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**ASHES AS MANURE.**—The Maine *Farmer* urges the use of wood-ashes in a paragraph which follows. Canada is the source from which most of the ashes used in New England are obtained. Will the *Farmer* tell us and others who read him every week, how he gets ashes in quantity, and at what figure?

I have used ashes quite freely for the past 10 years, and find them to be the cheapest and most trustworthy manner I can purchase. What a great part of our land needs is potash, and this ashes supply to the soil. Wheat, grass and fruit trees seem to derive the greatest benefit from the use of ashes; but vegetables of all kinds thrive and are less liable to be troubled by worms than when other manures are used. I have used ashes around my fruit trees for eight years and have lost no trees by borers or root worms in that time. I remove the soil a few inches deep around the trunk and fill the space with ashes and find that mice think more of their warm coats than bark and it is a thing that fills me with glee to see them treated.

I have a young orchard that has never been plowed since the trees were set, 12 years ago. I have used ashes and manure for a top dressing each fall, and my trees thrive and the soil in light and in good condition.

**TOMATOES AND OTHER CULTIVATION.**—Tomatoes are now essential articles of diet in every household; but, when one grows for his own use, quality loses its place over quantity. We have now, however, a system of culture which promises the largest growth of tomatoes on poles, and compared them with all other ways, and think there is no question as to the naturalness and safety of this. The common old plan of having them to grow in a hot bed, spreading everywhere over the ground, may be, as much grown as they like, the way in which the natural weight of fruit can be had in proportion to the labor spent; but in this way the fruit is no more held under any other system. Another plan is to make a trellis, so that it looks like an inverted V, with the plants trained up both sides; but the great shade to the fruit in this way prevents that perfection which the sun and air gives them when trained up to stakes.

The best way to proceed is to do as is done with Lima beans; that is, set the stakes before the plants are put out. Then need not be ever six feet out of the ground, and may be set about four feet apart each way. As the plants grow, tie them up to these stakes, but that will not be required over half a dozen threads during the season. The plants in this way will yield as many fruit as double the quantity on any other plan; and in quality there is no comparison. In planting do not get out until the soil is warm, or they will be stunted and nothing gained.

**Peaches.**—A writer in the American *Almanac* of states that after having experienced with many remedies, and in many ways to destroy the Peach-borer, he finds that Calomel answers the purpose admirably. He takes a live pound can of soap, cover it with 2, and pour it into a barrel one third filled with warm water; if soon as the soap is dissolved, fill the barrel and it is fit for use. It is a very convenient to use on plants, but will not hurt the bark or wood of trees. Apply with paint brush around the base of the tree, care to have it cover all the environs. It invariably destroys all insects, and any young worms that have not penetrated deeper than the bark. The remedy is simple and easily obtained. A barrel of the fluid will do for a great number of trees.

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