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$\frac{\text { Tuesiay, August 26, 187s. }}{\text { FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS }}$


Best Time to Exterminate Bushes. A farmer in western New York, writing
to the Herald says: Having been brought the Herald says: Having been brought
up on a farm I used to hear much said by by farmers in regard to the "best time for
cutting bushes, ete., cutting bukhes, etc., and remember well
the many uncertainties that existed and the the many uncertainties that existed and the
various oplnions given on the subject. some at another ; some regarded the
"moon," others the "signs," \&c. I niso remember that the same kind of underbrush, if cut at one season would start again and grow luxuriously, "used up." I have nlso, within the last few years, had opportunity to notice the same fact; and
the conclusion at which I have arrived is, that different ahrubs or bushes, trees, eto may be cut at different seasons of the year.
Some are killed by cutting as early as the Some are killed by cutting as early as the
first of August, and so on till October or November. The rule is this: "Cut any plant or shrub about the time that it has done growing for the season, and its destruction is almost certain." If cut before year. The excoptions are few,-So muck year. The exceptions are few.-So much
for the fact, now for the theory. First, in the spring of the year, all roots are vigorous ; hence, if a tree or shrub be out at
this time, or while in full growth, the root will send forth a new set of roots. The ex coptions are-first, evergreens gonerally, as
pine, hemlock, spruce, ett. ; second, those spring, as the maple, birch, etc. Yet eve some of those will start again if cut soo after the buds have opened; that is, after hhe flow of sap has ceased ; except in the pear not sufficiently vigorous or the evaporation from the new stump too rapid to allow of the formation of new shoots.
Second-in Autumn, when a shrub or tree has done growing for the season, the active
nergies of the root cease, being, perhaps, somewhat exhausted by its summer action done growing, but while the stem and leaves are fall of sap, the vital force of the growth; but if left till the foliage is dead or dying the energies of the root are restored by the return of the sap, and are ready for shall return. Hence too early or growt th
sate cutting will be equally unsuccessful. Cut your underbrush, then, at the time above specifled, and it will rarely start again. I
it does, the growth will appear atunted or sickly, and soon die of its own accord, or sure success. The same rule time will in sure success. The same rule applies to al
plants, as Canada thistle, milk weeds, ete. with greater or less certainty, according to the greater or less vital force or tendency
of life peculiar to the root of each kind or vegetabte. The "proper time" can easily
be determined by observing whether ne leaves continue to appear at whether new prominent branches. If doterred long beyond this time, or till the leaves begin to urn yellow and fall, cutting will be of lit tle use, as the root will be "strong" for a
new start on the opening of a new spring.

How to Bulld a Cheap Farm Gate. A correespondent of the Ohio Farmer
says: "The old practice of building farn gates with hesvy four-by-four scantling ivetod together, tenented, \&cond boards expense of from 83 to 85 a gate, and an everlasting trouble to keep the gate when bung from sagging, I long ainco abbandoned.
As a substitute and as forming a gate that bas never nagged for ten years, I take five one eight inches wido for tho bottom strip one elght inches wido for tho bottom strip,
and each of the otherf four inches wide. I then take one piece four inches wide for one end upright, and one piece eight inches wide for the ead piece where the hinges long that being hene strips are four feel for ordinary purposes. Now any gato your end pieces, then placo the eight inch nail it and ten feet long strip for the bottom. wrought nails ; now take three of the four with the bottom one, dividing the parallel so as to loave four inches between the low er two boards, and nix inches each space
between thie upper ones ; nail as before Now turn the gate over, and take the re maining strip, lay it an angle from the botIntoh end ; cut it so that it will fil it the lay close to the long strips ; nail it. Now have a gate that is light and will not mag, tle as one made by the jolizer, and costing as named above, fron 83 to 85 . Any per "umed ghto in two lo" "Bo above हI Masachumette h nuat be sold by weight.

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