

dry; a repetition of the watering again doubled their size. Again—a near neighbor, who cultivates strawberries for market, and who uses a water-cart for irrigating the rows, raised at the rate of one hundred and twenty bushels to the acre, on common good soil by this means; and he noticed that where the cart was left standing over night, so that the water gradually dripped from it, for some hours, upon a portion of the plants, the fruit had grown to double the size of the rest in twenty-four hours.

It should be observed that these advantages of a copious supply of water pertain chiefly to small or annual plants. The roots of fruit trees being larger and deeper, are to be supplied with moisture in a different way; that is, by a deep, rich, mellow soil, kept moist by cultivation, or by covering thickly with litter.—Water applied to the surface rarely descended so low as the roots, and only harden the soil to a crust.—*Lib. Cult.*

Irrigation of gardens should always be accompanied with some soluble material suited to the requirements of the plants. Rank feeders, like raspberries, will be benefited by a solution of night-soil, guano, &c., &c.—*Mercersburgh Weekly Journal.*

CHOOSING A WIFE.

An article lately appeared in the Religious Recorder on this subject, and contains some peculiarly happy and just remarks, which we cannot forbear to transfer to our columns, for the good of all concerned. Excellent as is all the advice offered, we trust our fair readers will agree with us, that the best of the whole is the conclusion:

It is desirable to have an intelligent companion. I do not insist that your wife shall have what is understood by the term "an education." There are many who have that, who are about as intelligent as barbarians. But seek for one who is in the habit of exercising her intellect. Who reads, and reflects, and has an inquisitive mind.

It is desirable to have a wife who is domestic. A street spinster, a gadding news-carrier and busy-body, is the last woman who should have a husband. A young woman, who is more fond of gossip and company abroad, than of domestic duties, is not fit to be married.

Be not anxious to get a wife who has riches. If this runs much in your mind, I shall be sorry for the woman who has the misfortune to become your wife. If you make this a paramount consideration, be not surprised, if you find yourself yoked with a woman who has not many personal qualifications that are to be desired.

When you have obtained a good wife, see that she shall be equally secure of having obtained a good husband.

THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD.—It is an exquisite and beautiful thing in our nature, that when the heart is touched and softened by some tranquil happiness, or affectionate feeling, the memory of the dead comes over it most powerfully and irresistibly. It would almost seem as though our better thoughts and sympathies were charms, in virtue of which the soul is enabled to hold some vague and mysterious intercourse with the spirit of those whom we dearly loved in life. Alas! how often and how long may those patient angels hover above us, watching for the spell which is so seldom uttered and so soon forgotten!—*Dickens.*

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