Agricultural Department

Hints on Strawberries.

Every year as the fall season arrives there is much advice given about planting strawberries. People are told then is the desirable time to plant. That some degree of success follows fall-planting this fruit is certain, but we are not sure that the advantages are so very great as people think they are. The chief advantage is said to be that a crop can be had the following spring by planting in the fall; but except in a few instances all the crop does not amount to much. There are some two or three little berries on each plant, but this is about all. If the bird be rare, there is the additional loss of runners, for to have much success it is necessary to plant early, before the final runners have taken root. And this very lateness is a disadvantage, for it means August or September, when the suns are often hot enough to give the young plants a hard time to get their sugh properly; and even do they get safely through the ordeal, the want of a strong mass of roots often occasions their being drawn out by the frost. All these disadvantages are avoided by spring planting; and setting aside the bait of a few miserable berries, there is every reason why the strawberry should be planted in spring.

The strawberry being a hardy plant, may have this attention given to it early. Where new plantations are desired they may be gone on with at once when the ground becomes dry; the sooner after that the better. In choosing runners, large leaves are not of as much importance as plants with strong crowns and an abundance of fibrous roots. In planting they must not be set deep. No part of the crown should be under ground or it may rot; only the roots should be under the earth, but care should be taken to press or force the earth very tightly around these young roots.

Then it often becomes a question whether it is best to set out the plants in four feet beds with alleys between, or to have them in continuous parallel rows as in field culture—for we have in our mind chiefly garden culture as we write. There are good reasons for both plans. In the bed system the plants are liable to get a little crowded, and then they somewhat starve one another, and smaller berries and smaller numbers are very likely to result; but an advantage is the cleanliness of the berries. The fruit lies on the leaves and can be gathered in excellent condition without much cleaning to be done. And then it is very convenient to get in among them for picking or examination; and this is particularly appreciated when, as in small gardens, the women of the family go out to gather as wanted for the daily use.

The row system, on the other hand, has its faults and advantages. If the plants are set, say one foot apart in the row, and the rows twenty inches, they can be hoed in between and the weeds easily kept down. The runners can be cut off by the hoe in the process of cultivation—that is those between the rows—and in this way the roots are not cramped for want of food through a mutual struggle with one another. The runners between the plants in the rows may be left to go together; and thus we have a continuous line of green foliage a foot wide, forming the strawberry row. The finest fruits are generally had in this way, though at the expense of some cleanliness and convenience in the gathering of the fruit.

Some talk of growing the plants in hills. In this case the plants themselves are set widely apart; and all the runners, both between the plants in the row and between each row of plants, are destroyed. This is very popular with some growers in Europe and recommended in some of our publications because it is popular there; but we think very few people have tried it there. In the first place it is tedious and troublesome to keep continually at work cutting down the runners; and then it is found in America that our suns are too hot for such a practice. The want of shade for the roots, which close planting affords, is keenly felt, and the plants often suffer and die out.

To make our chapter on strawberry culture complete, we might be expected to give a list of the best varieties; but there is much variation in the character of soil, and the varieties specially adapted to the soils and only by inquiry as to what kinds are popular in the vicinity, can one do without actual experiment for himself.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

How to Raise Peas.—Peas, among culinary vegetables, are only less prized than strawberries among small fruits. As they may be cultivated without much manure, and easily raised without the aid of hot beds, or any other of the articles resorted to by skillful kitchen gardeners, he who is provided with twenty-five feet square of land may supply his table occasionally with home-grown peas throughout the season.

Varying a little for different soils and situations, early or middle April is the time to sow for this climate. Though young plants will stand frost, yet no advantage is gained by planting earlier, since only the more seed will rot in the ground. If, however, cold weather sets in after planting, covering the rows lightly with manure will effect an earlier and more uniform germination.

If early results are desired for home use, the pea should be given a light, rich soil; for general market crops it matters but little what the soil is so that it be well manured. In the latter case, staking or bruising is not usually resorted to; in the former, except for dwarf varieties, it is advisable to use supports of one kind or another. For family use the wrinkled varieties are sweeter and more tender than the smooth, but are less hardy and of smaller growth. A pint may be considered enough for thirty or forty feet, and sowing may be made every ten days to three weeks for succession.—*Moore's Rural New Yorker.*

Wenford Biscuits.—Rub four ounces of butter into eight ounces of flour and six ounces of lump sugar, the yolks of two eggs, and the white of one; roll the paste thin, and cut with a tin cutter; egg over tops of each with remaining white, and sift on white sugar; bake in warm oven.

For Frying Scallops.—Roll soda crackers fine; dip the scallops in well-beaten egg, then in the cracker crumbs; fry with lard and butter; requires considerable cooking.

Educational Department

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G. W. Ryan, Editor present week.

BRADFORD TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The County Institute convened in the High School Department of the Towanda Graded School, Monday, April 9, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Though somewhat of an innovation in this county, Institutes at this time of the year are no longer an experiment, but a success elsewhere, and we felt that such would be the case here if tried. Superintendent Keeney may justly feel much satisfaction that his efforts in behalf of the cause of education at this time, have been attended with such success. We understand that about 160 teachers enrolled their names. It has been our fortune to attend many Institutes, as a member or instructor, but seldom or never saw teachers manifest more interest, or evince more of real desire to profit by the exercises than at this session.

The principal instructor was Prof. F. A. Allen, of Mansfield, Pa., who has so often visited this county in such capacity, and whose work is so well-known to teachers and people, that did space permit, any description of his work, or opinions of ours, would be needless. Sufficient to say that he never fails to interest. His lecture at the Court House, Wednesday evening, on the subject, "What shall we do with our boys," was listened to with closest attention, and could it be read in every household, the country would be far the better for it. A leading thought in it was "Give the little boys a chance." Supt. Keeney, Rev. Hallock Armstrong, I. S. Crawford and G. W. Ryan also instructed.

On Thursday afternoon, Dr. John H. French, formerly State Superintendent of Schools, Vermont, on his way to South Carolina, called on business with Prof. Allen, and was persuaded to remain over until next day and lecture in the evening. He had just conducted a very large Institute in Pittsburg, and the charts and apparatus necessary to illustrate his lecture,—Natural History,—were on their way to his destination. These articles are so essential to a lecturer on this subject that few would speak without them, yet the subject was made very interesting and profitable. Friday morning Dr. French attended the Institute and favored the teachers with a half-hour of instruction and advice. As he is a stranger to the people of the county, we give below the heads of his work, and hope he may some time conduct an Institute in this county, for he has few equals in that capacity. The mathematicians of the county will feel acquainted with him through his theorem, 4 French's Binomial Theorem,—published by permission in Robinson's Elementary Algebra:

The pupil must do something—
I. Read with the understanding, and express thoughts with the understanding.
II. Learn how to study.
III. Master each point before leaving it.
IV. Study for keeps.
V. Learn self-reliance.
The teacher must do something—
I. Give short lessons.
II. Give lessons but once.
III. Assign next lesson before hearing recitation.
IV. Hear recitation before giving instruction.
V. Give only needed help.
VI. Make every point.
VII. Call back all new instruction given.
VIII. Require topical recitations.
IX. Require written recitations daily.
X. Require tabulated outlines of all subjects.

SCHOOL LAWS AND DECISIONS.

From Pennsylvania School Laws and Decisions, Section CXLII:

The State Superintendent of Common Schools shall cause to be prepared a new grade of teachers' certificate, to be called a permanent certificate, which shall be granted by him to practical teachers holding professional certificates, upon the recommendation of the board, or boards of directors, in whose employment the applicant shall have taught for the three preceding annual school terms, which shall be countersigned by the proper county, city or borough superintendent in office when the application shall have been made, and approved after examination, if they deem it necessary, by a committee of five teachers, a part of whom may be females, holding permanent certificates, if there be so many holding such certificates; but if there be none, or not a sufficient number of that grade of teachers, the committee shall be constituted wholly or in part, as the case may be, of teachers holding professional certificates; said committee to be elected by ballot by the members of the Teachers' Institute, at its annual session from the same county, city or borough in which the applicant resides at the time of making the application; and such permanent certificate shall continue to be valid in such county, city, or borough, unless forfeited according to the provisions of this act; and shall also entitle the holder to teach one year in any other county, city or borough, in this Commonwealth, without a re-examination, at the end of which time it may be endorsed by the proper county, city or borough superintendent, if from personal knowledge he deem it worthily held, and it shall then confer upon the holder the same rank and privileges as in the county, city or borough where issued; and such permanent certificate shall only be annulled upon complaint duly proven of incompetency, cruelty, negligence, or immorality, made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools by a county, city, or borough superintendent, and a committee of teachers elected and constituted as aforesaid.

No committee on teachers' certificate should consent to investigate the case of an applicant, until a recommendation in his favor signed by the proper directors and county superintendent, in the form required in this department, is presented to them. No teacher can make legal application for a permanent certificate who has not taught "the three preceding annual school terms."

It is optional with the committee on permanent certificates whether they examine applicants or pass them without examination; but in almost all cases the former practice will be found to be most satisfactory.

What is the height of the air that surrounds the earth? We find answers in our philosophies varying from 40 miles to 200 miles. Nearly all of the atmosphere is doubtless within 50 miles of the earth, but some eminent authorities claim that air, *very much* rarified, extends 200 miles from the earth.

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GENTLEMEN, FARMERS AND HORSE-BREEDERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY AND VICINITY,—I have made arrangements with L. T. Birchard for his Thorough-Bred Horse,

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To be at my Stable and serve a limited number of Mares, commencing MAY 1st, 1877. This Horse is one of the finest and best bred this country can produce. His pedigree traces through the best horses and mares in England. He is a beautiful mahogany Bay, black points, flowing mane and tail, and in action perfect. He is only to be seen to be admired. Terms for Colt low.

L. S. KINGSBURY.
April, 12, 1877. Towanda, Pa.

NOTICE.—The undersigned having closed his business at Wysauking, Pa., will proceed immediately to the settlement of his books, which will be left at the store for the next thirty days, in charge of N. L. Park, who is authorized to settle all accounts contained therein. It is hoped that all persons having unsettled accounts with me will accept of this invitation and call and settle, and therefore avoid any unpleasantness that might arise from the necessity of resorting to other means for collection.

April 5, 1877. GEORGE SMITH.

BUSINESS CHANGE AT WYSAUKING.—The Merchandize and General Produce Business formerly carried on by George Smith, will hereafter be continued at the same place by George Smith and N. L. Park, under name of Smith & Park.

Thanking our numerous friends for past favors, we cordially invite all to extend the same liberal patronage to the new firm. Cash will be paid for all kinds of Farm Produce as heretofore, and *Goods* sold as low as at any store in Northern Pennsylvania.

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HENRY MERCUR,
Dealer in
ANTHRACITE AND
SULLIVAN ANTHRACITE
COAL,
CORNER PARK AND RIVER STREETS, TOWANDA.
YARD PRICES (CASH).
ANTHRACITE.

EGG	$5 00
STOVE	5 00
CHESTNUT	5 00
PEA	3 50

SULLIVAN ANTHRACITE.

EGG	$4 50
STOVE	4 50
CHESTNUT	4 50
SMALL NUT	3 00

Coal screened, and delivered to any part of the Boro', adding cartage to the above prices. ALL ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CASH.
H. MERCUR.
Towanda, Jan 5, 1877.

COAL,
COAL,
COAL.
We keep on hand at our yard all sizes of Pittston and Wilkes Barre coal, and Loyal Sock coal, from the Sullivan County Mines. Also, Barclay Lump and Smith.
We keep the best quality of Lime, Hair and Cement, Brick and Plaster, all of which we will sell at bottom prices.
PIERCE & SCOTT.
Towanda May 1st, 1876.

CHEAP COAL AND LIME.
From and after July 1, I will sell coal, lime, &c., for cash only, and the price list will be corrected monthly.
PRICE OF COAL FOR JULY, PER TON OF 2,000 LBS. AT THE YARD:

Pittston Stove, Chestnut and Furnace	$5 00
" Pea	3 50
Carbon Run Lump	4 00
" " Smith	3 00
Barclay Mountain Lump	3 50
" " Smith	2 75
Allentown Lime ⅌ bushel	22
Lath ⅌ M	2 25
Hair ⅌ bushel	40
Brick ⅌ M	10 00

I am always prepared to deliver purchases on short notice at the usual price of delivery.
I also tender my thanks to my many friends and customers for their very liberal patronage in the past and hope under the new departure to make it to their interest to continue to buy where they can get the best goods for the least money.
Those who are indebted to me will take notice that I must have money or I can't buy for cash and pay freights. They must settle by the first of August next.
Very Respectfully Yours,
Towanda, July 1, 1875. J. H. PHINNY.

Hotels.

THE CENTRAL HOTEL,
ULSTER, PA.
The undersigned having taken possession of the above hotel, respectfully solicits the patronage of his old friends and the public generally.
augl6-tf. M. A. FORREST.

ELWELL HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA.,
JOHN SULLIVAN.
Having leased this house, is now ready to accommodate the travelling public. No pains nor expense will be spared to give satisfaction to those who may give him a call.
North side of Public Square, east of Mercur's new block.

MEANS HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA.,
CORNER MAIN AND BRIDGE STREETS.
The Horses, Harness, &c., of all guests of this house, insured against loss by Fire, without any extra charge.
A superior quality of Old English Bass Ale, just received.
T. R. JORDAN,
Towanda, Jan. 24, 74. Proprietor.

EAGLE HOTEL,
TOWANDA, PA.
At the corner of Court and River-sts., directly in the vicinity and south of the Court House.
JOHN BURKE, PROPRIETOR.
The above house has been re-furnished and refitted, and is now open to the traveling public. The Bar will at all times be supplied with the best of liquors. Good stabling attached to the premises. Boarders by the day or week accommodated.
May 10, 1876.) JOHN BURKE.

Drugs and Medicines.

DR. H. C. PORTER'S
OLD CASH DRUG STORE,
Corner Main and Pine Sts., Towanda, Pa.
[*Established over a quarter of a Century.*]
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
DRUGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS,
ACIDS, DYE-STUFFS, & GLUE,
PERFUMERY, TOILET AND FANCY GOODS,
SPONGES, BRUSHES, BRACES & TRUSSES,
SOAPS, COMBS, POMADES, HAIR DYES,
TEETH, SKIN, and HAIR PREPARATIONS,
RAZORS, POCKET-KNIVES,
POCKET-BOOKS AND PORT-MONNAIES,
MACABOY and SCOTCH SNUFF,
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CIGARS,
GARDEN, FIELD AND FLOWER SEEDS,
Pure Wines and Liquors, for Medicinal Purposes,
BOTANIC, ECLECTIC & HOMŒOPATHIC REMEDIES,
And all genuine popular Patent Medicines.
SUPPORTERS, SUSPENSORIES, BREAST PUMPS,
NIPPLES, NIPPLE SHELLS & SHIELDS,
NURSING BOTTLES, TEETHING RINGS,
SYRINGES, BED PANS, URINALS, THERMOMETERS, ELASTIC STOCKINGS, &c.
KEROSENE OR COAL OIL,
WICKS, CHIMNEYS, BATH BRICK,
SPERM, LARD, WHALE, NEATS FOOT,
TANNER'S, AND MACHINE OILS,
ALCOHOL, AND SPIRITS TURPENTINE,
Sash, Paint, Varnish, Whitewash, Counter, Horse, Mane, Shoe, Scrubbing, And all kinds of brushes,
WINDOW AND PICTURE GLASS,
of all sizes.
PURE LINSEED OIL, PAINTS, PUTTY, AND VARNISH.
READY MIXED PAINTS
OF ANY DESIRED COLOR,
BY THE POUND, PINT OR GALLON,
GROUND IN OIL OR VARNISH,
AND DRY COLORS OF ALL HUES.
All articles warranted as represented.
Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours of day and night. Open Sundays for Prescriptions from 9 to 10, A. M., 12 to 1 and 5 to 6, P. M.—may1'75.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR,
FOR RESTORING
GRAY HAIR TO ITS NATURAL VITALITY AND COLOR.
A dressing which is at once agreeable, healthy, and effectual for preserving the hair. Faded or gray hair is soon restored to its original color, with the gloss and freshness of youth. Thin hair is thickened, falling hair checked, and baldness often, though not always, cured by its use. Nothing can restore the hair where the follicles are destroyed, or the glands atrophied and decayed. But such as remain can be saved for usefulness by this application. Instead of fouling the hair with a pasty sediment, it will keep it clean and vigorous. Its occasional use will prevent the hair from turning gray or falling off, and consequently prevent baldness. Free from those deleterious substances which make some preparations dangerous, and injurious to the hair, the Vigor can only benefit but not harm it, if wanted merely for a
HAIR DRESSING,
nothing else can be found so desirable. Containing neither oil nor dye, it does not soil white cambric, and yet lasts long on the hair, giving it a rich glossy lustre, and a grateful perfume.
PREPARED BY
DR. J. C. AYER & CO., LOWELL, MASS.,
Practical and Analytical Chemists.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.
Jan.4-77.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—I, JOHN HANNAS, being a Blacksmith by trade, had often felt the want of some means whereby I could soften Iron at the forge, so that I could work it at a better advantage; this induced me to make many experiments with different substances which offered the best prospects of success. It was on one of these occasions that I discovered
THE WONDERFUL EFFECTS OF ELECTRO SILICON UPON THE HUMAN SYSTEM.
I had a defect in three of my fingers, which were bent or shut up in my hand in such a manner by the contraction of the cords, that they were very troublesome to me in my daily avocation. I could not handle my tools as I wished, and often thought that I would have them cut off to get them out of my way. I had used everything that offered any hope of relief, but all to no effect. Well, I say, I was working with Electro Silicon at the forge, and of course could not prevent its coming in contact with my hands.
I took no notice of the effect it had produced, until one day wishing to use a heavy hammer, I grasped it with my crooked hand, and much to my surprise I found my crooked fingers straighten out, and I had as much use of them as ever. I could hardly believe my eyes. I showed my hand to my wife and family, and a general rejoicing was the result.
The question now was, What had produced this wonderful effect? Every act was recalled, and after a long and careful investigation, I at last made up my mind that my good fortune had been caused by
ELECTRO SILICON.
My next step was to discover some means by which I could combine this wonderful substance so that everybody could use it. I made diligent search through every book that I thought would throw any light upon the subject, and at last, in a very old medical book, I found a way by which I could do it. The result was, perfectly satisfactory, and I was able to make a *liniment*, like the world has never seen before. I now began to look about me for cases to try the effect of it on others.
I had a neighbor living about a mile from my shop who had a lame knee, caused by the cords being contracted by rheumatism. I sent him a bottle of ELECTRO SILICON LINIMENT, and told him to use it thoroughly. He did so, and at the end of three months he was able to throw aside his cane and walk to my shop apparently as well as ever. It had worked just as it did in my case.
PRODUCING A PERFECT CURE!
I gave it to other of my neighbors and friends, for miles around, who were suffering from
SWELLED LIMBS,
RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA,
STIFF JOINTS, BURNS,
&c., &c., &c.
ALL OF WHICH IT CURED WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!
Finding that the ELECTRO SILICON LINIMENT would penetrate the skin of man further than any other substance, it occurred to me that it
MUST BE GOOD FOR THE HORSE.
And it has proved itself one of the very best applications in all external diseases occurring in that noble animal.
Prepared by the Electro Silicon Liniment Company. Office, 76 William Street, New York.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS, FIFTY CENTS PER BOTTLE.
New York, April 5, '77-3m.

THE BOSTON 99 CENT STORE,
NORTHEAST MERCUR BLOCK, MAIN STREET.
TOWANDA, PA.
At the 99 cent Store you can buy Beautiful Walnut Brackets, Picture Frames, Pictures, Walnut Stands, Croquet Sets, 8 balls and 8 mallets, Glassware, Lamps, Cutlery, Jewelry, Silver Ware, Perfumery, Velvet Hassocks, at
99 CENTS EACH.
All goods warranted as represented, and prices guaranteed 25 per cent. lower than same quality can be purchased elsewhere. Don't neglect to call and see us when in town, whether you desire to purchase or not.
Towanda, June 27, 1877. C. S. CORNWELL.

BRYANT'S POPULAR
HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.
From the discovery to 1876, preceded by a sket