

**CLEARING LANDS.**—For the good of land, and for the ease of clearing, I would prefer to have the chopping done in the months of June and July, and take a spring burn the next season. I prefer this course, first, because there will be no sprouts in the land; and second because the stumps will come out three or four years sooner than they would if chopped in the winter or spring months, as then they are sure to sprout, and thus retain some vitality. To clear land slow and easy, I always girdle; and that work should be done in June when the sign is in the heart [?] I have seen the leaves withered and dried in one week. I always choose to let beech and maple timber stand until about half the top and branches fall to the ground, which will take place in five or six years. When I wish to clear the piece, I cut the balance of timber down a few days before I wish to burn, always preferring the spring, as their will be less herbage on the ground at that time, and the burn, of consequence more complete. I have seen land cleared that would not cost one dollar an acre to fit it for the seed; as in dry weather, when so prepared, the fire usually cuts it up effectually.

**INCOMBUSTIBLE WASH.**—Slack stone lime in a large tub or barrel, with boiling water, covering the tub or barrel to keep in all the steam. When thus slacked, pass six quarts of it through a fine sieve. It will then be in a state of fine flour. Now to six quarts of this lime add one quart of rock or Turks' Island salt, and one gallon of water; then boil the mixture, and skim it clean. To every five gallons of this skimmed mixture add one pound of alum, half pound copperas, by slow degrees add three fourths of a pound of potash, and four quarts of fine sand or hickory ashes sifted. We suppose any kind of good hardwood ashes will answer as well as hickory. This mixture will now admit of any colouring matter you please, and may be applied with a brush. It looks better than paint and is as durable as slate. It will stop small leaks in the roof prevent the moss from growing over and rotting the roof, and rendering it incombustible from sparks falling upon it. When laid upon brick work it renders the brick impervious to rain or wet.—*New York Mechanic.*

**TO DRIVE NAILS INTO HARD WOOD.**—It is said that by dropping the points of nails into lard, they may be driven home in hard wood without difficulty. The *New Genesee Farmer* says that carpenters who are engaged in repairing old buildings, sometimes carry a lump of lard for this purpose, on one of their boots or shoes.

**TO REVIVE OLD WRITING.**—Immerse the writing in water in which copperas has been dissolved; if the writing is suffered to dry, the copperas will make it re-appear with as much freshness as if it were new.