At the present moment, when it may said. without fear of contradiction, that in the whole of the civilized world there is no woman who is attracting more universal attention and interest than the downger empress of China Illustrated Description of Two Meth (in favor of whom the emperor has reigued, and who is described as being woman in her sixty-fourth year, who has not yet lost her love of power"), a few notes about the manners and customs of Chinese women may be of general interest.

thing, yet to many farmers this is an Somehow it is difficult for us to credit impossible opportunity, for the reaany Chinese woman with the "love of power," when, for years we have been accustomed to think of the female popplation of the celestial empire as being remarkable only for their tiny feet, leformed from infancy by tight bandages for the simple reason that in after life the women may be easily detained as prisoners. But, although the chief part of a Chinese lady's costume may in our eyes be her shoes, embroidered chiefly by her own hand and of such small dimensions that they would only fit the infants of other nations. there will remain a great deal of interest in the other articles of her wardrobe, which consists of beautifully embroidered silk robes and satin tunies. ined in winter with the softest fur.

Even the peasant women wear ornamental garments, especially the bet- himself in feeding stock or for house ter-class ones, who affect bright-col- hold consumption later on. In the storored tunics, such as bright blue ones worn over bright red trousers, or light blue over pink trousers.

Perhaps at the theatrical performances, which play so prominent a part in China in connection with all religious rites, are to be seen the most dirt over them is six inches in thickgorgeous costumes. The Chinese ladies | ness. Above the first layer of earth is spare no pains in arraying themselves a layer of six inches of straw, and beat such times, and arrive in their best | fore cold weather comes on two inches silks and satins, ornamented with many more of dirt are put on. The hole

GIRLS OF CANTON.

lressed and heavily gummed, and dec-

erated with all manner of gaudy arti-

icial flowers; while their cheeks and

s are profusely colored with rouge.

The average height of a Chinese

soman is about four feet six inches.

but in their trousers and tunics, which

are the most common articles of female

dress, they look even shorter. As a

nation, they are extremely supersti-

tious, particularly the lower classes;

and men and women alike are much

given to gambling. It is no uncommon

thing to see a woman burning joss-

sticks and offering up petitions and

prayers for good luck to attend her

gambling speculations to Fu Ti, the

God of Earth, who is believed by the

Before a Chinese woman is married,

she sends with great pomp and state to

her future home her entire trousseau.

which is packed in large boxes, the

keys of which she brings with her when

she comes, and on no account is the

bridegroom ever supposed to be al-

lowed to see what is contained in these

precious trunks until after the wed-

ding is over, when they are shown to

In a number of ways the Chinese dif-

er totally in custom from Europeans.

For instance, it is considered the great-

st mark of distinction to remove one's

hat in company; and the greatest com-

pliment it is possible to pay a Chinese

man or woman is to tell them they

look older than they are. Again, no

Chinaman or woman would, on any ac-

count, ever dream of eating off a white

cloth, looking upon it with great horror

and superstitious distaste, much in the

same way as we would regard a wind-

Another peculiarity of the lower

class of women is their slavish fear

and regard for their mothers-in-law, who

take advantage of their position of

being dependent on their daughters-in-

law, to whom they often behave most

cruelly, and whom the law places with-

a their power. To their children the

Chinese are devoted, and to all

strangers, if kindly treated by them,

exceedingly faithful and polite.-St.

Monogramed Gloves.

The monogramed glove is the very

itest thing and, of course, it is worn

only by the extremists of fashion. To

make the monogramed gloves you get

pair of plain kid gloves with as little

titching spon the back as possible.

low mark upon the back of the gloves

your monogram, or get it stamped

walking suit you now embroider the

bout as large as a silver quarter. You

With silk the color of your

ing shee.

him with much pride and ceremony.

lower classes to favor all gambling.



A WISCONSIN WAY.

STORAGE OF ROOTS.

ods Tried with Success in Wis-

consin and Nebraska.

The time of the year is here when

cold storage house is the desirable

the farmer must prepare to store his

roots for winter use. While of course

son that most farms are so far

from a cold storage plant that it

would not pay to haul the roots there.

Besides, the farmer frequently wants

to store roots that he intends to use

THE NEBRASKA METHOD.

age of sugar beets for factory use va-

rious ways have been tried. In our

first illustration we give a method used

in Nebraska for the purpose men-

tioned. In this case the pile of beets is

about four feet wide and the pile of

braska. Whether it will be found equally serviceable in some other parts of the country can only be told by experience.

In our second illustration is shown the method as followed in some parts of Wisconsin. Notice is taken of the fact that greater cold and more adverse conditions must be faced. The cut shows a cross section only as the beets are really placed in a deep and wide furrow and may be any number of feet in length. The pile here shown is about six feet wide and three feet high. On six feet wide and three feet high. On top of it is 18 inches of earth with venitilating tile every six feet. This tile is left open while the roots are sweating, but can be closed after that process is completed .- Farmers' Review.

# PITTING POTATOES.

After All Has Been Done or Said, This Is the Safest Way of Keeping the Tabers.

Potatoes keep better in a pit than anywhere else, but they must be well protected to prevent zero weather from To be First-Class. catching them. They should never be covered deeply enough to allow them to become at all heated or they will start to grow. The first covering should be not more than six inches deep and this should not be increased until the ground has frozen enough to bear up a man. Then put on a covering of straw. ever the soil already on, and put on G. A. Gutelius, Agt., more soil, patting it down to make it shed rain. Leave the pit until actual winter has come and the ground is well frozen and then over all put a foot of fresh manure from the stables. Don't be afraid of driving the frost in, for this will not happen. Keep the manure on until the potatoes are needed in the spring, for the covered pit will not haw out nor will the manure allow it to freeze any more, and the potatoes will not sprout until time for planting in the spring if left in the pit.

Potatoes that are to be used for seed should be placed in a pit by themselves se as to leave them undisturbed until taken out to plant .- Farmers' Voice.

# ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

The plum is more difficult to graft than the apple, we would say to an in-

Pruning can be done at any time that the trees are not frozen. Cions may also be cut for grafting and stored away for use later.

Grape vines will stand more pruning than most any other kind of fruit and they will make greater returns for the work if it is intelligently done.

Blackberries do best on naturally fertile soil that has not been manured, as manure causes them to grow too much wood. The same is true of red raspberries .- Western Plowman.

White Worms in the Soil. If plants are troubled with white worms in the soil an easy method of extermination is said to be sulphur matches stuck well down into the soll, sulphur end down. A few drops of carbolic acid in a dipper of water is also good, and lime water in the proportion of a cupful of unslacked lime to pail of onogram. After it is completed it is water is the old standby. Put a cork in by all means surrender your will find that it is very becoming to the and and the custom of wearing the emproidered glove will grow upon you unwater before allowing it to run away.—

National Stockman.





"You'd better 'urry up into line, sir, or you'll bag some big game."-St.

> A Frequent Epitaph. No more he'll ever greet us, He now is with the blest; He got appendicitis,
> And the doctors did the rest.

Pointing Out His Flancee.

you're engaged to? Tellum-You see that lovely girl in pink at the other side of the room? Askem-Yes; I say, old man, what a superb-

Tellum-Well, it isn't she. It's that grand old ruin in yellow sitting next her.—Tit-Bits.

#### Implaeable.

Attorney-You can sue him for breach of promise, madam, but it seems to me preposterous to claim \$250,000 damages.

Fair Client-I want to get so heavy a judgment against him that he'll just have to marry me-the scoundrel!-Chicago Tribune.

Lucky She Mentioned It. Lady (engaging cook)-And I suppose you will want me to find you in

Irish Applicant (misunderstanding) -Faith, I hope you won't, mum; I usually goes straight to bed and sleeps it off when I've taken a drop too much .-Ally Sloper.

### He Kept His Job.

Boss-See here, William, this is the wentieth time you've been late, and inless you've got a good excuse you're going to be fired.

William (the porter)-I stopped into church on my way downtown and prayed for the improvement of your business .- N. Y. World.

### Indicating Calmness.

Wife-Look here, Emil, if your coleague's wife gets a new hat I must have one too.

Husband-Keep calm about it. We have come to an agreement that neither of you is to have one.-Fligende Blaet-

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THE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

This Authority Says That Husbands Are Jealous of Her and That Makes the Trouble. Those of us who are in the way of

eading the comic papers have regarded be alleged aversion of men to mothersin-law as merely a kind of stock-intrade joke that was a conveniency to cheap wits. It seems, however, that the feeling is recognized as such in law, as in a recent case where a man sued his mother-in-law to recover some property the jury were closely questioned as to whether they entertained a prejudice, either generally or specifically against mothers-in-law that would prevent their rendering a just verdict. At last twelve good men and true, presumably bachelors, were found who testified to having no feeling on the mother-in-law question, and the case proceeded.

Probably very few men would admit to being influenced by the stale and silly gibes at mothers-in-law, but that they have great weight is proven by the attitude that almost every man takes toward his wife's mother. He has been warned by the comic papers that she will attempt to manage him and Askem-Where's the rich heiress run his house; that she will incite his wife to acts of independence, and "put her up" to defying his opinion. So he is on his guard. He tooks upon ber with suspicion, and is apt to think that the most harmless suggestion is unwarranted interfering.

To a certain degree this feeling may be traced to a not unnatural jealousy. The young husband is always very self-important. He expects to be all in all to his wife. He is determined to be the arbiter of her destiny, the oracle who knows it all, the supreme court that lays down the law. Innocent and unsophisticated little brides do not. as a rule, see this at first. They blunder out with "Mother thinks you ought to do so and so," or "Mother says something else," and out of the blow they deal their husband's vanity springs much of the dislikes to mothers-in-law.

Then men seldom understand a woman's affection for her own people. They do not realize how deep the flower | service. of love strikes its roots into the home where one was born and that no matter how tender the hand that transplants it some of the heart fibers must still cling to the old soil. If a woman could sunder the old ties without regret, if she could forget the faithful love that has cherished her and guarded her and sacrificed itself for her at every step, what a poor, disloyal creature she would be! How worthless any affection that one so shallow-hearted could give! Let the man who complains of his wife wanting to see her mother think of that.-Philadelphia Times.

### HONEYMOON CHITCHAT.

The Loving Couple Have a Little Spar Over the Opening of Their Letters.

"A happy couple were honeymooning in the country when the first-packet of letters from home arrived, and the busband proposed to open one addressed to his wife. "Certainly not," she said, firmly.

"But, Philippa," he remonstrated, "surely you are not going to have any secrets from me, now that we are mar-

you, but Phyllis might," his wife said. "That letter is hers, not mine. I shall probably let you read it after I have, but not till I am sure Phyllis has told me nothing but what she would be will-

ing for you to know." "Still, doesn't it imply a lack of confidence when a wife won't show her letters to her husband?"

"Not at all. The lack of confidence is shown by the husband when he demands to see his wife's letters."

This was unanswerable, and Mr. Grant sank back in his chair with amused delight in his wife's perfect unconsciousness of having said a good thing. Presently she added:

"I told you so! Here is something Phyllis wouldn't want you to know."

"Then are you not going to tell me?" "I'm not going to tell you what it is. You are only to know there is something you can't know-at present."

"Phyllis is engaged." Mr. Grant remarked. "And what if she is? You are not to know to whom."

"To Radeliffe," hazarded her husband. "I didn't say so."

"Put you don't say she isn't." "How could I say she isn't when

"Is? I really think, my dear, you might as well have let me read the letter."-Philadelphia Press.

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den changes from heat to cold, there

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