

FARM AND GARDEN.

STANDABLE SUBJECTS CONSIDERED IN A PLAIN, PRACTICAL MANNER.

THE GREAT BENEFIT OF A Thorough Pulverization of All Soils Cultivated, in Promoting Growth and Giving Heavy Crops.

Progressive farmers understand the importance of thoroughly pulverizing the soil they cultivate, whether for field or garden crops.

The rule will apply to delicate garden annuals and to large trees alike. The man who transplants a fruit tree and bumbles in carelessly the coarse unbroken earth can hardly expect it to grow.

FIG. 1.—TREE ROOTS AMONG COARSE CLODS. The delicate thread like roots of plants can obtain little if any benefit when planted in a stone heap.

FIG. 2.—THE ROOTS IN FINE CONDITION SOIL. A soil tilled to a fine condition and with proper depth holds like a sponge the surplus water of rains.

A Field Marker. A convenient little device to mark not only the rows, but also the exact places for each plant in the row.

FIG. 3.—THE ROOTS IN FINE CONDITION SOIL. The pins which serve to mark the places for plants in the row are put in with a nut, and may be changed to mark intervals of ten, twelve, twenty and twenty-four inches.

ARBOR DAY. The first Arbor day was observed in Nebraska seventeen years ago, when 12,000,000 trees were planted.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Information about fruits, flowers and vegetables.

A Simple Way of Forcing Cucumbers and Melons in Advance of Their Natural Season by Help of "Well Rotted Manure in the Hill."

When the season is not long enough to insure the perfect ripening of melons, or when vine fruits are wanted a week or two in advance of their natural season.

Garden Culture of Chrysanthemums. Many persons have been deterred from planting chrysanthemums in their gardens for fear an early frost might come suddenly in the fall.

Perfect Flowering Strawberries. A Wisconsin horticulturist, whose success excited him to be honored with the name of George T. Kellogg.

SCAB IN POTATOES. Causes of this Disease and the Best Known Preventives.

There is a prevailing belief that extreme humidity favors the development of the disease, but what further influence the character of the soil has in producing it is not positively known.

THE CARE OF EWES. How and when to feed the animals for most successful results.

Pruning Shrubs. Practical Directions on a Subject Not Generally Understood.

THOSE WRINKLED HANDS.

When wrinkled hands that of a woman's breast show folded in death's last agonizing grasp.

There are some instances where the pulse beats feebly; when the arteries are stiffened, and the blood is thick.

It will undoubtedly surprise many to learn that in nutmegs we find a powerful narcotic.

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