
HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.
A City Saved by milk Maide. The Spaniarde, in one of their wars in the Low Countries, intended to besiege
the city of Dort, and accordingly planted some thousands of soldiers in ambush, to be rendy for the attack when the opportunity might offer. On the conflines of the city lived a rich farmer, who kept a number of cows in his grounds to fur-
nleh the clty with milk and butter.His millk-malds, at the time, coming to milk the cows, saw under the hedgea the soldiers lying in ambush, but seemed to take no notiee, and having completed their task, went away, singing
merrily. On coming to their master's menne, they told him what they had seen. The farmer astonished at the news, took with him the one who had been most active to a burgomaster at Dort, who immediately sent a spy to ascertain the
truth of the story. Finding the report truth of the story. Finding the report correct, he began to prepare for safety,
and instantly sent to the States, who ordered the solditers to be sentinto the olty, and commanded the river to be let in by a certain slucke, which would linstantly lay that part of the country under water.
This was forthwith dove, and a great This was forthwith done, and a great
number of Spaniards were drowned; the rest being dleappointed in their design; egcaped; and the town was thus provi-
dentially saved. dentially saved.
The States, to commemorate the milkmaids good sarvice a largeannuity to rec-
dered the farmer ompense him for the loss of his house, land and cattle, and caused the money of the clty to have a milkmaid milking a cow to be engraved thereon. Stimillar
figures were also set up on the watergate of Dort; and to complete their munificence, the principal milkmaid concerned was allowed for her own life an
forever a handsome annuity.

## white wax.

It will be a surprise to a large number of the white wax, of whith they make the white wax, of which they make
such constant use when engaged in their household sewing, is the deceased secretion of a peculiar species of fly found in the eastern portion of Central
China. Moat of our country-women, if China. Most of our country-women, if
they have given a thought to the subthey have given a thought to the sub-
ject, have supposed that this white wax was some refined product of ordinary was some refned product of orumary
beeswax-an article that has about it the eonditions of cleanliness and healthfullness, which is more than can be said
of the exudations of insects due to some of the exudations of insects due to some
bodily malady. These flies apparently become diseased from feeding on the leaves of a pecullir kind of evergreen trea or shrub, of which they are exceedingly fond. The twigs of these trees in certain seasons of the year are thickly covered
with flies, which, in time, leave upon with flies, which, in time, leave upon
them a thick incrustation of white matter. When this has increased to a sumfielent size the branch is cut off and immersed in bolling water, which causes the wax to come to the surfaee in the shape of aviecld substance, which is
skimmed off, cleansed and afterward al. skimmed off, cleansed and afterward al-
lowed to cool in pans. The trade is quitean extensive one, as it is cetimated that last year the crop was worth not lese than $\$ 3,250,000$.

## stumps.

It is not wise to employ any expensive
methods of getting methods of getting out the stumps on a tion or otherwise of very great valueIt is in most cases cheaper to let the stumps rot out. There is a general desire to clear and cleati a plece of land all at once, but as in many other things it may be, "the more haste and the less
speed." The use of dynamite, or any other quick acting and expensive meth. od, is recommended only when the room the stump occuples is worth considerable more than the trouble and expense of taking it out while green and
difficult to remove.

## A Darable Whittewash,

Take a barrel and elack a bushel of fresh lime in it, by covering the lime with boilling water. After it is slacked add cold water enough to bring it to consistency of good whitewash, then dissolve In water and add one pound of white
vitriol (sulphate of zine) and one guart of fine salt. This makes a whitewash
ond that will stick as well as paint. It owes its durability chiefly to the vitriol, whleh bardens and fixes the wash.

Apple Ple.
Take nour apples, and pare, core and
slife them. Put the crust in the plate and then a layer of sliced apples, and sprinkle over them a thiek layer of light
brown sugur, then another layer of ap ples and more sugar, and so on until the dish is full. Puton a top crust and bake. Powdered sugar sifted over the top when
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