

FARM AND GARDEN

Prof. G. G. G. gives the following as a cure for yellow in peach trees. Apply dilute soda to the surface under the tree and rake it in; then mulch with old hay, leaves or straw.

A grindsone should be secured to the shaft by nuts and washers, and the washers fixed so that they cannot turn with the shaft as they are screwed up or loosened.

A good way to plant some flower seeds which you wish to take particularly good care of is to take a turnip, cut it in halves, scrape out the seeds, then fill with water and plant the seeds, and when the time comes to put the winter plants out doors, dig a hole in the flower-bed large enough to set the turnip in—it will rot in a short time and your plants will thrive by not having the tender roots disturbed.

Gas lime contains some sulphides of lime, some sulphates and a little sulphate of ammonia, but not enough to give it much value as a fertilizer. If used in large quantity it would destroy vegetation.

Grubs in the heads of sheep are believed to be caused by the gadfly, which deposits its egg in the nostrils of the sheep during the summer and autumn; although they cause much pain they are not usually fatal.

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A writer in the Poultry World recommends bone-meal as a valuable addition to the food of laying hens. On the other hand, the American Cultivator says: "Some persons are in the habit of burning the bones before feeding them to poultry. It is true that after being burned they are much easier broken up, but the raw bones contain a large amount of gelatine, which is one of the best foods for making hens lay."

How to Plant Celery.—The old method of setting celery at the bottom of a trench is still occasionally followed, either by gardeners who have done this in the old country, or by some people who have not learned the better way of planting it on the surface.

A KILLING DEVICE.—A simple remedy for all insects that annoy farmers is given by a Wenona, Ill., agriculturist. He says: "Gather all the old straw and hay into rows around orchards, potato and cabbage patches, and set fire to one end to burn against the wind all night, and they will burn up millions and millions every night of the male insects that fly, and lugs of all kinds and descriptions, such as destroy the trees and potatoes and all the cabbage, and the canker worms on the apple trees. They will fly right into the flames and burn themselves up, and then the fire will hold a man to do that who said the ground in his potato patch was crawling alive with potato bugs."

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