

The Farmer's Department.

The Alaska Clover. This clover, which is of rather recent discovery or production, has become extremely popular in Europe, being greatly preferred to other grasses of this family which can be profitably grown. Horses are extremely fond of it, and is said to be more wholesome for them than the best timothy. It is beginning to be grown in our own country, but as yet very sparingly, in consequence of the scarcity of seed. Indeed we do not know whether it can be obtained at all or not at any of our seed stores. It has been referred to before in the columns of the Telegraph, and being anxious that it should be better known, we copy the following communication relative to it from the Maine Farmer, furnished by a gentleman named Cushman, who resides at Sherman, in that State, and who had been applied to publicly for his knowledge and opinion of this clover. "My experience with the Alaska clover is as follows: From the small quantity I sowed, I got enough the first year to seed nearly one-fourth of an acre. It came to maturity the past season, and produced the bulk of a ton of common hay. This clover is a hybrid, or cross between the common red and white. It possesses neither the coarse stalk of the red, nor the running habit of the white. It grows about two foot high, and makes numerous branches and heads. The head is flesh color—about half way between red and white. In two respects it resembles the white clover; first, as the blossoms fade, the bolts turn down, and look like the white. Second, a single bolt often contains several seeds—whereas the red never does but one. I think it will produce quite as large a crop as the red, and of much finer and better quality. I think this will be much longer lived than the red. It is valuable to the keeper of honey bees, as I never saw a flower of which they were more fond. The red clover is very sweet, but the cell is so deep the bee cannot reach it. The Alaska possesses the sweetness of the red, and the shal cell of the white, and therefore seems perfectly adapted to the want of the bee. It was observed that there were more bees on that little spot of clover, than on fifty acres of other grass. I let it stand till most of the heads were turned, and then cut it for both hay and seed I think I have enough for fifteen acres." Now this is a very favorable statement of the characteristics of this clover and inasmuch as its cultivation is a success in the very cold latitude of Maine, it surely ought to be, especially to a very large expanse of territory farther South and West. Our farmers should experiment with it as soon as seed can be obtained; and the Commissioner of Agriculture who he think has already distributed some, should procure an additional supply.—Germantown Telegraph.

Educational Department.

Overtaking. If you are a Teacher or a Director, Read!—Often in our experience as a teacher, we have been led to ask ourselves if school children are not, in a majority of instances, burdened with too many studies. Our conviction has ever been in the affirmative. Increased thought and experience have only served to strengthen this conviction. It seems to us impossible for an ordinary child of twelve or fourteen years to give due attention to three or four leading studies, without risking serious injury to his health. Nor can we think it is the true method of teaching to force a great amount of labor upon a child than can be borne without fatigue. We propose briefly to consider the subject. For the advanced scholars of a mixed school, or for pupils in the highest room of a graded one, there will be the following studies: Reading, (including definitions to be memorized), Mental Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, and Written Arithmetic. These seven studies, four (Mental Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and Written Arithmetic) require the closest attention that can be given, while a portion of another (the definitions in Reading) demands equally strict application. Writings should not occupy less than half an hour; a recitation in Reading, twenty minutes; and that in Spelling, from ten to twenty. A recitation in each of the other branches named will occupy twenty minutes. Five exercises of twenty minutes each, of one of thirty, and another of fifteen, make in all two hours and twenty-five minutes; adding to which thirty minutes, for recesses and for opening and closing school, it leaves three hours and five minutes in which to study six lessons. (Writing, of course, does not require previous preparation.) or a fraction over thirty minutes for each. Of these six studies, two (Spelling and Reading) may be prepared in twenty minutes each leaving thirty-five minutes for studying each of the other four. And yet this estimate is perhaps too liberal. Suppose a lesson no longer than a column in McNally's 4th Geography be assigned, who will be so unreasonable as to expect a child to commit it, and perhaps "hunt it out," in the space of thirty-five minutes? And what is here said of Geography can be uttered with still greater truth of Grammar and Arithmetic. Some one will say, "Yes, but why don't the scholars study at home?" We answer— 1. That is a matter beyond the teacher's jurisdiction. 2. Parents often have some task for their children to perform in the mornings or evenings, or both. 3. Six hours of mental labor and close confinement out of each twenty-four, exact strain enough on the mind of any ordinary pupil. The mere imposition of too much labor does not comprehend but a small portion of the evil. The child in its endeavor to have one lesson well studied neglects and fails in another. This failure is followed by reproff, and perhaps punishment. At another time, an effort is made to study all the lessons thoroughly; and, as a result, there is a partial failure in all. Perhaps this is followed with another reproof or punishment. The child is in consequence perplexed and discouraged. It gets out of sorts with itself, with its lessons, and with its teacher. How many teachers are there whose opportunity has differed from this?—Allegbanian.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Executor's Notice. WHEREAS Letters Testamentary have this day been granted to the undersigned, on the estate of Wm. M. DONOVAN, late of this county, deceased, and he is authorized to sell the real estate of said deceased, he hereby gives notice that he will sell the same at public sale, on the premises on Friday, the 31st day of June next, at 1 o'clock P. M., of said day, fifty acres of land to be sold of the east end of a larger tract of land, situated in Allegany township, and bounded by lands of Dr. Crawford, by lands of Alex and Wm. Grant, Alex. Cottle, Thomas Grant and others. Terms—One third of the purchase money to be paid at once, and the balance in two equal annual payments thereafter with interest from said confirmation. JAS. H. McMAHAN, Executor. April 27, 1864.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.

RURAL HILL NURSERY, NEAR BUTLER, PA. THE undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he is now fully prepared to furnish them with the choicest variety and best quality of all kinds of Fruit Trees. During the last summer he has made large additions to his stock of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, and is now prepared to furnish a large variety than has ever been offered in this county. Consisting of— SUMMER, WINTER & FALL APPLES. PEACHES, PEARs AND CHERRIES, ALSO, STEAR-BERRIES, and very best quality—different kinds of Rhubarb. A Splendid lot of Evergreens and a great variety of Promiscuous Trees for ornament and shade. All of which, we propose to sell on as reasonable terms, as the same quality and variety can be had for, from any agency or establishment in the country. J. S. FRANK'S SONS, Jun. 6, 1864.

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

NOTICE TO FARMERS! THE undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Butler County, and the public generally, that he is prepared to remove Ring Bone and Bone Spavin, with an almost infallible, in from Six to Nine days, without injuring the Horse the least. The subscriber will discontinue no remedy. TOWNSHIP RIGHTS for the cure of the above diseases, for which a Copy Right has been secured by the undersigned, and he is prepared to remove the Ring Bone and Spavin, while it will not injure the Horse in any particular. Persons calling on the undersigned will be shown horses that have been permanently cured by the above medicine. W. M. VONCLEY, Butler, March 9, 1864.

PERIODICAL NOTICES.

Terms reduced to Old Prices. GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK For 1864. Great Literary and Pictorial Year! The publisher of Godey's Lady's Book, thankful for the public patronage which has enabled him to publish a magazine in America, has made an arrangement with the most reliable and experienced engravers, and has secured the services of MARION HARRIAGE, Author of "Abner," "Hobbes," "The May Side," who will furnish engravings, and who will be published by Godey, Philadelphia, Pa. This volume will be published in the month of May, 1864. This volume will be published in the month of May, 1864. This volume will be published in the month of May, 1864.

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Orphan's Court Sale. BY virtue of an order and decree of the Orphan's Court of Butler county, the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of James McMillan, late of Allegany county, deceased, will offer for sale at public sale, on the premises on Friday, the 31st day of June next, at 1 o'clock P. M., of said day, fifty acres of land to be sold of the east end of a larger tract of land, situated in Allegany township, and bounded by lands of Dr. Crawford, by lands of Alex and Wm. Grant, Alex. Cottle, Thomas Grant and others. Terms—One third of the purchase money to be paid at once, and the balance in two equal annual payments thereafter with interest from said confirmation. JAS. H. McMAHAN, Administrator. April 27, 1864.

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Watches, Clocks & Jewelry. If you want a good Watch, Clock, or set of good Jewelry, go to J. S. FRANK'S SONS, Jun. 6, 1864.

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