

city influence and for city purposes, except the "Farmer's Advocate." This we say from our own observation and experience. We offer a slight inducement to farmers to write: We would be glad to give hundreds of dollars if we could, as prizes to boys, girls, and farmers to write. Any one that writes a good practical article, and allows it to go before the public is a benefactor to his country, while he that has knowledge, and suppresses it, and hides his light under a bushel, is not only a drag in the community, but has much to answer for. If any one of our supporters wish to ask any questions about our undertaking, we shall be happy to reply.

We received a long list of questions from one person, about nearly all the different operations on a farm, and not one to any point or for any purpose. Answers properly given would occupy one year, and fill our paper every month. Any one can ask a lot of questions. We require help not hindrance. Let any one that knows better than his neighbors about any one thing, let him take his pen and write.

TO THE LADIES.

Ladies are universally fond of flowers, and we are fond of flowers and ladies too. Still we know some women that never attempt to raise a flower, and those you may easily find by passing along a Concession. You can tell the cultivated, the refined, prosperous and indulgent, by the state of the flower garden, the shrubs and the orchard. Where these are neglected, and where no flower is to be seen, are the best places where we would think of calling at if we wished for any useful information, a pleasant chat or a comfortable meal. If we should happen to drop in and take a cup of tea some evening during the summer, we would be sure to talk to you about your flowers. We gave our daughters each a Dahlia and a Fuschia last summer, with numerous other flowers, and allotted them a plot of land each. They looked pretty, and the girls were highly delighted in looking after them, and striving which should have the best. It is unnecessary to say they were admired by all that visited Westwell farm. We would like to present all our readers with a few of the choicest varieties, for we wish our readers to surpass their neighbors in beautifying their homes, as much as in raising the most profitable kinds of grain and the best stock, but we have given away so much for the public good, that our charity must now commence at home.

Many of you will assist us in our undertaking, and help yourselves at the same time. Would you not like to have some of the choicest flowers decorating your homes? We now propose offering a scheme whereby you may assist us and benefit yourselves. We have selected some of the finest and choicest varieties of flowers, which we will

send to you by post, postage free, to any part of the Dominion. You can obtain one or more subscribers, and in return receive some choice variety of the Emporium flower seeds. Would it not be nice for you to have something of the kind, to show what you had gained from the Emporium?

LADIES PRIZE LIST FOR APRIL.

To gain the highest prize, not less than 50 names must be sent in—others in proportion.

1st-Prize Amount \$10 in following articles:

1. 12 very fine varieties, 100 seeds of each variety, of Truffault's large Poeny flowered pyramidal double asters 0 50
2. An assortment of 12 very fine varieties double Camelia Balsams 0 50
3. An assortment of ten varieties of beautiful Cockscombs 0 50
4. 12 distinct varieties of German 10 week stocks 0 50
5. 8 varieties of sweet peas, very choice 0 50
6. 6 distinct varieties of Double Zinnias 0 50
7. A collection of hardy annuals, 20 distinct sorts 2 00
8. 2 cuttings each of the three following varieties of Grapes 1 50
- Clinton, Delaware and Hartford prolific
9. 3 cuttings each of Red Cherry and short branched Red Currants 1 00
10. 2 cuttings each of monthly fragrant Yellow Trumpet, and Scarlet Trumpet Honey Suckle 1 50
11. 6 cuttings of Weigela Rosea, a beautiful hardy Chinese Shrub 1 00

Total 10 00

2nd Prize.—Not less than 25 subscribers, \$5

3d Prize.—Not less than 12 subscribers, \$2

Little girls that get up a club of five, will have a nice selection of flower seeds sent to them.

We make up packages of the choicest flower seeds for our lady subscribers at 50cts, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, and \$5. We guarantee you satisfaction. Send an order and try the Emporium flower seeds. We send all small packages under 1 lb. post-paid, larger packages by express or Railroad as ordered, but do not pay charges.

German Asters, German Stocks, German Balsams, and Double Zinnias, are better to be raised early, either in a hot bed, or in a box in doors, then planted out at end of May.

The White Willow for Fences.

I have seen the white willow growing in many places in this State and the West, and wish to say something regarding its value for fencing. Those who pronounce it a humbug are generally of that class of men who expect nearly all kinds of shrubbery and fruit trees to grow vigorously and do well with little or no culture or pruning. Such men should not plant the willow, or even any kind of hedge plant, expecting to make a good fence. I speak advisedly and positively when I say the white willow is not a humbug.

It is suited to making stockades or tree

fences, but is unfit for hedges. But very few of those who try it succeed in making a good fence—perhaps not more than one in twenty.

Want of care is the great trouble. It is often neglected for want of knowledge as to its management and not getting it started rightly.

I will give a few simple directions for making a fence or stockade with the white willow:

Plant your cuttings in nursery rows and cultivate them as well as you would so many rows of cabbage. After one season's growth take them up and plant them on the fence line, where they are to remain, taking particular care to have them stand perfectly upright or perpendicular, leaning neither to the right or left. In nearly all cases where the cuttings are planted on the fence line, at first the young shoots diverge in many ways from a perpendicular, and it is very difficult to make them grow straight up as they should. Hence they should be set in nursery rows one season, and then when replanted on the permanent fence line they can be set so as to avoid thus diverging, in various ways, from the proper upright position so necessary to make a decent looking tree fence. They should be well cultivated with a horse on both sides of the row for two years at least after being set on the fence line—as much care as a farmer would give to a row of corn. All the lower limbs should be carefully trimmed off twice during the season and the young plants encouraged to run up tall and straight and no browsing from cattle or horses. In this way a good durable fence can be made, which will, in a few years, be quite a screen or shelter from the winter winds.

To make a fancy or ornamental tree fence and wind-break—set evergreens; Norway spruce, red cedar, white pine, are among the best and white willow. Set about three evergreens, then a white willow, and so on alternating. Keep the willows trimmed up high so as not to interfere with the evergreens, and they will fill the entire space below, while the willows will shoot up much higher, their trunks being but little in the way of the evergreens. This style of fence, if well cared for, would in a few years, be an ornament to any plantation.—[Selected.]

We shall have a few of the Harrison potatoes, and supply them at the same rates as other good advertised varieties. Garnet Chilies, Peach Blows, Flukes, Prince Alberts, &c., you can procure at other places. The Gooderich stand at the head of the list for early potatoes. The New Brunswick seedling as a cropper, and for hardiness and general use at all seasons are highly commended. The Westwell oats may be supplied in small quantities at \$1 per half bushel.