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Leached ashes have been bought and used for many years by farmers and gardeners on Long Island and near the shore towns in Connecticut. These ashes are brought mainly from Canada. Ashes are specially good for tobacco land, and onion raisers find them profitable. It has been observed that where this fertilizer has been introduced, it retains its hold upon the confidence of those who use it. Fruit growers are glad to get leached ashes for their small fruit gardens, and even orchards of large trees are much benefited by them. Save all the ashes, leached or unleached, and if there is a good opportunity apply them.—*American Agriculturist.*

Scraping Trees.

Do we approve of scraping Trees? asks a friend of ours. Certainly we do, provided they need it, and one can rarely find an old tree that does not. Aside from the fact that the removal of the old bark-scales breaks up a refuge for various insects, including the Woolly-aphis, the increased beauty of the tree repays the trouble. There are scrapers made for the purpose; one of these has a triangle blade, another a long blade, with one flat and another slightly concave edge. An old hoe is quite as good a tool as any; cut off the handle to about 18 inches, and do not grind the blade too sharp, as a cutting implement is not needed—only a scraper. On a very old trunk some force may be needed to detach the the scales that are partly loose, but on young trees be careful not to wound the healthy bark. The scraping may be done now, next month, or later. When there comes a moist drizzly spell, go over the scraped bark with good soft soap, made thin enough with water to apply with a brush. Paint over a thick coat of this soap and leave the rest to the rains. Later in the season the trees will appear as if furnished with mahogany trunks.—*Agriculturist.*

Barbed Wire Fences.

Steel wire in some of its many forms is becoming, in certain quarters, the fencing material for farms and railroads, and even for garden and lawn. Some of the points claimed in favor of this new fence are: cheapness, durability, ease of shipment of the material, and indestructibility by ordinary fires, like those arising from sparks of a passing locomotive. The barb should be short, with a keen point, standing at right angles to the wire. Some have advocated a dull point as more humane, but the success of the barb in turning stock resides in its sharp point. Often animals have been injured and even killed by wire fences, and all need to be introduced to this form of barrier. A colt, or cow, that has once been pricked by the barbs, will keep at a safe distance from the fence. Most of the damage has been done by the animals running upon the wires without seeing them. A strip of board may be nailed from post to post, near the top, to make the fence more conspicuous. The ribbon wire is more easily seen than the round form, but experience has taught that it is less durable. Now during the winter is a good time to look into this important matter of barbed-wire fences.—*Agriculturist.*

Turnips as a Farm Crop.

F. D. Curtis is a strong advocate of root crops, and writes as follows in the *American Agriculturist:*

A turnip crop will fit a meadow for corn, as the sod will be rotted, ready for giving the maize a vigorous start, and the ground will be more mellow and all the richer on account of the turnips. The sod should be turned over as soon as possible after the clover or hay crop has been taken off. It would be well to roll the ground and flatten the sward, to hasten its decomposition, and a few days before sowing time, harrow it thoroughly. A dressing of finely rotted manure should then be spread upon the surface, and cultivated into the soil, the ground being pulverized and made as mellow as possible. If wood ashes can be procured, they will help the crop if they are thinly scattered on top. A pound and a half of seed sown broadcast is ample for an acre. The seed should be covered with a brush drag. As soon as the turnips are up, they will be benefited by a dressing of plaster (sulphate of lime), at the rate of 2 bushels to an acre. Good phosphate will make turnips grow, if harrowed into the ground with the seed, using 100 pounds to the acre. The advantages of a crop of turnips for the latter part of autumn are manyfold. If the farmer does not wish to harvest them, he can turn on his entire stock, and the hungry animals that might have roamed over foot bitten, barren fields, will luxuriate in plenty.

HINTS TO HORSEMEN.

—Don't hook your horse to the sleigh the same as to your wagon, but give him more rope.

—If your horse should pull on one line or throw his head up and down and fight and pull on the bit, have his mouth and teeth examined.

—The hand pieces of driving reins frequently become smooth from use, causing the hands to slip. In such cases rub the lines with powdered resin.

—If you wish to drive your horse with an open bridle have him tried with one before putting him to your top wagon, otherwise he might get away with you.

—When horses overreach lengthen the hind shoes; when they hit the front of the hind feet, have the toe of the front shoes made narrow and concaved on the inside.

—Some horses when trotting in putting their hind feet to the ground strike principally on the toe. Such horses should have the heels lowered, or should wear shoes without heels.

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"No, sir," said the practical man. "I don't go hunting. I find enough to lie about as it is.

What is the difference between a timid child and a shipwrecked sailor? One clings to his ma, and the other to his spar.

Girls are more courageous than men. They are ready to make a match with a fellow twice their size.

The mouthpiece of the telephone may be perfectly respectable, but there are a great many things said against it.

Nearly hall the roast beef hof Hold Hengland his himported from Hamerica, but the hislanders manufacture the H's for it themselves.

A wise woman will not light the fire with kerosene, but will invite the servant girl to whom she owes six months' wages to do the same.

The shark is worshipped by some of the dwellers along the African coasts. Members of the bar should make a note of this.

A man in Boston has invented a stone-cutting machine which can do the work of sixty-four men. Better sentence it to State Prison.

There are thirty-two different colors to sand, and when people speak of a man as having a sandy complection he need not get mad, because it's ten chances to one he is one of those thirty-two shades.

The first young man who paid fifty cents for a secret that would show him how to double his money without risk, was told to double up the biggest bill he could find before putting it in his pocket.

Heavy rains have impaired the tobacco crop in portions of Cuba. Youthful cigarette smokers need not be alarmed at this intelligence; the harvest of old stumps of cigars and discarded tobacco quids has been very large the past year, and the price of cigarettes is not likely to advance materially.

A manufacturer of tooth powder inquires in his advertisement "Why do people shed their teeth?" Well, the fact is, hardly any two persons shed for the same reason. Some try to nurse the rear trucks of an impetuous mule, others impeach somebody's veracity and shed a few teeth because they are hard and indigestible and don't sit well on the average stomach.

A magazine writer has recently published a long article about "women's noses." The best thing we know about a woman's nose is a moustache. The best kind is a pale brown, and waxed at the ends. For sample, and instruction in the best method of application, apply at this office, after business hours.