

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD

Peach Culture.

The peach.—In the south this excellent fruit attains to a high state of perfection, and in fact the flavor of Southern-grown peaches is of higher excellence than those grown in the Northern and Western States.

The peach has its enemies, and many diseases. The borer is the most formidable and destructive enemy that the peach has in the South, but its ravages can be checked to a great extent, without much labor or expense.

Planting.—This is the most important point in successful peach culture, and in fact the best preventive against the borer. All that is necessary is to prepare the ground by good, deep plowing.

The tree and its preparation.—First examine the roots carefully, and if any signs of insects are noticed, clean them out, and remove all broken and decayed roots; cut back to a good, well developed bud, about eight inches; all side branches cut close to the main stem.

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Pruning the peach.—Very little pruning is required to keep the peach in a perfect state of health. The middle of the trees should be thinned so that a free circulation of air may be had through the heads of the trees.

Half a cranberry bound on a corn will soon kill it. Three drops of carbolic acid in a tablespoonful of water, applied to a corn a few times will cure it.

Erysipelas is said to be cured by applying to the part affected a paste made of raw cranberries beaten.

A simple and effectual remedy for dyspepsia is to abstain from drinking immediately before and during meals, and for an hour afterward.

To remove specks of dirt from the eye, immerse the eye in cold water, then wink and roll the eyeball until the desired result is accomplished.

To remove pin-worms in the face, place over the black spot the hollow end of a watch-key, and press firmly. This forces the foreign substance out, so that it may be brushed off, and is a cure.

The British Royal society has made researches extending over a period of more than two hundred years, and failed to discover a single case of sudden change in the color of the human hair.

A good salve for burns, bruises, etc., can be made by taking very strong lime-water and lard; boil some time; pour off water; add more lime-water; boil again till very strong of lime; some linseed oil would be a good addition to it.

In performing housework, the hands are frequently put into both hot and cold water. To prevent unpleasant effects upon the skin, use a few drops of glycerine frequently in wiping the hands, and it will restore the soft, natural texture to the skin.

The Sleep of Children.—The Herald of Health cautions parents not to allow their children to be waked up in the morning. Let nature wake them, and she will not do it prematurely. Take care that they go to bed at an early hour—let it be earlier and earlier, until it is found that they wake up themselves in full time to dress for breakfast.

A Baltimore paper bears a rumor that Weston, the alleged pedestrian, has been engaged by a restaurant firm in Paris to pursue and laze snails.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

Story of a Chimpanzee.

A chimpanzee which I recently saw on exhibition in the liveliest specimen I have ever beheld, most of them being so sluggish and dull. But with the one I saw lately the case is quite different, for he is as lively as a kitten, and is seldom quiet for two minutes together.

While I was watching him, the keeper entered the cage, and was employed in arranging the straw on the floor. The chimpanzee at once saw his opportunity, darted to the opposite end of the cage, swung himself by the rope to the ladder, drew it as far back as he could, and then released it. His aim was perfectly good, for it struck the keeper a smart blow on the shoulder, and before he could start up, the ape was clinging to the very top of his cage, and looking down in defiance of the aggrieved keeper.

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The keeper then took the mirror and fastened it to the wall by a nail. He had not reached the door of the cage when the chimpanzee swung himself across by his rope, and in a moment he had twisted out the nail and flung the mirror on the floor. As to the nail, he put it into his mouth, and held it there as if he were trying to smoke it. The keeper was much alarmed at this proceeding, thinking that he might swallow it, and made every endeavor to take the nail away. All his efforts were futile, for he could not come near the ape, who ran up the sides of his cage, and looked defiance. At last the keeper wisely gave up the chase, and in a few minutes the animal dropped the nail and did not trouble himself any more about it.

The animal has his full share of vanity and likes to be noticed, looking around continually to see if the visitors are admiring him. Whenever he performs any very absurd act, and the spectators laugh, he considers himself encircled, and repeats the performance.

The chimpanzee was in a very bad state, seemingly far on the road to death when he arrived in this country. One day some potatoes were boiled in the room, and the animal contrived to steal a couple of them out of the soapman while it was standing over the fire in order to allow the steam to escape. He would not give them up, but bit at any one who approached him. The potatoes were so hot that he could not hold them, and was forced to toss them about from one hand to another. When they had slightly cooled he stripped off the jackets with his teeth, and ate the whole of the potato. This incident afforded a clue as to the proper diet for the animal, and from that time he has lived chiefly upon hot food, potatoes being the staple of his diet. About five p. m. he always has his tea, of which he is very fond. About half a pint of hot tea, well sweetened, is given to him, and he drinks it out of the bottle, according to the keeper, never putting down the bottle until the tea is finished. The bottle being hot, he is very cautious as to the manner in which he takes it, testing it carefully before he trusts himself to hold it. He has a very curious method of holding the bottle, taking the neck in his left-hand, and supporting the bottom of the bottle with the palm of his right-hand, the thumb always pointing to the floor.

Toward dusk he always retires to his bedroom, which is a smaller cage that can be closed from without, by means of a sliding door, worked by a rope. He has a red blanket in which he can wrap himself, and before he goes in for the night he goes through quite a performance with the blanket. First he spreads it widely open and lays it out on the floor; then he walks into the middle of it, gathers up the corners, pulls them over his head, and lies down. Even after the curtains that surround the stage are let down he retains his spirit of curiosity, and when he hears a spirit near the cage he lifts a corner of the curtain and peeps through, giving a grunt of recognition if the person should happen to be an acquaintance. Every act is performed with deliberation, and many persons who have watched the animal are

disturbed in their mind, thinking that it bears too close a resemblance to humanity.—Golden Hours.

Cause of Stunted Trees.

The stunted, scraggy growth of the underwood in a forest is generally attributed to the fact that the smaller trees are overshadowed by the taller ones, and thus deprived of the light and air necessary to their development. But M. Grandjean, professor in the French school of forestry, says that this stunted growth is caused by the larger trees acting as conductors, depriving the smaller ones of electricity. To test this view, he tried an experiment.

In April, 1877, he took two tobacco plants, each weighing three and one-half grams, and having four leaves. They were both planted in boxes containing mold of identical quality, and placed side by side in a position favorable to their growth.

But one of them had placed over it a cage, consisting of four iron rods, four feet eleven inches high, joined at the top and covered with wire gauze, which permitted the free circulation of air, light and water, but completely protected the plant from the action of atmospheric electricity.

They were left uninterfered with until the middle of August, when the results obtained were as follows: The plant in the open air had attained a height of three feet five inches, while the other was only two feet four inches; the former weighed 270 grams and the latter 144 grams; when dried, the respective weights were thirty grams and fifteen and one-half grams.

Similar experiments made with maize and wheat gave precisely analogous results, so that M. Grandjean has come to the conclusion that the electricity of the atmosphere is equally necessary to vegetation as sunlight and air.

In proportion as a person is finely and delicately organized does the quality of his food become of importance. This is true of grains, vegetables, fruits; but pre-eminently so of meat.—Dr. E. B. Foote's Health Monthly.

A stranger in Montreal, being implored by a hawkmann, took a carriage and bade the driver haste to a police station, where he said he had business. The fare entered the building and remained so long that the cabman followed him to make inquiries. He was pleased to discover that his charterer had just obtained a night's lodging as a vagrant.

Great Britain has 630 factories engaged on the worsted trade. These employ 111,000 operators, and have 2,100,000 spindles, and 65,000 power looms.

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