cannot be estimated until the experiment of attempting to save it is made, when those who have not done so before, will be surprised at the large quantity derived, which will not in-clude that which is lost on the range.

THE best wealth is the fertility of the soil. The country that largely imports fertilizers and plants food will become gradually wealthy, and the time will come when such country will have more for sale than she can consume. Fertilizers are more lasting and permanent than gold, and can be drawn upon for a return when everything else fails The same applies to the individual farmer. The richer his soil the greater his resources and the more secure his investment.

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As A "late autumn hint" the Country Gentleman suggest that farm and garden tools should be put in thorough order before they are put away for the winter. The iron and steel portions should be cleaned and rubbed bright, and then receive a thin coat of grafting wax, tallow or any substance that will prevent rusting. The parts made of wood will be rendered more durable by a copious application of petroleum, if unpainted or if the paint has worn off, and afterward one or two coats of paint will complete the work of protection.

In storing fruit or vegetables in the cellar, says an exchange, the better plan is to have boxes or bins, and arrange them so that they will be raised two or three inches above the bottom and the same distance from the wall. This gives a cold air space all around them, and will aid materially in keeping at a more even temperature, while at the same time the risk of injury by frost is considerably lessened.

THE Directors of the Iowa Experiment Station are not as favorable to timothy as are the farmers who use it. The report claims that timothy is not equal to cornstalks, and that it is a favorite with farmers because it is easy and nice to handle. Timothy and clover bay is rated as far superior to timothy

BEES will come out of the hives on warm days, but will busy themselves cleaning the hive and removing the dead bees. It is best to keep the hives where they will not be too warm. The bees will thrive best when the temperature inside the hive does not fall low enough to injure them, but the greater danger is in too much heat being created

A good dressing of manure around each raspberry plant at this season will cause the canes to grow rapidly in the spring. Only a few raspherry bushes are required in order to supply a small family, and the richer the ground and more manure used the larges and better the quality of the bastics

WHEN purchasing stable manure to haul on the farm it is best to endeavor to know something of the manure be-fore hauling. One load of manure may stock the whole farm with weeds. The difficulty will not be so great, however, if the manure is allowed to heat and become well decomposed before spread-

EVERY farm should have a few grape and can be grown where they will not Purchasing Co vines. They serve as arbors or suade, take up much space. All poultry yards will be improved if grape vines are grown along the fences, and the fowls will find shade under the overhanging branches in summer.

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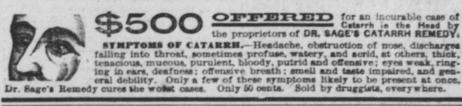
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