Harvesting Potatoes.

The harvesting and storing of the potato crop is an important matter, hence practical suggestions on the subject can hardly fail to prove useful. A very common mistake is the one of delaying the harvesting of the tubers until too late. The tops have been dead some weeks, a copious growth of weeds has taken their place, the ground has become muddy with autumn rains, and the potatoes when thrown out are more or less covered with mud. They are then, muddy as they are thrown into the cellar or piled in heaps out of doors, to be covered with straw and earth as protection against the freezing cold of winter. The mud which adheres to them tends to increase the tendency to rot, which is further hastened by the warm temperature of the cellar during warm autumn days.

A better plan, says *The Countryman*, is to dig the crop before the fall rains have reduced the soil to mud, and if possible before the rot has commenced its work of destruction. For the purpose early maturing sorts, as for instance the Ohio and Hebron, have the advantage over later varieties. Being clean and dry, they may be placed on a broad slatted floor on the north or cool side of an outhouse, so situated that the air can circulate freely from below and pass up through the potatoes. They should not be placed in too large masses, so as to obstruct ventilation. Crops which would rot badly in wet ground, would not seriously suffer if properly treated in this way. In some unfavorable seasons, when more than half the crop was ruined by rotting when dug, the selected and sound remainder, thoroughly cleaned and placed on such slatted floor, has nearly or entirely ceased from decay, so that not one bushel in thirty has suffered. It is very important, however, that the work be done thoroughly and in the best manner, for if carelessly performed it would be of comparatively little use.

When cold weather approaches the tubers are either removed to the cellar intended for them or turned out of doors in heaps or pits. When buried, they must be protected from the adverse influences of light and frost and means of ventilation supplied.

To return to the slatted floors. Their effect would be more perfect if the apartments of which they form the floor were separate from the rest of the building by non-conducting walls, and access to the outside controlled by shutters to the windows. During the heat of warm days these shutters would be closed, but opened on cool nights for the admission of cold air. In this way the temperature may be kept low all the time, and the danger of rotting lessened in autumn or winter, and premature sprouting prevented in the warm weather of spring. These views naturally suggest a storage house such as many large growers build.

When small quantities of potatoes are kept in cellars, and only for family use, the authority quoted from suggests that the vegetable apartment in which they are stored must be kept separate from all the other apartments—from the one for fruit, or for dairy products, or for furnace coal—and be so situated that by closing or opening windows a uniformly low temperature may be secured. A convenient place for storing in cellars is in large oblong boxes holding twenty bushels, more or less, having slatted bottoms, and raised several inches from the cement floor. Potatoes do not dry and shrivel so readily as apples, and the basement should not be a wet apartment nor a dirty one. It is hardly necessary to add that wherever they are stored, they are to be kept from the light with a thin covering of straw or coarse sacking.

Those who would succeed with potatoes should remember the essential requisites of harvesting early before the advent of mud and the rot, handling carefully to prevent bruising, preserving the tubers clean and providing sufficient ventilation, whether in heaps out doors or in.

These remarks are made rather in the way of suggestion than as laying down fixed and unalterable rules, and we trust they may aid young cultivators in the successful management of their crops.

Caught at Their Own Game.

A foreigner who learns your language and uses it can never get it through his head that you understand his. He was going traveling and he stopped on the way to the ferry to get a cheap overcoat. There was an old Jew and a young Jew, father and son, and the son waited on the gentleman. He finally found a coat to suit.

"How much is this?"

"Twenty dollars."

"All right. I'll take it."

Then the old man, using Jewish jargon, held an animated conversation with the young Jew. This was what it was translated, and the purchaser understood it, which the Jew evidently thought he did not:

"You will never make a merchant, Samuel, never."

"Why, father?"

"Why, you might have got $25 for that coat just as easy as $20."

"Well, I think I'm a good enough salesman. It's $15 and I thought I was doing well making it $20."

"No, you're no good, no good at all."

In the meantime the coat was being brushed a little for the customer. When he put it on he said:

"That'll do beautifully. Now, since it was marked $15, I'll pay you that and no more."

The young Jew snickered and the old Jew tore his hair, but the boy had the best of the old man.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

The Longest Word in the Dictionary.

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A Rattler That Weighed 27 Pounds.

There was a very sensational occurrance at Everett's Station in Edgecomb county, yesterday. As Frank Everett sat on a rear porch of his house his three year old boy cried out, "He is beautiful; I want him." Luckily Everet was attracted and went to see what had so pleased the boy. He found him almost in the coil of the largest rattlesnake ever seen in that section. He was playing with the snake, which as soon as it saw Everett, began to rattle. Everett called for a gun. It was brought and he killed the snake. It weighs 27 pounds, is over 7 feet long and 17 inches in circumference.—*Raleigh Observer.*

Little Bess: "Fred, I'm to write a composition on dogs. Tell me something about dogs," Master Fred: "well, fleas are always about dogs."

Why the Republican Party Should Rule.

Because, it has made, under its policy of Protection, United States bonds worth to-day 126 cents on the dollar, while in 1860 they were a drug on the market at 85 cents. It enables American workingmen to earn good wages, to live well, own their own homes, lay a little aside for a rainy day in Savings banks, and to enjoy comforts that are absolutely denied English and European laborers. It has given to old and disabled soldiers, on the weary and cheerless walk down the shady sides of life, occupations and good wages, and more than this, it has made it possible for the 4,000,000 liberated slaves to earn for themselves a decent living.

It has made the internal commerce of the United States what it is to-day. It has stimulated and fostered and developed manufacturing industries, giving steady work and living wages to millions of artisans. It has uncovered in our soil billions of dollars worth of wealth and has created more markets for farm products.

It has enabled the United States to earn more than 55 per cent. of the increase of wealth of the earth during the past twenty-six years.

Its policy has been and is to "build up," not "tear down." What good reason can there be for changing such a policy, for one which in the recent past was tried and brought ruin, bankruptcy, panics and crime to our land? Compare the records, wageworker—you have the deciding vote.

A Large Estate.

A broad land is this in which we live, dotted so thickly with thrifty cities, towns and villages! Amid them all, with ever-increasing popularity and helpfulness, is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, giving hope and cheer where there is disease and despair. Wherever there is humanity there is suffering; wherever there is suffering there is the best field for this greatest American Remedy. Consumption (which is lung scrofula), yields to it. If employed in the early stages of the disease, Chronic Nasal Catarrh, yields to it. Kidney and Liver diseases, yield to it. If you want the best known remedy for all diseases of the blood ask for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and take no other.

It Is Democracy.

Intimidating voters, committing frauds at the ballot-box, making false countsand returns and resorting to every kind of iniquity known to political juggling, to put their candidates into office has become as much a part of the methods of Democracy as holding conventions. Many of their brightest lights and most effective workers in to-day in penitentiaries for their assaults upon the franchise.

What silly bosh (call the talk of Democracy about a free ballot, a fair count. Is it not a fact that the shot-gun of the South has made it possible to always give Democracy's candidate 185 electoral votes in Presidential elections? Is it not true that majorities there are manufactured regardless of the vote cast? and is it not true that political and social ostracism will follow a person advocating Republican party principles in the South?

Voters of the North, how long must this condition of things last? Look at the questions that confront you and by your intelligent vote put your seal of condemnation on Democratic methods. A vote for Harrison means a vote for pure upright government; a vote for Cleveland means your approval of Democratic ways. Republicanism means protection to yourself and to your family.

Democracy means America for England and English ideas and all the misery and distress you want is a consequence.

Dollar Wheat.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—The raise in the price of cash wheat in this city to $1 per bushel is, according to a local paper, and event of National importance, and it is particularly a matter on which the Northwest may congratulate itself. The price is a sort of dead line in the market, and it has been declared over and over again by men in Chicago, whose opinions command respect, that the day of dollar wheat was past forever. Nevertheless that price was made yesterday for the stuff. It is five years since wheat sold at a dollar a bushel, and meanwhile it has been down to about 60 cents, although it has sold as high as 82 70 within the business life of several men now in active business. Last year at this time No. 2 spring wheat sold in Chicago at about 79 cents, the range of the month of September being 701 cents to 74¼ cents, and the average 69 cents. Call the advance 30 cents; the increase in the value of the wheat crops of the country is over $12,000,000, an enormous addition to the wealth of the United States. The merchants and bankers, it is said, are watching the grain markets with unusual interest. It is contended that the board's price list will make all the difference in the world to their trade and financial operations for the next twelve months, and that a permanent price of a dollar or more will enrich every man, woman and child in the West directly or indirectly.

A Clerk's Swindle Aggregates $264,500.

New York, Sept. 20.—A gigantic swindle has come to light. James Edward Bedell, real estate clerk for the law firm of Shipman, Barlow, Larocque & Choate, at No. 35 William street, has, by a system of audacious swindling, robbed the clients of his firm of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The precise amount of his peculations so far as at present known is $264,500. Bedell was a trusted employe in full charge of the firm's real estate business. He forged bonds, mortgages, registers, seal and all, took the money himself and paid the interest on the false mortgages as they fell due. His swindles cover a period of five years. An accident led to his discovery, and he is now under arrest at police headquarters. To Inspector Byrnes he said that he had spent the money playing policy and at amateur farming.

"Wealth," says Dr. Holmes, "is a steep hill which the father climbs slowly, and which the son often tumbles down precipitately."

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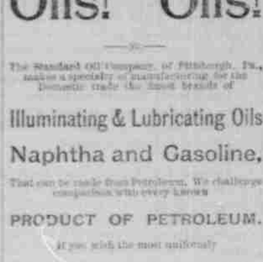

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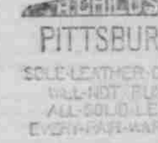

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WILLIAM HAUGER,
JACOB J. BRANT,
Executors of H. G. Coleman, dec'd.
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THEY DID IT.

When? Cleveland, Ohio. Where? Cor. Ontario Ave. and Champlain St. Who? Those who used the following. They were:

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Mr. Wm. Hoffman, Secretary of the Cleveland Savings and Building Association.

Mr. Jos. Hoffman, Treasurer of the Cleveland Savings and Building Association.

Mr. H. Hoffman, Secretary of the Cleveland Savings and Building Association.

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Mr. H. Hoffman, Jr.,