

FARM AND HOUSBHOLD ITEMS


## Heary Axes

I know that in some sections of the country most persons think a heary axe ins
necessary if they wish out hast 1 for
Iont morly thought
was converted.
Ono ateruoon a tall thin Yankee came
to me and asked for worlk, saying be had to me and asken for work, saying he hide
been nick and rather dissipated, but had mo work where he could break awwy from oarnest, and was not afraid of work, I would givo him a trial.
"Can you chop wood?" I asked.
"I could chop proty well at one tim but suppose it will go hand with me to now,
through t am willing to try", moplied he "All right," said I , "go to the store ready for work to-morrow. Wighting about four pounded with an axe handec, and surprised me by saying " 1 wauted a light ono but could not tind it.
I told him I thought he could do do nothing with such a tool, but ho said it ho do did not

work to my natiffaction I was not to pay | work |
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Whero to commence in the morning. anden that hour came I staried with him "I will warm this chap up a little by work"ga with him.". The first tree wo began on culated to get my side considerably more My Yankee chopped away without seem-
ting to hurry but in spite of ing to hurry but in spite of my efforts he
cut fully three-fifths through the tree before meeting me, and as the tree foll I oon--
cluded that it was me who had got the warming. And now said I to him "tell me how it is that you cut so fast with so
lightan axe whilo I with my nix pound axe The philosophy of the matter replied he raising the axec, and an an averago speed is
fifteen blowsto the minute, pounds to my 60 poundseach minute, which makes you lift 5,400 pounds an hour to my
3,600 pounds, and in a days' work of ten hours, ool hiv tons. With thisenertion hav have little force left to striko with, dependlig on the weight on your axe for effect,
white 1 depend on the force of my blow, ance every one knows how much moro of
fected speed and strength in a blow is to
The man worked with me three years, and what is more to the purpose he taught mex and
axe.
 priviloge (as one of your earliest readers)
of auking through your columms if any of making an alum basket? mo an roipe for talizing grasses blue and green, and oblige

## information?-ED.

To Make Black Walnut Pollsh. Those desiring to make this polish will Take asphaltum, pulverize it, place it a jar or bottle, pour over it abont twice its
bulk of turpeutine or benzole, put it in a wamm place, and shake it from time to
time. When dissolved, strain it and apply If it ahould make too dark a atain, thin it with turpentine or benzole. This will dry
in a fow hours. If It is out the grain still more, apply a mixture of than oil alone. Put no oil with the better tum mixture, or it will dry very slowly.ished with the following: Shella varnish oil, one part. Slake it well before nsing. Apply it to the wood by putting a few drops on a clotb, and rubbing briskly on the wood
for a few moments. The polish works well for a few moments, The pe
on old varnished furniture.

Squeaking Boots.
I have two pair of calf-akin boots, both
inveterate squeakers, which I have worn for a year. 1 tried all the known remedies, as greasing the soles, driving in pegn and naik, soaking them in water and wearing lhem till dry, but without success. a rag, I saturated the ineoles we. oil ; and, Eureka, the thinnent pair gave in application. Sextons and ushers will please make a note of this, and ever cherinh, with grateful retuembrance, the name of the dit-coverer.-Joszo.

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