

## Agricultural.

**THE SCARCEY OF WATER.—LOOK OUT FOR MICHIGAN FRUIT TREES NOW.**—Since increased rapidly, and it may not be generally known that an immense number of them are now well developed, sustained by the filling of the ground with water and its freezing. This is one of Nature's modes of checking the multiplication of these pests to a degree that would make them worse than the flocks in Egypt. But the past autumn and winter, this far, have been in many parts of the country unprecedentedly dry. We hear from some sections of so great a lack of water in cisterns and wells, that much anxiety is felt for the result. In some cities the fountains are so completely dried up that large extra fire patrols are organized to watch against conflagrations. With the above facts in mind, it will be well for all having fruit and other trees to look out that they are not injured by the mice that still intrude in the dry soil. We will remember that, some twelve or fifteen years ago, after such a dry autumn, there were hundreds of thousands of fruit trees girdled and destroyed soon after the first heavy fall of snow. In many cases large orchards were ruined. Much siodom, if ever, gnawed at these trees, and one annual which the snow had firmly trampled. The simple protection, therefore, against their ravages, is to either burn the snow cleared away from any tree or shrub in danger, or to trample it firmly down around the trunk as far as it falls. To leave a light snow around a tree for a day or night will furnish a fine cover for the depredators to work under. Torn paper will surround a tree, and extending up 10 or more inches from the ground, and held by a string, is a further safeguard which, according to all valuable fruit trees. The raving fit, saturated with cedar-oil, can be bought 30 inches wide for 5 to 7 cents a yard, in large quantities, and each yard will cut so as to make six pieces for trees no more than 6 inches in diameter, or twelve pieces for trees less than three inches in diameter.—*American Agriculturist.*

**FARM BUILDINGS.**—The following is from the Ordnance Manual of the United States Army:

*Bird-nest Pot.*—Dissolve 10 lbs. of soap in 10 gallons of boiling water, adding 30 ounces of saltpeter. Mix this solution with an equal quantity of salt prepared in the usual manner. The paint is excellent and durable.

I have tried on my stable (an unbrushed barn), and the garden of the weather is as yet, after a year, but slightly peepable.

*Apple-Horned Building.*—Dissolve 10 lbs. of soap in 8 gallons of water; let it stand 24 hours, stirring it two or three times from the bottom; use this for shaking the lime and thinning it to the consistency of ordinary whitewash. And, hydraulic cement equal in quantity to the lime used, and of clean sand 4 gallons of wash. Stir it frequently to prevent the sand from settling.

The walls should first be well cleaned and thoroughly wet from the nose of a watering-pot, and the wash applied (in the usual way) immediately after, beginning at the top, laying on the coat horizontally and finishing it vertically.

Before leaving the work at any time, finish the course to a joint in the wall, to prevent making a mark in the color where the two courses join in the color where the two courses join. This wash has been known to last fifteen years with out requiring renewal.

For a gray or stone color, add lamp black previously dissolved with white.

**BLAZER OF AGRICULTURAL NOTICES.**—As the season for operations is approaching we trust that we will not be assuming too much in warning farmers against the risks of those who offer to sell them the emigrants' piled-up wonderful new grain, either on land.

We have tried our best to protect them against these swindlers, but not always with the success we all desire. A million of dollars was lost in the "wine plant," which was nothing but the common thimble, and we hold them so over and over again at the start. Some farmers in the west invested their all in this ridiculous building and became bankrupt. The "Norway Oats" business is not far removed from this. Indeed it is pronounced an almost swindle by many. For ourselves we would not at any time have paid the price of common oats, and from all the information we possess, it is more productive than other kinds, and in fact ten cents to twenty cents less per bushel, than white oats. And yet how many farmers allowed themselves to be sold by it!—*Government Telegraph.*

**ROLLING GRASS IN THE SPRING.**—If farmers would look in the theory of rolling the wheat and rye fields in the spring, it would be restored in much more frequently than it is. Occasionally the winter and spring have been favorable to these crops as not to render it necessary and doubtless adds considerably to their productiveness. The turnings and freights of the ground, throwing or spouting on the roots and exposing them to the drying winds of February and March, very seriously affect the grass. Rolling a roller over us soon as the seed is in to cover upon, presses back the roots into their beds, and gives them a fair opportunity upon the surface on which the crop must depend. This must be apparent to every one who will look at its operation. We have no doubt that rolling either single, double, and even a triple roller will have been fully known by the time, would also have a most beneficial effect.—*Government Telegraph.*

**THE WAY LIEUTENANT IS MADE.**—Mr. Deacon, President of the New York State Temperance Society, in his recent address in the cabinet in Albany, dwelt mainly on the new precious indulgence of liquors.

Within five or six weeks he said, this comes to my knowledge that a person whose character is exalted at his engagement in a large office, commanding no less than \$10,000 a year, and who is a man of high social position, has got his name put on a public whisky, to make a general shindy of it, and to get it into the American market.

He said it is not only to gain money, but to gain influence, and to get into the society of the rich and powerful.

He added, if you will only buy my whisky, I will give you a bottle of whisky for every kind of liquor.

He quoted a saying of his, "A man is not a man until he has got his name put on a bottle."

He stated also, that beauty made to introduce the famous brandy, is the most precious character, and was good at 24 the highest rating, and the lowest was 10.

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## Miscellaneous.

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**MAMMOTH CASH STORE,**  
IN  
**MARKET SQUARE.**  
IS OFFERING  
**BARGAINS**  
IN  
**DRY GOODS,**  
GROCERIES,  
HARDWARE,  
CEDARWARE,  
QUEENSWARE,  
BOOTS & SHOES,  
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