GRAPES FROM THE GREAT VINE FOR YOUNG FRUIT GATHERERS. By Rev. W. P. Breed. Pp. 324. Philadelphia: Presby-terian Board of Publication. Pittsburgh: Board of Colportage, Hand Street.

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The above are all Sabbath School books published by our Board and for sale at the Presbyterian Rooms, on Hand Street. Our Sabbath School superintendents and teachers should make a note of each new book of the admirable series now being issued by our Board. In this department the Board is doing a great work. Its books for the young are vastly superior to most of the books usually put into their hands; and the above volumes will be found to be ex-cellent for the purposes intended. Too much care cannot be taken in selecting the reading for the young.

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW, for July has just reached us. Its contents are: 1. Public Schools in England; 2. Novels with a Purpose; 3. Liberal French Protestantism; 4. Mr. Lewes' Aristotle; 5. The Tenure of Land; 6. Dr. Newman and Mr. Kingsley; 7. Edmond About on Progress; 8. Thackeray. 9. Contemporary Literature. Republished by Leonard Scott & Co., New-York. For sale in Pittsburgh By Henry Miner.
In the article on Liberal French Protestantism, this review gives us a striking exhibition of its hostility to all evangelical religion.

NOT DEAD YET. By J. C. Jeaffreson, Author of "Live it Down," &c. Pp. 204 1864. New-York: Harper & Brothers. Pittsburgh: H.

A romance without any special object or moral unless it be to show how strangely and how closely often the good and bad amongst our fellow-men, and goodness and badness in the same mes, are ble cordance with professional rules the final tri umph is allotted to virtue and merit. We have an humble opinion of this way of teaching ethics, as we have seldom witnessed any good fruits re sulting from it: and if mere amusement is the aim proposed in this sort of literature, our judgment is, first, that life is too short and time to precious to permit much of it to be devoted to mere amusement; and secondly, that when we may without impropriety read for this purpose there is ample material at hand of a more elevated character than the volumes which form th

WILLSON'S LARGE SPELLER: A Progress ive Course of Lessons in Spelling. Pp. 168. 1864. New-York: Harper & Bros. Pitts-burgh: Davis, Clarke & Co.

A work of a different character from the last and as attractive as the compiler and publisher can well make it This is one of the series of text-books prepared by Marcius Wilson, and now extensively introduced. There are some peculiarities in the methods of instruction adopted, which are well explained in the preface and preliminary lessons; though the author does not profess to have discovered "the royal road to knowledge" so long desired by those who are toiling up its steep ascents, and who have not yet learned to love the labor for

ENOCH ARDEN. By Alfred Tennyson, D.C.L., Poet Laureate. Pp. 204. 1864. Boston: Tick-nor & Fields. Pittsburgh: Davis, Clarke &

Some twenty pieces of various length, are comprised in this volume, which derives its title from the first and longest poem. In this poem, as in all of Tennyson's creations, the plot is extremely simple: the charm of his verse arising from its embodiment of genuine feeling, his keen appreciation of the beautiful in nature, the peculiarity of his rhythm and his marked originality of style. The present story contains many gems of poetical thought, set with that exeite taste and skill in the selection and conjunction of words, for which Tennyson has been so much admired. It is also true, and remarkable that it is so often true of the Laureste, that in several of the effusions in this volume, as in preceding ones, there are not a few lines that e painful to a cultivated ear, and which, as blemishes, become the greater by contrast with the wonted flow of his musical verse.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTE, Relative to the Soldiers National Cemetery, together with the accompanying documents, as reported to the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, March 31, 1864. Pp. 111.

The eloquent oration of Hon. Edward Everett, at the consecration of the grounds for the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Nov. 19th, 1863, is fittingly preserved in this volume, along with many melancholy memorials of the sad, yet glorious conflict which, before the ceremonies of this consecration took place, had already hallowed the spot where rest the remains of so heroic soldiers. We are indebted to our representative, H. P. Herron, Esq., for a copy of this Report.

Fireside Reading.

Tom and Chloe had been members of our kitchen department for many years, and were faithful and trustworthy. Hannah was a new comer, quick and bright, but a firm believer in signs. She very confidently asserted that when a dog howled under the window it was a sure sign that there would soon be a death in the family. Tom and Chloe combatted the idea, but little sister and myself thought that Hannah knew, and we believed she was right. "Ask your mother," said Tom, "she knows all about it."

But we were ashamed to ask her when only Hannah believed, and so we went to bed without an answer to the important

Alas! for our sleep; that very night a dog came under our window and commenced a dismal howling. Sometimes it was a low mosning sound, then a long, loud howl, then a quick, sudden bark, and then again the low moaning sound. It was terrible! Who was to die? Per

haps our darling father, and then we should be fatherless: or mother—O no. we could not live if mother should die. Perhaps one of us; we clung closely to each other, for there was a love in our - hearts that grew stronger and brighter for pearly forty years, and then death came and bore the eldest of the loved ones to the

spirit land.
Healthy children rarely lie awake long, and after a time we grew very sleepy. 'So

we concluded that the best way was to say
"Now I lay me" over again, and to-morrow ask mother about the sign. School hours occupied most of the next

day, and at evening came the question-"Mother, do you believe in signs?" "I believe in one sign. When my little grand-daughter, and stay overnight there huddled about it, like the ragged wrap-daughters come to me with such eager and go on to morrow. They are expecting pings of a mummy. But high over all portant question to ask."

is soon to be a death in the family." her aright

When a dog howls under a window I do believed in the sign, and it was true! "Now listen; when a dog howls under

a sign that—he has lost his master!"

thousand pieces.
With mother's permission we ran to tell mother;" while Hannah exclaimed, "I don't care, it says so in the sign book." new home.

"Poor fellow, he's lost his master."-Evangelist.

The Children's Hour. BY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Between the dark and the daylight, When the night is beginning to lower, Comes a pause in the day's occupations, That is known as the children's hour.

I hear in the chamber above me The patter of little feet. The sound of a door that is opened, And voices soft and sweet.

From my study I see in the lamp light, Descending the broad hall stair, Grave Alice, and laughing Allegra, And Edith with golden hair.

Yet I know by their merry eyes, They are plotting and planning together, To take me by surprise. A sudden rush from the stairway,

A whisper, and then a silence;

A sudden raid from the hall, By three doors left unguarded They enter my castle wall.

They climb up into my turret,

O'er the arms and back of my chair. If I try to escape they surround me-They seem to be everywhere.

They almost devour me with kisses, Their arms about me entwine, Till I think of the Bishop of Bingen In his Mouse Tower on the Rhine!

Do you think, O blue eyed banditti,

Because you have scaled the wall, Such an old moustache as I am Is not a match for you all? I have you fast in my fortress,

And will not let you depart, But put you down in the dungeon, In the round tower of my heart. And there will I keep you forever,

Yes, forever and a day,

And mould in dust away. flow to Make a Pleasant Journey.

Till the walls shall crumble to ruin,

BY MRS. N. M.CONAUGHY. Annie was to take her first railroad journey alone. She had been over the road several times before with her father, and having made good use of her eyes, was

well able to take care of herself on this occasion. "Your baggage is all checked through; Annie," said her father. "So you will have no care about that. Keep your eyes open-don't read in the cars-trust in God to take care of you, and you will be sure to reach Milton safely before night. If no one is at the station to meet you, you know the place so well you can go at once to your aunt's. Good-bye, daughter, a pleasant visit, and be sure you write on

Monday." So Mr. Andrews stepped off the train just as the conductor called out, "all right," and in a minute the Express was thundering on through the peaceful mea dows, and over the graded hills, passing by dwellings both lowly and stately, and causing the occupants to pause a moment; gaze at the train, familiar as the sight was to them all.

Annie settled herself comfortably for

her day's ride, and then did what all travelers are quite sure to do next-take a sur vey of her traveling companions. The cars were pretty full, and just opposite her was a tired-looking mother with three little children. It was plain she had been traveling all night, and the little ones were weary and fretful. They were plainly but neatly dressed, and the mother's face crowded they were in the two narrow seats, and acting on the impulse of her warm and she gave a ready consent. That one little act of kindness had fallen like a ray of when the heart feels lonely and desolate! Do not be sparing of them, they cost nothing and are worth so much! Only keep on the look-out, and there will be abundant opportunities for bestowing them A haughty miss, who had appropriated two seats for the accommodation of herself,

her traveling satchel bouquet and books. gave a glance of contempt at the kindhearted girl, but it fell on a contented, sunny spirit, and left no trace of shame or re sentment. She knew nothing of the luxury of doing good and the joy it brings, and her frowning brow showed anything else but a happy heart. A selfish nature never can bring any joy to its possessor A nervous old man sat in the seat before Annie, and consulted his ticket from time

to time. He wanted to stop at a small way-station and go on next day, as his "through ticket" permitted him to do so "Will you be kind enough to tell me what that name is?" he said to the young lady with the books and bouquet. " My

eyes are kind o' dim, and 'pears as if could n't make it out rightly." The young lady turned her head away the countries of Belgium and Holland, and early Winter apples should not be eatable wih a scornful glance and looked out of the how far they are from heaven, pren ising when picked, and all the late Winter varie window, without giving the elightest heed that heaven here is no lower than in other ties should be gathered when too hard to to the request. Annie's heart was pained regions. More or less oppressed, for days, | yield to the pressure of the thumb, and aland indignant, for she had been trained at the thought of being, at times, nearer from her infancy to "rise up before the the centre of the earth that the surface of gray head, and honor the face of the old the sea, we started out early this joyous be a few specimens not yet mature, but you

"Now, children, mark well what I say ones too as Cynthy's children are?" Annie smiled as she listened patiently believe there's a sign connected with it." to the old gentleman's loquacity. It plain-We almost held our breath. Mother ly gave him pleasure to talk, and she had plenty of time to hear.

She showed him the place he wanted to a window, I believe, as a general rule, it is stop at was four stations ahead, and assured readiness when the cars stopped, as they to songs. Hannah and her sign book soon found a only waited a moment at such little stahad been kind to the poor old man.

Little Jane, who had fallen asleep with her head on Annie's lap, woke up about noon, and the big apple was divided be-tween her and her little brother. The children had all slept and awoke in much better humor. Even baby Tommy must ure of our naval vessels to clear the ocean try his four white teeth on the apple, much of the Florida, the Georgia, and the other to his delight. The children grew thirsty, insignificant rebel privateers that have been and Annie walked to the farther end of the car, when the train stopped, and for them, an act of kindness which seemed to be particularly irritating to her of the bouqet, who rearranged her books and shook out the folds of her dress very pettishly. No wonder she was in such an unhappy frame of mind. She had been nursshe could not help feeling a secret consciousness that Annie's kindness was a re-

buke to her selfishness. A boy came into the cars with little paper boxes of strawberries. How wistfully enough for herself and the little company for her would give so much more enjoyostentatiously gathered it all up in the paper and threw it disdainfully out of the window. With all her boasted refinement and delicacy, the wandering Arabs might have taught her a lesson. They never permit the smallest portion of these good gifts

grain, to be wasted. Who will say that Annie had not far the worth all the pains she took to make the way more cheerful for others, to have her memory so pleasantly cherished in so many grateful hearts? And there was One who noted every action-who has said, "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.' No doubt there are many Annies, Liz zies, Marys, who will make similar journeys this Summer. What memories will you leave in the hearts of your fellowtravelers, and what record shall the ascend ing angel make of your converse by the way? - Mother's Journal.

Miscellaneous.

How to Sweep a Carpet Let me tell rural readers a good mode of sweeping carpets. Take a common wash tub, or some vessel large enough to admit a broom freely, and put in clean, cold water to the depth of a foot or more. Then take wore a look of deep anxiety. Annie a broom (one partly worn so as to be a little watched them a little while, and saw how stiff is the best), dip it in six inches or so crowded they were in the two narrow seats, and hold over the tub, or go out of doors, and knock off all the drops of water. This generous heart, kindly invited the little can be done most effectually by holding it girl to take a seat with her. A smile of in one hand, rapping it with the other on pleasure lighted the sad face of the mother, the broom corn above where it is wet Commence brushing lightly at first, going over with it the second time, or more, and sunlight on her path. She did not feel so if your carpet is very dusty do not sweep utterly alone among strangers. Oh, how more than a square yard or two before dip-blessed is even a word of loving sympathy. ping your broom into the water again; this will rinse off all the particles of dust adhering to the broom. Rap off the drops of water, as before, and begin again, continuing to do so till the whole is cleaned Should the water get very dirty before completing the room it can be changed One who has never tried the experiment will probably be surprised at the quantity. of dirt which will be washed from the broom into the water. A carpet can be cleaned more effectually in this way than it can possibly be done with a dry broom, as the particles of dust adhere to the broom instead of rising to fall back on the carpet I have dusted my table and chairs before sweeping in this way, and could discover but a mere trifle of dust on them after get ting through. There is no danger of in-juring even a fancy carpet, if the drops of vater are thoroughly removed from the broom. Let no one try it who has not ime and patience. - Cor. Moore's Rural New Yorker.

Cathedral of Notre Dame, Antwerp. Sunday morning to get as near the sky as can afford to throw them out to save the "Shall I read it for you?" said she, circumstances would allow; that is, to as best and the main crep. When a good pleasantly, leaning forward. The old man's | cend the magnificent tower of the Cathepleasantly, leaning forward. The old man's cend the magnificent tower of the Cathe-ia e lighted up as the woman's had done draf of Notre Dame. This church, built the tree, as is some times the case, secure

"I wanted to step off at Aurora, you | soured and disgraced by the number of poor | see," he went on to explain, "to see my buildings and sheds, which are jammed and looks it is a sign that they have some im- of me, and I was 'fraid I should go past these towers the glorious spire, the highest ortant question to ask."
the place. My grandson he's gone to and finest I yet have seen, built of solid "O no mother, we don't mean such signs, war, and Cynthy and the children are carved stone, to a height of more than four but Hannah says that when a dog howls dreadful lonesome. I thought it might hundred feet above the level of the paveunder a window it is a sure sign that there | chick her up a little to see grandpa. I | ment. Eighty-three bells hang in it, which have got some little notions for each of the are chiming sweetly in my ear as I write Mother looked sad, and for a few mo- children. They were powerful fond of me these lines. The guide book says, that Naments was silent. Doubtless there was a last Summer when I was here to visit poleon compared the exquisite workmanprayer heard in heaven for wisdom to guide | them 'Taint everybody lives to see their | ship on this steeple, to Mechlin lace, and great grandchildren, is it, and such likely that Charles V. said it was worthy of being preserved in a case. Whether these distinguished characters thus expressed themselves or not, such utterances are worthy of the subject, even from such sources. The summit of this pile of marble was a heavenly place to be on this quiet Sunday morning, as the sun came pouring its golden him that she would tell him in time for rays over the almost boundless garden lying A bright smile illumined mother's face, him to be all ready. This was evidently a before us on one side, and reflecting them and then came a merry shout and great great relief to his mind, and he settled in the broad river and the open sea stretchdancing about the room. Our fears were back quite contented, and enjoyed the re- ing away from beneath us on the other as eff. ctually destroyed as if shattered in a mainder of the ride to the full. He knew We sat awhile in silence, and looked, and he had found a friend in Annie. At the admired, and sent up from those lofty last station before the anxiously looked for heights our mental Alleluias to Him who her sign in the kitchen. Tom shouted Aurora, she helped him gather together spread these goodly plains, and loaded them "Hurrah! I knew missis would straighten his luggage—the satchel with its precious thus with luxuriant, waving products, riit all out." Chloe, with a serious air, said, "notions for the children," the basket pening for the harvest, and upholds that "Children, you should be very thankful to with its abundant lunch which careful glorious chariot of day in his rising path-God that he has given you such a good | hands had put up for grandfather, and his | way, filling the world with joyous light, trusty oaken cane, so he might be all in and rousing birds, and men, and angels in-

Looking over the surrounding country, tions. He insisted on her taking a big, we counted not less than a dozen towns, rosy apple, as he said they had "a sight of and more than twenty churches and church-More than fifty years have passed since rosy apple, as he said they had "a sight of that evening, and many a dog has howled them at home," with a hearty "thank you spires. Gazing down upon the people, who under my window, exciting sympathy, but kindly, young lady," he stepped off the had begun to move in numbers about the no fear. The only thought has been, platform and was instantly greeted by a narrow and crooked streets, they seemed very glad face, and both his hands were like insects creeping on the earth; and I captured by two laughing, round cheeked thought, how insignificant must men apchildren. Annie's eyes grew bright with pear to the eye of infinite Almightiness, pleasure as she caught a passing glance of viewed from the heights of eternal Godthe group, and it did not detract from her head! "Lord, what is man, that thou art pleasure in the least to remember that she mindful of him! and the son of man, that thou visitest him!"-Cor. Luth. and Miss.

> Where California Gold goes. Among the other humiliations to which this nation has been subjected by the fail preying for nearly three years upon our commerce, is the revolution that has been brought back the glass full of water twice worked in our California gold trade Fourfifthe of the gold product of the Pacific coast is now shipped to England and to other foreign ports, instead of coming to the Atlantic ports as it did before the war. The following table will show the course of this great revolution in the shipment of our ing her peevishness all the forenoon, and bullion since the American flag on the sea has ceased to afford security to an American cargo.

Shipments of specie from San-Francisco for the first six months of 1861, 1862, 1863,

and 1864: the little children watched him, and turned their eyes pleadingly toward their mother. She shook her head sorrowfully, and the boy turned to Annie, who took four boxes, 1864. 5,607,910 19,835,269 2,911,733 176,82 1864. 5,607,910 19,835,269 2,911,733 178,788 See how in the foregoing exhibit the opposite her. How refreshing the luscious shipments to New-York diminish year by fruit was on that dusty June day, and how year, and how the exportations to England delighted the little children were over swell up from one million in 1861 to nearly their treasures! Annie thought she had twenty millions in 1864. In the first six months of 1861 four fifths of all the trea They had the blessing of the poor upon ure sent out from San Francisco came dithem. That will sweeten the plainest re | rectly to New-York, but in the correspond past. A delicate rusk, and a golden puff | ing six months of 1864 nearly four-fifths of cake dotted with currants, from Annie's the California bullion is sent abroad, and well-stocked sachel, completed the comfort pearly three fourths of it goes directly to of her little new-made friends. She did England. A part of this great change is not think it a hardship to confine herself doubtless due to the marking out of new to a dinner of soda biscuit, when the other channels of trade, but by far the greater stores her mother had so carefully provided part of it is chargeable upon the fact that "American bottoms" are insecure for shipment to others. She knew a bountiful ta- ments of specie since our good friends in ble awaited her. She could not be so sure | England have furnished to Jeff Davis fleetof her little companions. The other young | footed piratical croft with which to plunder lady spread out a sumptuous lunch on her our merchantmen and run away from our

tures, and thus the miracle was produced.

Washing Day in Germany.

It is one of the glories of the German

housewives to possess abundance of linen,

have washing but once a year. Every,

on poles or lines in the air. When the

supper at night. They wash in very large

oval tubs, at which four or five can stand at

once. So it goes on for several days, accor-

ding to the number of clothes. The re-

mainder of the week is spent in ironing

sheets, pillow-cases, and all the ungathered

(for they use lye) and all are out of humor.

lap, and after eating a little of this and cruisers. It is by no means a pleasant subthat, with the same discontented look, she ject for our contemplation. Frand Detected. Peter the Great, while in Poland, visited a statue of the Virgin, which was said often to shed tears during the mass. He saw of God, which are made from the precious | that the fact was, apparently, just as it had been described; but, while his companions seemed struck with conviction, he ruminabetter journey of the two? Was it not | ted on the means of discovering the cause,

which he well knew was not supernatural. The statue being placed high, and close to the altar, so that no one could reach it from the ground, he took up a ladder which happened to be near, and mounting it, very closely examined it from head to foot His curiosity seemed ungratified, and the attending priests mentally congratulated. themselves on their escape, as well as the conversion of the Czar, which they expected would probably follow. But perceiving small apertures in the eyes, he uncovered the head of the Virgin, and to their great mortification exposed the whole mystery. The head was hollow and filled up to the eyes with water; this being agitated by a few small fishes placed in it, a few drops were occasionally forced through the aper-

Peter took no notice of the matter, further than to observe that " it was quite a miracle, indeed;" and then left, as if nothing particular had happened.

and for the purpose of displaying their wealth, they put off their washing till used up-some three weeks, some six, some half a year, and those who are more affluent house contains a "Schwartwaschkammer, where the dirty clothes are kept hung up drawers and presses are nearly empty, two or three washer-women are hired, who come at two in the morning, take a cup of coffee and some bread, with wine or cider; dine at twelve: at three or four again a cup of coffee with some bread; and then wash till clothes, are mangled; and towels, stockings, children's handkerchie's, &c., are only foldel. During the week-no woman in the ramily can think of anything but the wash and by the end of it some have sore hands

Farm, Garden, &c.

Gathering and Keeping Fruit. It is becoming a well understood princi-

ple that pears are improved by being gathered before fully ripe. Some should ap p cach bearer maturity that others. But I need not tell you how low and flat are eral rule, before gathering. Late Fall and ways before heavy Fall frosts. A dry time should be selected, if possible. There will best and the main crop. When a good and a look of surprise and pleasure took between the years 1352 and 1411, is a fine the balance of the crop, that remains on the the place of the paried, disconcerted expression it had worn the moment before. Space it covers. It is, however, much ob not be mixed with those on the ground—

not one should be saved with those picked. Windfalls will not keep, for in addition to the injury sustained from the fall, they become heated by lying upon the ground exposed to the sun and hot air, and the ripening process already commenced is hastening it to a rapid decay.

No matter how hot the weather is, an apple is always cool while upon the tree, and in that condition should be taken eare of, if we would have it keep in its most perfect condition for the full development of all the delicious juices with which it is so abundantly supplied. How to obtain it in that condition will be my purpose now to show. We have seen that it must be carefully gathered before it is too ripe, as it is commonly termed; but I say before at is ripe, for when it is ripe it is fit to eat, and that should certainly not be the case with Winter apples when gathered.

We have also seen that heat hastens the ripening process, and that cold retards it. Apples should, therefore, be kept cool, barely so as not to freeze. A minimum temperature of thirty-four degrees is probably about right, with as little fluctuation as possible.

Whether we regard the ripening process as a vital or a chemical action, it is quite sure that it should go on gradually and unchecked until all the good qualities are fully developed, and when the highest point of excellence is attained, then the fruit should be used. It is never so good as when just fully ripe; but it is frequent ly eatable for a long time. Some varieties become dry and mealy, others tough and leathery. Others, by being kept very cool, will frequently remain in a very good condition for a very long time, or by the use of artificial means may be kept for almost an indefinite period. I hold that the ripening process, once

commenced, goes on, no matter how cold, if frost is not present; slowly perhaps, but uninterruptedly, until full maturity. Hence the importance of a cool cellar, which should always be dry and dark. It should be frequently aired, when the outside temperature will allow of it. Some varieties are much more sensitive to their treatment than others. The Winesap, for instance, which has a thick skin, may be abused a great deal in handling and but indifferently cared for in the cellar, and yet it will keep pretty well; that is, it will rot but little, but if kept close and warm, it is subject to a fungus that renders it scarcely tolerable to eat. But if it is kept cool and dry, all its best qualities are retained. It is also one of the varieties that does best kept on open shelves. The Belmont, on the other hand, which I regard as one of the best and most profitable apples, is very impatient of had treatment. Its skin is smooth and to eat. But if it is kept cool and dry, all thin, and flesh of a delicate texture. If roughly handled and kept in a warm room it soon decays. If carefully handled and kept in a cool place, it keeps with very little waste till April or May. Indeed, it is with me, one of the very best keepers -Trans. Ind. Hort. Society.

Farmers should Visit More. provement, and the cultivation of social into your buggy some evening before dark and take your wife to visit some good farmer friend. Talk over your agricultural plans and prospects. Look at the crops and the stock, and you will be almost sure to get some hint that will prove useful.

If you see any thing particularly good, say so. It will encourage your friend and stimulate him to renewed exertions. If your own crops are better than his you will have nothing better than personalities to talk about Don't stay too long. Don't bore your friend, or let him bore you. Be cheerful and pleasant. Return home early, and you will be astonished with how much more spirit you will go to work the next morning. Things which had depressed you for days and weeks will put on a different aspect. We can all accomplish work. A little relaxation, a conversation with one who has the same trials and labors, gives us new courage, and we attempt and accomplish with ease things which before oppressed us with their magnitude.

Shall Orchards be Cultivated?

The Philadelphia Culturist has the following remarks on the subject: "We have known orchards to bear fruit well which for many years were permitted to lie in grass, but eventually they gave out and ceased to be productive. On the other hand we know of orchards which for thirty years have been cultivated as regularly as other portions of the form, and the results have been the continued health of the trees, and, unless destroyed by frosts, a regular average annual yield. The stirring of the soil appeared to impart new energy to the trees. They not only presented a healthy and vigorous appearance, but yielded handsome returns yearly. The crops, it is true, may not have been as luxuriant as on those parts of the farm not so much shaded, but every bushel of oats, corn, potatoes, or turnips may properly be set down as so much clear gain. It is well to remember that deep plowing in an orchard is not advisable. A good evidence of the value of cultivation is shown by the fact that when trees run to wood, and yield little or no fruit, the luxuriant growth of the wood can be readily checked, and truitfulness promoted, by putting the orchard in grass, for a couple of years. If, at the end of that period, shallow plowing is resorted to, the beneficial effects will be apparent to the most casual observer.

Ginger Snaps.

One cup of molasses, one cup of sugar, one cup of butter, a small tablespoonful of ginger, one teaspoonful of saleratus dissclved in as little hot water as possible flour enough to make it a consistent thickness, Roll thin and bake in a quick oven. -Rural New Yorker. ANOTHER .- Two cups of molasses, one

cup of lard, one tablespoonful of ginger, one of saleratus, a terspoonful of salt, flour, &c., as above. For a smaller batch tike half the quantity.—M. M. C., Independence, Iowa, 1864.

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