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The death of Mr. Henry B. Ellwanger, son of the senior partner of the firm of Ellwanger & Barry, of the Mt. Hope Nurseries, Rochester, N. Y., is a matter of general regret. He was well known as an accomplished floriculturist. Not long ago he published an excellent book on the rose.

H. G. Charlesworth, of Rosedale and Oakland farms, Port Hope, Ontario, writes: "I cannot refrain from writing you expressive of the high opinion I have formed of your paper as an advertising medium. I have advertised largely for the past five years in both Canadian and American papers, but with no such results. I have not only been flooded with letters from all parts of the country, but they have been of such a character that I have experienced no delay in making sales."

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Our Monthly Prize Essay.

Our prize of \$5.00 for the best essay on the *Home Making of Bread*, has been awarded to Mrs. E. H. Moffatt.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on the comparative advantages and profits of *Summer and Winter Dairying*. The essay to be handed in before the 15th September next.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay upon *The Advantages of Maintaining Township Exhibitions*. The manuscript to be in before the 15th October next.

Our Exhibition Issue.

All subscribers who are desirous of having a copy of our special issue for any friend or friends are requested to forward such names with P. O. address at once. The Exhibition Issue is free on application to our subscribers, being included in their annual subscription, and will be very interesting to them as well as to their friends. Send names at once.

Capt. Le Brocq, of St. Hilliers, Jersey, has kindly sent us the rules of the Jersey Farmer's Association, which we will notice more fully in an early issue.

Would not do without the ADVOCATE now. Can almost tell by the farms who take the ADVOCATE.
ALLEN MCPHEE, North River, P. E. I.

By the Way.

Keep your fences and gates in order.
Save the best field and garden seeds.
Yes, "plow deep while sluggards sleep."
Don't "make haste slowly" in killing thistles, etc.

Agricultural fairs should be social reunions as well as useful exhibitions.

Boys and girls should exhibit at the fair, but not themselves only.

Everybody should send to the farmer's paper any facts, experiments and suggestions that other people may profit by.

Buy a small farm. It costs less, is more easily bought and sold, has less fencing, less taxes, and will be better cultivated.

Caution should be exercised in laying drains in an orchard. If they are placed too near the trees the roots will be very likely to fill them up.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is said to have placed 500 eggs in an incubator. Of the twenty chickens hatched from them five survived, at latest advices.

In Southern Illinois strawberry growers are abandoning the practice of mulching the plants; they believe the mulch serves as an insect breeder.

Of the growing apples in Great Britain The London Gardeners' Chronicle reports them "everywhere most abundant; a truly grand crop."

Jersey bulls, says the London Agricultural Gazette, will be respected by anyone who has ever encountered one. "They (if bull-fighting ever becomes popular in England) will have to supply the arena."

Do you know what each crop costs?

Mr. P. C. Reynolds considers the McCormick raspberry—better known as Mammoth Cluster—unequaled among blackcaps for flavor; the fruit is less seedy than other varieties, but not quite so productive as some.

Mr. Henry A. Sprague, a close observer in the boundless field of natural history, writes to The Mirror and Farmer against red squirrels, which he accuses of not only preying on fruit, but, what is worse, fighting with birds for the contents of their nests.

Mr. Stephen Powers tells The Ohio Farmer that he has threshed wheat directly from the shock five years in succession, and intends to continue the practice. He thus saves handling, and keeps barn-room for hay. But the grain will not bear close confinement; he has, however, stored it three feet deep in the bin without injury, and thinks barrels better.

Mr. A. W. Cheever has this year the poorest peas he ever raised, though soil and season were more than usually favorable. The only trouble was—inferior seed, the fag-end of the crop of 1882.

The name of the perfect insecticide is not Pyrethrum. That promising herb meets two of the requirements—it is harmless to plants and non-poisonous to the higher animals; but Professor A. J. Cook, a practical and painstaking experimenter, "finds that many beetles and most bugs are entirely indifferent to its use."

Mr. Charles Downing says that dusting with sulphur as soon as the leaves are large as a half-dollar, and renewal after each rain, will generally prevent mildew on grapevines, but not always.

Sowing pansy seeds in the open ground this month is a forethoughtful provision for a bed of beautiful flowers almost as soon as the snow disappears next spring, provided the soil is made sufficiently rich.

Accommodation for Visitors at Fairs.

The directors of the Southern Exposition recently held at Louisville, Kentucky, appointed a "public comfort committee," who published a directory of all the hotels, boarding and lodging houses. The circular is complete in every detail; in a tabular form it shows the location, number of rooms, number of beds, how many ladies or gentlemen can be accommodated, the rates per day or week, with a column of remarks of the specialties of each house, such as bath-rooms, how furnished, number of extra beds, etc., etc. For years we have urged on the directors of the Provincial and other large fairs the desirability of attending to the comfort of their numerous visitors, and we commend to their favorable notice the above mentioned system. If considered undesirable to issue a separate sheet, a page or two of the premium lists could be utilised for the purpose, and would prove a great boon to visitors from a distance, and would induce a greater attendance.

I am very well pleased with your paper; indeed, I think it is the best published in Canada for the interests of the farmer.

EDWARD KING, Watford, Ont.