

CHERRY GROWING.

W. C. Reed of Vincennes, spoke at The Southern Illinois Horticultural Soriety meeting on "Cherries," saying that this fruit would be an absolute Mailure on low ground where water reemains near the roots, as cherry trees "cannot stand stand wet feet." Sandy or well drained soil is best for chergies. One year old trees are best for transplanting; Mahaleb stock has the advantage over Mazzard in that it will zome into bearing much younger and yield larger profits in the market. About 95 per cent, of the trees planted In this country are on Mahaleb roots. The cherry should be sprayed from the time it is set out to keep the tree perfectly healthy and get a vigorous growth; the same spray as that used for the apple may be applied to the cherry. Tough cultivation yields the best results, and blue grass sod, in early spring as we get later on. The cherry orchards is a serious mistake. natural conditions are against it, but Cultivation should commence early by adopting proper methods we can and continue until after the fruit is secure good results. Winter fertility picked. The Montmorency and Rich- calls for good housing, good food, good emend were named as the varieties care. Practically what will induce most favored in Illinois and Indiana. hens to lay in winter will be about The growing of sweet cherries has not right for fertility-with a few addibeen found profitable in Illinois, ow- flons. ling to the fact that California can grow t.em so much better, and while the quality of the California fruit is anot so good, yet for commercial purposes it has the advantage of better keeping qualities.

WHEN THE DUCKLINGS ARE HATCHED.

Ducks lay very early in the morn-Ing and should be kept in their pen until they have deposited their eggs. If permitted to have their liberty they will drop one half of them along the streams and in the meadows where they roam. If they have free range. Oranges give a delicious flavor to br Meed lightly in the morning. Be sure ter. to feed them regularly every night, so they will not forget to come home. The early broods of ducklings should the hatched under hens. They do much better to be confined for a week or two in a moderate sized pen than to have their liberty. Make a pen around the coop by setting foot-wide boards on edge. Set a panful of water thy them while eating and take it away as soon as they have finished their meal. Feed often-six times a day when they are young. Put gritty mand in the water. Keep young ducks from puddling and swimming la cold water. Remember this.

CARE OF HARNESS.

This should concern the farmers in spring, and all harness should be put iln srder before the work begins. It is would be a source of beauty and comhighly important that harness be oiled fort. tat least once a year., Twice would do better. Unbuckle every strap and wash thoroughly, using warm, soft water and good soap. A stiff brush is better than a sponge to take off the guina and dirt. After drying, apply some good black oil with a rough wloth, using as much as the leather will absorb. Let the oil dry in well in a warm room, but not too near a fire or in strong sunshine. After the leather has absorbed all it will, wipe the straps, mountings and buckles with a piece of flannel, to remove the superfluous oil Then with a small spoage apply lightly to all parts a Meather dressing to give a nice glossy appearance. Any stitching or repairs should be done before the oil is apwhied. After the harness has been put in condition if it is sponged over two or three times a week with a good harness soap, it will always look nice. be easier for the horses and wear gnany years longer.

WOOD ASHES.

Unbleached wood ashes are rich in potash, varying in value according to the hardness of the wood burned. Hickory ashes are more valuable than basswood. Besides, potash ashes contain lime and a little phosphoric acid. Most clay soils have sufficient potash. Sandy soils need potash more than other soils. Do not mix wood ashes with any kind of manure before applying to the soil. .

WOODMAN'S MAUL.

The easiest way to make an old style woodman's maul from a straight stick to drive wedges with is to cut the tree high enough to make the maul out the stump. Shape and hew the handle of the maul, leaving a piece long enough for the head of the than could be imagined under such maul full size. When the handle is conditions," says a writer in Social hewn to the size wanted, cut the Service. "One is love of music, culstump close to the ground. It is less than half the work than it is to cut a piece from the tree before shaping the maul.-The Epitomist,

CARE OF THE ORCHARD.

the made a portion of the routine al! travelers. Soothing and delightful work, whether disease appears or not, also is the delicious melody of the as a protection to the neighborhood. church bells which render hourly An orchard may become affected and their music; and musical as well as not show such diseased conditions un cheering even the tinkling of the bells sil the next year, when more work on the harness of the horses. No will then be necessary to keep the whip is needed by the drivers who arees from attack or injury.

HINTS ABOUT FLOWERS. Sow mignonette for late flowering, ing tones." Water the tuberous begonias well during drought. Keep the dead flow

chrysanthemums for fall blooming

CORN FOR THE COWS. F e every six cows plant four to five acres in ensilage corn. Generally speaking, three tons of silage are equal in feeding value to one toa of hay, and the equivalent of four tons of

TRIMMING THE TREES. First class fruit in first class shape will probably create an inquiry for more of the same kind, say a Delaware Farm and Home. Young trees should not be trimmed too liberally, as too much foliage taken from the tree weakens its feeding power.

hay can be produced on one acre.

GETTING FERTILE EGGS.

It is impossible to get the same fer tility of eggs during the winter and

A REMARKABLE COW.

A brown Swiss cow, Fluorine, has made a remarkable record in milk and butter production lately at the Cornell (N. Y.) station, giving 475.1 pounds of milk in seven days, which made 23.1 pounds of butter.

THE ODOR OF MILK.

As milk and butter are easily af fected by odors or flavors, it is possible to get some very piquant results by placing delicately scented flowers or fruit in the refrigerator with them.

WINDOWS ON BARNS. Windows, and lots of them, on the sunny side of the cow barn, is the sov-

and lots of other mean things. CLEAN OUT THE COOPS.

ereign preventative of tuberculosis

Don't neglect cleaning out those coops once a week. The little ones will thank you for your kindness and grow much more rapidly.

YOUNG TREES THE BEST.

Thrifty young trees are more apt to live than larger ones. Their roots are smaller and more apt to be all taken in transplanting. Many an unoccupied fence corner might be growing a tree if set there. In a few years it

A Fest.

The telephone bell in an uptown residence rang a few evenings ago and a young woman, who was expecting a call, rushed to answer it, being sure that one of her admirers had called her up.

"Is this-?" demanded a voice, repeating the number of the 'phone in question. "Yes." replied the girl.

"Well," continued the voice, "we are testing the wire. Will you please draw a long breath and say, very plainly, 'I will be good?' " She obeyed. "I will be good, she

"A little slower, and a little more distinctly, now, please."

"I-will-be-good," said the young

woman trying her best. "No, that's not right at all," corrected the voice. "We must fix that wire, I guess. Now, make one extra effort and say it again."

The girl caught her breath. "I will be good!" she shouted. "You will, will you?" laughed the

voice. "Well I'm glad to hear you say so. You were decidely unpleasant the last time I called." And just then the man at the other

end of the wire "rang off."

Now the young woman is trying to discover just which of her admirers played such a detestable joke on her. -Philadelphia Press.

Music for Russian Workmen.

"The laboring man in Russia though in rougher surroundings than found in other countries for the same class, has undoubtedly compensations which serve to make his life happier tivated and enlarged by the fine rendering of the anthems and chants of the services of the churches. The choral singing of men and boys in some of the smaller hamlets is indeed so rich and finished in style as Spraying the trees and vines should to be a constant source of wonder to urge their beautiful ponies only by the exhilarating sound of national or popular airs sung in their rich chant-

Dainty cut fringe that costs but five ers ent out of the herbaceous borders. | cents a yard is much used as edge estake, tie up and pinch back the Suishes on curtains and bedspreada.

The Interfering Husband Nuisance.

By a Long-Suffering Wife.

VOULD like to say a word or two about the husband who goes beyond his sphere; many married women will know him but too well; he may be called "The Interfering Husband," the one who will poke his nose into household and domestic matters which in no way concern him.

He is a kind of general walking encyclopedia on all matters connected with housework; he thinks nothing of instructing his wife as to how she should perform duties, and, alas, he frequently goes the length of lecturing the "general" on the most trivial points of housewifery. No true wife cares for a husband going about the kitchen; in fact, it is no place for a man; yet, the kitchen is a kind of happy hunting ground for the interfering husband.

He drops in of an afternoon—why on earth is the floor not scrubbed yet. He demands an explanation, and is told that the "Missus" said it wasn't to be scrubbed that day.

This won't do for the interfering man, however; he hunts out his wife and informs her that the kitchen looks like an o'd clothes shop; can she not keep his house in a cleanly state? Is he to pay for a servant standing about doing nothing when she might be well employed scrubbing floors, and so he

Such a man is more than a nuisance; he is an infliction, and the household bver which he presides is rarely a happy one; it cannot be when the man goes on like this.

But the same individual won't only meddle with household affairs; he will also dictate concerning the children-and this no true mother will

Suppose the month of May comes in, and is raw and cold-have the children stopped wearing their winter flannels? No? Well, they must do so at once-so orders the interfering husband, heedless of the fact that the mother ought to be the best judge as to whea the children should put off or on certain articles of clothing; and thus he dictates, always interfering with the wife's

Naturally, trouble is ever to the fore; it could not be otherwise. Suppose such a man gives his wife a certain sum monthly as a private allowance, why, it isn't private at all; she really has to account for every penny spent, and a workan of spirit will not meakly stand this sort of thing long-open rupture almost follows as a matter of course, .I wonder if the interfering man is aware of the fact that he is known all over his neighborhood as such? If there hap pens to be a servant in the house it won't be kept dark; all his little peculiari tles will be discussed with "Mary" next door, and Mary, if she happens to be on free terms with her mistress, will not hesitate to speak of "that man" up the street, mentioning a few facts concerning him. Her mistress will, if sho be of the average female type, most certainly hint to some of the ladies of the neighborhood about Mr. So and So and his goings on, and thus his name is bandied about till he is well known in his real colors half a dozen streets away.

The Match-Making Instinct in Man.

By Nixola Greeley Smith.

is the intimate conviction of every man that breathes that every unmarried woman wants to marry. Rosy, happy, ebullient in her celibacy as she may appear, he knows that her gayety is s huge bluff and that deep down in her innocent heart she is pining. If after a breakfast table quarrel with his wife over her milliner's bill he glances from his morning newspaper, where he

reads chronicles of domestic infelicity aired daily in the divorce courts to the array of befrilled and husbandless bread-winners that accompany him on his way downtown, his mind is filled with vague questions as to the reason of their detached condition and his heart beats with genuine if somewhat ingenious pity.

Pretty girls, many of them, are they not? Gay, smiling, buoyant, with health and youthful spirits. And yet, he reflects sadly, in their hearts there is the gnawing canker of unwilling-cellbacy a strong, even if unconscious, longing for love in a cottage, a hopeless, husbandless discontent.

If this man, with all the instincts of a matchmaker, happens to know any atttractive single woman well enough to question her as to the motives of her unmarried state, he will do so in the naive belief that she may possibly take him into her confidence and tell him the truth.

Why don't you get married?" he asks. "You are young, pretty, charming. You have everything to make a man happy. Why dont you do it?" Now, the girl may have very good reasons for not marrying, or she may have no reasons at all.

But, at any rate, she does not share the average man's belief that-for women-any marriage is better than none at all. Before she exchanges the certain content of her independent bachelorhood for the uncertain happiness of dependent matrimony, she wants to be very sure of her emotions. She knows that love, a little word of one syllable, cannot always be stretched through the experience of polysyllabic matrimony, and she would like to be sure before centencing herself for life that she feels an enduring affection and not one born of propinguity and the sympathy of a moment. In brief, she asks too many questions of an emotion which lasts longest when no questions are asked, Because women nowadays are not apt to take their emotions for grantelwhich, after all, is the only way to take them-they are slower to marry. But once married, they are apt to be satisfied with their lot.

We look for the man nowadays, not for a man, as our grandmothers were apt to do, and even the matchmaking masculine person who asks questions ought to realize that he is harder to find and great us a little more "me to make up our minds .- New York World.

A Mother's Responsibility.

By Beatrice Fairfax.

HE mother of a son owes a duty to some unknown woman. That ing of the son.

woman is the son's future wife, and the duty lies in the upbring If he is foolishly indulged and allowed to tyrannize over his sisters and smaller brothers, he will make life miserable for the woman unfortunate enough to marry him. But if he is taught to be manly, gentle and considerate of his

mother and others he is sure to make a good husband. No wife can train her husband; all she can do is reap the benefit of some other woman's wisdom or foolishness.

The real responsibility of a boy's upbringing rests with the mother. The father can teach him to be maniy and honorable, but the mother, if she goes

the right way about it, can reach his very soul. She can teach him to tell the false from the true in other women, and to treat all women, whether good or bad, with respect and consideration, inspired by his love for her.

When a mother and sisters conspire to spoil a boy they do not stop to consider what endless troubles they are laying up for his wife, who, unless she wishes to live in an everlasting whirl of bickering and quarreling, will have to wait on him and kow-low to his whims and fancies just as his foolishly fond mother and sisters have done. They have pampered and spoiled him to such an extent that he has grown to feel that his slightest wish is law.

Now, it is one thing for a mother or sister to occupy this position toward a man and quite another thing for a wife. The former are the sponsors for the existing state of affairs. The latter is the victim.

If she does not follow in their footsteps and bow down to the dictates of her tyrannical lord and master, the mother and sisters will think her selfish and unappreciative of the great blessing that has fallen to her lot. If she does give in to him, she sinks into a poor nonentity, without will or volition of her own, the mere echo of his domineering will, This is the lot of the wife of the man who has been brought up to have

his own way in everything. His loving, if weak-minded, mother, may take pleasure in granting her darling's every wish, but surely she owes something to the wife who will one day suffer for the mother's foolishness .- New York Journal.

Couldn't Lend Horse. Representative Adamson, of Geor- with you."-Washington Post. gia, recently told a story which illus trates true good fellowship. He had been campaigning in Georgia on foot and was twenty-five miles from home. | their fathers. The dress is of hemp It became necessary for him to go cloth, with a hempen girdle. A face home, and he tried to secure a con- | shield is used to show that the wearveyance, but all the teams were busy er is a sinner and must not speak to on the farms. Finally he went to a any one unless addressed. The cos-

to get me one."

isn't anything I won't do or you. I'll of flight.

tell you what I'll do. I'll walk home

Mourning in Korea.

Koreans wear full mourning for man whom he knew very well and tume is retained for three years, the shield for three months. This is worn "Bill. I have to get home, and I for a father only. Secondary mournwant a rig to take me. You've got ing's worn for a mother, and no mourning at all for a wife. The hat "Adamson," he replied, "we are five is of wicker. During the China-Japanmonths behind with our work here, ese war the United States minister and it is next to impossible to get a ordered every American citizen to horse that can be spared; but there have this outfit for disguise in case

French Statesman Averse to Pomp Camille Pelletan, the French minister of marine, is noted as a typical bohemian. He has spent a good part of his life in the Latin quarter, and even now, though compelled to live in the magnificent place of marine, he frequently entertains his bohemian friends. Another noted bohemian in the French government is Tissier president of the cabinet. Pelletar and Tissier were chums at college

X-Rays Remove Smallpox Scars. It is alleged that applications of he X-rays will remove the marks left on the skin by smallpox. Not only are we told that experiments have been successful with patients just recovering, but there is also reason to believe that pitting of many years' standing may be removed. The old scars of burns and tuberculosis ar also removed by the X-rays.

and are close friends now.

Gotham's Former Mayors. New York has seven surviving exmayors-Gilroy, Ely, Grant, Var Wyck, Cooper, Edson, and Low.

Prescott Was a "Mother's Boy.

Prescott was not only well born but happily born. His heredity was nicely fitted to his problem of life, From his mother Governor Wolcott thought he derived his "unfailing spirits." In Pierce's Life of Sumner there is a record of a conversation at dinner, where Webster, Ticknor, Sumner and Prescott were present. among others. The talk turned on the question, what most vitally shaped men's character and activities. Some said one thing, some another. "Mr. Prescott declared that a mother's influence was the most potent." He was a living witness. All the accounts which Ticknor plously gathered from Salem contemporaries agree that the boy William had his bright: vivicity from his mother.-Rollo, @. den, in the March Atlantic.

Not Circulated Fast Enough. "She's not to be trusted," said the

"I told her all about the scandal, and she promised not to mention it and she didn't."



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