SPARING CUTTINGS FOR PLANTING.

Cuttings of grape vines may be prepared so that a much larger proportion will grow if a little extra care be taken. Before the cutting can send forth roots a callous must form on the lower side. This is helped by keeping it immersed in oderately moist sand, at a temperature of forty or fifty degrees. Cover the entire cutting, as it is not desired that the bud should start. In greenhouses the cutting is inserted in sand underneath which pipes run to furnish bottom heat. The bud is left exposed to the air, which is most of the time cooler than the soil. In this way the root is ready to start as they are left to thaw out gradually in the soon as the expanding bud makes a call for more sap. Where the cuttings are to be planted in open air in the spring, keep them in the sand without watering all the winter. When ready to put out the callous will be plainly formed, while the bud will be scarcely swelled. Exposed to warmth and light the bud will give extra feed latter in order to get quickly start into leaf, but the root starting at the same time, there will be no check to its growth .- American Culti- stock the best results can be secured by

DIPLOMACY WITH KICKERS.

Cows, says a writer in the New York Tribune, have more than one reason for lifting a foot in protest against the milker. It may be fright, nervousness, real pain, or an old habit. The last is the hardest to manage, but each cause needs to be studied and treated in its own peculiar way. With one cow that persistently started, stepped and kicked, it was at last discovered that she only did it when the test was grasped high up in beginning to milk. The pressure of milk there at the time caused pain. By milking at first with but two or three fingers on the end of the test and drawing downward so as to elongate it and relieve the pressure shove, the cow was got to stand perfeetly quiet. This plan may mollify a number of "kickers." An old farmer's remedy is to strap a sursingle tightly about the cow's body just forward of the Whether it is the feeling of res traint that it gives, or some effect of the pressure at the upper extremity of the udder, or the constriction of the muscles that draw the leg forward, is difficult to say, but the plan is often successful. There are, too, appliances for drawing back the leg and holding it; clamps to screw on the joint, etc. But half the battle will be ours if the confidence and goodwill of the animal can be won by kind treatment and such conciliatory advances as rubbing her neck and the offer of a handful of meal.

One of the puzzling questions that laving as well as a neighbor's, who is far rections given in poultry journals and by manufacturers of specifies for egg pro duction many persons start out with the confident expectation of uninterrupted success in raising chickens and eggs, to find at last that the business has for some

reason become unprofitable. The truth is, there is a variableness in the laying of fowls under what, at first sight, appears to be very similar conditions, where none of the directions given for making the hens lay appear to have the desired effect. In purchasing heas for laying particular attention should be the color and appearance of their combs, which should be bright and color, and a kind of flattened-down appearance, no amount of feeding or care prove a failure in the garden. will force the taying of eggs as long as these conditions exist. Again, the legs bought out of a different flock and be as or a failure to introduce new blood from sources entirely outside of one's own flock, and third, keeping the flock too long in the same runs.

### MORE GRASS.

selling the fertility, and in a majority of factory or creamery. cases it is only a question of time when the amount of available plant food demanded by these crops will have become so nearly exhausted as to render it difficult to secure profitable yields. If the grain, instead of being sold, is fed out and applying all the manure possible, considerable help can be secured in keeping up the fertility.

Following a rotation of crops lessens the wearing out of the soil, because different crops require different elements of plant food; and some crops not only take elements not used by other plan's, but aid to make available other elements that are in the soil but are not in an available condition. But grass for all kinds of stock is one of the best and cheapest foods that can be secured, whether used as pasture, as a soiling crop, or as hay after cutting and curing. It proves a good crop in making up rotation. It is good with grain in making complete and economical rations: hence more or less of the farm should be m grass.

Taking the average farm where a sys tem of rotation is carried on and where the products raised are fed out to good thrifty stock, one-half the acreage of the farm should be into grass. Of course care should be taken to secure a good, even stand so that the best profits may be realized. In many cases it would be a positive benefit to the farm to seed from one-third to one-half the acreage to pasture grasses and manure as much of the balance as possible, put in the best posable tilth, use good seed, and give thorugh cultivation so as to increase the Grow larger crops on a less acreage and lessen the cost.

Secting to grass will give the land some rest; it will be a change even if kept pastured down. To a considerable extent, at least, the growing of more grass on the farm implies the keeping of more stock, and with good manage the making of more manure. While it is not always possible to ke-p a sufficient

REEPING ONTONS.

A prime necessity in keeping onions, whether it be the sets or those full grown, is to keep them dry and cool. To keep well, the bulbs should be fully matured and be pulled at a dry time. They should also be fully developed, round and plump. Those who raise the sets in large quantities for sale, keep them on stalled racks in cool rooms that can be ventilated without freezing. A quantity may be kept on the garret floor, covered with old quilts or blankets; or ontons, either large or small, may be stored upon straw on the barn floor and covered with straw or hay. In either case, freezing will be light and will not hurt them, if spring .- New York World.

PERDING HORSES. The work-teams especially, should be kept in a good thrifty condition. It is not good economy to allow them to run down at this time and then be obliged to them ready for spring work. With horses as with nearly all other classes of

feeding a good variety.

During the winter more or less corn can always be fed with profit. There is o material that is superior to corn for maintaining animal heat, and for this reason it can be made a larger part of the winter ration than in the summer. When the teams are at work bone and muscle is of more importance than heat or fat; hence it will be quite an item to upply such materials as are best calculated to secure this. One of the mate rials that can be used at this time is oats. Barley is also a good feed for horses. Wheat bran fed in connection with oats

Unthreshed oats run through a cutting box, and a small quantity of bran added and mixed thoroughly before feeding; one quart of corn meal, two quarts of bran, with cut hay or fodder, makes a very good ration during the winter. In the spring and summer more oats and less corn should be given, giving plenty of hay and grass wherever a supply can be procured readily.

is a good material. Oats is a good

The advantage in cutting the hay or fodder and grinding the grain is that it can be mixed more thoroughly, while there is much less waste than in feeding Give more corn during the winwhole. ter and less bran and other grain, but in the spring and summer give less corn and more of the other materials. Some horses require more feed than others, and the quantity should always be granted according to the needs of the animal. Sufficient should always be supplied to keep the animal in a good thrifty condition.

In feeding hay and corn fodder, care should always be taken not to feed too often arise in the experience of persons much. It is not a good plan to keep hay raising fowl is why their hens are not and oats before the horses all the time. What they will eat up clean at each meal more fortunate in the weekly additions is all that is necessary, and giving only made to his egg basket. From the di- this will lessen considerably the waste. -Prairie Farmer.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

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Oats are a good crop to grow and handle, make a valuable feed in almost any form, both with and without the straw, and should be grown more extensively than they are.

There are thousands of native chestnut trees of moderate size growing in our fields that might be grafted with the foreign varieties and bring in quick and remunerative returns.

at once, as an animal dies, but are conred. Where the comb has a dull, sickly tinually losing it, and old seed that will merely germinate in the hot-house may

Most horses when tethered by a rope will injure themselves by sawing the which indicate that the hen has passed piece four feet long of stout canvas, The cock should be making a soft roll in place of the rope.

No soiling crop equals clover, unless it purely bred as possible. The principal be Kentucky blue grass. But northern causes of failure in egg production are farmers can grow clover with more sucbelieved to be, first, keeping hens that cess than blue grass. If somebody could are too old; second, breeding in and in, invent an easy and rapid system for curing clover it would be a more popular crop even than now,

Milk utensils that are not scalded with boiling water every day soon propagate in their seams a species of yellow fungus, which is very liable to produce milk-The growing and selling of grain from the farm, writes N. J. Shepherd in liberal use of sal soda when scalding milk Farm, Field and Stockman, is gradually utensils, both on the farm and at the

Lice are very liable to get on dairy cattle during these winter months and do damage before the farmer is aware of their pernicious presence. A strong decoction of tobacco leaves, applied with a sponge along the back and about the to stock on the farm, making, saving horns of each creature, will knock his liceship "galley-west." The winter before their first calving is

the proper time to train young heifers to When caring habits of pacific milking. for the animals handle the heifer's teats occasionally, and give the bossies many a kindly stroke and pat, thus establishing a feeling of confidence, which will pave the way for an easy breaking in on the first milking.

To feed milch cows whey, sour milk or dairy slop, and anticipate remanerative results therefrom, is like firing a locomotive with cinders from the ash-box and expect to run a mile a minute on the steam thus engendered. The slop alluded to will increase the volume of the lacteal flow, but debase its quality to a level that is positively unwholesome.

### The Banana.

The true eating banana, or "madura" is said to be unknown in northern countries, the varieties we import being simply those which are used in the land of their growth for cooking purposes. It is said that many varieties of the madura are recognized, each of which is distinct in flavor. The smaller are the more delicious, and the smallest of all, the socalled "lady finger banana," with a skin scarcely thicker than paper, is the most highly prized. Green cooking bananas are peeled and roasted in the ashes, and causation of diphtheria and its maligeaten with butter; partially ripe ones are boiled for a few minutes with the skin on, and eaten with syrup or honey, and

## A Remarkable Centenarian.

A clapboard was exhibited in Knoxnumber of stock to keep up the fertility ville, Tenn., which was made by Williof the soil, it can be made to do a contain McNash, of Jefferson County, aged siderable part. Rotation, the use of 100 years. He cut the tree and sawed green crops for manuring, and keeping and split the boards with his own hands. stock can, all three combined, he made He is a native of North Carolina, but to keep up the fertility. Grass or clover has lived in Tennessee a reasonable lifecan be used in all these to good advantime. He is as vigorous as a man of electric wires under ground are multiforty .- Nashville American,

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Bows are still worn, but as a rule are nade shorter.

Bouquets are no longer considered shionable for the ball room. Vice-President Morton's wife wears

he biggest diamonds in Washington. Seven-eighths of the subscribers to agazine literature are said to be women. Even elderly ladies wear light and felicate toned evening gowns this season. Black is the sine qua non of all winter

onnets. It appears in every direction. Scotch stripes are to take the place of artans or plaids in early spring woolens. Coquettish little velvet hoods form the headgear of many of the wee genera-

One of the highest novelties in furs is he application of embroidery or astrachan and seal.

Wedding gowns are trimmed with carl passementerie in a way that is of Maud Howe, the authoress, advises

oung ladies to make their engagements s brief as possible.

While cloth is very popular, some of he handsomest of the winter walking owns are entirely of velvet. With heavy silk net of lined or dotted attern stuff muslin is used for a founda-

on quite as often as satin or silk. A fashionable toque is of reddish brown velvet, the crown of which is covered with holly berries and leaves. Some of the richest women are eco-

omical, and make a trip abroad when in eed of clothes, to save expenses. Dr. Alice Bennett has been elected to

he Presidency of the Montgomery Couny Medical Society in Pennsylvania. Long mantles which entirely cover the dress, with long loose sleeves, are a featare of out-door dress as the season ad-

The linings of velvet sleeves are of hamois on street gowns, so that the fur cape can be worn with such in all sorts of weather.

It is said that Henry Edwards, the story writer, refers all the doubtful questions of dialect to his wife, who is quite an authority. Admirers of the conspicuous will be

charmed with the fad now prevalent of dressing from head to foot in the tint of one's own hair. The wife of Congressman S. S. Cox is

said to be a good business woman. She owns considerable property in Washingon, and looks after it herself. An improvement in cuffs, an inner band buttoning tightly around the wrist and preventing the cuff from slipping,

has been introduced in London. Miss Amelia B. Edwards, the greatest woman Egyptologist writer, and at present lecturing in this country, has made

fame for herself but very little money. Anna Katherine Green, the novelist, is described by an admirer who met her at her home on the Hudson, as "tall, graceful, with a face full of character.' It is intimated that hoops will again

become popular. In Paris and London they are limited in rotundity as yet, but promise to spread to extreme propor-Some very pretty underskirts are made

of fine white flannel, embroidered with flax thread. Colored flannels, too, are selected and finished with two or three Old seeds do not lose their vitality all ruffles of inexpensive lace. Senator Stanford, of California, has given Susan B. Anthony \$500 for the benefit of the woman suffrage cause.

Five thousand pamphlets will be distributed in South Dakota. A pension of \$265 has been granted should be smooth and clean and free from rope against the groove above the hoof by the British Government to Emily scales or the appearance of spurs, both of behind. To remove this trouble tie in a Faithful, the devoted English woman who has spent her life in alleviating the

condition of her countrywomen. The Queen of England has an ermine cloak in which she encases herself when she is traveling in cold weather. No one has a cloak like it, as is would not be

considered good form to copy it. The Astors of New York possess a fortune in rich furs which are heirlooms in the family, but Mrs. C. P. Huntington, wife of the railroad magnate, owns the finest set of Russian sacques in the country.

Zouave jackets are the particular fashion of the moment, and all the more costly dresses would appear to be trimmed to simulate them, handsome guipure and laces being specially prepared to applique on bodices.

The sleeve of high fashion for matrons for church weddings and the reception following, comes well down to the elbow, where it is finished with a cuff and deep lace, falling over the long glove, which reaches above the elbow.

Mrs. Custer, widow of the gallant General, is said to be a woman absolutely without fear. She used to accompany her husband wherever he would allow her to go during his campaigns, and her fondness for out-of-door life has never left her.

Sinking of France's Northern Coast. This has recently been proved by measurements. Since 1884 the "genic corps of engineers have been engaged in effecting level measurements over the whole country, and it has been shown that the country sinks from the south toward the north. Thus between Marseilles and Lille—a distance of 540 miles-the sinking amounts to ten inches annually. If this movement continues the northern part of France may in a few centuries become submerged. It may here be mentioned that off the coast of St. Malo, in fine weather, fossilized trunks of trees may be seen at the bottom of the sea, indicating that these parts were once above water. - Research.

### A Promoter of Diphtheria.

The medical profession has begun to regard seriously the theory recently comulgated that the smoke burning keresene oil has much to do with the nancy. It appears that in every case of diphtheria it was found that oil was used either in the parlor lamp or kitchen light. ripe ones are silced lengthwise, and fried Cases did not occur where gas alone was in olive oil or butter. 

Cases did not occur where gas alone was in olive oil or butter. East have lately expressed their opinion that the terrible epidemics experienced of late were due mainly to the increased use of this oil. Putrid sore throat and diphtheria have always been more fatal in the Pennsylvania oil region than in any other portion of the country .- Pittsburgh

Arguments in favor of putting the plying in St. Louis every day.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A wash made of the water in which potatoes have been boiled is a certain means of destroying insects on animals.

A thorough washing out with clean water will often prove the best cure for a foaming boiler. A little common soda may be added where grease is suspected to be the cause of foaming.

The watercress is a plant containing very sanitary qualities. A curious characteristic of it is that, if grown in a ferruginous stream, it absorbs into itself five times the amount of iron that any other plant does.

It is stated that as coal is borned in the furnaces of locomotives on the Central Pacific Railroad there is a waste of from 50 to 75 per cent. That is, if the heat could all be utilized it would do almost twice what it now does,

A student in Germany recently sued a physician for having hypnotized him against his will. At the hearing of the case witnesses for the plaintiff behaved in the most extraordinary manner, their testimony, in fact, being utterly nonser sical. The court became quite bewild-ered, and great confusion ensued, until it was ascertained that the witnesses were being 'hypnotized by one of the counsel engaged in the case.

The essence of the invention of the "sliding railway," which was the sensa tion of the Paris Exposition, is the substitution of a thin film of water, over which the vehicle slides, for rolling wheels, the film being maintained by hydrostatic pressure, and propulsion by decessive jets of water under pressure. acting against a rib of buckets extending under the whole train, thus dispensing with all locomotive power.

The big guns turned out by the English arsenals are now fitted with a device to facilitate firing at night. The ordinary sights are illuminated by a small incandescent lamp, the rays from which, passing through a lens, are converged, so that only a minute point or line of sight is obtained. By means of an adjustable resistance the light can be modulated to suit the degree of darkness of the night or the eye of the observer.

One of the many fields of usefulness of luminium is in the manufacture of ship plate. Ten per cent, of it added to iron makes a plate of great strength, taking and retaining a high polish and possessing the eminently valuable quality of be ing absolutely proof against the corroding action of sea water and the adherence of sea grass, barnacles and other similar growths. Gun barrels can also be made of this alloy that will neither rust nor lead in use.

An automatic machine for making horseshoc nails has recently been brought out. Wire is coiled on a reel on the top of the machine, which cuts off, stamps, points and heads the nails without any hand assistance whatever. The receiv ing box only contains perfect nails, for if there is any hitch in the working the machine stops of itself, and points out by means of an index where the fault or curs. A few moments only are required to remove the offending nail, and the machine starts again.

The method of constructing the foundations of the great drawbridge over the Thames at New London, Conn., is of exceptional interest. Timber curbs were onstructed, which were sunk eighty feet into the bed of the river, the bottom of which was soft mud for this depth. The mud inside the crib was excavated, and the piles driven into the solid ground then obtained. The heads of these piles where then bound together with concrete, on which the masonry of the pier was finally erected.

Moles on the face are now being suc cessfully treated by the use of sodium ethylate. The mole is painted with the sodium ethylate, a fine glass rod being used. When the mole has a varnished look ethylate is gently rubbed in with the glass rod, to make it penetrate more deeply. The mole turns nearly black, and a hard crust forms over it, which is nearly three weeks in becoming de When it comes off the mole is tached. much lighter than before, and this treatment can be continued until the mark is scarcely noticeable.

### Odd Origin of a Postoffice.

Aitch is the name of a postoffice in Huntington County, Penn. The origin of its name is somewhat curious. However, it arises from civilized sources. There were five prosperous farmers in that portion of the county where the postoffice is now, and their names were Anderson, Isenburg, Taylor, Crum and Henderson. Each of them wished the office to be named after himself. But they could not come to an agreement, and finally, as a compromise, the first letter from each name was taken and placed together and thereby originated-Aitch.



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