

WISHING to cultivate some celery plants the present season, will you please give some directions for so doing through the columns of the FARMER. J. B. H.—*Linden, Ind.*

Celery requires a deep, rich soil, manured with well-rotted dung, and broken bones put into the trench *we have found to be very beneficial*. The soil in which the seed is to be sown must be very finely pulverized, as one ounce of seed will make many thousand plants. When about eight inches high, they may be transplanted to the trench, after having their tops and roots trimmed. They require to be thoroughly watered when transplanted, and shaded by boards from the sun, taking care to remove them at night-fall, and so on until the plants become well started in their new localities. The trenches may be about a foot in width and from fifteen to eighteen inches deep. Place three or four inches of well-rotted manure in the bottom of each trench, and also the same depth of good light loam, and mix thoroughly together. When the plants are about fifteen inches high, commence earthing up. This requires care and patience. Take the stems in your left hand, and draw up the earth with the other hand, taking particular care not to let dirt fall into the crown of the plant, which injures its taste and growth.

HAVING fifteen or twenty dollars to spare, I would like to lay it out to the best advantage in books on agriculture, but do not know what ones to get. I should like to have some on *practical* as well as *theoretical* farming. Will you have the kindness to name, in your next issue of the FARMER, a list of agricultural books and their cost that stand highest in your esteem? B. T. R.—*Newburgh, N. Y.*

The above will be answered in our next.

Will you tell me what is the best remedy against the bee-moth? It has destroyed nearly all our hives in this section of the country. J. W. Helm—*Paris, Wisconsin.*

You will find your query answered on page 68 of the FARMER for 1854.

I HAVE a fine cow suffering from garget. I say *garget*, but am not quite sure that that is the disease. She looks well, eats well, her eyes are bright, as is also her hair, which lies smooth. Still, the milk is *stringy*, and last year it nearly failed. Will you or some of your correspondents be so kind as to inform me of a remedy for the disease, and whether it is actually garget or not? A SUBSCRIBER—*Gates, N. Y.*

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INARCHING PLUM AND PEAR TREES. (G. M. B.) The plum and pear trees, two to three inches in diameter, being deficient of roots, which you have, may be inarched by planting young trees of the respective kinds near them, and after they have grown *one* season, you may then, early in spring before the sap commences to circulate, cut out with a sharp knife from the old plant a portion of the bark and the wood, so that when brought to the young plant, a correspondingly cut out of it will exactly unite and fit. The whole ought to be bound with strips of cloth which have been dipped into melted grafting wax. As soon as they have firmly united, the top of the young plant should be cut off, throwing all the top in the old plant. They may grow, but it can not be recommended to practice.

Notices of New Books, Periodicals, &c.

THE NATURALIZATION LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, and also a Synopsis of the Alien Laws of all the States, with forms for naturalization. Rochester, N. Y.: D. M. DEWEY, Publisher.

This work has been laid on our table by the enterprising publisher; and upon inspection we find it to contain much matter of general interest to all classes of citizens. It also contains a table of the nativities of the foreign born population of the United States, and many other topics, which in these times of excitement respecting our naturalization laws, &c., render it necessary for all to have as a matter of study and reference. Price per copy, 25 cts.

SCHENCK'S GARDENER'S TEXT BOOK: Containing 'practical directions upon the Formation and Management of the Kitchen Garden, &c. By P. A. SCHENCK. Boston: JOHN P. JEWETT & Co. Cleveland, Ohio: JEWETT, PROCTOR & WORTHINGTON.

The above fully explains the design of the work; and after a careful inspection we cordially commend it to our readers as a useful and valuable handbook of gardening.

THE ENDS AND MEANS OF A LIBERAL EDUCATION: An Inaugural Address delivered July 11th, 1854, by M. B. ANDERSON, President of the University of Rochester. Rochester, N. Y.: WM. N. SAGE, Publisher.

We are indebted to the publisher for a copy of the above, which is truly an able and eloquent production. The claims of a liberal education, and the means by which it may be acquired, are detailed with great force and originality.

THE FLOWER GARDEN, OR BRECK'S BOOK OF FLOWERS: In which is described all the various hardy herbaceous perennials, annuals, shrubby plants, and evergreens desirable for ornamental purposes, with directions for their cultivation. Second thousand. By JOSEPH BRECK. Boston: J. P. JEWETT & Co., No. 17 and 19 Cornhill.

The above is well explained by its title, and it is generally recognized as a standard work. Simple and chaste in style—plain in its directions—there is no work of its kind, to our knowledge, which we should prefer as a text-book and flower-garden companion.

THE AMERICAN FRUIT BOOK: a book for everybody. Twentieth Thousand. By S. W. COLE. Boston: J. P. JEWETT & Co. Cleveland, O.: JEWETT, PROCTOR & WORTHINGTON.

The above contains directions for raising, propagating, and managing fruit trees, shrubs and plants, with a description of the best varieties of fruit, including new and valuable kinds.

THE SLAVE OF THE LAMP: A posthumous Novel. By WM. NORTH, author of "Anti-Coningsby." New York: H. LONG & Co. For sale by D. M. DEWEY, No. 4, Arcade Hall, Rochester, N. Y.

A well written work, containing many fine passages;—but with some of the sentiments expressed by the hero of the lamp we do not at all coincide. If this world is to be made better, it is only by reference to the golden rule. Do ye unto others as ye would they should do unto you; and each and every system of reform that is not based thereupon will fail.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE WORCESTER COUNTY (MAS.) AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We have been favored by the attention of W. S. LINCOLN, Esq., with this work. The volume is well got up and very neatly printed, and the methods of cultivation practiced by the competitors for premiums detailed at length.