

## garden gossip.

A FRIEND sald to me, after looking At the currant buskes: "Why ing them with moliasesand water? that is a sure preventive
"With what ${ }^{\text {" }}$ " said I, rather loudly " 4 Molag astonished.
"Molasses and water," cried he, more oudly still. He thought I was deaf.Mr. Blank say,", continued he, "that is sure death to ' em ; kills 'em dead ns whes Cesar." I have hitherto rid myself of the pests by ploking them of
leaves and all, when the broods were young; a trouble willingly taken to young; a trouble wilingly taken to
avold the use of hellebore. The news pleased me greatly.
A day or two after, another friend
mentioned the same recipe. Then Mr. Blank himself told me of his dhecovery, and declared that a single application had cleared ofr the pesta. Thls was
highly satisfactory. It was delightral to highly satusfactory. It was delightrat to
think there would be no more loss of handsome dark green foliage; no intruive thought of nauseous hellebore mixed with berries and sugar in the delectable pie. Molasses and water. How simple
the remedy! How sweet the relief! I imparted the information to a nelghbor. To my surprise he drew down the left corner of his left eye with his left forenger and ejaculated-"Both!" That rather hurt my feelings; still I conphilosophlcal reason of the demise of the worms; that the molasses, forming glutinous cont over their bodies, checked the perspiration. He only said"Gammon!" My neighbor is, I am orry to say, of rather a skeptical turn $f$ mind.
Then I resolved to put the thing to the
test without delay, and told him how I est without delay, and told him how I
once brought to a conclusion a long debate in a village store on a winter, evening, by the proposition of actual experiment. You see, after fully discussing the query-does a bucket of put into it ""-without any settlement of the point, the circle of a dozen or so gathered around the red-hot stove, had been equally divided in a long and warm debate on the interesting questionthan before?" Espying in a drinking t those rood natured and self-sacrificing ouls who are always ready for anything for the sake of obliging, I said to him, Jack, will you drink a quart of water for a quarter: "or course I will," said he, cheerfully. He was duly welghcrowd, who had by this time made their bets, breathlessly scrutinized the scales as he was carefully re-weighed, and as they could not make it out that the silver quarter which he had pocketed weighed considered settled.
But to return to our muttons, as the water. A dose was mixed. The leaves experimented with belng marked by bits of colored string, that there should be no posibility of a mistake, worms, caves and all were dipped in. No newly fledged medical practitioner ever
watched his first patient more assiduousy than I did those unlucky insets. At irst they appeared to be considerably astonifhed. One would lift his head and ook vaguely around with an inquiring urn, while another gave his tail a desomething the matter. At the end of quarter of an hour of anxiety, I visited them again. Whatever the matter was, it certainly had not affected their appetites; they were all enting as fast as
ever. The next day they spent ns usual cormandizing ravenously by long spells with short cat-naps between. In fact they appeared to rather like the idea of having their leaves sweetened; and if I had not interfered with their prospects of celebrating the Fourth of July by the third, they would undoubtedly have been hard at work now. So my hopes were blasied. I must reluctantly return to hand pleking, and let those who will -I won't-use hellebore.
I forgot to mention that Jaok, who swallowed the quart or water, repeatedly had not been dashed with a little spirits. -Correspondent of Scientifio Farmer.

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