## Orchard and Nursery.

Planting will occupy the attention of the majority of fruit-growers. If trees are set early while the buds are still dormant, the roots will suffer less from daying than if planted later, besides the earth has a chance to settle around them. Every farmer or landowner or occupier should provide an abundance of fruit for his family, and if he has the time or inclination, it will be profitable as a market crop. If there is a nursery in the vicinity it will pay to give an extra price for the privilege of selecting the trees as they stand. Farmers may, with advantage to themselves, sow and raise their own stocks from seed, and give the boys instructions how to graft and bud each in their season.

Established orchards need to have the fertility of the soil kept up; give them well-rotted manure. Wood ashes may almost always be applied with advantage; old, neglected orchards may be made productive if the soil is properly around the trees, dead and elinging limbs removed; a dressing of lime will often work wonders.

On most places are to be found trees bearing natural fruit, which is only suitable for cider; if these are sound and healthy they may be readily made to produce good marketable fruit by grafting with established varieties; in from three to six years the grafts will commence to bear, which will be sconer than if young trees were planted.

Drains should be provided in every orchard where there is not a natural drainage. See that there are no hollows in which water will settle after rains and during the winter. Underdrains should be at least three feet below the surface of the ground, and their distance apart will depend upon the character of the Interesting Items from Home and Abroad ground.

Cut cions early this month, before buds have started, and store in sand or earth in the cellar until needed for use Many nurserymen offer cions for sale at reasonable rates, and this puts choice varieties of fruit within the reach of all, as they are sent by mail very cheaply and with safety, and if packed in damp moss they will not suffer if three weeks or more in transit.

Cherry and peach-stones which were buried in boxes last fall, should be sowed in nursery rows.

Seeds of fruit and ornamental trees may now be planted when the frost is out of the ground.

Look after tent caterpillars and other injurious insects early; the eggs of the caterpillar may be readily seen on the ends of the small twigs before the leaves appear; if not taken off now they will cause much trouble later in the season. Bark scale is another very destructive of the country, and can only be destroyby very vigorous applications of whale-oil soap and other washes.

Labels are absolutely necessary in the nursery, or where there is a collection of Have a supply always on hand. In most parts of this country it is necessary to fence out stray cattle which will often do great damage to young trees. An orchard must have a strong

fence and a good gate that cannot be opened by cattle. Allow no broken fence panel to exist even for a single night .-Agriculturist.

## Useful Hints.

When a cork gets pushed down into the neck of a bottle, insert a loop of strong twine and engage the cork in any direction most convenient. Then trong pull, and the cork will generally yield sufficiently to be withdrawn.

In case a finger ring becomes too tight to pass the joint of the finger, the finger should first be held in cold water to reduce any swelling or inflammation. Then wrap a rag soaked in hot water around the ring to expand the metal, and lastly soap the finger. A needle threaded with strong silk can then be passed between the ring and finger, and a person holding the two ends and pulling the silk, while sliding it around the periphery of the ring, will readily remove the latter.

The best mode of oiling a belt is to take it from the pulleys and immerse it a warm solution of tallow and oil : after allowing it to remain a few moments the belt should be immersed in water heated to one hundred degrees Fahrenheit, and instantly removed. This will drive the oil and tallow all in,

An easy method of breaking glass to hot iron to the notch, and draw it slowly along the surface of the glass, in any direction you please; a crack will be made in the glass and will follow the direction of the iron. Round glass bottles and flasks may be cut in the middle by wrapping round them a worsted thread dipped in spirits of turpentine, and setting it on fire when fastened on the

To clean and restore the elasticity of cane chair bottoms, turn the chair bottom upward, and with hot water and a sponge wash the cane; work well, so that it is well soaked; should it be dirty, use soap; let it dry in the air, and it will be as tight and firm as new, provided none of the canes are broken, - Scientific American.

Household Notes. LINEN COLLARS.-To give linen collars, shirt bosoms and cuffs a nice glaze, add a teaspoonful of scraped white soap and one of salt to every pound of

To Mash Parsnips .- Boil them tender; rub the skin off; then mash them good piece of butter, salt and pep-

MUSH WAFFLES, -One quart of flour, one pint of cornmeal mush, two eggs, a spoonful of butter and a little salt. Make a thin batter with sweet milk. Separate the eggs as for rice waffles; it makes them lighter.

MUFFINS.—One quart of milk, five eggs, one tablespoonful of good yeast, home made, three or four; a lump of butter the size of a walnut, and sufficient flour to form a stiff batter. it in a warm place to rise, and when light bake in muffin-rings.

To CLEAN A NUBIA.—Take a wooden bucket, fill it half full of wheat flour. Then dip your nubia up and down in the flour until it looks white, shake theroughly, when it will be as nice as new, and not have the drawn appearance which washing gives.

COFFEE CARE. - One and a half cups of sugar, one cup of molasses, one cup of butter, one cup of strong coffee, three eggs, one teaspoonful of soda, five and cloves and nutmeg. The raisins to be tucky, South Carolina and Arkansas say that by Volta Belt Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, - Co.

before being added to the mixture.

Butter Packed for Keeping. Take two parts of the best common salt, one part of the best loaf sugar, one part of refined niter of potash, beaten and blended well together; of this composition put one ounce to sixteen ounces of butter and work it well together in a mass, which press well into the firkins. After the butter has become cool (for friction, though it be not touched with top and keep it from the air. The butter thus preserved is the better for keeping, and should not be used under a month. For family use it is best in pots of the best glazed earth that will hold from ten to fourteen pounds each. It must be remembered that this will not make bad butter good, but it will preserve good butter for months if kept at a proper temperature that is not exposed to the rays of the sun.

Qunck-Grass.

David Gray, of Oneida county, lately

told his associates of the Central New York Farmers' Club that he gets the better of quack-grass (that "life-matter" full of crude and wicked tendencies) by plowing the infested field two inches deep in September, leaving it thus during fall and winter, "when the roots are killed by alternate freezing and thaw-In spring cross plow three inches and put on a heavy harrow. Finally, draw the remnants into windrows by means of wheel-rake. This result is in pleasant contrast to the expe-

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

It is said that the forthcoming English budget will show a total revenue for the financial year ending March 31 of £74,922,000. This falls £2.414,000 below the revenue of the previous year, but exceeds the estimates by £497,000 ..... Jonathan L. Jones failed to get a claim of \$390,000 through the last United States Congress, and committed suicide by drinking liquor. . . . . A gang of counterfeiters in Virginia was broken up and a large number of them captured with their tools ..... All available United States troops have been ordered to the Texas border to act against the Mexican raiders ..... The Secretary of the United States Treasury has decided that vensels should hail from their home ports, and not from places not ports but selected merely from the fancy of the owners..... The trial of the Guikwar of Borada, at Calcutta, on the charge of attempting to bribe the servants of the residency to poison Colonel Phayre, the resident, has resulted in the disagreement of the commissioners before which the case was on insect which is common in some sections trial ..... It is believed that little Charley Ross is dead-that the excitement relative to him was so great the kidnappers took his life to destroy traces of their guilt ..... A row boa was run down by a steamer in Norfolk bay Va., and two men drowned . . . . The total out-

> as epidemic in Havana, and cases have occurred in Key West ..... A large reduction in the railroad fare between the East and West has taken place. A meeting of merchants in New York, ir- masked men entered the house of Charles respective of party, was held, at which resolu- Mitchell, a farmer, living near Mitchell, Canations indorsing the action of Governor Tilden da, tied him and his daughter hand and foot, relative to canals were passed, and a committee and fastened them down to their beds. The appointed to present the report to Gevernor robbers then leisurely rausa kel the house, Tilden ... Henry Ward Beecher, in file evi- and carried off \$1,000 in cash ..... Henry R. vent its running into consumption. For sale dence in the great Tilton vs. Beecher case, Wilkinson bought lottery tickets from James by all medicine dealers.—Comtestified that he was born in Litchfield, Conn., Gill, valued at \$3,000, and, having lost, he in 1813. He was thirteen years old when he sued Gill for double the sum. A New York left Litchfield. The family lived in Boston for | jury gave him \$1,400....David Keaveny, aged eight years following, and Mr. Beecher gradu- fifteen years, was arrested a Sp. ingfield, Mass., sted at Amherst College in 1804. He studide for killing his father, Michael Keaveny, at at Lane's University three years and was Petersham on Easter Sanday, by striking him licensed as a preacner in 1837, his first pulpit with a flat-iron. being at Lawrenceburg, Ind. In 1847 he went to Brooklyn and assumed the pastorate of Plymouth Church, then just organized. At that

standing currency of the United States is

\$424,148,136.92.....Yellow fever is reported

that time to this. "I do not think," he said, merit. Have your grocer order it. "that during that time-twenty-seven years-I have lost five Sundays." The number of at from twenty-five hundred to three thousand. Aside from his duties as clergyman, he has filled several editorial positions, written a large number of books, and delivered numberless for eight days cost \$1,582.10; cigars, lectures...The Overlook Mountain House in the Catskills, near Woodstock, Ulster county, sleeping room cost \$12 per day, his prithe Catskills, near Woodstock, Ulster county, and at the same time properly temper the | N. Y., a famous summer resort, caught fire and was entirely consumed . . . Labor troubles are reported in several cotton manufacturing towns any required form is by making a small of Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire, notch, by means of a file, on the edge of caused, as alleged, by an imperative order a piece of glass ; then make the end of a from the Fall River Head Centre of the Natobacco pipe, or a rod of iron about the tional Union, requiring operatives to demand same size, red hot in the fire, apply the a restoration of former prices.... The decrease of the public debt of the United States since June 30, 1874, has been \$9,453,462.62....Mr. Childer, speaking at Pontefract, England, prophesied a brilliant future for America, and and alliance of the United States.

The New York State Senate passed a resolution to investigate the tolls charged in New York on grain transfers.... It is reported that after all that, when Johnson's boy was Spain has requested Germany to order its war vessels to bombard Zarauz for the Gustav out | bushes, a dozen other boys should slyly rage, but Germany has refused.... The Cuban cross the garden and creep under government has abolished the 214 per cent tax | eaves of the woodshed to hear "if Ton on capital and imposed an income tax of fifteen per cent ..... Delegate Cannon, of Utah, was ed by and saw eleven or twelve boy put on trial for polygomy and discharged, the standing in a row, ears pressed to the prosecution being barred by the statute of limitations .... Andreas Egner and George Rufer, the murderers of Herman Schilling, will be hanged at Cincinnati July 13 ..., John N. J. Monks's house in Boardville, N. J., was burned. Two children were saved by being thrown exceptions, has been conquered by the from a window. Two others were burned research and intellect of enlightened Two children were saved by being thrown to ashes. Mr. Monks was so terribly burned men; and yet a noted professor of New that he died ..... The mills of Natick, R. I., closed recently, owing to the strike of the into a stew pan with a little cream, a operatives..... The boiler in Tunnel's Mills. in Ethotsville, Jefferson county, Ohio, exploded, killing three men ..... The bodies of three men who had perished with cold were found by hunters in a roofless calin in Ness county, Kausas,...., Harry Brown, aged thirteen, son of a New York custom house official, was found dead in his father's barn in Bloomingburgh. Orange county, having accidently hanged himself while preparing a first of April appealed to nature's curatively wounded him with a shot gun. The lad then went into the barn, set it on fire, and wife, and five children, were buried in the rui s of their house, which was blown down in Jasper county, Mo. All were saved but one

daughter seven years old. The past winter shows a largely increased other day that there are parts in England death-rate in many of the large cities in in which it is unsafe publicly to express America and Europe ... . Be an accident on approval of the verdict in the Tichborne the Chicago, Barlington and Quincy railroad, case, near Tyrone, Ia., four persons were killed and a half cups of flour, raisins, cinnamon, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Virginia, Ken-

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD, stoned and rubbed in a little of the flour their States will take part in the Philadelphia Centennial ..... It is reported that several clerks in the United States Post-office department in Washington have been discovered to be acting as accomplices of mail contractors in swindling the Government..... There have been four cases of yellow fever at Key West, Fla., but there are none there now ..... It is proposed by British and French capitalists to make the channel tunnel project an enterprise of a purely commercial and industrial character, and not a government undertaking. the hands, will soften it) put salt on the They favor the formation of a French company, with a capital of 250,000,000 francs, Four lines, instead of two, will be laid down, The entire work will occupy eight years .... The Trenton (N. J.) iron works were destroyed

by fire with a loss of \$100,000. Over three hundred men are thrown out of employment. .... Mexican authorities claim that prominent citizens of Texas are encouraging and aiding the border troubles with an object in view against Mexico . . . . The American Trust Society is fifty years old. The total receipts have exceeded \$12,700,000, of which one-third was from donations and legacies. The expenditures for grants, colportage and the foreign mission press have exceeded the entire benevolent receipts. A discussion between two miners on the labor

was killed . . . . A terrible case of fanaticism is new undergoing investigation in Cuba. A mother, believing she was acting by the orders of the spirits, tore out the eyes of her and afterward attempted to tear out her twenty years been so favorably known and so twenty years been so favorably known and so rience of Mr. Warner, who detected a own. This she did openly, as a solemn sacririence of Mr. Warner, who detected a spirit of moral perversity in the "immortal plant" which made it grow the more it was interfered with.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

own. This she did openly, as a solemn sacrifice, in the presence of the other wemon of the family, who prayed in a loud voice while it was going on. All the parties have been arrested, and are now on trial.....In the Cincinnati charter election the Democrats were cured by this valuable medicine see the advertisement headed "Buy me and I'l do you read "in to device the various complaints that are cured by this valuable medicine see the advertisement headed "Buy me and I'l do you read "in to device the various complaints that are cured by this valuable medicine see the advertisement headed "Buy me and I'l do you successful by majorities ranging from 1,000 to | good," in to-day's paper. - Com. 6,000 ..... At the Annapolis (Md.) election a rict took place, at which a number of persons were badly hurt ... . P. T. Baroum, the showman, was elected mayor of Bridgeport (Conn ) at the late election .... The supposed yellow the late election .... The supposed yellow fever at Key West is believed by physicisms to have been another disease ... The new absorbed, and is peculiarly adapted to its Canadian postal law takes effect from the 1st of May instead of the 1st of August as originally anticipated ... . The steam boiler of the Delano iron works, Syracuse (N Y.), exploded, killing one man and seriously injuring several others. .... At a meeting of the stockholders of the American Steamship Company at Philadelphia the annual report was read, showing that the receipts for the past year had exceeded the ordinary expenses by \$147.900 . . . James H.

The Canadian House of Commons has passed a bill giving Germans, naturalized after a residence of five years in the Dominion, all the Mad rights of British subjects ..... The vote for Governor in Connecticut stood 53,785 for Ingersoll, Dem., 44,503 for Greene, Rep., and 2,756 \$49,000 ..... The report that the Emperor of much the cheaper. - Com. Brazil proposed to abdicate is pronounced unfounded .... At a fire in the Frankfort House, New York, one man was suffocated ..... Three

If every one of our readers would try Dobbins' Electric Soap (Cragin & Co., time the church numbered twenty people. He Philadelphia), they would, like us, bo preached continuously at Plymouth Church from come firm believers in its wonderful

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