

THE BACK YARD FARMER

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Lawn Pests.

Prompt action and thorough, intelligent treatment is necessary to kill lawn pests and rid your sod of these undesirable occupants.

The dandelion is the most notorious of our lawn pests. The first few days of warm growing weather will bring out its glowing blossoms and no hard winter seems to diminish its optimism or energy. There will be more of them than last year. There always are. The richer the soil and the finer the place, the more dandelions there will be.

Unlike other weeds, which can be crowded out by heavily feeding the grass, the dandelion responds to such treatment even more nobly than does the grass. It is directly comparable to some of our public servants, whose extraordinary abilities could be productive of so much good if applied in the proper direction.

True, the dandelion serves the purpose of calling many householders out of doors into the healing spring sunshine, who would otherwise stay indoors. Its first blossoms bring real joy to the small boy and salad to the railroad section hand, but the man with the lawn mower loves it not. Away with it. We can banish it if we will.

The best method of eradicating dandelions from sod is to keep the grass cut closely during the dandelion season, remove it and burn it, and spray the lawn every ten days or oftener with a solution of coppers, or sulphate of iron, as it is more properly called. This costs about three cents a pound and can be secured from druggists or seed stores. Dissolve three-quarters of a pound in a gallon of water and spray the dandelion plants thoroughly. An ordinary sprinkling can will get results, but it is much better to use a sprayer that throws a very fine mist-like spray. Use it while the sun is shining on the

It will get practically all of the dandelion leaves and blossoms. No damage will be done to the grass, aside from blackening the tips.

Digging dandelions out is practically impossible, but this spraying scheme is very effective.

Plantains and other weeds must be pulled and burned before they blossom.

Ants are best destroyed by pouring a little carbon bisulphide in each hole and covering it with earth so that the fumes cannot escape.

The best way to kill moles is with special mole traps.

Angle worms are beneficial to a lawn unless present in great numbers. Carbon bisulphide will kill them, too.

Cut worms are destroyed by soaking the infested area with a solution of arsenate of lead, one pound to a barrel of water. Their presence is indicated by patches of dead grass. The little white worms will be found among the grass roots.

Legumes Add Nitrogen.

At the Rhode Island station a five-year pot experiment with different legumes was conducted to ascertain the amount of nitrogen secured from the air during the growth of the legumes in a light, gravelly soil, without the addition of nitrogenous manure, but with optimum amounts of other manures. It was found that the approximate gain during five years with cowpeas and soy beans and with vetch, which was grown alternately with each, was a ton of nitrogen per acre, about seven-tenths of which was contained in the 25 tons of moisture-free summer crops removed, and the remainder in the soil itself. The following facts should be taken into consideration: The soil in the pots was 10 inches deep, somewhat deeper than the surface soil in many localities; the winter vetch was grown in a heated greenhouse.

and explorer. Mr. Balch gives credit to Peary for really having reached the top of the earth in the book entitled "The North Pole and Bradley Land," of which Mr. Balch is the author.

In fact Mr. Balch uses Peary's unpublished observations to support those of Cook, stating positively that this method of comparative testimony is the only fair criterion of the value of the claims of the two explorers, either of whom, he says, might easily make erroneous claims, either knowingly or unknowingly, unless checked by what others have

seen and recorded.

Mr. Balch does not hesitate to declare that Dr. Cook has been badly used and that he has not been accorded anything like the credit which he really deserves. He quotes Captain Amundsen as being astonished when he learned that Dr. Cook had been held up to ridicule.

Mr. Balch attaches much importance to the belief that Cook and Peary arrived almost simultaneously because of the duplication of descriptions of ice conditions furnished by both.

"The vital and decisive historical fact," writes Mr. Balch, "connected with the records relating to the discovery of the pole is that Cook's announcement in his cablegram published September 2, 1909, that at the North pole there is an endless field of purple snow, no life, no land, is the first statement ever made by any one claiming to be an eye witness of conditions there. There can be no contradiction that Cook was the first to record his claim. Cook wrote all of this and it was published almost simultaneously with Peary's return."

BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE HUNTERS.

Harrisburg, April 22.—There are now in the hands of the governor, three bills of vital interest to the hunters of Pennsylvania and if they receive executive sanction, this legislature will not soon be forgotten by the devotees of the dog and gun. As the measures are by the game department there is but slight danger of the governor refusing to sign them.

The most important bill affecting the State hunters is the Davis bill, calling for the licensing of every hunter, the fee to be \$1. This measure was fought vigorously by members from the agricultural section, who claimed that it contained a clause permitting outside people to go into a section and lease an entire woods or mountain side for a preservation.

Men interested in the propagation of game gave the bill hearty support. It being estimated that the revenue obtained through this one dollar license will be the means of laying a foundation for prolific game for many years to come.

The other hunters' bills awaiting action by the governor were introduced early in the session by Representative Price of Monroe county. One of these makes a change in the season for deer by opening it on Nov. 15, instead of November 10, and closing it on Dec. 1 instead of Nov. 25. Price says that this change is greatly desired by deer hunters, who claim that the nearer the season is brought to midwinter, the better chance they will have in tracing the animal. The bills extend the season one day.

Representative Price's other bill fixes October 15 to November 30 as the open season for the gray, the black and fox squirrel, the wild turkey, the ruffed grouse, the Hungarian partridge, the woodcock and the English or Chinese ringneck pheasant; and November to December 31 is made the open season for the gray rabbit and hare.

PLAN MEMORIAL TO MOLLY PITCHER, FAMOUS HEROINE

Patriotic Citizens Suggest a Monument at Her Grave in Carlisle, Pa.

Patriotic citizens and organizations are taking great interest in the proposal that a monument in honor of Molly Pitcher, heroine of the battle of Monmouth during the Revolutionary war, be erected at Carlisle, Pa., where her body is buried.

Advocates of the memorial plan got the Pennsylvania legislature interested in the subject and expect definite results soon.

It is planned to honor this American woman, who bravely took her husband's post at a cannon in one of the fiercest battles of the Revolution after he had fallen.

The proposed memorial has been designed as a pedestal surmounted by a figure of the illustrious Molly, whose married name was McKolly or McCauley. Particular care has been taken by the sculptor to make the likeness as perfect as possible.

Five women descendants of Molly, now living in Carlisle, were used as models for the statue. Excellent descriptions by people who knew the woman were available and were used in molding the figure.

On the proposed monument, for which the state of Pennsylvania will be asked to spend \$15,000, are two bronze tablets, one of which will show Molly with her traditional pitcher lending succor in the midst of battle and the other will show her at the cannon's mouth. In front of the monument an exact reproduction of the cannon she served will be constructed.

ROCK LAKE.

Rock Lake, May 1.

The euchre and social held at St. Julian's hall Tuesday, April 22, was well attended. Those who were fortunate in winning prizes were as follows: John Leonard, a rug; Charles Fitzpatrick, quilt; Jane Carey, dishes Clarence Spencer, box of cigars; Thomas Keegan, Jr., child's coat; Nellie Riley, croquet bag; Mary McVey, croquet bag; Genevieve Leonard, slippers; Emery Spencer, fine cushion; Nellie O'Hara, apron; Oscar Flynn, slippers.

Mrs. J. D. Madigan and son, Dennis were callers at Hancock, N. Y., Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin and Mrs. Frederick Kane visited the former's daughter, Mrs. James Bloomer, at Poyntelle, last week.

Mrs. Allen visited friends at Ararat recently.

Mrs. Michael Flynn of Endicott, N. Y., is spending some time with relatives at this place.

—Bring your difficult job work to this office. We can do it.

MASTER'S SALE of Valuable Heavily Timbered REAL ESTATE In Partition.

The undersigned, a Master appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna county to make sale of the real estate in partition proceedings between William Main et al. plaintiffs, and Robert H. Rose et al. defendants, will expose to public sale and vendue at the Court House in Montrose, Pa., on Thursday, the 15th day of May, 1913 at two o'clock p. m., the following described real estate:

FIRST PIECE—Comprising 284 1-4 acres, more or less.

This piece is covered with heavy timber chiefly hemlock, original growth and also a portion of the waters and ground thereunder of "Silver Lake," one of the most beautiful fresh water lakes in northeastern Pennsylvania, and shore line thereof about three-quarters of a mile, making a very attractive spot for cottagers, fishing and boating; in the center of the hill country of Pennsylvania about 1800 feet above sea level.

SECOND PIECE—Comprising 805 3-4 acres more or less.

This piece consists almost entirely of very heavy virgin hemlock interspersed with some pine and hardwood; one of the most valuable timber tracts of its size in the state of Pennsylvania. Within easy reach of railroad and shipping facilities, being within ten miles of D. L. & W. R. R. and L. V. R. R.

Any further information desired concerning either tract will be furnished by the Master, together with map of the tract.

JOHN S. COURTRIGHT, Master.

Montrose, Susq'a Co., Pa.

A. B. SMITH, Attorney.

Montrose, Pa.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—Estate of Maria A. Hulftorn, Late of Preston, deceased.

The undersigned an auditor appointed to report distribution of said estate, will attend to the duties of his appointment, on Tuesday, May 20, 1913, 2 P. M., at his office in the borough of Honesdale, at which time and place all claims against said estate must be presented, or recourse to the fund for distribution will be lost.

F. P. KIMBLE, Auditor.

Honesdale, April 12, 1913.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—Estate of FANNIE BROWN, Late of Brooklyn, deceased.

The undersigned, auditor, appointed to report distribution of said estate, will attend to the duties of his appointment on THURSDAY, APR. 17, at 10 a. m. at the office of Searle & Salmon in the borough of Honesdale, at which time and place all claims against said estate must be presented, or recourse to the fund for distribution will be lost.

C. P. SEARLE, Auditor.

Honesdale, March 24, 1913.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION, Estate of W. Francis Decker, M. D., or William Francis Decker, Jr., Deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said estate are notified to present them, duly attested, for settlement.

LAURA M. DECKER, Admin'x. Newfoundland, Wayne county, Pa. Or to her attorney, Furman Sheppard Phillips, 707 Betz Bldg., Philadelphia.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of MARIA P. KESLER, Late of Honesdale.

All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested, for settlement.

FRANK E. SHERWOOD, MILLARD F. SHERWOOD, ALONZO T. SEARLE, Executors. Honesdale, Pa., March 24, 1913.

BIDS WANTED.

The Commissioners of Wayne county will receive bids at their office until 12 o'clock, noon, May 6, 1913, for furnishing all materials and labor to complete the following abutments, wing walls, bridges, etc. Bridge No. 1 located in Dyberry township leading from Bates Mill to public highway known as the Tanner Falls road. Bridge No. 2, located in Mt. Pleasant township over Johnson Creek and known as the Bryant Bridge. Bridge No. 3, located in Lake township crossing Middle Creek at Varden, Wayne county, Pa. Bridge No. 4, located in Salem township on Five Mile Creek near Arlington.

Plans can be seen and specifications had at the Commissioners' office.

The party to whom contract is awarded for any of these bridges must furnish a sufficient bond to guarantee satisfactory performance.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Attest:

T. Y. Boyd, Clerk.

JOHN MALE, EARL ROCKWELL, NEVILLE HOLGATE, Commissioners.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of AZUBA J. MANDEVILLE, Late of Borough of Honesdale.

All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested for settlement.

JOHN E. MANDEVILLE, Executor. Hawley, Pa., March 24, 1913.

—The Citizen wants a good, lively correspondent in every village in Wayne county. Will you be one? Write this office for particulars.

RAISE WAYNE COUNTY APPLES

To do so you will need

A GOOD FARM

THE BUY-U-A-HOME REALTY COMPANY

Takes Pleasure in Presenting the Following Productive and Reasonable Farms

Ideal Dairy Farm—Located in Cherry Ridge township about one mile from the Hoadleys station on the Erie road on the Wyoming division. Two separate parcels of land with only public highway as a division. First known as Isaac R. Schenck farm, contains 123 acres, 50 of which are improved and the balance second growth of timber. Brook runs through property, which is also well watered. Good farm house and barns. The second tract or what is known as the Apollas D. Schenck farm contains 101 acres, 51 improved and balance in fine young growth of hickory. This is a valuable asset to the farm. This farm corners in the Bonear farm lake. It is well watered. Good fruit orchards on both farms. Terms easy. Bargain for spring buyer.

Property in Heart of Summer Boarding District—Located in Sullivan county, New York, one mile north of Eldred and between Eldred and Ulan. Contains 130 acres, 50 of which are cleared and balance in timber. Elevation 1,500 feet. On proposed State road. Eight-room house, good barn and chicken house. Water near house. Good fruit on premises. Place occupied, but in case of sale immediate possession will be given. Rare bargain. One-half down, balance terms to suit purchaser.

Farm in Texas Township—Lies between Sandcock and Murray roads. Contains 180 acres, 125 of which are first and second growth timber. Part of farm extends into Cajaw Lake. Forty acres in pasture, balance well cultivated. Six-room house and barn 30x40 feet on premises. All kinds of fruit, berries, etc. Good water. Good dairy farm. Located within a mile of Honesdale. One half down, balance on easy terms.

Excellent farm, consisting of 184 acres, 44 of which is water, 50 acres under cultivation and the balance pasture land. On farm is a good dwelling, barn, wagon, spring, chicken and ice houses. Good site for summer boarding house. Bargain awaits purchaser.

A No. 1 Farm—Contains 104 acres, 70 cleared. No stones and ground very productive. Ideal place for truck farm. Located at Indian Orchard on Main road between Honesdale and Hawley. Well built farm house and barns. Young and old apple orchards; also quantity of butternut trees on premises. Well watered, brook runs through farm. Most of land on flats. Will sell stock if purchaser desires. One-half cash, balance on easy terms.

Productive Farm Located at Uswick—57 acres, 35 of which are cleared. Twenty tons of hay cut last year. An exceptionally good farm. House and barn in good condition. Plenty of water on place; small trout brook on premises. Place known as George Ouler farm. Sixteen hundred dollars buys the place. This is an exceedingly low price for so productive a farm.

Farm at Ariel—In first-class condition containing 50 acres, 30 of which are under cultivation and the balance in pasture and wood land. Fruits of all kinds, orchard and cultivated berries. Seven-room dwelling, basement barn, good poultry house and outbuildings. Never failing spring near house and several springs in pasture. Located 1 1/2 miles from Ariel station on Erie railroad. Graded school and churches in vicinity. Rural Delivery, telephone connection and first class road. The farm is located in a valley and is warm in winter. Road does not drift. A bargain for spring purchaser. Must be sold at once.

Fine farm located at Girdland containing 134 acres, good tract of timber valued at \$1,000, 90 acres improved. Twelve-room house, the cel-

lar being flagged. Barn 36x50 with 9 foot basement and an annex 18x26 feet, three stories high. Upper story is sealed, granary and wood-house. Place well watered. Star route nearby. 100,000 feet of hemlock lumber joins above property. Tract consists of 96 acres. Trout brook 1/2 mile in length flows through this tract. Bargain for somebody.

Five houses, two barns, excelsior mill, granary, cattle, farming implements, gasoline engine located at Equinunk overlooking the Delaware river. Buildings in good shape. Home of owner is 20x24 feet with a two-story addition 12x18 feet and summer kitchen 12x30 feet. Water in house, equipped with all modern appointments, acetylene gas and electricity, steam heat, etc. One of best country homes in Wayne county. Will sell stock if purchaser desires. There is also a developed water power on the premises. An exceptional bargain. Seven acres of land are included.

Fine summer home located on the Honesdale, Dyberry, Damascus and Rileyville roads, R. D. route, near school and church. House contains several rooms and has a porch eight feet wide and 65 feet long. The

building is heated by steam, ceilings 9 1/2 feet high, with running water in the house. Seventy-five acres of good tillable soil, practically level and all cleared. Three apple orchards. \$3,000 spent on house last year. Good bargain for quick buyer.

Double House in White Mills—Located in village. Twelve rooms and arranged for two families. In good condition. Acre of ground, fruit, and small barn. Terms easy. Would make good investment for young man.

Poultry Farm—One mile from Beach Lake and 4 1/2 miles from Narrowsburg, near the Erie railroad. Plant equipped with modern and complete contrivances for conducting farm on large scale. Rare bargain. Easy terms.

Small Farm in Prompton—Good property. House contains 12 rooms. Barn is 26x36 feet. Acre and one-half of ground. Ideal place for small chicken farm. Close to D. & H. station. Bargain for spring buyer.

Sixty-Acre Farm—Located within two miles of Honesdale. Will sell whole or a few acres of same to party wanting small farm. Very productive. House and barn and well watered. Another good bargain.

Desirable Farm—Located at Milanville—110 acres, 75 cleared, balance well covered with timber. Two-story dwelling, barn, and other buildings. Living spring on farm. Brook flows through premises. Elevation 1,200 feet. One of healthiest places in Wayne county. Ideal place for summer boarding house. Excellent view over picturesque Delaware river. Three quarters of a mile from Erie station and milk depot. Eleven roads center at place. Easy terms to purchaser.

Situated in Berlin township there is a farm consisting of 108 acres, 13 of which is cleared land and 25 acres first growth timber. There is an excellent orchard, good spring water and buildings. Upon premises is a seven-room house, barn 30x40 with concrete basement and numerous outbuildings. Stock included.

Eight-Acre Farm—In Berlin township for sale cheap. Three acres cleared, balance in woodland. House and barn on premises. Good spring and fruit on farm. On main road between Bunnelltown and Beach Lake. Farm about three miles from Honesdale. Owner, poor woman that needs the money. Bargain for spring purchaser.

BEFORE PURCHASING CONSULT

THE BUY-U-A-HOME REALTY CO., Jadwin Building, Honesdale, Pa.