

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Fowls With Feathered Legs--A Tomato Plant Pointer--Tanning Skins With the Hair On--Protecting Trees From Borers--Etc., Etc.

Fowls With Feathered Legs. Most of the southern Asia fowls when first brought to this country had long feathers on the back of their legs reaching down to their feet. Such fowls are a nuisance where wind and slush prevail, and are all the worse when these are alternated with weather near to zero.

A Tomato Plant Pointer. Here is a hint worth remembering about tomato plants: One of the experiment stations has said that a mixture of peat and coal ashes is the best soil to set the tomato plant into in the green house.

Tanning Skins With the Hair On. Some weeks ago a subscriber asked how to tan the skin of a horse with the hair on. We give a recipe that may be used in tanning skins of any kind with the hair, wool or fur on, as the case may be.

Protecting Trees From Borers. There are two means which can be employed in controlling the insects which bore into the trunks of trees. These are clean culture and the use of such measures as will dispose of eggs upon the trees.

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\$25 more, which might have been saved in the cost of living, we have \$50 a year lost for lack of what he might very easily have had. In the thirty years that they have kept house this would amount to \$1,500 without interest.

Ginseng Culture. By request of a number of readers, I submit some information about the cultivation of ginseng.

A rich, cool, loamy, loose soil, shade, and a heavy mulching of wood leaves or similar covering in autumn, which is left on during the next summer to decay, and conserve moisture; ginseng will thrive in almost any rich garden soil if given shade and moisture.

I am also asked how many pounds of seeds are required to plant an acre, and their cost. It requires about fifteen pounds of seed to plant an acre, and their cost would be not less than \$20 per pound for good tested seed.

Sensible Poultry. A great many people who have chickens are as careless in the matter of supplying them with green food in the winter as they are of keeping their own tables supplied with succulent vegetables.

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INDIA'S MOST PECULIAR PEOPLE.

The Bicycle Has Nearly Emancipated the Parsi Women.

The most peculiar people of India are the Parsis (or "Parsees," meaning "Persians"), who feed their dead to the vultures upon the Towers of Silence. They fled to India from Persia when that land fell into the hands of the Arabs twelve centuries ago.

They have no beggars among them; they are monogamists; they are not caste-ridden (or rotten), like the Hindus, for they acknowledge but two classes--the priests and the people.

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for eau de cologne, however, exceeded the washerwoman's by a large majority. Well, anyhow, I'm relieved to learn that the Little Corporal was this much a dude.

An Ensign's Narrow Escape.

When Commodore Decatur, in 1815, dictated to the dey of Algiers the terms of a treaty with the United States, Lieut. John Subrick was dispatched to Washington with a copy for the approval of our Government.

Brain Force in Bicycle Riding.

Messrs. R. E. and C. Crompton recently presented to the Cycle Engineers' Institute at Birmingham, England, the results of a remarkable investigation concerning the efficiency of the human body considered as a motor.

Goldfinch Caught by an Acorn.

A more peculiar accident than any of these happened to a small goldfinch, which was found dead at the base of a large oak tree with an acorn attached to its bill.

An Interchange of Courtesies.

The expense of the modern limited express train is so heavy that railroads commonly find it necessary to charge something above the regular fare for the privilege of riding on them.

Pets of Royal Children.

The Queen's grandchildren, or rather those among them who actually form part, for a longer or shorter period, of the Queen's household, are not allowed to have indoor pets.

Long Lived Whales.

Some light was thrown, a few years ago, upon the subject of the vitality of whales by finding one of these animals in Behring Sea, in 1890, with a "toggle" harpoon head in its body bearing the mark of the American whaler Montezuma.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

The Toy Tiger's Wail.

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An Esquimaux Legend.

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as possible, to the comfort and happiness of their pets. It was the Princess who revived the pretty fashion of being painted with a favorite dog.

Life Story of a Great Artist.

One day a little Quaker boy was sitting by the cradle of his sister's baby. The child was asleep, and so there was a blessed opportunity to give the little one a dig and see it squirm.

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