

The Farm.

The Art, Though Important, is a Very Simple One.

The chief art in gardening consists in not allowing our plants to have their own wilful way, but to make them behave as we want them to do.

The grower of grapes under glass has to know how to do it as otherwise he would have grapes in the apex of the roof and nowhere else.

"And yet, the art is very simple," concludes Meehan's Monthly. "It is simply to pinch out the apex of the strong growing shoots that want to get up still higher and leave the struggling shoots at the base alone."

"In the hands of a good gardener, a grapevine trellis will have fruit over every part of its surface and have as fine fruit at the apex as at the base."

Cold Storage on the Farm.

The fruit farm is the proper place for the cold storage of fruit. This is acknowledged by the best authorities on cold storage. The reason for this is that the fruit must of necessity be injured and wasted in handling before it reaches the cold storage in the cities.

The possibilities of cold storage on the farm will be appreciated by another generation, and every large fruit farm will have its cold storage house.

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ways rule high. At present the merchants in the cities reap all this profit.—(S. W. Chambers, in The Massachusetts Ploughman.

Five Splendid Shrubs.

Five rare but extra fine shrubs for farmers' homes would include:

First—The Prunus triloba, a hardy bush or small tree, bearing double crimson flowers, like small double roses.

The name Thorn is against one of the most glorious families of shrubs (small trees) that we have. If only one can be planted, select the double-flowering scarlet. This is the grandest in blossom of anything that adorns our lawns.

Third—The American Judas tree when grown at its best is one of the finest shrubs in existence. It is entirely hardy.

Fourth—The Eriogonum grandiflorum I should place in any collection of shrubs, however small it might be.

Fifth—The altheas are worthy of being among the first shrubs to find a place. They are not pretty until spring, for the leaves do not appear till the end of May.

A Grasshopper Story. One day, many years ago, a woman was walking one of the country roads in England, with a baby in her arms.

climbed back to the road again, walked rapidly away, leaving the baby alone there to die.

Some time afterward, a little boy coming along that road on his way from school, spied a grasshopper by the roadside.

The little boy hurried home and told his father and mother what he had found. They came, found the deserted little baby, and took good care of it.

For Neuralgia.

Boil a handful of lobelia in half a pint of water, strain, and add a teaspoonful of salt. Wring cloths out of the liquid, very hot and apply till the pain ceases.

John Y. McKane, the ex-Coney Island "boss," who served four years' imprisonment for election frauds and was released a few years ago, died on Tuesday.

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