Composting Night-soil.

The following from the Utica Her-ald is timely and valuable, and can-not be too strongly recommended to the adoption of every farmer. Let each one calculate for a moment how much holoses in the course of a year, by neglecting to follow the advice herein off red-or rather the prac-tice herein described. Says the edi-

"When at the Oneila Community we saw an arrangement for composting manures which could well be adopted by those who have made no provisions for this purpose. It consists in nothing but a floor of plank set upon the ground and over this a temporary shed of boards erected with sides open, the covering intended simply to carry off water falling in rains. Here all the night soil and refuse matter was collected and com-posted with muck, ashes, &c., and by

crops.

"There are few people who fully understand the economy of manures or consider the vast sums that are anor consider the vast sums that are anormal to the committee will also confer a ben-The committee will also confer a ben-of fertilizing materials. It is a good profit. says John Jehnston of Geneva, to raise 300 bushels of will inquire into the qualifications of ta es thirty acres to raise that amount cate the class of schools to which each is the estimate and the anomaly it is raised at a loss. To grow large crops, and fa m with profit, manures are required, and it is from want of due appreciation or knowledge in the husbanding of manures that many farmers fail to make their labor profitable.

and farming made to pay."-Ger. Telegraphs.

The price of the Maine Farmer, says—I shock my tops, when pulled the child is to be sent.

Questions and Answers. green, in the same manner that I do my beans, and when sufficiently dry to save, remove them to the barn as winter feed for stock, co sidering them worth something more than them thus fed"
This is a new wrinkle, we think,

for the farmers of the Middle States; indeed so far as we know the old c rrespondent is the first discovitation of the first disc erer .- Germantown Telegraph.

Don't Despise Small Thios.—
Some years ago a gentleman visiting a farmer, took from his pocket a small potato, which somehow had got in there at home. It was thrown out with a smile, and the farmer taking it in his hand to look at it, a curious little boy of twelve standing at his elbow asked him what it was. "Oh" said he, "nothing but a potato, my said he, "nothing but a potato, my boy; take and plant it, and you shall despising small potatoes, carefully ted States. divided it into as many pieces as he could fi d eyes, and put them into the ground. The product was car -fully put aside in the fall and planted in the spring, and so on till the fourth year, when the yi id being good, the or afflected with incurably loathsome or influence discovered in the spring of actual product was four hu dred bushels! The farmer seeing the prospect that the potato field would, by another year, cover his whole farm, asked to be released from his application should be made for their re promise. Let us not despise small ception into the institutions provided for them by the State and they should be

ler the quantity of fruit on a tree, the higher the fravor; therefore, thin all honer asking for such unfortunate lea fruits in moderation, but avoid exa single bunch of grapes on a vine no matter how fine it may be—is a disgrace to good farming.

Though rapid growth is desirable in succeient vegetables, this is not the case with most flowering shubs, which form bushy, and therefore handsom r plants wh n grown slowly.

heng I mentions a rose tree. still living, which is upwards of thousand years old.

Little sticks help better that large ones to kindle the hre.

Educational Department.

Soldiers' Orphans.

THE SCHOOLS ALREADY SELECTED.
Six Boarding Schools for these Or phans have, up to this time, been selec-ted and the terms with them nearly matured, in different parts of the State. The number will be increased and the terms perfected within the present month, and in the January number a full list will be published.

For the more juvenile orphans, proper Institutions have been selected and will be agreed with, in *Philadelphia, Lancas ter and Pittsburgh, and additional ones will be found, if possible, in other parts of the State. A list of these will also be published in the January Number.

To both of these classes of Institutes some pupils have already been admitted on State account.

FILLING UP THE APPLICATIONS.

The Chairman of the County Commitmixi g small quantities at a time and throwing into a heap the mass was ren'ered modorous and a power-application—be it the mother, guardian application-be it the mother, guardian was ren 'ered monorous and α partification extra ful fertilizer obtained at α trifling expense. Night soil composted in this first, at the end of the "Application" the manure makes a valuable application for garden crops, being more efficient than barnyard manures and free from the seed of grasses and weeds, which the end of the "Application" itself, which is to be done in the presence of one or two witnesses; second, at the end of the "Statement" appended is an important item, as every one to the application, just after the word must have observed who has had "observances" and above the affidavit bemuch to do in the culture of garden

wheat from ten acres; but when it each of them, and indicate in the certifieven fully eight years of age, it is unpre-"The compost heap is a necessary pared for the studies and exercises of the with compost heap is a necessary appendage to the firm which all refuse material should be deposited and worked over within a kind of the first admitted to an institution for more juvenile orphans. On the contrary, if grounded in othography and reading, and somewhat versed in counting and the waste from the buildings, were say all and tumped in this receptace, and during the course of the year a large accumulation of manures was had from this source which was regarded as the most valuable of all the carriving relative is to be questioned. ried as the most valuable of all the the applying relative is to be questioned farms. It is by such management that land is turned to good account that land is turned to good account. ed as nearly as may be. A suggestion of the result, thus added to the certificate of the County Committee will be a very de s rable as well as reliable guide in deci

Questions and analysis of the Same accessed soldier are entitled to the benefits of the Schools for the Education of Soidiers Orphans?

Answer: All who are under fifteen their we glat of pota oes or turnips, by giving them one, two or three folderings pr week. I know of no vegetable substance they will eat more greedily, and I think it healthy. The former class do not come under the for them that field? years of age-no matter how many-with term of scholars or pupils, and it is only such that the State receives to be educathat it is not worth while to admit

vice their father died. Our fund is to be confined to the children of Pennsylhave all you can raise from it till you are free." The lad took it, and the vania volunteers and militiamen or those farmer dought no more about it at of enizens of the State who died in the The boy, however, not regular army or naval service of the Uni-

QUESTION: What is to be done with or afflicted with incurably loathsome or infectious diseases. Can they be admit-

Answer: They cannot. In the case of the blind, deaf and dumb, or idiotic them by the State and they should be sent thither as speedily as possible. Tho e Generally speaking, the smal-r the quantity of fruit on a tree, the should be sent to some Hospital or other proper asylum for such unfortunate be-

ings. And those with infectious diseases are to be kept at home till cured, when they will be admitted into the schools like other Soldiers Orphans.

* QUESTION: A soldier serves his ful rm in a volunteer Regiment and I honorably discharged. He soon after dies of a disease not contracted while in the service. Are his children admissible into the Orphan Schools?

ANSWER: According to the decisions hus far made they are not, not being the hildren of persons who were soldier when they died. It might be otherwise with children whose father died after his discharge but of a disease contracted while in the service. In this case, the

cause of his death originating during his term of service, the loss of power to pro vide for his family may be regarded as then having actually taken place, and his children be admitted as Soldiers Orphans.

QUESTION: A soldier died, having been married to a widow who had children by her first husband, who was no soldier. Are these children admissible as soldier's orphans?

ANSWER: They are not. They would have no claim on the estate of their step-father, had he left any, and are not therefore admissible to the benefits of the schools as his orphans.

QUESTION: I am a soldier's widow and

desire to be employed as Matron in one of the schools to be selected for soldiers

Answer: According to the plans adopted for managing these schools, the employment and control of all the Teachers, Matrons, Assistants, &c., are left with the Principal of each. The State Superintendent coud not undertake to make these appointments, or supervisthe persons selected for the discharge o these various duties. Nor would it be proper for him to do so. The entire care and control of the schools, in every department, must be left with the Principal Head of each. Otherwise there would be a conflict of jurisdiction and a want of due subordination which would interfer with if not entirely destroy all order, discipline and authority .- Penn. School

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