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Push the spring work!

Kindness makes gentle animals. The mother hen is the best incubator. Don't wait for Arbor day to plant trees.

The common leaved parsley is the best for salading. To drive nails into very hard wood dip their points in oil.

Give the boy a calf or colt to raise for his very own. Frog farming is to be tried at Hempstead, Long Island.

Wait for settled warm weather before you plant sorghum. Blue grass is pronounced the most nutritious of all the grasses.

The farmer's wife does not rejoice half the credit she deserves. An Illinois man is afflicted with glanders caught from a horse.

The white of an egg is a good and comfortable remedy for burns. One progressive, brainy farmer can make up a dozen old fogs.

More trees are injured by being packed too wet than packed too dry. An Irish paper says roast donkey is excellent, resembling turkey.

Many good farmers use little manure at a time, but apply it often. In some parts of France land is very high, yet agriculture is profitable.

It is better to cultivate a few acres thoroughly than to skim over many. Many Louisiana sugar planters, discouraged by low prices, talk of trying rice.

Now is the time to go afield with 'the boys' and superintend operations. Owing to the great agricultural depression, land is very low-priced in England.

A few evergreens planted here and there add greatly to the beauty of a farm. New vegetables, fruits and grains are generally overrated by their introducers.

Let the boys and girls have plots of their own to cultivate. You will thank them. The sheep interest of Tennessee is said to be 'nearly paralysed by worthless cure.'

Many Tennessee counties have no wagon roads and farmers go about on horseback. As the object of root-pruner fruit trees is generally to promote fruitfulness, it is best to do them when the fruit is greatest, and this is in mid-summer or after the trees get into full leaf in the spring.

On the other hand, if it is desirable, as it generally is, to cultivate in orchard with the trees in leaf to the trees, it should be early in the spring. New roots put out, and the tree is rather more vigorous than before, especially when it had been in sod.

Ellwanger & Barry recommend a dry soil for transplanting young trees, either naturally or by drainage; well prepared and mellowed by plowing at least twice beforehand, first with a common plow, and then with a sub-soiler. If the ground is not rich, or has been exhausted, apply fertilizers and work them in thoroughly, or turn under a heavy crop of clover, or old manure or compost, so as to make the land rich enough, if required, to raise good corn. This should be done in good time before the trees are set.

Forests are useful for various other purposes besides what have already been stated. They make good wind breaks to protect our crops, orchards and barns from the rigor of winter, and keep the snow from drifting and blowing from our fields, and exposing the crops to the wind and cold. They also shield us, our property and growing crops from storms and tempests of summer, while it is well known that forests induce rain in time of drought, and afford the best of habitations for some of our most beautiful and useful birds. By the evaporation from their leaves they modify the extreme temperature of summer.

HABITS OF BIRDS.

Birds not only cough and sneeze, but they dream and snore, making most distressing noises as they sleep. They hibernate—a very dull affair it is, too—and they faint away. A goldfinch, having been frightened one night, in his struggles was caught between the wires, and gave a cry like the squeak of a mouse in distress. On my hastening to his release, he slipped out in the room and flew widely about till he hit something and fell to the floor. He was picked up, and his fright culminated in a dead faint. The little head drooped, the body was limp, and he lay motionless. He was laid in his cage, ready to be buried in the morning. He was placed carefully on the breast, however, and in a few minutes he hopped upon his perch shook out his ruffled feathers, and composed himself to sleep.—[Atlantic Monthly.]

THE REBEL RITE PITA AT BATOCHE, has led a number of American papers, which before were disposed to sneer at Canadian troops, to change their tune, and they are now willing to give our boys credit for daring on the battlefield. This is very gratifying. Still, when it comes down to a question of cold steel, the American cashier holds his own—and as much of other people's as he can get his hands on.

The light tints of tan color are popular in gloves for evening wear, and the darker shades are suitable for street wear with any dress not too pronounced. Gloves may or may not match the dress, but are generally dark and unobtrusive for outdoor wear. To keep the hands from peeping with their water to a few drops of ammonia have been added. This will be a help, but probably not a cure for one who perspires freely. Cashmere and silk gloves are much worn, and these who find it difficult to wear them will find an advantage in using them for all occasions where more dressy gloves are not indispensable.

National Pills are sugar coated, mild but thorough, and are the Stomach and Liver Pill in use.

Hints About Flowers.

An ounce of nitrate of soda dissolved in a pint of water is said to be a good stimulant for bulbs. It should be applied twice a week after the flower spikes show themselves. A pint of soot, tied up in a cloth and immersed in the same quantity of water, is also an excellent and safe stimulant.

Calceolites is beautiful in the hanging basket. The white is the prettiest. With good soil and treatment it will bloom long and abundantly in the winter. Seeds can be sown directly in the receptacle in which it is desired they should flower. I once transferred a few thrifty young plants of Calceolites to the garden to the house in autumn, and was surprised to see them blooming freely in the winter.

Aster seeds can be sown late in the spring or in June, and the young plants transplanted several times. This will cause them to be stocky and to have good flowers in a cool place. If the weather is dry water and mulch. They may be taken up in the fall when in blossom; place each plant in a pot just large enough to hold it easily, and remove to a cool place in the house.

Dahlia may be grown to bloom the first season from seed. They should be planted in the house or hot-bed not later than the middle of April and transplanted when three or four inches high. For a number of years the fashion called for double dahlias, as it did for double flowers in the house before the plants appear above ground, it is a good plan to mix the seed with moist sand, and keep it moist and warm until signs of germination appear, and then sow it. When the plants are up provide them with water as needed, and they will make a fair growth without any particular attention.—[Vick.]

A correspondent of Vick's Magazine tells how she manages her tea roses: 'In the fall I rot my roses in rich earth, one-third well rotted barnyard manure. I use two quart common earthen jars. Cut the roses well back and water them. Put the roses in a room upstairs with an east window and heated by a hall oven, never exceeding 50°. Every five days I leave the window open. When the buds are ready to burst, I give them a first turning of the dirt with warm water, first turning the dirt from the edge of the jar and putting a teaspoonful of commercial fertilizer all around. Do not water again for three or four days. I repeat this three times during the winter and have roses lovely buds, blossoms and foliage. In June I cut back again and place in a rich border, where they bloom until I take them in.'

Land and Water has lately done a useful service in pointing out the fallacy of the widespread belief that ivy trained against the walls of a dwelling is productive of damp walls and general unhealthiness. The very opposite is really the case. If any one will carefully examine an ivy clad wall after a shower of rain, he will notice that while the overlying surface has conducted the water from point to point until it has reached the ground, the wall beneath is perfectly dry and dusty. More than this, the thirty shoots which force their way into every crevice of the structure which will afford a firm hold, and like hooks in drawing out any particle of moisture from their own nourishment. The ivy, in fact acts like a great coat, keeping the house from wet, and warm into the bargain. One more virtue it has, in giving to the ugliest structure an evergreen beauty.

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