

DOES IT PAY TO HIRE A GARDENER.—I am a farmer with 150 acres of cleared land, with orchards, &c., as good as my neighbors, but I was not quite satisfied with my garden. It was, to be sure as good as those of my neighbors, but I wished the garden better. The soil and situation were good, I had worked it, yet I was not suited. I hired a gardener in April, 1857, and in keeping a correct account of loss and gain found myself minus some \$17. In looking back, I thought I could see where I had missed it, and not to be discouraged at one failure, I made a second attempt in 1858. This year I find the debt and credit pages are quite different from the former. I now find myself the gainer to the amount of \$23 50 in 1858, besides the constant supply and use of many articles 'on the table, not taken in the estimate. Then the great enjoyment of the many delicacies my garden yields when a friend visits me, and occasionally to make a present of a dish of strawberries, gooseberries, or a few melons, as circumstances seem to justify, gives such a true relish to life, that I shall pay more attention to my garden in future.

I believe my brother farmers are the losers by neglecting the garden. I know that I have lost by such neglect, and by the well known rule, judge others by myself. The garden pays full as well as the field. At or near the close of 1856, you may hear from me further on this subject. —A CANADIAN FARMER, in *Genesee Farmer*.

RAISING EARLY PLANTS.—I notice in the March number of the *Farmer* a plan for raising early plants in the shells of turnips, and no doubt they would answer a very good purpose; but a much more complete way for raising early plants for transplanting in the garden, is to make small boxes of common siding, say seven inches wide. Plane one side of the board, which is to form the inside of the box, then make your boxes from six to eight inches across the top, so as to suit the size of the plants that you want to put in them, and about one inch larger across the bottom, so that the box will slip up from the hill without any difficulty. These boxes are to be made without any bottom, and should be placed upon a shingle or thin piece of board, with one end shaved thin, so that it can be drawn out from under the box without disturbing the dirt or the roots of the plant. I have used this kind of boxes for the last two years, and find that they answer the purpose to my entire satisfaction. The boxes when in use should be kept in the hot-bed or in the kitchen; and if kept in the latter place, they should be kept as near the top of the room as possible, upon a shelf fixed for the purpose, as the heat is always greater near the top of the room than in any other place, and also more regular. —THOS. C. HAGAMAN, Bronte, C.W., March 24, 1859. —*Genesee Farmer*.

MULCHING is one of the best means of preventing mildew on the gooseberry, and it is quite probable that sulphur scattered on the leaves will be as beneficial as it is in checking the mildew on grapes.

Miscellaneous.

AN EDUCATED WOMAN.

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The following beautiful sketch from the pen of that earnest writer on agriculture, Henry Coleman, Esq., we take pleasure in presenting to our readers. It appears in his works, and serves to illustrate more forcibly one of the causes which has always served to advance European Agriculture. The women of England honor this science, and thousands of them follow the example of their illustrious Queen, by educating themselves in the science of the earth, and practically test its value by laboring to beautify home.

A PENCIL SKETCH.—I must claim the indulgence of my readers, if I give them an account of a visit in the country so instructive, so bright, so cheerful, that nothing but the absolute breaking up of the mind can ever obliterate its record, or dispel the bright vision from my imagination. I know my fair readers, for with some such I am assured my humble reports are kindly honored, will feel an interest in it, and if I have any unfair readers, I beg them at once to turn over the page. But mind, I shall utter no name and point to no place; and if I did not know that the example was not altogether