

apple—the Kansas Queen—shown at the Philadelphia Congress is described as a handsome bright red apple of even size, and free from small or defective fruit.—A stock company has been formed at Hartford, Connecticut, for manufacturing Moule's earth closets or commodes. The earth closet resembles a high backed chair or box, and takes the place of the common water closet, but at greatly reduced cost, and free from the inconvenience of freezing in winter, as there are no water pipes. Neither is it in any way offensive in warm weather. After being used, the pulling of the handle discharges into the closet a pint of dry earth, entirely preventing any effluvia. The hopper attached to the back part of the closet, contains earth for twenty-five times. Then the scuttle below, containing the dirt, may be taken away, or it may be repeatedly used. Several convenient kinds of dirt may be used, such as peat, coal ashes, clay loam, but neither sand nor wood ashes would be desirable. Whatever material is used should be perfectly dry, as well as thoroughly pulverized.—The editor of the *Agricultural Gazette* offers some acceptable remarks on the use of bones on meadow land, in reply to an enquiry of a correspondent: "What effect half-inch bones would have on meadow land,—light red land not sandy? And what will be the proper quantity per acre, and time for applying?" The reply is: "Local experience is the best guide; in the absence of this advantage try small experiments. We say this because, while in Cheshire the grass will be doubled and tripled in quantity, the cows will eat the grass which has been "boned" into the earth, leaving any "unboned" part of a meadow long and untouched. But while this is so, in some parts of the country, as in Essex, particularly near London, a dressing of bone has little or no effect in increasing the fertility of the pasturage. In Cheshire, however, a quarter of a ton of half-inch raw bone is put on per acre, which lasts, it is calculated, seven years. The first year its effects are scarcely seen; the second year the grass greatly improves; in the third year the bone takes full effect, when it gradually decreases in influence, until it is exhausted at the end of the sixth or seventh year. It will be seen by this that the time of application is unimportant, with this exception; if the soil is deficient in phosphates, the sooner it is supplied in the form of bone the better. We may add that, from the experience of Cheshire men, feeding pastures with cows for making cheese exhausts the soil per annum as nearly as possible of the amount of phosphates contained in 1 cwt. of raw bone. We wish some of our Nova Scotia farmers who have been using the products of Stanford's Bone Mill, would give us the results of their experiments.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

The *Gardeners' Monthly*, Oct. Philadelphia, \$2.00 per annum. The best of its kind.

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The *Globe*, Toronto. Weekly, with Agricultural supplement. Should be taken by all our farmers.

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Colonial Farmer. Weekly. Fredericton. This Agricultural paper continues to improve.

EARLY ROSE POTATOES IN ENGLAND.—It has long been known to Americans, that European varieties of Potatoes are worthless when introduced into America and Americans of no account when grown in Europe. Our English friends seem totally ignorant of this fact, as there are loud complaints of the Early Rose being a swindle. It does not prove as good there in some cases as their poorest varieties.—*Monthly*.

MOOSE.—Several large Moose have recently been shot at St. Mary's, and some of the meat brought to New Glasgow sold readily. One large fellow, believed to be about ten years old, was pierced with two bullets before he was killed. The head and antlers may be seen at Jackson's drug store. The young Moose calf brought to town last week has been purchased by Mr. Jackson. It has become quite tame and is thriving well.—*Eastern Chronicle*.

EXHIBITIONS.—The Egerton Agricultural Society held an Industrial Exhibition at Fish Pools on Tuesday, October 12th; and Pictou Agricultural Society a similar Exhibition at Durham on Tuesday, October 19th. We hope to receive some account of these Exhibitions for the information of our readers.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT.—Dr. Streuzel, of Martinez, California, through Col. Warren, of the *California Farmer*, contributed a beautiful collection of California fruit, to the late Philadelphia Festival. The following are the measurements of some of the pears in circumference, Flemish Beauty, 13 inches; Beurre Diel 11½; Dix, 10; E. Beurre, 12; Beurre d'Arenberg, 12; Winter Nelis, 9½; Seckel, 8; Vicar of Wakefield, 13½ by 11 long; Glout Morceau, 10½; Duchess

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