

JUST BEFORE THE TROUBLE

How Could the Listener Know What His Friend Was Trying to Say?

If any man ever admired his wife, that man was Howler. And when the Fitzboodles asked Mrs. Howler to get up and sing, "There is a Garden in My Face," the husband glowed with pride.

No matter that she had a face like a hippopotamus and a voice like an elephant, he sat beaming as she sang, and could not refrain from bending over to his neighbor and whispering: "Don't you think my wife's got a fine voice?"

"What?" said his neighbor, who was a little deaf.

"Don't you think my wife has got a fine voice?" repeated Howler.

"What?"

"Don't you think my wife's got a fine voice?" roared Howler.

"Sorry!" returned the neighbor, shaking his head. "Can't hear a word you say. That awful woman over there is making such a frightful row singing."

DISFIGURING ECZEMA CURED

"My nephew first showed signs of eczema on the middle finger, and it came out like a blister. He must have rubbed his face with that hand, as it then broke out on his nose the same way. When the blisters broke, they shriveled up and formed scabs. His nose was covered with scabs, and it was very itchy. He was badly disfigured with unsightly scabs. At first, his nose was sore, and it gradually became worse so his mother took him to the doctor. He told her to rub the scabs off every day, and anoint the affected part with the medicine he gave her.

"The man must have been insane, as that was extreme torture to the child, who was only two years old at the time. Well, we decided that that treatment would have to end. I suggested Cuticura Ointment and they bought it and put it on freely every day for two weeks. He had the eczema for four weeks altogether, but was getting gradually worse until they used the Cuticura Remedies, and he was cured in two weeks. He most certainly would have been scarred with the other treatment, but now he hasn't a single mark. Cuticura Remedies cured him in two weeks, and now we always keep them in the house." (Signed) Miss Ida Slavin, 283 South Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 12 K, Boston.

Silent Innuendo.

"That woman always speaks kindly of others."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "but she always does it in such a way as to imply that she is making some terrible mental reservations."

The Humor of It.

Stella—Were you shopping today?
Hella—Yes, I got some things to exchange.

A man isn't necessarily an artist because he draws comparisons.

MY DAUGHTER WAS CURED

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Baltimore, Md.—"I send you here with the picture of my fifteen year old daughter Alice, who was restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. She was pale, with dark circles under her eyes, weak and irritable. Two different doctors treated her and called it Green Sickness, but she grew worse all the time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended, and after taking three bottles she has regained her health, thanks to your medicine. I can recommend it for all female troubles."—Mrs. L. A. CORRYAN, 1103 Rutland Street, Baltimore, Md.

Hundreds of such letters from mothers expressing their gratitude for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has accomplished for them have been received by the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company, Lynn, Mass.

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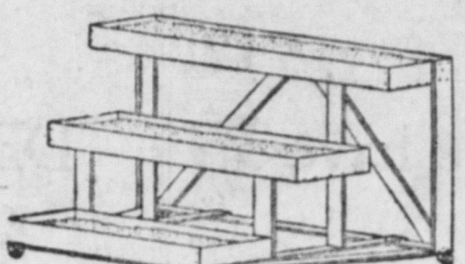
HORTICULTURE



PLANT STAND FOR A WINDOW

One That Can Be Moved Easily in All Ways in Demand—Can Be Constructed by Handy Person.

A plant stand that can be moved easily is always in demand by who ever grows flowers. The accompanying design can be constructed by any one handy with tools. It should be made in a substantial manner, for



A Homemade Plant Stand.

when weighted down with pots it will be subject to considerable strain when moved, and a flimsy framework would soon come apart and the stand collapse, plants and all.

Of course, such a stand can be made of any size to fit the window, writes Sylvanus Van Aken in the Orange-Judd Farmer. When one desires to make the room more attractive for a party it may be wheeled away and placed against the wall, the shelves facing the room. It will thus provide a bank of plants and flowers. Its portability is also a great advantage on cold nights, since it saves the labor of moving pots one by one, as is necessary where stationary plants or tables without casters are used.

In summer, when plants go out of doors, it may be set against the side of the house in a sheltered place, and it will be as useful as indoors.

The design illustrated herewith is two feet high, two feet from front to back, and three feet long at the back. The shelves are each eight inches wide and three inches deep. The top one is three feet long, the middle two and one-half feet long and the bottom two feet long. These shelves should be covered with a couple of inches of sand, in which the pots are to be plunged. If this sand is kept moist it will prevent unusual drying of the soil in the pots. The whole framework should be mounted on casters, preferably of iron, and braces should be placed at the back and across the bottom, as shown in the drawing.

CAUSE OF CHESTNUT BLIGHT

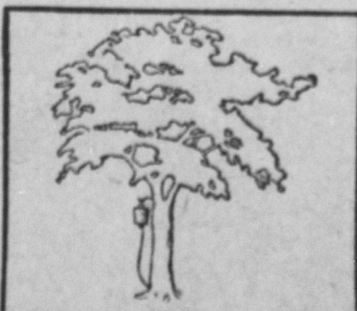
Withering of Trees Is Result of Boring by Insect Between Outer and Inner Bark.

Thomas Davy Candy of Langhorne, near Philadelphia, declares that he has discovered the cause of the blight which is withering chestnut trees in the middle and south Atlantic states. A boring beetle, one-sixteenth of an inch long, black in color, which lays its eggs between the outer and the inner barks, is the primary cause, he says. Grubs are hatched from the eggs, and these penetrate the soft inner bark, following its course around the tree trunk. Above the patch of the borer occurs the blighted appearance. Myriads of the tiny worms were found upon a single tree upon Mr. Candy's land, and the total result of their depredations was so extensive that the tree, he says, appears to have been scorched by fire. The blight has become so serious in Pennsylvania that the legislature appropriated \$275,000 to a commission appointed by the governor to investigate the cause of the disease and to devise ways for exterminating it.

METHOD OF COLORING WOOD

Substantial Change in Color of Tissues Effected by Injection of Matter Into Trees.

Staining wood after it has been sawed, planed and converted into woodwork or furniture is a most ordinary procedure, but the staining of the wood while the tree it composes is alive and growing is a departure from old methods. The illustration shows a device by which coloring



Coloring Growing Wood.

matter is injected into the tissues of the tree in such manner that it will be distributed by the natural circulation of the sap, thus effecting a substantial change in the color of the tissues with which it comes in contact.

Distance for Apples.

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FOR KILLING PLUM CURCULIO

Jarring Method Can Be Advantageously Practiced—All Ladybugs Should Be Liberated.

"The plum curculio winters in the adult stage, emerging in the spring just as the fruit buds begin to swell," says Prof. J. G. Sanders, head of the economic entomology department of the College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin. "Immediately, it begins to feed on the young foliage and fruit buds and should be treated with a strong spray of lead arsenate, as this is the only stage at which an arsenical poison is effective in controlling the pest.

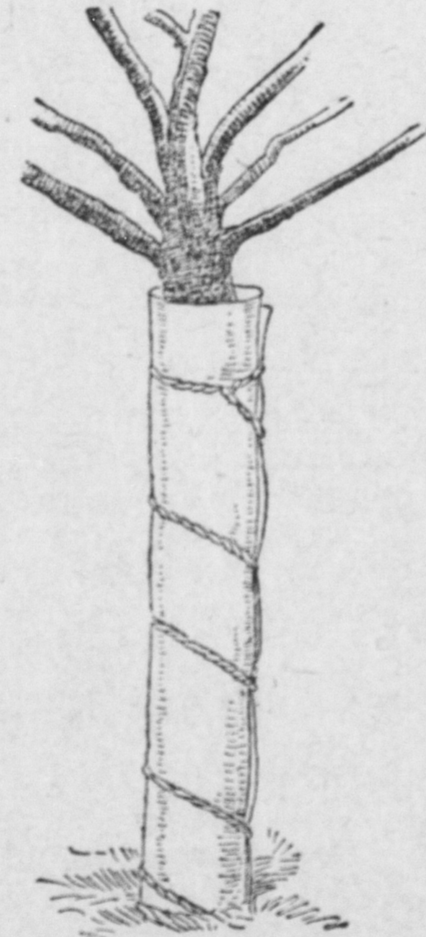
"The curculio is distinguished from the plum gopher in that it never penetrates the fruit stone. The female curculio deposits her eggs in crescent shaped cuts, which she makes on the surface of the fruit. Seven to ten days later, the larvae emerge and about two weeks after this they leave the fruit, crawl into the ground, where they spin a cocoon and pupate. In this stage of the life cycle the insect can be killed by intensive cultivation of the orchard.

"Where labor is cheap the jarring method of control is advantageously practiced," continued Prof. Sanders. "This system involves the use of a canvas, held about waist high under the tree, while the tree is jarred with a padded pole, the curculios falling off upon the canvas where they can be sorted out and destroyed. Any ladybugs which are snared by this method should be liberated, as they are beneficial parasites, which destroy injurious fruit insects."

TO PROTECT AGAINST MICE

Paper Cylinder as Shown in Illustration Will Prove Effective—Should Be Removed in Spring.

Various methods are adopted to protect young trees from being marked by rabbits or mice. Wire screens are expensive, but are also most effective. Wood veneer fastened around is a good protection if it can



Protection Against Mice.

be readily procured. The illustration shows a paper cylinder held tight by a cord. It should be removed in spring.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES

An orchard neglected for one year virtually puts it back three years.

The size of an apple can be influenced to quite a large degree by picking.

Keep the orchard clear of all dead brush, it being a harbor for injurious insects.

The cellar used for storing fruit must be kept cooler than the vegetable cellar.

The ideal time for picking apples is a matter that must be settled to a large degree by the individual.

The coldest weather does not kill the insects. Therefore spraying is the safest method of killing them.

Pears and apples keep better if picked a little green. Some pears rot from the core outward if allowed to ripen on the tree.

The first advantage of fall planting is that it induces the grower to get his nursery stock earlier than if planting in the spring.

Any kind of fruit tree will die when planted in ground that is all the time saturated with water. The tile ditch is a necessity in such places.

Trees set out in the fall do better when the winter is moderate, as the ground is drier and the trees make a greater growth the next season.

If your trees have been affected with leaf blight during the summer, spray them with bordeaux mixture after the crop has been gathered.

Fall pruning is better than no pruning. If you have some hardy varieties of fruit trees that need pruning there is no danger in doing it in fall.



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LABOR GIVES ITS APPROVAL

Powerful American Federation Cordially Joins in Fight Against Spread of Tuberculosis.

Direct approval of the campaign for the sale of Red Cross seals has been given by the American Federation of Labor, according to an announcement by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. At the last annual convention of the American Federation of Labor a resolution was adopted calling on all the members of the Federation to further the sale as much as possible. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, the American Federation of Labor has in every possible way aided the movement for the study and prevention of tuberculosis throughout the United States and Canada; and,

"Whereas, the American National Red Cross has been in the past and is now making an especial effort, through the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals, to secure funds to carry on the war against tuberculosis, and by means of the fund raised in this manner has been able to do much effective work in this direction, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Federation of Labor give its endorsement to the movement of the American National Red Cross, and encourage its members to further in every reasonable way the sale of these seals in their respective communities."

Special Talent.

"Can your boy read 'The Illiad' in the original.
"Not very well. But he can make ten yards around the left end almost every time."

There are still a few legitimate ways of acquiring wealth.

Tree Destroyers.

Porcupines are good climbers, and when unable to get enough apples wind-blown to the ground, swarm a tree and cut down the finest bearing limbs as quickly and neatly as a beaver can sever the trunk of a young hemlock. Besides that, when other food is scarce they nibble the bark off young apple trees, and can destroy a newly planted orchard in a short time. They also are a great enemy to the young spruce, but why they cut them is a mystery, as it is not found that they even eat the tenderest shoots.

Explanations.

Miss Fullosoul (of a poetical turn) Which are you of opinion one should say, professor: "Summer flies" or "Summer flees?"

Absent-Minded Professor (great on entomology)—The two species, my dear young lady, are entirely distinct. Now, the common house fly—Then he wondered why she suddenly opened a conversation with the young man on her right.—London Sphere.

A Question of Art.

"Was that play you speak of highly artistic and poetical?" asked the one who poses.

"I don't believe it could have been," replied the girl who is truthful. "I understood and enjoyed every word of it."

Wasted Blessings.

Aunt (just arrived)—Bless your sweet heart!

Marle—You needn't waste any of your blessings on him, aunty.

Aunty—Him? Who?

Marle—My former sweetheart. We're mad at each other now.—Judge.

A man has reached the age of discretion when he is willing to admit that other men may have opinions different from his without being fools.

Came Easy.

Representative James T. Lloyd of Missouri was discussing the president's belief that the extra session of congress would not try to revise the whole tariff law.

"He had about as much to go on," said Lloyd, "as the man who approached a banker with a request to lend him money on a note. He wanted five hundred dollars.

"Can you get an indorser?" asked the banker.

"Sure," replied the prospective borrower, mentioning the indorser's name.

"But has he got any money?"

"Lots of it," answered the other. "He wins it at poker."—The Sunday Magazine.

Since Teacher Did Not Know.

It was in the primary class of a graded school in a western city and the day was the 22d of February.

"Now, who can tell me whose birthday this is?" asked the teacher.

A little girl arose timidly.

"Well, Margaret, you may tell us," said the teacher.

"Mine," was the unexpected reply.

—Everybody's Magazine.

How Fido Lost Out.

"My girl used to think a lot of her pug dog, but I've managed to get the edge on him since we married."

"How did you work it?"

"Fido wouldn't eat her cooking, and I did."

Equivocal.

"Gladys can't hide the fact that she dyes her hair yellow."

"You don't suppose, do you, that she could keep it dark?"

The public has an inconsiderate way of remembering the prophet when the prophecy fails, and of forgetting him when it comes true.

We Get a Slap

The big coffee trust, made up of Brazilian growers and American importers, has been trying various tactics to boost the price of coffee and get more money from the people.

Always the man who is trying to dig extra money out of the public pocket, on a combination, hates the man who blocks the game.

Now comes a plaintive bleat from the "exasperated" ones.

The *Journal of Commerce* lately said: "A stirring circular has just been issued to the coffee trade." The article further says:

"The coffee world is discussing what is to be the future of coffee as a result of the campaign of miseducation carried on by the cereal coffee people. We have before us a letter from one of the largest roasters in the South asking what can be done to counteract the work of the enemies of coffee.

"The matter should have been taken up by the Brazilian Gov't when they were completing their beautiful valorization scheme."

Then the article proceeds to denounce Postum and works into a fine frenzy, because we have published facts regarding the effect of coffee on some people.

The harrowing tale goes on.

"Where a few years ago everybody drank coffee, several cups a day, now we find in every walk in life people who imagine they cannot drink it. (The underscoring is ours.) Burly blacksmiths, carpenters, laborers and athletes have discontinued or cut down the use of coffee; as there is not a person who reads this and will not be able to find the same conditions existing among his own circle of acquaintances, is it not well for the Brazilians to sit up and take notice?"

Isn't it curious these "burly" strong men should pick out coffee to "imagine" about? Why not "imagine" that regular doses of whiskey are harmful, or daily slugs of morphine?

If "imagination" makes the caffeine in coffee clog the liver, depress the heart, and steadily tear down the nervous system, bringing on one or more of the dozens of types of diseases which follow broken-down nervous systems, many people don't know it.

But it remained for the man who has coffee, morphine or whiskey to sell, to have the supreme nerve to say: "You only imagine your disorders. Keep on buying from me."

Let us continue to quote from his article.

"Notwithstanding the enormous increase in population during the past three years, coffee shows an appalling decrease in consumption."

Then follows a tiresome lot of statistics which wind up by showing a decrease of consumption in two years of, in round figures, two hundred million pounds.

Here we see the cause for the attacks on us and the Brazilian sneers at Americans who prefer to use a healthful, home-made breakfast drink and incidentally keep the money in America, rather than send the millions to Brazil and pay for an article that chemists class among the drugs and not among the foods.

Will the reader please remember, we never announce that coffee "hurts all people."

Some persons seem to have excess vitality enough to use coffee, tobacco and whiskey for years and apparently be none the worse, but the number is small, and when a sensible man or woman finds an article acts harmfully they exercise some degree of intelligence by dropping it.

We quote again from the article: "These figures are paralyzing but correct, being taken from Leech's statistics, recognized as the most reliable."



Brazilian Coffee Grower

This is one of the highest compliments ever paid to the level-headed, common sense of Americans who cut off about two hundred million pounds of coffee when they found by actual experiment (in the majority of cases) that the subtle drug caffeine, in coffee, worked discomfort and varying forms of disease.

Some people haven't the character to stop a habit when they know it is killing them, but it is easy to shift from coffee to Postum, for, when made according to directions, it comes to table a cup of beverage, seal brown color, which turns to rich golden brown when cream is added, and the taste is very like the milder grades of Old Gov't Java.

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