

Farm and Household.

Summer Pruning.

In the summer of 1862, when a number of Concord vines that were planted in 1861, were growing rapidly, a severe storm cut up the young shoots, completely defoliating them, and breaking the tender and succulent shoots at a height of about two feet.

After the second pinching of the fruit-bearing branches, as described above, the laterals will generally start once more, and we pinch the young growth again to one leaf, thus giving each lateral two well-developed leaves.

1. To keep the vine within proper bounds, so that it is at all times under the control of the vintner, without weakening its constitution by robbing it of a great amount of foliage.

2. Judicious thinning of the fruit at a time when no vigor has been expended in its development.

3. Developing strong, healthy foliage, by forcing the growth of the laterals, and having two young, healthy leaves opposite each bunch which shade the fruit and serve as conductors of the sap to the fruit.

4. Growing vigorous canes for next year's fruiting and no more, thereby making them stronger; as every part of the vine is thus accessible to light and air, the wood will ripen better and more uniformly.

5. Destruction of noxious insects, as the vintner has to look over each shoot of the vine, this is done more thoroughly and systematically than by any other means.—The Grape Culturist.

Dogs as Sheep Protectors.

I used to breed cattle, but having a natural fondness for sheep, and an opportunity to purchase a couple of Scotch collie shepherds dogs removing my fears on the score of destruction by mongrel curs, which deters so many from keeping sheep, I concluded to try the experiment which I have resorted to satisfactorily.

In my stock of 100 ewes I have half a dozen bells, and in case of danger the sheep all run to the dogs for protection. This familiarity between the dogs and sheep, with the watchful care exercised, is one of the prettiest sights in the world.

The rapid striking of the bells at once arouses the dogs; and about three weeks ago, in the middle of the night, I heard an unusual disturbance among the sheep, but was so confident that the dogs would be equal to the emergency, that I did not come down stairs.

In the morning I found to the satisfaction of seeing one of the worthless curs which grow prowling about at night lying stone dead along the fence, with marks on him of a desperate fight. I should say, however, that I made one cross by putting my shepherd dog to a Newfoundland slut, and kept the choicest of the litter. He has proved a fine, large dog, about twice the weight of either of the shepherds, and though never interfering in what he seems to consider their special duty, is always on hand ready for service.

It is curious to observe how, when strange dogs cross the place, the two shepherd dogs will take a survey, and if they see much business (they are themselves great fighters), by a kind of silent understanding, and arrangement the three dogs go together, and although we in this country are ignorant with all kinds of dogs, there seems to be a general fear of my three dogs, and we are seldom disturbed.

I recommend the purchase of one or two good shepherd dogs as the very first step toward keeping sheep.—Practical Farmer.

Alderberry Brandy.

The following has been furnished as a good recipe for making brandy, which it is said will be found a valuable remedy in cases of dysentery and weakness, with which so many persons suffer during the months of summer: Select the ripest alderberries you can find, and after picking them from the stems, add two quarts of water to five quarts of berries, and boil well; then mash and strain through a colander. After the juice is extracted, add two quarts of water, half an ounce of whole cloves, half an ounce of whole allspice, two grated nutmegs, one table spoonful of powdered ginger, one of cinnamon, and a little lemon and orange peel. Boil all well for three hours over a slow fire, and then add five pounds of sugar. After cooling, strain through a flannel bag. Then add two quarts of the best Monongahela whisky, or good brandy, according to taste. The above will keep for years, and will be found a wholesome drink and an excellent medicine, which few will refuse to accept.

To REMOVE STRINGS.—In many cases instantaneous relief from the pain can be obtained by pressing upon the place containing the sting with the tube of a small key. This extracts the sting and then a drop of aqua ammonia will neutralize the acidity of the poison, and allay the smart of the wound. A little bit of salarata moistened and laid over the affected part will also heal it.

Miscellaneous.

PUBLIC REPORT OF A POLICEMAN.

I have not enjoyed good health for several years past, yet not allowed it to interfere with my labor.—Every morning I was obliged to perform my daily task, and I never was a believer in doing with medicine; but having heard of the benefits of Yeghine, I determined to try it, and shall never regret that determination. As a tonic (which every one needs at some times) it surpasses anything I ever heard of. It invigorates the whole system; it is a cleanser and purifier of the blood.—There are many of my acquaintance who have taken it, and all unite in praise of its salutary effect. Especially anxious to make my acquaintance who have taken it, I have written a few lines to inform you of the benefits it imparts to them. The one thing most useful in old age—lightness of the body. One aged lady, who has been suffering through the rheumatism, and has become blind from the effects, having tried many remedies with no favorable result, was induced by friends to try Yeghine. After taking a few bottles she obtained such great relief that she expressed a wish for her sight, that she might be able to look upon the man who had cured her.

Yours respectfully,
O. H. P. POLICEMAN, Office, Station 6, Boston, Mass., May 9, 1871.

HEARTFELT PRAYER.

Dear Sir—I should be wanting in gratitude if I failed to acknowledge what the Yeghine has done for me. I was attacked about seven months since by Bronchitis, which settled into consumption. I had night sweats and fever chills; was distressed for breath and frequently spit blood; was all emaciated, very weak, and that my friends thought my case hopeless.

I was advised to make use of the Yeghine, which, under the providence of God, has cured me. That he may bless the health of all who use it, is the heartiest prayer of your affectionate friend,
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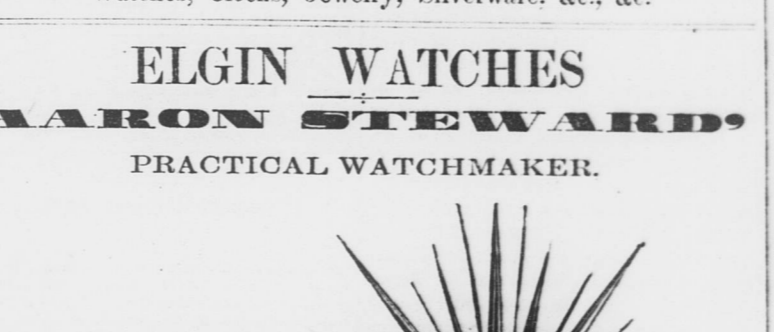
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