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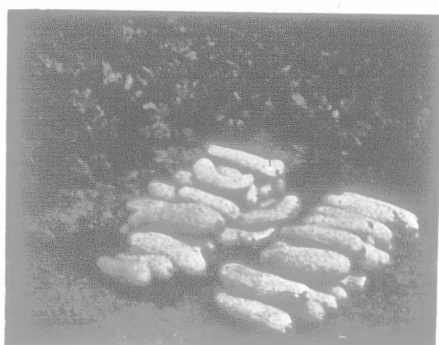
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INGLE NOOK NEWS NOTES

When a new guest arrives hospitality dictates even a little more attention than is displayed towards the old friend. But our friend "77" hasn't received this at the hands of Dame Durden, when her letter appeared in the issue of May 20th, without any signature. The number being rather an unusual nom-de-plume got lost somewhere. I am very sorry indeed, and hope "77" will forgive me and come again. D.D.

NOTES OF THE GARDENS.

Our friend Mary has a garden that should be worth seeing. She says "Our house has trees surrounding three sides, so we are very sheltered, and it is nice to have the garden so well protected. I have nearly finished setting out my beds,—have sown all the seeds and transplanted a great many plants. On Monday, I set out between 300 and 400 stocks in one large bed and am looking forward to glorious results.

All our members who are housekeepers and cooks will wish success to the Connecticut gardener who claims to have grown, after years of experiment, a potato that requires no cooking. This potato grows on the vine like a tomato.

A Brandon nurseryman says that cottonwood, elm, ash and Carolina poplar are the trees that best stand Manitoba's climate. The caragana makes the best hedge, and the lilac and bush honeysuckle can always be grown in this province. Every garden should have some lilacs. There is nothing to equal it in blossoming time, and even when not in flower the bush is ornamental.

Are you going to have some peonies? They are hardy, are beautiful, are easily cared for, and improve with age. The range of colors is wide—from pure white to deep rich red. To raise it well give it a rather heavy soil, made very rich with old, well-rotted cow manure. Set the tubers at least four inches below the surface, and disturb them after planting as little as possible or they will not flower.

One of the most destructive insects is the plant louse, which attacks many plants including vegetables, roses, golden glow, chrysanthemums, dahlias, peas etc. Tons of Paris green are yearly wasted on plant lice. You can't poison this kind of pest, because it takes its food directly from the inside of the plant, but, fortunately, it can be choked off. None of these creatures can breathe if they are once coated with a fine covering of oil or oily emulsion, for insects breathe through trapdoors on their sides, not through their mouths.

IDEAS THAT LIGHTEN LABOR.

It is said that soft water can be produced by running any common well or hard water through a cream separator.



NOT DISTURBED BY MOVING

The soft water will come out of the cream spout and the hard or heavier water will flow out of the milk spout.

Pineapple juice will relieve inflammation of the throat in the most advanced and chronic cases and will cure all ordinary attacks. In both membranous croup and diphtheria pure pineapple juice either raw or from the canned fruit will cure when the entire apothecary shop has been tried and found wanting.

For a self-shining dressing for shoes which can be made cheaply at home and is not injurious to leather, dissolve 8 ounces gum arabic in 8 ounces of best black ink, then add two ounces of olive oil. Mix thoroughly and then add 4 ounces of good vinegar, 3 ounces of brown sugar, 2 ounces of alcohol; shake well together while bottling and apply with a soft sponge.

To bottle horseradish, scrape fine or grate the roots, slightly sprinkle with salt and to each pint allow one tablespoonful of sugar. Scald 1-2 pints of good white wine vinegar and pour boiling hot over the horseradish. Steep for one hour then place in jars and seal. The jars should be kept in a dark place. The contents will discolor if there is the slightest exposure to the air.

To remove the stains of sticky fly-paper from white silk, make a light solution of Castile soap dissolved in warm water to which a trace of ammonia has been added. Treat the spots, using a soft cloth or sponge, and when the spots have disappeared rub with a cloth dipped in clean water, being



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careful to wet the material as little as possible and to rub the outer edges of the wet spots to efface the traces of the treatment. If the stained portion is washed in gasoline this will also remove the stain and will not in the least injure the fabric.

A farmer writes as follows:—"In a large number of old shingles I put about a half teaspoon of treacle on each, and on that with my pocket knife I scraped a small amount of concentrated lye. I then placed the old shingles around under the stable floors and under the cribs. The next morning I found forty dead rats, and the rest left the farm for parts unknown. I have cleared many farms of the pests in the same way, and have never known it to fail."

Artists sometimes use a raw potato for cleaning oil paintings. Cut off the end of the potato and rub the painting very gently with the cut end. As fast as the potato becomes soiled cut off a thin slice and continue to use it until the whole surface is cleaned. Another method is to rub the soiled surface with the finger wet in warm water. If the dirt is very hard and old, use oil instead of water. Let it rest for a few hours, so that the dirt may be softened, then wash off with a sponge and tepid suds.

Pickled meat—16 pounds salt, 1 pound brown sugar, 1/2 pound saltpetre, 4 gallons water. Mix (boil together if you wish) and pour over the meat, either hot or cold. Ready to use in three or four days. The above quantity will cover more than 100 pounds of meat. —Sent by NAMELESS.

Children's Corner

CHILDREN'S CORNER CHATS

Will the boys and girls remember that it takes a two-cent stamp to carry a letter to this office or away from it?

Here are some names already suggested for our Corner:—The Duck Pond, The Bee Tree, The Beaver Pond, Young Canadians' Camp Fire. Does anyone think of another that would be suitable? Send it in if you do.

If you want some practice in drawing, why not try some of the arms of the provinces given on page 931 of the issue of the 1st of July? Begin with the arms of your own province. If you can use water colors, the article will explain what colors are given to the different parts of the design.

CROPS ARE GOOD

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—It is a long time since I wrote to your paper. I read the Children's Corner and "Power Lot, God Help Us," and like the story well. I and my sister go to school, and we have a new teacher whom we like. We have a pony and buggy and drive five miles to school. We have eight chickens out and ex-

I think it is nice to have pen-names, but don't see that many of the members are using them. I will soon be thirteen; my birthday is on the 23rd of August. If any of the girls want to correspond, I would be glad to if they will be kind enough to write first.

My former home was in South Dakota. We lived in quite a nice place, with trees all around the house and barn and had quite a lot of fruit there, too. Now I live between two rivers, the South river and the North river. It is a very pretty place in the summer-time. There are lots of strawberries here; yesterday I found some for the first time this spring. PRAIRIE ROSE.

A FINE PLACE FOR A SCHOOL

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have lived in Alberta for over two years. I came here from Kansas, U. S. I have five sisters and two brothers. I have about a mile and a half to walk to school. The road is through the woods, and the school is near a pretty lake where we skate in the winter and go boat-riding and fishing in the summer. Alta. (b) Agnes Coverdale.

SPRING PLEASURE

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I think the greatest pleasure a boy or girl can have in springtime is to hunt birds' nests. We tried it and found it good fun. We found nests of the hen-hawk, robin, blue bird, wren, white throat, woodpecker, blackbird and tom-tit.

The hen-hawk's nest was built on a high cut bank. The first time we looked at it there were three eggs in it. The eggs were white, with large, dark-brown specks. This nest was about half a mile from our house, so it was a good many days before we saw it again; but when we did see it there were four eggs in the nest. The last egg's specks were not half so plain as the other three. The next time we saw it, there were four white, downy, pretty little birds in it. The big bird flew around us wildly while we looked at the young ones. There were parts of gophers and small birds all round the nest. The next time we saw it there were neither eggs nor young ones in it—it was empty.

When first we saw the robin's nest, it was empty. It was early in spring and we were not sure whether it was a new nest or not, but the same night we ran down to the nest, which was by the corrals not far from the house, and to our great joy, it had one blue egg in it. We looked at it every night and always found one more blue egg till on the fourth day four eggs lay in the nest. Then we knew she would not lay any more, for we had read stories about robins. In three days we looked at it again; one egg had been taken; there were only three eggs in the nest. We first thought to take the eggs that were left. Then we thought she might not have left the nest, so we left them. Two of them hatched, grew up, and left the nest within a week's time.

The bluebird's nest we saw the least of. It was built in a very pretty place at the foot of a big hill, sheltered by a shrub. It had four blue eggs in it speckled with a darker shade. This nest was a long way from the house, so we never saw it again.

The wren's nest was built in the roof of an old cattle shed. The first time



WAITING FOR FATHER