How to Raise 500 Bushels of Potatoes to the Acre.

The average yield of potatoes in the United States, in 1877, was estimated by the Agricultural Department at 92 bushels, in 1878 at 68 bushels, in 1879 at 98 bushels, and there are but few States in which the average for the last 25 years will exceed 100 bushels per acre. Fifty years ago, when the potato was generally more vigorous and hardy than now, and its insect enemies were fewer, and our soils abounded in alkalies and alkaline earths, there could have been no call for an article with this heading. Crops of 150 and 200 bushels per acre were then, exceptionally small. But in these days of deteriorated soil and seed, is it really possible than more than five times the average yield can be produced? Such productions are frequently heard of in rosy reports of good-natured agricultural committeemen. who dig a square rod with the result of say, four bushels, and straightway publish the pleasant story that Farmer Redtop has raised 640 bushels to the acre of "Stump the World" potatoes! And do we not annually read of the prodigious yields in the alluring catalogue of enterprising seedsmen? However, it is certain that a yield of 500 and more bushels of potato, 8 per acre has been recently attained by farmers in most of our Northern States. and it can and will be attained far more frequently in the future. It is a "sum' in simple multiplication, one which is at first puzzling to the most of us diggers in the "ground rules" of agriculture; but there is no "catch" or "trick" in it. There are good, plain, honest directions-o course varying ones-which, if fairly ob served, will give the correct answer. Anticipating that some tired-out and doubting student of the problem may ask, "Have you solved it yourself?" allows me to say that some 12 years ago, after a long trial, I got the gratifying result-since considerably exceeded-of 450 measured bushels of early Goodrich potatoes, from a measured acre.

In the first place, it is important, abso lutely essential, that the acre of ground selected for our large crop should possess certain qualities; and if there are not already there we must supply them, though it be done in a slow and expensive man ner. To plant on a wet, heavy soil, land undrained or unsweetened, or on a light sandy, worn out field, however liberal the immediate supply of plant-food may be will undoubtedly prove a disappointing labor. Just what we desire before plant ing is a strong, deep, warm loam-not too much the better, plow it under deeply, and can. A good deal of dodging is allowable harrow in a bushel of buckwheat, upon in a contest with Satan. which we sow 100 pounds of plaster, and in turn plow that under when the buck wheat has fully blossomed. This will probably be early in September, when, with out getting faint hearted and frightened persistently exposes that point to attack at the outlay of time and seed, we should commits the gravest of sins. When the immediately harrow in six pecks of rye .-This will have become large enough to furnish considerable additional nutriment, when in April or May, according to lo cality and season, we are ready to start the plow for planting. Then we have a soil deep, rich, mellow, perous, fragrant, de lightful to look at or work in, and we may feel sure that our potatoes, sensitive as they are to our surroundings, will be con tented and disposed to thrift in so con genial a home. HENRY S. GOODALE.

Raise More Ducks.

I never could understand why our farm ers through the State did not keep ducks; ness-How does this work of Christ tell taking it as a matter of profit, they are me anything of God? What can I learn more profitable than hens It may be the of God from it? Peter's walking on the impression that in order to keep ducks it sea. Is it merely a portentous violation is necessary to have a pond or stream of of a law of nature, whatever that may water close by, has deterred many from mean; or is it a voice from God to all keeping them, but there is no need of any timid Christians, "It is I; be not afraid?" thing of the kind. It is true that it is The raising of Lazarus. Is it merely one better to have a pond or stream, but you startled figure snatched from the tomb for can raise ducks just as well elsewhere. I a few short months or years by irresistable know of parties who are very successful in might; or is it the assurance of Him to raising them; they have only a wash tub whom all hearts, as well as graves, are set in the ground and filled from the pump open. "I am the resurrection and the life;" occasionally; in fact, the trouble of rais | "The Son quickeneth whom He will?" ing ducks, and about the only one, is let ting the young go into the water too soon Is it only the bare fact that a man lay after they leave the nest. When I speak dead in the grave for some forty hours, of the profit from ducks, I do not have and then lived again; or is it part of the reference to the common ducks that we eternal purpose-to use the words of the see every day. I mean a breed of ducks ardent apostle-of the God of Abraham, that weigh twelve pounds to the pair- and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our alive-such as the Rouen or Aylesbury, fathers, who glorified His Son Jesus, and both excellent layers, and easily kept and raised from the dead the Prince of Life reared, besides being large and excellent and sent Him to bless His earthly children for the market, and costing no more to in turning away every one of them from Irear than the common ducks that wil his iniquities? weigh eight pounds to the pair. The Rouen is a very handsome duck in plum age; the drake has a glossy green head and neck down to the white ring on his count for the manner in which he has exneck, and the lower part of his body is a pended his income, would find bills of his beautiful green-brown gray, and shaded family physician for "medical services" with brown on the back. The duck is of among the leading items. In seven cases a beautiful brown, with about every feather some neglected chronic disease. Thus, shaded on the outer edge with black. It fevers invariably result from diseased con is acknowledged to be the best of the va ditions of the blood and liver, and a timely rieties, laying very early and continuing use of an alterative, or blood purifying, through the season and late in winter . and cathartic remedies would have averted The Aylesbury is pure white, both the the system irreparably injured. Dr Pierce's duck and the drake, and about the same Golden Medical Discovery and Pleasant size as the Rouen. Both become very fa | Purgative Pellets are the best alterative miliar, and being very large and heavy, do not care to roam as much as the common Full directions are given for administering not care to roam as much as the common kind .- Maine Farmer.

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It hung above that garden soft and clear; Around the watchful guard its radiance gleamed From helm and spear. The tomb was sealed; The watch patrolled before its entrance lone : The bright night every passing step revealed;
None neared the stone.

Midnight had passed; The stars their justrous shining had decreased In the pale East. The morning star,

Last in the silent Heaven, withdrew its ray;

And the white dawn, spreading its spectre light, Foretold the day.

An earthquake's shock,

Just at the break of morning, shook the ground And echoed from that rent and trembling rock With startling sound.

The guards, amazed,
Fell to the earth in wonder and affright; And 'round the astonished spot in glory, blazed A sudden light.

An Angel there
Descended from the tranquil sky;
The glory of his presence filled the air All radiantly

He rolled away
From the still Sepulchre the mossy stone,
And, watching silent till the risen day, He sat thereon.

His garments white Shone like the snow in its unsullied sheen; His face was like the lightning's gleaming light, Dazzlingly seen.

All, all around
Was silence and suspense and listening dread;
The stirless watch lay prostrate on the ground,
Hushed as the dead.

At break of day.

The Saviour burst that cavern's stillness deep sing in conquest from death's shattered sway As from a sleep.

resh as the hallowed morning's dewy hour, Pure as its light. He rose as God,
Rose as a mighty victor, strong to save,
Breaking death's silent chain and unseen rod,

There in the grave. He rose on high, While angels hung around on soaring wing, Wresting from the dark grave its victory;

From death its sting.

-John Henry Newman, D. D.

Temptation.

While it is true that no one can escape temptation entirely, there is no doubt he can largely modify its influence. The temptation which inhere in a man's moral make up, he cannot wholly run away from, how much soever he may desire it, because the evil is in him, as disease is in the tainted blood. But he can largely modify its action and lessen its virulence. One way to do is to keep himself from sights and sounds and surroundings which inflame his passions and sharpen the edge of his appetites. If his temptation is in the direction of stimulents, then let him avoid the sight and smell of liquor and the companionship of those who drink. So, whatever his weakness, let him keep beyond light—if possible with a porous soil. But the reach of whatever can penetrate him the chances are that we shall have to be- at that point. The Indian method of gin the preparation for our crop a year in fighting it is an excellent one in spiritual advance. We should then select a field of warfare The soldier of Christ should blooming clover, if on a gentle slope so keep himself under cover as much as he

"Discretion is the better masterly retreat, than to have your soul captured bodily. A man who is morally weak at any point, and who nevertheless, great adversary was striving to tempt Jesus to expose himself, needlessly, to peril, he said, "It is written thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."-Golden Rule.

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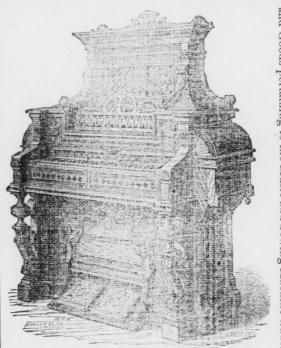


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