

Tuesday, April 1, 1873.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons cho are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Culture of Cranberries.

Where do all the cranberries come from, is a question often asked; and, on investigation, we are fairly astonished to witness the remarkable amount of business now transacted in this small fruit. To those having low lands, useless for any other purpose, the cranberry, once planted, often yields the possessor a greater profit than any similar area of other crops on the same farm.

The consumption of this fruit is extending rapidly into all parts of the world; is becoming more and more a household necessity. New Jersey raises the largest bulk of cranberries in this country, employing about six thousand acres for the purpose, the value of the crop raised on which last year was \$600,000. The whole cranberry crop of the country is estimated at about \$1,500,000. Massachusetts raises not less than ten thousand barrels a year. Within the past five years Wisconsin has made rapid progress in the culture of the cranberry, and the crop in that State last season is estimated at \$300,000. The average price per barrel of this fruit is \$10, Cape Cod cranberries commanding the highest price. The fruit raised on the Cape is the best of its kind in the world. It is exported largely to England, and finds its way to the Queen's dinner-table.

To Prevent the Decay of Shingles.

The following is said to effectually prevent decay in shingles:-Take the potash kettle, or large tub, and put into it one barrel of lye of wood-ashes, five pounds of white vitriol, five pounds of alum, and as much salt as will dissolve in the mixture. Make the liquor quite warm, and put as many shingles into it as can be conveniently wet at once. When well soaked take them out, and put in more, renewing the liquor as necessary. Then lay the shingles in the usual manner. After they are laid, take the liquor that is left, put lime enough in it to make whitewash, and, if any coloring is desired, add ochre, Spanish brown lampblack, etc., and apply to the roof with a brush or an old broom. This wash may be renewed from time to time. Salt and lye are excellent preservatives of wood. It is well known that leach-tubs, troughs, and other articles used in the manufacture of potash never rot. They become saturated with the alkali, turn yellowish inside, and, remain impervious to the weather.

Cherry Trees.

These should never be highly manured. Singular as it may seem, better results have been obtained by growing cherry trees in grass than by cultivating them as high pears. Experienced fruit-growers in Deleware, who once began a system of liberal manuring and treatment of cherry trees, found, after an experience of a few years, that the bark would burst, gum would coze out, and many portions of the tree show an unhealthy condition. The growers immediately discontinued high feeding and seeded the land down to grass. The trees recovered their health, and have borne bountifully ever since the system of grass culture began. It is the only fruit tree of all varieties which we can safely recommend to be treated in this way. A Delaware friend says his row of cherry trees, growing in grass along the fence, are the picture of health and luxuriance; while in previous years with orchard culture, he could never make them successful.

One of the best and most accurate farmers informs us that when a boy, as soon as he learned book-keeping at school, his father employed him to keep the farm accounts-the cost of labor, amount of work expended on each field, time of performing operations, plowing, sowing, cultivating, harvesting, amount of crops, prices at which sales where made, etc. He soon became much interested in farm operations, and thoroughly acquainted with all details of work, in a more complete manner than he ever could have been in any other way, and was early placed on the track of farming regularly and systematically. Let other farmers follow this example with their sons, and we shall have order and success.

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