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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS. General Hints for Planting and Cultivating Garden Seeds.

Beets, carrots and parsnips are three crops that are necessary to complete all garden. Beets and carrots are also field crops, as they are excellent adjuncts to hay and grain in winter. The seed should not go into the ground until the soil is warm, but the earlier the better, as they should be given the whole season to grow and mature. They are tender when very young, being easily destroyed by weeds or grass, but when well under growth are hardy and can endure dry weather fairly well. The manner to sow the seed is placed the better, as many failures of the germination of seed is due to deep covering. If the ground is rich large yields will result. For table use the Egyptian and Blood Red varieties of beets will be found excellent, though there are also other good varieties in the seed catalogue. An early and a late crop of beets may be planted for table use. Colds and lumps will do more harm to young plants than grass, for which reason the ground must be made very fine, in the garden use of the rake being preferred to the harrow. Many gardens now have onions and peas up and growing, but it is not late to put more onions in. Use the sets and lay off the rows two feet apart, as the sets are usually worked with a garden hoe or wheel hoe. The sets may be placed six inches apart in the rows. Make the ground deep and fine, and use well-rotted manure, as coarse manure will be an obstruction. Keep the ground between the rows worked and always clean. For the garden the white, or silver skin, variety is a favorite, as it is mild flavored, but the red and yellow varieties are also excellent as an addition.

When selecting melons for home use avoid those varieties that are recommended for their "shipping qualities," as such varieties must necessarily have thick rinds and be grown mostly for reaching the market in good condition rather than for quality of flesh. The "Kieckiey" is a good variety for family use. Of the cantaloupes the "Honeydew" is superior to all others in quality, though it would probably not be suited on the market-stalls. It is not desirable to plant seeds of vegetables too early. If the ground is not warm the seed may rot before it can germinate. Such crops as beans, melons, squashes and egg plants will not endure even cool nights. Get the tomato plants well grown in stocky form, and have them ready for transplanting as soon as the ground is warm and danger from frost has passed. Young celery plants should be started in a box, or in a shallow tray, one apart, and transplant when the plants are three inches high, placing them four inches apart in the row. The soil for celery should be very rich and also rather moist than dry. A special liquid fertilizer for celery is suggested, but an abundance of manure or mixed fertilizer should also be used. It is very important that the rows be kept clean and the plants watered during a dry period.

The letter is hardly and cold nights do not injure it. The early varieties that have been grown in hot-beds or cold frames should be followed by other crops in rows in the open air. The plants may be transplanted to other rows, or the seed may be sown thinly in the rows and the surplus plants removed until but one left every eight inches. The rows should be covered with straw or leaves, like cabbage, responds quickly to stirring of the soil. It is useless, however, to attempt to grow good lettuce in poor soil, as the ground can not be too rich for such a crop.

The claim that salt should be applied to asparagus beds is not supported by experiments. It destroys a number of weeds and performs mechanical services in the soil, but it is not a necessary fertilizer. The wheel hoe will save much labor in the garden. Usually such an implement is a considerable asset, consisting of a pair of wheels, a handle, and a pair of blades, which are attached to a shaft that is inserted into the ground. The wheels are usually made of iron, and are of a size that will allow them to pass between the rows of plants. The blades are usually made of wood, and are of a size that will allow them to cut between the rows of plants. The wheel hoe is a very useful implement, and is well worth the investment.

Slightly or vegetable oyster, is not extensively grown, but those who know the value of the plant as an addition to the garden are well advised to try it. The seed should be put in as soon as the ground is warm and the plants kept clean. Slightly is very hardy and will remain in the ground all winter without injury. For late crops manure the ground now and work it into the soil. The ground will be all the better by so doing, and the rains will dissolve the plant food of the manure, which will be absorbed by the soil. When the seed is planted the plant food will be ready and in excellent form for the plants. Put out the young strawberry plants for next year's crop. Strawberry plants afford space for strawberries. Even but a few rows. The sun and get the plants in the ground. The plants should be planted in the ground in the autumn, and the plants should be kept clean. Slightly is very hardy and will remain in the ground all winter without injury.

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LEGAL NOTICE. To Ella Coughlin, of Co. Northville, Pa., and Charles Smith, residence unknown. You are hereby notified that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Somerset County, Pa., I will hold a sale of the real estate of the late John Coughlin, deceased, on the premises situated in Northampton township, Somerset County, Pa., on Friday, the 1st day of May, 1900, at 12 o'clock, p. m., at which time you are advised that if you wish to purchase the same you should be present at the sale on Friday, the 1st day of May, 1900, at 12 o'clock, p. m.

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MISS LETITIA'S TROUSSEAU. BY OLIVE WINSTON-GARRE. Letitia Houghton was going to be married; consequently man, of her dear feminine friends said it was a shame, a scandal, for Letitia to think of such folly at her time of life.

Letitia was on the sunny side of forty-five, but did not look like it. She was forty, being handsome, with a pretty nose, a tiny income, a kind heart and a sound head.

Letitia was becoming worried over the prolonged absence of Miss Letitia from the room, and wished she could return and silence the malicious tongues.

"The ladies, ladies, is this a modern school for scandal, or a church society held in the basement of a sacred edifice? You all have come to be grateful to Letitia; why should you speak of her so bitterly now, because she has exercised the right we have all claimed?"

"Why, what have we said? It is eccentric in Miss Letitia to get married at her time of life, now isn't it, Mrs. Jennie?" "I do not know why it should be considered so. Letitia is a very pretty woman."

"The marriage is indefinitely postponed, through no fault of either bride or bridegroom, so you need not imagine her abandoned or jilted me. Under the circumstances I will not need the presents. Who ever heard of brides giving when there is not much likelihood of the marriage being performed. I promise you," with a fine, grim smile that somehow made certain ladies feel uncomfortable, "if the marriage does take place that I will expect nothing from you. Now come to supper; that will not be a disappointment if the wedding be so."

"You needn't be uneasy about me; he is a very pleasant man and I'm positive we will get on very well together. As for love, we are not young people and have said nothing about that, but we will do well enough as friends. Did you notice that black and gold visiting silk, Jennie?"

"Miss Letitia was bending over the bed, replacing a handsome silver ladle in its velvet box. The constrained position may have been the cause of her heightened color. Her face as she turned toward Mrs. Alden was conflicting expressions; triumph, shame, and first of all a half-sad, half-defiant look. Her first words were apparently irrelevant.

"I've learned much, Jennie," she said, as she folded a dozen fine thread-embroidered handkerchiefs and placed with lingering regard in the costly box they came in; "how exquisite these are, and like the donor! Oh, yes, I was saying how much I had learned since I had sent out those tickets. I've always had a too fond disposition, and while I'm not now a cynic, I've had eye-openers, plenty of them. "Going about to different stores, riding windy days, veiled on the cars, have given me an insight into Jennie's character that has been both painful and profitable. I needn't tell you whom I mean, for I see you know. I have no regret for them; I am not a sentimental fool; the only regret is self-content that I've been taken in by them so long. I've never overtaken a girlish pleasure in being liked. You had your husband and children, and God knows I never begrudged wives and mothers their happiness, for my life has been a healthy, happy one, and so completely am I a spinster that I believe I was born one. I've never seen the man I have ever imagined I

could fancy, but there was one thing I did want." Mrs. Alden had listened sympathetically; as Miss Letitia panted for breath she ventured to speak. "What was that, Letitia?"

"You may laugh, Jennie, if you wish, but there was no more for me than a trossseau." "What? Do you mean that?" "I mean, and I know it will go no further, that I couldn't have a trossseau without a marriage, and that was why I sent out cards. Don't you understand, Jennie? The marriage could not take place, because there was no bridegroom at all; now it's out."

For once Mrs. Alden was surprised beyond the power of expression, but when she did recover, her merry laughter was delightful to hear and was joined by Letitia's. "What a good joke!" gasped Mrs. Jennie. "Wouldn't it make the Richmond dimes open their eyes? It shall go no further, though I would like to know, if you have no objection. What would Mrs. Pensoy say?" "Embarrass it until we wouldn't know it. But there's one thing she won't enjoy any more—expectations of sharing my fortune. I shall leave my money as a fund for old maids' trossseaus."

Choking With a Fish Bone.—If the bone is small, allowing a morsel of bread half chewed may remove it. If the bone can be seen, it may be taken out with the fingers. Sometimes a sharp blow on the back will dislodge it.

Fly in the Eye.—When a fly gets into the eye, gently rub the eyelid in one direction to bring the fly to the inner corner of the eye, and it will then be able to be removed with the fingers. If this fails, lift up one eyelid so as to get the other under it to sweep it.

Bleeding at the Nose.—If this is excessive, it must be stopped at once. The nose and nose should be bathed with the coldest water possible. An upright position must be maintained, the head thrown back and the arms raised and feet on a cold piece of steel applied to the spine.

Catching Fire.—If a child's clothes catch fire it should be thrown down at once, and a handkerchief, blanket or any woolen article rolled round to extinguish the flames.

Wasp Stings.—Apply ammonia or hartshorn. If this is not at hand, strong soda may be used, afterwards rubbing with olive oil.

For Little Finger Bites. Tying the small hands in a bag, or rubbing the fingers with bitter compounds are the most frequent remedies resorted to when the children persist in biting the finger nails. It would seem that some severe method is absolutely necessary in such instances; it is so important to break up the habit as early as possible; but it is found that reward is often better.

An old remedy is "aloes rubbed on the finger-tips," but in a recent instance a gold-rod-cure proved more effective. This little girl had been scolded and punished with no effect. She declared she earnestly desired to be the possessor of a gold ring, so I said: "If you will not bite your finger-nails for a whole year I will give you a ring." This proved the best possible remedy; she found she could help biting them, and soon became proud of the improved appearance of her hands.

Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism. Mrs. Jackson Co., W. Va. About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Medley's ointment on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.—A. B. PATTERSON. For sale by all druggists.

Going By the Eye. Unless one has some other sort of knowledge to back it, it is observed that Youth's Companion, it is natural to accept the evidence of the eye. Therefore the answer which a teacher recently received from her class of small children was not altogether surprising.

"Which is farther away," she asked, "England or the moon?" "England," she questioned. "What makes you think that?" "Because we can see the moon, and we can't see England," answered one of the brightest of the class.

The Best in the World. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in one or two other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would affect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for cold and cough. —The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by all druggists.

Feminine Curiosity. "No, Dolley, won't you let me look at your watch a little while?" "Certainly, Miss Flippo. Do you want to consult the time?" "No," replied the girl, as she opened it and examined the case and works. "I was curious to see if water tarnished gold or had any effect on the watch's delicate mechanism."

"Water? What do you mean?" "Well, Mr. Husker told me you were in the habit of soaking your watch. What is the object of such treatment, Mr. Dolley?" "Now good digitions wait on appetite, and health on both." If it doesn't, try Burdock Blood Bitters.

Useful Hints. A beautiful tablecloth of handsome brocade seen recently has a conventional design applied in greens, blues, and dull reds. A novel effect is produced by applying brocade on brocade, the coming done in a soft neutral tint harmonizing with all the colors. At the same time were seen some beautiful examples of Italian cutwork on house linen. After the design in self-colored linen is worked, the material is cut out beneath and the piece mounted on color. The work is rare in New York and most beautiful in effect.

The clove of garlic, omnipresent almost with the French cook, has not sufficiently made use of by our American siders. Escarole salad, or indeed, any sort of green salad, is much improved if to the French dressing a clove of garlic is added. Roast mutton has a new and delicious flavor if two or three incisions are made in the meat and a clove inserted in each before it is put in the oven to roast. The flavor of the garlic is not distinct enough to be recognized as garlic, while it imparts a most agreeable seasoning.

If mutton is only slightly soiled, dry thoroughly rubbed into the fur and well shaken out will clean it excellently. A treatment advised by an English exchange for fur that is more soiled is to rub it thoroughly with bran dampened in warm water. The bran is applied with a bamboo cloth. After the fur is rubbed thoroughly dry, a second rubbing is given with dry bran, the final treatment in the course being with magnesia.

The assertion has been made occasionally of late that the use of finger-balls is to some extent decreasing. Inquiry of those most competent to judge proves that this statement is erroneous. On the contrary, more money is being spent for finger-balls, and more artistic effort put into their manufacture, than ever before. A novel design in high-grade ball, now introduced this spring, is a clear glass, the bowl and plate engraved in gold, with encircling wreaths of pendant grapes. The perfection of the glass itself and the exquisite grace and finish of the design combine to produce a most beautiful and expensive set. Color effects in reds, greens, turquoise and other blues, amber and navies are to be had, of equal though rather beauty. The bowl and plate of moderate income to whom those costly bowls are not possible will do well to put the price to which she limits herself, whatever the size may be, into the quality of the glass. A bowl and plate of graceful shape in fine glass that is clear, except for some faint iris lights in its polished surface, may be had at a very reasonable price, and will be found more satisfactory than cheap cut glass or other inferior reproductions of expensive ware.

A new invention now offered will be welcomed by chain-smokers of country houses, and by summer housekeepers anywhere. This is an arrangement attached respectively to the cold water supply pipe and to the furnace through-out the house, as well as the gas main. Turning on a faucet anywhere starts the gas burning under a coil of pipe, and the water is heated as it runs thus providing unlimited water at any hour of the day or night in any part of the house.

"Mot" of General Jobert. A French paper reports a good deal of the late General Jobert. When Natal was invaded much discussion took place in the Boer camp as to the wisdom of the General's strategy. A Free State officer remarked that the sudden attack upon English territory did not quite square with the cunning of a lawyer, alluding to Jobert's old functions as a solicitor. "My friend," replied Jobert, "there is a great difference between a Court of Justice and a battlefield. In the former the advantage lies with him who has the law; in the latter it lies with who strikes the first blow."

"Grasp All and Lose All." Many people are so intent on "grasping all" that they lose strength of nerves, appetite, digestion, health. Fortunately, however, these may be restored by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has put many a business man on the road to success by giving him good digestion, strong nerves and a clear brain. It does the same thing for weak and tired women.

Hood's Pills cure sick headache, indigestion. A Girl's Essay on Boys. At a recent school examination for girls this composition was handed in by a girl of twelve: "The boys are not an animal yet they can be heard for a considerable distance. When a boy bellows he opens his big mouth like frogs, but girls hold their tongue till they are spoken to, and then they answer respectably and tell just how it was. A boy thinks himself clever because he can wade where the water is deep. When the boy grows up he is called a husband, and then he drops walking and stays out nights, but the grown-up girl is a widow and keeps house."

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube 75 cents; Druggists or by mail. The liquid embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a natural and healthy character. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

No Need of a Bicycle. "Why don't you teach her to ride a bicycle? You'd find it lots of fun." "I don't need to. We've reached a point where I don't have to invent an excuse for putting my arm around her waist." —Silly Stories.

Current Topics. Post office servants in London are required to report to their superior officers any case of scarlet fever, smallpox, typhus fever, cholera, diptheria, measles, or typhoid fever occurring in their homes.

In the famous Wierls museum at Brussels, where the works of the eccentric painter Wierls are preserved, is a painting representing Napoleon in the infernal regions," says The Chicago Record. "A Dutch artist has reproduced the picture, but has placed Mr. Chamberlain's head on Napoleon's shoulders. The painting has been exhibited in Holland for the benefit of the Boer fund."

The corporation of Scarborough, England, has decided to name a new thoroughfare "Ladysmith avenue." It is not intended, however, to imply that if a person once get into the new street he can not get out for four months.

There are twelve printing shops in Bangkok, Siam, in which English type is used, and twenty-four in which Siamese printing is done. Our Consul (General at Bangkok) says that American paper, which has just been introduced there, is making "a great hit."

Thackeray once told Sir John Mills this amusing story of Charles Lyell: "He had spent a day in the reading room of the British Museum and had given a great deal of trouble to one of the officials, sending him up and down ladders in search of books to satisfy his literary tastes, and on leaving the room he had gone up to the man and told him that it might be some satisfaction to him to know that he had obliged Thomas Carlyle. The official hesitatingly answered him, with a bland smile and the usual winking of hands in the air, that the gentleman had the advantage of him, but that probably they might have met at some mutual friend's house. He had never heard of Thomas Carlyle."

Concise and Explicit. Many stories, mostly fabrications, have been told about long, diffuse telegraphic messages sent by women, as if the female mind were incapable of expressing itself concisely.

How false and slenderous such an impression is well shown by an incident reported by a contemporary. A gentleman went to Paris on business. As he went away he said something to his wife about buying her new dress. Just before starting homeward he telegraphed to his wife: "Which shall I bring you, a diamond ring or a silk dress?" The reply was concise and explicit— one word—"Both."

Severe Rebuke. "Are you manager of this store, sir?" "I am one of the managers. Is there anything I can do?" "I want to know if you teach your clerks to insult customers?" "Has one of our clerks been insulting you?" "Yes, sir. When I asked this young woman to show me some earrings she said that she hadn't any that were large enough for me."

Miss Billhous, did you tell him that?" "Yes, sir. And it's true. We haven't any half big enough."

"Young woman, I have told you that, always tell the truth about the goods you sell, but I have never instructed you to tell my unpleasant truths about your customers." —St. Louis Star.

DIRECT VOTE FOR SENATOR. House Proposes to Amend the Constitution of the Nation.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—To-day's session of the House closed by a vote of 269 to 163, the House passed the resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people. The majority resolution reported by the committee left it optional with the States whether their Senators should be elected directly or by the Legislature. The minority resolution, which was offered as a substitute, was voted upon first and was carried by an overwhelming vote—165 to 203. Then came the vote upon the resolution as amended, and the vote was 269 to 163, the majority consisting of 14 Republicans and 105 Democrats. The constitutional amendment which, if the Senate concurs, will be submitted to Legislatures for adoption or rejection, is as follows: "The Senate shall be composed of two Senators from each State, who shall be elected by direct vote of the people thereof for a term of six years. A plurality of the votes cast for candidates for Senator shall be sufficient to elect. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislature. When a vacancy happens by death, resignation or otherwise in the representation of any State in the Senate, the same shall be filled by the Legislature thereof in the same manner as is provided for the election of Senators in paragraph 1: Provided that the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next general or special election in accordance with the statutes or constitution of such State."

"The first bottle of Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer helped me, the third one cured me. St. Vitus' Dance," so writes Daniel Garver, Congress, Ohio. The first bottle cures many cases, several bottles are sure to cure the most advanced.

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