

# GRANGE.

## PAINTING FRUIT TREES.

**Peach Trees Should Not be Painted, Says Prof. Surface.**  
A physician, who is interested in fruit culture, wrote to Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, in reference to painting trees with white lead and linseed oil, as a protection against borers, as follows:

"In the Reading Eagle I saw a report of your demonstration given at the Poor House grounds at Shillington, showing the advantage of painting trunks of trees with white lead and raw linseed oil for borers. We have done this, but since heard that some Shillington fruit growers lost a great number of trees by this method. I write to you, asking as to the advantage of this treatment, and if there is danger of smothering the trees by painting them."

The answer of State Zoologist Surface follows:  
"Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to say that I am deeply interested in your statement that you have heard that the Shillington fruit growers lost a number of trees by painting them with white lead and linseed oil. I must acknowledge that this is news to me, as I have not been informed concerning such loss.

However, I do know that tens of thousands of trees have been painted with this material in this State without injury to them. Of course, you understand, that I recommend painting only apple, pear and quince trees, as there is no advantage in painting peach trees, and the last named is more delicate than the others. Nevertheless, two years ago I painted my young peach trees, and this year took my most abundant and best crop of peaches from the trees that had been painted.

I can not believe that painting has hurt the trees to which you refer, unless "boiled" oil or impure material were used. I should like to be informed as to just what persons lost their trees by painting them; how many they lost and under what conditions. I should then like to trace up this information and see what material was used, and where it was procured.

I have seen tens of thousands of trees painted in Adams county by the extensive fruit growers of that county without any danger to any of the trees. They are continuing it after four or five years of successful practice.

"I think there is no advantage in painting peach and plum trees (unless it be for rabbits and mice), and, therefore, do not recommend it."

### The Poultry Yard.

There are no days like Indian-summer days,  
When sweet the sun shines through a mellow haze  
And softly kisses earth in shy delight.

Eighteen hens that were fed milk last winter, laid more eggs than 100 fed on cut bone and meat.

A flock might just as well roost in trees as in a house full of cracks and holes, which chills the birds in spots and produces bad colds.

A hen too fat gets lazy; she takes no interest in life. One too poor cares nothing about her egg record. The happy medium is a happy hen.

Some people are willing to pay an extra price for eggs of one color. Many people get a cent or more a dozen for sorting their hen fruit according to size and color.

On some farms the young chickens are allowed to roost outdoors during the summer and fall. They should at once be trained to winter quarters, and the sooner this is done the better.

I should rather have one happy hen than two grumpy ones. A happy hen is the one that fattens the pocketbook; a hen with a grouch isn't worth her space, no matter what her breed may be.

It is worth the poultry raiser's while to remember that an earth floor is unhealthy when the location is naturally wet and not well drained. With this kind of location it will pay to put in a board floor.

Hens will not lay during the cold months unless given food rich in egg material. I feed wheat and

skim-milk, which are splendid egg producing foods; and also include parched corn and Kafir-corn in the bill of fare.

Take no chances by having too many chickens together in one flock. If you see they are getting to be crowded in their winter quarters, make thrift and health a certainty by dividing them up, or selling some of them.

You may have an idea that poultry can hunt their own grit. You are wrong. Grit is as essential as feed. Get a grit box, fill it with crushed rock and oyster-shell, and hang it on the wall where dirt will not be scratched into it.

One of the best methods of keeping the poultry house warm in winter at small cost, is to keep the floor well littered with dirt, cut straw, hay or leaves to the depth of from three to six inches. This prevents against loss of heat and cold currents from below.

—From November Farm Journal.

### Big Crops, More Work, Better Times.

A rosy picture of prosperity is foreseen by the sentinels on the editorial watch-towers as they survey the ripening fields of grain that will in a few weeks pour their wealth into the nation's granary. The tremendous yield of corn, wheat, oats, rye, and other crops is expected to fill the pockets of the farmer and the vaults of the rural banks, tax the capacity of the railroads, give work to the idle, and reduce the cost of living by lowering prices of food-stuffs. The exceptional condition of the cereal crop moves the Chicago Post to question "how even 'Yim' Hill could find anything to deplore in the outlook;" and, paradoxically, the comparative meagreness of the cotton crop is a cause for congratulation among some Southern agricultural essayists, for a scant crop means high prices.

The features of the latest Government report on cereals, as summarized by the New York Journal of Commerce, are:  
"First—A \$3,000,000,000-bushel corn crop, which has never been exceeded and has only been closely approached, namely, by the 2,927,416,000-bushel crop of 1906.  
"Second—A total wheat yield exceeding 700,000,000 bushels. This has only twice been exceeded, namely, by the 1906 harvest of 735,000,000 and by the 1901 harvest of 748,000,000.  
"Third—An oats crop of 1,027,000,000 bushels, which has never been equaled."

In addition the rye crop is above the ten-year average and the prospects are for a fair average yield of buckwheat, hay, and potatoes. The New York Press estimates that, aside from the more direct benefit to farmer and consumer, the task of moving this giant harvest will tax the resources of the trunk lines to the utmost and will busy a million men in handling freight on the railroads alone, exclusive of many more employed on steamers and lighters on the water and in truckage in the shipping centers. The Washington correspondent of a New York paper says:

"The crop analysis here shows that more grain than ever before grew to maturity in a single year in the United States already has been harvested or is rapidly approaching maturity. Never, except once, has there been more wheat; never before has there been so much marketable corn or so much oats. And never before have three bumper crops come together in the same year."—The Literary Digest.

**Harriman's Castle to be Completed.**  
Mrs. Edward H. Harriman, widow of the railroad head, to whom he left all his \$150,000,000 estate, finally has determined to complete the construction of the vast mountain palace at Arden, N. Y., where her husband died, and make it her chief abiding place. The news of her decision was obtained from C. T. Ford, general superintendent of Arden Farms.

By the completion of the Arden House and of the elaborately planned improvements of the 42,000-acre stretch of mountain and meadow land which the place overlooks, Mrs. Harriman will become the mistress of one of the world's most costly country homes. Its total cost, it is estimated, will reach \$10,000,000.

"In view of the many conflicting and erroneous statements abroad concerning the future of the Arden

House," says Mr. Ford, "I will say that all of Mr. Harriman's plans for its completion will be carried out by his widow. There is still so much to be done that the work will doubtless take two or three years more."

The announcement of Mrs. Harriman's desire to finish the task begun by her husband, which will entail an additional expenditure of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000, will be joyously received by the country folk of the Ramapo Valley. The payroll of Harriman employees living in that section averages \$18,000 a week. Upon Mr. Harriman's death the report was persistently circulated that the army of workmen would be discharged, or at least curtailed to such a degree that it would amount to a veritable catastrophe to their families.

The town of Turner, on the main line of the Erie Railroad, about a mile from the incline tramway to the Harriman mountain mansion, also will be rejoiced by the news that Mrs. Harriman intends to make Turner, instead of Arden, the station which will be ordinarily used by the Harriman household. A special roadway, almost as straight as a ruler, is to be built from Turner to the foot of the incline.

When Mrs. Harriman or any other members of the family journey from Arden House they will take an automobile at the doorway of the mansion and have the machine rolled upon a tram car, which will lower it to the bottom of the mountain. Thence the automobile will speed over the straight, level private road to Turner. There a new station is to be built, which promises to be by far the handsomest on the Erie.

In addition Mrs. Harriman is having a large force of workmen plotting sunken gardens around a private station only a few rods from the foot of the incline. This is on the Newburgh branch of the Erie, and has been named Arden House. All the grounds surrounding it are being planted with trees and shrubs, with a labyrinth of walks and glades within this artificial forest. The private station will only be used when the family or its guests come or go by special train.

One of the most striking architectural ideas of the dead financier, which his widow will see is carried out in the fullest detail, is the castle-like lodge at the foot of the incline. It will be the largest and most imposing structure of its kind in this country. It is to be built of granite blasted out of the mountain, with a great bastion on each side of the entrance, which will be closed by a gigantic porcellus.

Through this doorway will run a narrow gauge railroad, by which a private car can be taken from the private station on the Erie right on to the tramcar, which will hoist it up the mountain to Arden House.

Mrs. Harriman also has become deeply interested in the management of the 22,000 acres included in Arden Farms, over which her daughter May, has assumed immediate supervision. It is the mother's desire that the work of extending the farm improvements begun by her husband be continued until Arden Farms will become the greatest agricultural enterprise of its kind in the United States.

Plans are accordingly being perfected for the draining of vast areas of swamp land, formerly thought to be worthless by the Ramapo Valley farmers. This land Mr. Harriman bought at low figures, and began turning it into the richest sort of soil for the raising of vegetables.

Already 320 acres have been reclaimed. From these the finest garden truck to be bought in the market is shipped, along with the milk from the Harriman dairies, to Tuxedo and other towns along the Erie. Eventually Mrs. Harriman and her daughter hope their farms will produce enough milk and vegetables to supply the more exclusive establishments of the New York market.

This year, because of the unreadiness of the Harriman city home, the Harriman family will remain at Arden House later into the Fall than is their custom. Of the delay, however, Mrs. Harriman has expressed no disappointment. She says it only gives her greater opportunity to supervise the work of construction and improvement left to her by her husband's death.—Newburgh Journal.

### ADDS IN THE CITIZEN ALWAYS BRING RESULTS.

### Useful Hints From Readers of "Success."

A bicycle pump can be used to remove the dust from bed springs or any inaccessible place.

Leave the oven door open when through baking. It saves a gas oven from rusting.

Sprinkle your table before laying down the ironing sheet. This prevents the sheet from slipping.

To keep ants from getting into a refrigerator, set the legs of the refrigerator on small squares of sticky flypaper.

When starching articles made of brown linen, if a little tea is put into the starch they will keep their color.

To disguise the taste of castor or olive oil, pour a tablespoonful of grape juice or orange juice into a glass; then add the oil.

To cook sweet potatoes, boil them while the oven is heating. When about half done, remove the skins and finish by baking in the oven.

Cut a cork to fit into the spout of the coffee pot. It keeps the coffee hot and preserves the aroma, which is frequently lost in the steam from the spout.

To keep the finger nails clean when polishing the stove, put a little lard under and around the finger nails—that protects them from blacking.

Before drawing threads in linen for hemstitching, make a thick lather of soap and apply with a shaving-brush to the fabric. When the linen dries the threads draw easily.

A broken mirror was cut in a small square, and cardboard placed back of it. The edges were finished with red passe-partout and it made a handy shaving mirror.

On opening a quart of blackberry jelly I found it a thick syrup, having been too sweet to jelly. I cooked a quart of cranberries in the blackberry syrup, strained it, and the result was a delicious, tart jelly.

A boarding-school trick is to turn fudge into a paper boat, which is as good as a pan; besides, it need not be buttered. The boat is made by turning up the sides and securing the corners of a sheet of foolscap.

Use a coat-hanger to dry a sweater, a child's coat, or anything that might pull out of shape if pinned on the line in the usual way. Slip the garment on the coat-hanger; then hook it over a rod or line, indoors or out.

In sewing lace which has a good heading on an edge of material where a narrow hem is desired, as for a small ruffle, make but one turn of the material on the right side and the lace stitched directly over this hides the raw edge.

An unobtrusive but effectual way to mark an umbrella is to write one's name on the inside of the strap with which it fastens when rolled, then outlining it in colored embroidery silk. The umbrella can thus be easily distinguished anywhere.

Instead of making the elastic in a small boy's knickerbockers tight enough to hold them up, make it just tight enough to hold the fullness and tuck straight strips of cloth from the waist to the knees. Tight elastics are injurious to growing children.

To extract a needle apply a magnet immediately; the flesh closes rapidly over a needle, and it is soon taken in out of sight. A magnet stops the penetrating movement of the needle, and in a short time draws it from the flesh without pain.

Last fall I had a large bed of lettuce from seed which had fallen off the old stalks. I protected it from frost and snow by placing boards around the beds and making the south side three inches lower than the north side. Thus it had a southern slant. I drove sticks on either side of the boards and banked earth around before the ground froze. I then placed two window sashes over the bed, making their edges fit closely together. Occasionally I lifted the window sash and sprinkled lukewarm water upon the lettuce. At night I covered the bed with old carpet. I had fine dishes of lettuce on Thanksgiving and New Year's days. When the snow came I still had lettuce, and even in February I am still cutting it.

When You Have Found Your Place You will be happy in it—contented, joyous, cheerful, energetic.

The days will be all too short for you. Dinner time and closing time will come before you realize it.

All your faculties will give their consent to your work; will say "Amen" to your occupation. There will be no protest anywhere in your nature.

You will not feel humiliated because you are a farmer, or a blacksmith, or a shoemaker; because, whatever your occupation or profession, you will be an artist instead of an artisan.

You will go to your task with delight and leave it with regret. Life will be a glory, not a grind.

### BIG FIND IN MESSINA RUINS

Jewelry and Valuables Worth \$20,000,000 Are Unclaimed by the Earthquake Victims.

Rome, Italy.—Jewelry and other valuables which the military authorities have collected from the ruins of Messina and for which no claimants can be found are estimated to be worth \$20,000,000.

This vast collection of riches is heaped up in the subterranean vaults of the citadel and in wooden shelters, and is entrusted entirely to the honesty of four officers, who have not even sufficient soldiers to guard the shelters.

In one of these shelters the soldiers have constructed rough shelves, on which diamonds and gold are piled in the most extraordinary manner. A small cardboard box, the size of a matchbox, contains a necklace of pearls valued at over \$20,000; between an old pair of boots and a pair of oars there is a single envelope containing State bonds of \$400,000 made out to bearer.

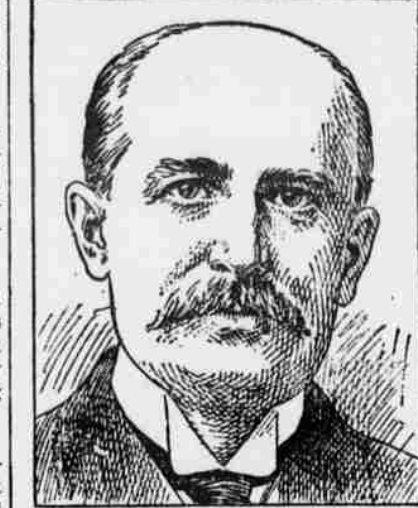
In another small wooden box lies a diamond solitaire, worth a fortune, which was registered by the soldiers as a white stone. Further on a petroleum can contains gold coins amounting to \$10,000.

There are also safes innumerable filled with hundreds of gold watches, rings, chains, bracelets, earrings, pocket-books, and treasures of all sorts.

All these riches have been found in the superficial excavations carried on up to the present, while the wealthiest part of the town—the first and second floors and the cellars—is still untouched.

### United States Senator Retires with \$20,000,000.

Carson, Nev.—Senator George S. Nixon of Nevada, said to be worth \$20,000,000 has disposed of his vast



Senator George S. Nixon. Mining interests in the West and has retired from active mining operations. Senator Nixon began life as a telegraph operator.

### HEALTH ABOVE BRAINS.

Radcliffe College Instructor Would Bar Weakening Matriculants.

Cambridge, Mass.—Miss Elizabeth Wright, physician instructor at Radcliffe College, has decided views as to allowing delicate young women or those who will not take gymnasium work to matriculate. She believes that a perfectly healthy body should take precedence over a perfectly moulded brain.

A young woman unequipped with health, she says, has lost one of her most valuable weapons with which to fight the world, and one who will not seek physical perfection is an object of pity.

Miss Wright advocates that physical training stand high among the list of studies and that a high mark in this branch be made compulsory.

### HORNS FATAL TO SNAKE.

Huge Python Dining on a Goat Meets Its Death.

Logansport, Ind.—A twenty-five-foot python in the Lambrigh exhibition here upon showing signs of hunger had a small live goat put in its den. The python sprang forward and wrapped its huge body about the terrified goat. The bones were crushed like eggshells and life was squeezed out of the animal in the twinkling of an eye. The snake then began to cover the crushed body with saliva. When this was done it started to swallow the body whole.

One of the goat's horns became imbedded in the python's throat, and in the snake's effort to obtain relief the horn severed an artery. In its dying agonies the python lashed and squirmed, breaking out one side of its cage.

### GROUNDHOG ATTACKS A MAN.

While Walking in a Cemetery, Squire Has Surprising Encounter.

Hanover, Pa.—A groundhog furiously attacked Squire S. W. Hammers as he was waiting through the cemetery of the Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church in Highland Township, and at first the squire got the worst of it. He dodged behind a tombstone and struck a blow with his cane, which missed the animal, and the Justice was then compelled to retreat.

The weather prognosticator pursued him, and after twice seeking refuge behind the gravestones Hammers succeeded in landing a blow which felled the beast. The Squire took his prey home and will have it stuffed and mounted.

Ann Arbor Course in Aeronautics. Ann Arbor, Mich.—Plans are being made by Dean M. E. Cooley of the Engineering Department of the University of Michigan for a course in aeronautics.

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