Plan of Hillcrest Orchard.

Practical Talks and Plain Precepts for Farmers.

Edited for the Farmer readers of the MONITOR by an Ann polis Valley Agriculturist.

long experiment like this is proved that fro It is our intention this week to give an manure is as valuable pound for pound as issue to the subject of manures. Many trite rotted; it is a most wasteful practice to rot sayings of old agriculturists testify to the manure for the wheat crop. The same exvalue of this farm product, such as, "Man periment was tried with barley and the fresh ure is the unrefined gold of the farm," manure gave a bushel more grain and 200 "Manure is the foundation of successful lbs. more straw than the rotted. farming," etc. It is its importance, then, With oats there were over 5 bus. mo combined with the million different theories grain and 209 lbs. more straw from the fresh regarding its use, care, manner and time of application which bespeaks for it the prom-tried; one gave 1,092 lbs. more weight on the inence that will be given it in these pages.

As we are dealing with it at almost all seafrom the rotted, and with roots the following sons, some discussions of it from various were the figures. sources and from different standpoints will probably find their way into this column very frequently.

Twenty tons well rotted barnyard manure per acre, average of 11 years, no manure being used the last season: Mangels, 22 tons,

We often hear our old farmers ask why 1,174 lbs., Turnips, 15 tons, 183 lbs. It is we cannot grow as good crops as they did a hundred or even fifty years ago. They did not plow and harrow as well as we do, nips, 15 tons, 607 lbs.

and used no more manure, while their land For fodder corn and mangels the rotted gave larger crops of hay, without manure?

Manure gave slightly better yields, but
Now let me see if we can answer that ques
when it is considered that it costs more than tion, so that no one can doubt why we have twice as much to produce a ton of rotted to work harder now to get a crop than our manure as a ton of fresh, the lesson of these experiments is very plain. - Co-Operative

Every plant needs for its food something Farmer. which contains the elements which go to make up the tissue of that plant. Every plant also needs food peculiar to itself, and turnips out of food which cannot be digested by their tissues. Now our lands, fifty or a hundred yoars ago, were what we call new virgin soils, made rich in plant food by the decay of plants for the centuries since vegetation first flourished on earth. The elements of frost, rain, snow, etc., have acted on these decayed plants and made them soluble food, and it could not help growing. Now they mention taking crops off this land year after year without returning as much of nutritive value to it. The result has been much the same as taking money out of your purse and putting none back; only this must be modified, for we may never see a time when nature will return us absolutely nothing, as our purse may.

We no longer have virgin soil event as

When we say that our land has been impoverished by this continual cropping, the statement is only partly true. It is impoveriant to the rows, the rows remaining a rod Experiments show that common, "run out" | S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S p t p S dreds of years in the first eight inches of sur face soil, if it could all be made available. in the twentieth century. To introduce such In the above diagram of orchard "S" complete methods of cultivation of the soil stands for standard apples as Gravenstein as to help out materially the manure pile.

day. We are raising crops today off the In the spaces marked "p" are plums, dwarf rocks of twenty centuries ago, and centuries pears, quinces, apricots or small growing and in their turn. The action of the air, sun, Every twenty rods both east and west and water and frost is reducing our rocks and north and south, an open space is left for a stones and making soil of them, and the finer roadwap, dividing the orchard into blocks of that soil becomes, the richer it is. In all two and one half acres each. Instead of plants are the chemical elements, carbon, planting a standard in every square as men-nitrogen, potassium, sodium, etc., and the

or peach may be placed in every third square The plant needs to gather these elements and the row thus formed be filled in with from the soil for its use but can only do so when they are in liquid form or dissolved by water. So the finer we make our soil by har rowing and cultivating, the more easily will down in fifteen years leaving a roadway for the water dissolve these elements and give teaming and spraying. As the trees grow them to the plant.

If by some means we could reduce the first out out in the reverse order of their planting. eight inches of our soil to the finest powder, till when the orchard is fully grown only "S" and keep it under favorable conditions of air, will be left .- Green's Fruit Grower. sun and moisture, we would not need to give much attention to manures for our lifetime but since this is not possible, we have to fol-

our command.

Of late years considerable discussion has been rife as to whether manure should be rotted or applied fresh. The enclosed clipping from the Co-Operative Farmer will throw some light on the relative value of the two kinds. If we construe the paragraph marked (*), as meaning that the fifteen tons of rotted manure had shrunken from over thirty tons of fresh manure, we must conclude in the figure of the experiment that rotting jets of the experiment that rotting in the pick the pick t ine light of the experiment that rotting is How many would continue if wheat were now scattered by the handful, cut with a

Just now when so many of our farmers are How many would plant corn with a hoe, and clearing away the manure from their yards largely cultivate with the same primitive and cellars and getting it to the fields, it is, implement? Where would be the forests of perhaps, a judicious time to raise the point which has been proved at the Central Ex The farmer who is tussling with the ques perimental Farm in regard to the waste in allowing manure to ferment actively. A machinery serve his best interests in order good many farmers in taking out their man-ure throw it loosely into large heaps in the field where it soon sets up a more or less field where it soon sets up a more or less rather than bemoaning his lot is the one active fermentation, and by planting time has shrunk to two-thirds or half of its original bulk, and the passer by has been regaled with the odorous results of decomposition and the small boy has likened the pile to a smoke and steam plainly visible on a cool

We have always been of the opinion that in a state of active eruption, and many peo the proper way to dispose of the manure ple, scientists, students and the curious, including American tourists, are leaving Paris it directly on the ground or to put into piles by every train for Naples.

So small that no active fermentation would that no active fermentation would the first signs of disturbance were ob

be set up.

The following testimony from Dr. Saunland a week ago, when for three days columns of smoke, issuing rapidly from the ders' report of the Experimental Farms, shows how much more economical it is to apply fresh made manure rather than allow Then came occasional rains of hot cinders.

Experiments with wheat: 1. For eleven years, 15 tons of rotted Now lava is beginning to run. (mixed horse and cow) manure were applied The fire at the crater is very intense at per acre to a plot of ground, the yield of night, illuminating the surrounding region wheat for the eleven years averaged 20 bus. beautifully. 56 lbs., with 3,709 lbs, straw. On the 12th Only two slight tremors of earthquake year no manure was applied and the wheat have been felt so far. yielded 23 bus. and 40 lbs., with 5,280 lbs straw or an average for the 12 years of 21 bus. and 10 lbs. wheat and 3,839 lbs. straw. the United States of Colombia are designated

2. For eleven years, 15 tons of fresh man: by the manner in which they wear flower ure (mixed horse and cow) were applied to in their hair, the senoras wearing them or an exactly similar plot, the average yield of wheat for the eleven years was 20 bus. and 52 lbs, and 3,699 lbs. straw, 4 lbs. less wheat and 10 lbs. less straw than from the rotted manure; but on the 12th year with no manure this plot yielded 27 bus, and 40 lbs, grain with 5,910 lbs. straw, a gain of 4 bus. wheat and 650 bus. straw over the plot where the rotted manure had been used and the average for the 12 years gave the land where the fresh manure had been used, an average of 21 bus. and 26 lbs. wheat with 3,883 lbs. straw, against 21 bus, and 10 lbs, wheat and 3.839 lbs. straw where the rotted manure

*As the 15 tons rotted manure was what was left of a pile of over 30 tons of fresh

Pleasant People. Says Mr. Thackeray about that 'nice boy,

the breakfast rolls from the baker's. He in mittens. had taken off his rubber coat and boots in the entry, and he came in rosy and smiling. rolls to Bridget, with a "Here you are, Brid-

get. Aren't you sorry you didn't go yourself this beautiful day "" He gave the fire a poke and opened a after Jack came in we had gathered around The orchards of R. S. Eaton, of Kentville

We no longer have virgin soil, except as ally. Next a temporary apple tree of a that pleasantness is catching, and such peowe break up a new piece of forest, where even cattle have not grazed, or on the prair les of the west, where the land has never here occurred.

Again a view descriptorary apple tree of a young bearing variety is planted between ple will find themselves in the midst of a world full of bright and happy people, where every one is as good natured and con-Again a plum, dwarf pear, quince or other tented as they are.

> Saturday is Cleaning Day in Holland. But it it was generally understood that day being exclusively devoted to house-cleaning within and without. Early in the morning every stick of furniture is carefully rub-bed and wiped and taken out of the house. Then the women, with their skirts tucked up, entirely flood the rooms with buckets of water, brought up from the canal by Ribston, Kings or Baldwin. "t" stands for Ribeton, Kings or Baldwin. "to" stands for temporary apples of young fruiting varieties as Wealthy, Wagener or Ben Davis; free growing cherries as Governor Wood, Wind. "the property of the p growing cherries as Governor Wood, Windcorner to let the water flow out-let us hope

While the floor is drying, a great polish rocks of twenty centuries ago, and centuries and another in the street ago, and centuries and through their disinte ances will be, by and through their disinte ances will be, by and through their disinte ed until, like golden mirrors, they r flect the red-checked, white-capped faces-bent

The lacquer-man is busy on Saturday. He goes from house to house painting he breadtrays and honey cake boxes with designs a gaudy birds and wonderous leaves and flow The street is in a turmoil until noon

when order is partially restored and the scanty mid-day meal partaken of. In the afternoon washing is resumed. The exteriors of the cottages are scrubbed from roof to pavement and every trace of mould removed, and begin to crowd each other they are to be for in this low, wet air the green moss gathers quickly, then the brick pavements are drenched and carefully dried, and I have seen the women slip of their sabots and tiptoe to their doorways in their woolen cha sons, so as not to soil the immaculate side

but since this is not possible, we have to lot low certain conditions of renewing these elements in the soil by supplying more or less food, more or less ready made, and help all by using the best methods of cultivation at World Oh! that many such might know World Oh! that many such might know for the morrow. On Saturday evening all the pickets of the low black fences are decreased in the pickets of the low black fences are decreased.

It is worthy of note that the leading nove writers of the day are leaning toward the religious in sentiment. Their writings are all contrary to bigotry in religion. The spirit of liberalism is giving free hand, and in many cases one catches glimpses of the broadmindedness of the Christ. In fact the spirit of liberty is breaking ou in unexpected places these days. Even the newspapers show signs of being under the

cradle and threshed with a flail? Where would be the wheat fields of California?

sometimes sprinkling the country for several

-The married and unmarried women of

Parsons Pils

miles around

spell, and of getting more so. Fact is, we are about to witness marvelous changes in the conducting of the affairs of the world. The policy of "doing unto others as we would that they would do unto us," is about to be inaugurated. The preaching of the teachings of the Master is about to bear practical fruit.

Of course the ideal state of affairs will no be finally established without a struggle on the part of those who would cont Paris, May 10.-Mount Vesuvius is again old order of things; but the God of Greed and Injustice must give place to the God of Liberty and Justice in all things. Follow ing the short lived reign of the trusts will ome the reign of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

> To Sharpen the Wits of British Youth. London May 8.—Intellectual inertia will disappear from among England's school children, if certain reformers, now active, bring about the successful application of their ideas. These persons start with the proposition that English school children do no think, and from this argue a lower intelligence for the coming men and women. They would avert this result by taking children about the country on tours for sight-seeing and investigation calculated to stimulate the

This idea comes from Germany, where teachers regularly take their pupils on knowledge expeditions, all travelling afoot and amping by the way. It has been tried in uckinghamshire with results which the ex rimenters have reported to the National educational department. From three schools 20 children were selected to make a journey among industrial establishments and scenes of historical interest. Each was subsequently required to write what he or she saw, prizes eing given for these stories. It is said that here were developed in some cases remarkable powers of observation where they were not before suspected. This has excited the hopes of educational authorities of evolving a scheme to give all pupils opportunities of

A Nice Way to Darn The children's long stockings soon giv

Clive Newcome: "I don't know that Clive out at the knees. To fill in the worn places was especially brilliant, but he was pleasin a way that is much easier done than the ant." Occasionally we meet people to whom it seems natural to be pleasant; such are as much resembles the new fabric, trim the elcome wherever they go as flowers in | hole out square as if putting in a patch. May, and the most charming thing about them is that they help to make other people and commencing back from the edge, run pleasant too.

The other day we were in the midst of a done crosswise, then with another strand of ree days' rain. The fire smoked, the yarn, take up the first lengthwise, beginning dining-room was chilly, and when we as- back from the edge and work a chain of but embled for breakfast, papa looked rather | tonho'e stitches to the other side, taking in grim, and mamma tired, for the baby had been restless all night. Polly was plainly

one thread of the crosswise warp each time.

Be sure to take up the original stiches at nclined to fretfulness, and Bridget was un- each end of hole. This is a neat way to fill deniably cross, when Jack came in with in worn out finger tips in gloves; also thumbs

the entry, and he came in rosy and smiling.

"Here's the paper, sir," said he to his father, with such a cheerful tone that his father's brow relaxed, and he said,
"Ah Jack, thank you," quite pleasantly.

His mother looked up at him smiling, and he just touched her cheek as he passed.

"Top of the morning to you, Pollywog," he said to his little sister, and delivered the rolls to Bridget, with a "Here you are, Brid-rolls to Brider to Bridget, with a "Here you are, Brid-rolls to Bridget, with a "Here you are, Br

-A new short serial by Kate Douglas He gave the fire a poke and opened a Wiggin, to run through three months, is the damper. The smoke ceased, and presently leading feature of the May Scribner. Mrs. the coals began to glow, and five minutes Wiggin's delightful humor, revealed so charmingly in the Penelope books, appears in the table and were eating our oatmeal as every page of "The Dairy of a Goose Girl." heerily as possible. This seems very sim- It is the story of a beautiful American girl ple in the telling, and Jack never knew he who flees from an attractive but too persis-The orchards of R. S. Eaton, of Kentville, land done anything at all, but he had, in fact, changed the whole moral atmosphere of the room and had started a gloomy day, but he whole of Canada. Artificial fertilizers, chemicals, clover and tillage have been de
The orchards of R. S. Eaton, of Kentville, had done anything at all, but he had, in fact, changed the whole moral atmosphere of the room and had started a gloomy day, pleasantly for five people.

"He is always so." said his mother when I had done anything at all, but he had, in tent lover to the seclusion of a goose farm in

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all, writes a woman who knows, in Good

the wet cloth treatment instead of hastening to change the wet clothing for dry. There have been cases where death soon followed

wrapped in woolen cloth will do wonders in Why are the Western prairies flat? Be

are used by bakers, being always careful they are as hot as can be borne and not too

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Spoiled Children.

Spoiling children consists in letting one's rling have its own precious way on all occasions, and the way is such a pretty, cunin it. But grown up [willfulness is quite a different thing from baby willfulness. It has claws and teeth, so to speak, and is no

nice to contemplate. Spoiling appears to mean igs. One of its mild forms is a total disregard for the feelings and convenience of others. If you notice a disagreeable, unaccommodating woman on the car or else where you may know that she was a spoiled

Although poor people do contrive occasion ally to spoil their children by indulgence, by making great sacrifices, this business is not sprung this: carried on wholesale, as it is among the rich. Poverty is a severe yet kind stepmother. In a large family, not very well to do, the older children care for the younger ones and exert more influence often in their own way than their parents in teaching self-denial

and common sense.

Self control is the one thing spoiled child.

Then a brief silence. It look jokes had been exhausted. ren never learn. They must have everything they want and have it without delay. The child who kicks his nurse, bullies his mother and his younger brothers and sisters

develops into the passionate, dissipated young man. The spoiled girl becomes an exacting, disagreeable woman. The world must wait upon her, she makes everybody around her un happy and all because she was a spoiled child. Her husband is a martyr to her whims and caprices, and her children are made

wretched by her irritable and fretful disposition, and all because her early training was not what it should have been. It is most difficult for the generality to assent to the proposition that there is no sex favored by nature, but damned by man camp, in brain, that John's nerves and brain cells are the same as Jane's, and that the differ. questions as beat he could about her boys once in mental attitude is due not to any basic difference as to structure, but to habit, custom, and environment. John is left in freedom to enjoy himself, to expand, to grow.

He does not have to play his games, run his races, develop his muscles impeded and hampered by petticoats. He is not forever curbed and restrained by constant reminders that what he does is not according to etiquette, that he will spoil his figure, coarsen his hands, destroy his complexion, ruin his visitor had not the heart to correct her, and clothes. Were these restraints put on the boisterous John, one would see how soon he

would wilt, how lassitude, dyspepsia, head- ment. ache, and inability to study would steal upon him. But in his case it would not be as in Jane's, attributed to overwork with study and books. It would not be said of him him that Queen Victoria was 'the most honthat his brain was overtaxed. The popular ored woman in the world,' when he was notion, based on historic past, is that the seeking to hear 'Mary' as a reply to his masculine brain is capable of sustained ef-fort, but the feminine brain is not; a woman same class of children a few days later the studies at the expense of her vitality, and distinction between the old and the new thus impairs her whole system; she can covenant. He has, however, almost despair stand all kinds of follies in dress, she can go to theatres and parties, eat luncheons and dinners composed of courses which are the formed her parents, 'Mr. Blank told us all results of modern invention, and which about the old cucumber and the new oucumould tax the digestion of an ostrich. If at | ber!" he same time she is pursuing any course of

Art's Limitations

-"The saddest, most blighted-life case I

Biliousness, Sick Headache, Heartburn, or Constipation, take a dose of Hood's Pills about Jonah an' th' whale." On retiring, and tomorrow your di-

Take away the little planklets,
We shall need them now no more;
For soon the dust will rise in heaplets
Where the mud did lie before.

Joker's Corner.

What are the two best ships in the world? courtship and friendship. If Mississippi should give Missouri her

f many in the efficacy of hot water as a cure New Jersey, and Florida should keep her own Cape Sable, what would Delaware? Alaska (I'll ask her). What time is it when the clock strikes 13? Time to get it fixed. Why is a tin can tied to a dog's tail like death? Because it is the tail end of life.

What is that which gives a cold, cures a cold and pays the doctor's bill? A draft. Why is a ship at sea like a diamond pin? It rests on the breast of a swell. What is the most unequal contest men tioned in the Bible? When the acorn waxed

Why are the stars the greatest astrono mers? Because they have studded (studied) the heavens for centuries. When is it easy to read in the woods When autumn turns the leaves.

cause the sun sets on them every night. Why is a washerwoman the greatest travline and goes from pole to pole. What is smaller than a gnat's mouth?

It's tongue. If you throw a white stone into the Red Sea what will it become? Wet.

"M. A. P." related the following little story, gravely told, one evening in a dressing room at a London West End theatre, where nearly all "the talent" is "American. be true," said the man who told the story, "but I once met with a most touching ex I happened to notice that a large stone had rolled off the bank at the side of the road on to a snake that was vainly trying to escape from under the weight Say! I just felt sorry for the poor brute, so I little the stone carefully away, and the snake was so grateful that he followed me right home, and

came a house pet of the whole family! Now, the most curious thing happened later on," continued the actor, with settled gravity, "when we'd had that snake round our place for about six months. He was a rattle snake. One night a burglar broke into the house. Not a soul was roused. But our pet must have heard the footsteps. Say! he glided along the floor; he twisted him firmly round that burglar's leg and held him out of the window where the burglar had

climbed in, and shook his rattle to summon At a small gathering the other night some-Did you ever hear the story of the hard

boiled egg?" he solemnly inquired of some one across the table. "No," was the innocent reply. "It's hard to beat," said the joker with much gravity. and after the laugh died down somebody

"Did anybody hear about the egg in the coffee ?" "No," said an obliging somebody. "That settles it," replied the funny man Of course there was another laugh, and then a brief silence. It looked as if the egg But presently a little woman at one end

of the table inquired in a high soprano voice if anybody present had heard the story of The guests shook their heads, and one man The little woman smiled.

"Two bad," she said.

It was in a quaint home in the east. The nother of that home was one of those kind. oving, trustful mortals that make for the betterment of man-a mother that any man should be proud of. Two of her boys, now grown to manhood, had left the home two years ago for the Slocan country. The visitor at the home had recently returned from this and was answering the dear old mother's and how they were getting on. "You know John," said she, after enquiring particularly about him with that pride that goes with a mother's love; "well, John, he has done

-" The Boston rector," says The Boston

study, it is not any of these things that give "So that's a photograph of your young man, is it, Clara? He's quite handsome, but what are those two singular pillars he seems to be sitting between?" "Those are his -er-knees. He's rather tall, and the photographer had to make him sit on a low chair in order to get all of him

ever knew," said the major, " was that of a —Some people have a habit of storing away anything that strikes them as being "almost too good to throw away." This only means an enormous amount of clearing out some day, and in the case of clothes it is far better to mend and give them away at once or destroy them.

-Mother-"Johnny, you said you'd been to Sunday school." Johnny (with a far-away look) -" Yes'm." Mother-" How does it happen that your ands smell fishy?" Johnny-" I-I carried home the Sunday school paper, an'-an' th' outside page is all

on retiring, and tomorrow your discontinuous continuous -Mr. Oldboy-"Why do you bring me so much water, Tommy? I merely asked for a drink."