

IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE.

BY CHARLES DUTTON GOING, IN SUCCESS MAGAZINE. Ah, when I first began to plant, Life's garden close, I did not know...

A PLOT FRUSTRATED.

By HELEN FORREST GRAVES.

It looked like a pretty illumination, the French cottage-window, with the shaded lamp burning on the centre-table and the muslin curtain blowing backward and forward in the breeze...

what ought we to 'wind up' with? 'Oh, that is simple enough. 'You're devotedly, or 'You're until death,' or some such rhodomontade,' he said, hurriedly scratching off the glowing words...

Pat's Pathetic Passion.

POLICEMAN PAT promised picture prize proffer. Premium person purchasing, placing painted pieces, producing perfect pictures. Pat ponders, purchases—paying prodigious price—prepares place, puts pieces promiscuously, pursues particular pieces, piously professes prompt performance...

consins, she was not particularly partial to Malvina, and she had reason to suppose that she herself was not a favorite with the fading passe brunettes.

Mr. Lacy eyed the document with amazement. 'I did write this letter,' said he; 'but it was to no woman. It was written to Joe Thorneycroft.'

The girl who learns to keep smiling when she would much rather weep or storm has gained a victory over herself beyond penance and fasting.

Once a kindly Irish conductor, though quite aware that his 'bus was full, had permitted a young and sickly woman to squeeze in. The 'bus had not proceeded far before the usual crank spoke up. 'Conductah! he exclaimed. 'You've got one over your number, y' know!'

Character in Chins. The minority who have square chins and big lower jaws say that we of the receding chin have neither will nor strength of character, which is absurd, as any one may know who remembers that General Wolfe and Mr. Pitt had practically no chins at all...

Real Fact. An almost totally bald gentleman, dining one day in a restaurant, called out in anger. 'Waiter, there's a hair in my soup!'

Drop a slice of bread or butter a hungry visitor will commend. Eat goose on Michaelmas Day, you will have plenty of money throughout the coming year.

Pick an oak apple with a worm in it, you will be rich; with a fly in it, however, poverty will visit you.

Meet a man with a wooden leg, you may expect a surprise soon.

Break your apron string, your lover is thinking of you.



Wedding Receptions.

Women do not remove their hats at formal afternoon receptions. Hats should not be worn in the evening. There should be maids in attendance to take care of wraps. The bride does not furnish carriages except for her immediate party.

Bleached Hair.

This is pre-eminently the time for women who have been dyeing or bleaching their hair to discontinue the practice, for so much false hair can be worn now that the head can be completely covered with it during the period that the tresses are regaining their natural shade.

Woman to Woman.

The woman who for any reason cannot get on with women is preparing for herself a lonely old age. She may be beautiful, witty, a favorite with the men, yet there are times when she realizes that in one sense she is a failure.

Widow Pays For Breach of Promise.

A widow of fifty-four years in London has been ordered to pay a young man of twenty-five years \$500 for breach of promise to be married to him.

Our Cut-out Recipe

Meat—Breast of Lamb.—Cover two breasts of lamb with cold water, bring to the boil and skim. Add a teaspoon of salt, half a dozen peppercorns, a large onion stuck with three cloves, two small carrots, one small white turnip, a sprig of parsley, a stalk of celery and a bay leaf.

That Mrs. Jesusa Agnes Ebsworth, a grandmother, made love to him and even promised to settle a set amount of money on him after their marriage.

Life would be more livable if more of us felt it a duty to be pleasant however things might go. An old woman once told a girl with a Puritan conscience: 'Stop worrying so much about the right and wrong of things and keep smiling, and you will make this world a better place.'



Shoes have fancy buckles and are worn with gayly colored stockings. The newest pocket handkerchiefs are tiny, with the colored border very deep.

Crystal fringe and embroidery in crystal beads are used on evening gowns. In the fashionable shops the draped princess is the leading model for the dressy frock.

One of the pretty ornaments for the hair is a butterfly made of white and gold sequins. 'King's blue,' a new shade of the season, is merely a cold Japanese shade of blue.

Cypress green, pewter gray and a delicate fawn shade are soft tints that are popular. White serge suits have black or green collars and cuffs.

The chautauque pump has a high heel and a decorative narrow toe. It is unusually arched. Earrings are very picturesque, particularly when worn with the quaint coiffures now in vogue.

Embroidery flourishes and all-overs are to be very much used this season for pretty frocks. The new velvets are novel and conspicuous, but not becoming. Colored lace veils are still popular.

Foulards, plain and figured, are allied with great success. The deep hem reaching to the knees is a happy solution of the problem of contrasting silks.

Would you have a delectable wrap in a very short time? Well, take the model seen at one of the private views. It was simply a huge square of pale rose satin, ornamented on each corner with a heavy dull silver tassel and cord.

The Farm

When Hogs Gnaw. When the hogs get to gnawing the woodwork of their pens you may be sure they need something different to gnaw from what you are feeding them.

Don't Be Afraid.

Don't be a cheap farmer. Do not be afraid to exercise your manhood. Nor afraid to be dubbed by some of your thoughtless neighbors "a progressive farmer."

Cultivation of Sweet Peas.

If sweet peas are to be cultivated in rows, it is a good plan to draw a broad, flat-bottomed drill, about a foot or eighteen inches wide. On no account should it be concave.

Hard Milkers.

We are requested by some of our readers to re-publish the following, by Dr. David Roberts, the State Veterinarian, of Madison, Wisconsin, who is good authority on the subject.

The trouble is due to an abnormal contraction of the sphincter muscles at the teat and oftentimes reduces the value of what might have otherwise been a valuable cow.

ary or February, and sell them for about the same number of dollars per head that can be secured in mid-summer.

In a community where there are a great many sheep breeders, and where it is possible for shippers to buy carloads of lambs as they do of hogs, I have no hesitation in saying that the best way is to have the lambs eat oats and corn as early as possible.

Where one is so largely engaged in the sheep business that he can handle a carload of wethers at any time, this is certainly the way to make quick and easy money.

My experience has been that by having the lambs come in March and April and pushing them forward in this way, I could get as many dollars for them in July and August as I could in January and February.

Where, however, one must depend on the local butcher for his market for lambs, it is quite as well to finish them off at about 100 pounds at nine, ten or eleven months. If anyone will compare the weights and prices of lambs on the city market, say Chicago, in July and August with the weights and prices in January and February, he will find that the lamb sells for about as many dollars in the first mentioned months as in the last.

One of the main advantages in selling early is that the risks from disease, especially the stomach worm, are reduced to the minimum.

Lambs fed generously from the first are seldom injured by their worms, even when kept on infected pastures; but when kept on infected pastures and given only the milk of their dams they are very likely to succumb to the disease in August and September.—W. H. Underwood, in the Indiana Farmer.

A Rhode Island Red Talk.

A friend said to the writer the other day: 'Geer, what do you know about the Rhode Island Reds, where did they come from anyhow, and where did they get the drag they have on the poultry fraternity?'

Rhode Island, of course, up there in Yankeealand where they made the Barred Plymouth Rocks, dressed down the Leghorns, Brown, White and Black, and struck out of a piece of marble the beautiful White Wyandotte.

In general, however, his question perplexed us, for we do not know as much about the Rhode Island Reds as we should like to know. But we do know that in the matter of color it is necessary to breed very closely to the standard in order to make advancement in a fixed red color for the breed.

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A good kind of early tomato is the 'Matchless.' Early plants are best raised in tin cans that have been melted apart; bend them in shape, set them closely together in the hot bed, fill with good soil and plant three or four seeds in each one.

When you want to transplant to the garden lift can and all; set in the hill prepared for the plant and carefully take off the can, fill in the soil and water and your plant will never know it was disturbed.—G. E. E., in the Indiana Farmer.

When to Market Lambs.

Many farmers who are beginning in the sheep business have lambs coming in March and April, and it is well to consider just how to handle these lambs in order to make the greatest profit.

Glasgow a Sobriety City.

The Glasgow Chief Constable in a report issued last night comments upon the remarkable increase of sobriety in the city. Apprehensions for drunkenness totalled 14,167, a decrease of considerably over 4000.