

Farm and Garden.

Cut away flower stalks as soon as they begin to fade, unless seeds are wanted. Use tobacco water for plant food. At this season of the year they often become troublesome and the best remedy is extermination. We have seen a pretty rustic seat for a lawn made of an old stump hauled from the woods...

Years left to ripen on the tree are without that delicious, vinous flavor, that rich melting but most enjoyable sweetness that belongs to the really well-ripened pear. If plucked too soon, although they may not be hard, there is a certain greenness of taste and harshness about them entirely different from well-ripened fruit.

Prof. Halstead, of the Iowa agricultural college, tried last season some interesting experiments resulting from excluding the pollen from squash and cucumber flowers. It had been stated that various species of the female flowers do not receive pollen. Prof. Halstead covered many female flowers before they opened with cloth sacks. The ovaries soon dried up and dropped off.

Household Hints. CREAM CAKE.—Two eggs, one cup sugar, one cup sour cream, scald half teaspoonful soda, two cups flour. If, when cooking any dried fruit, boiling water is poured on and left the fruit simmer, it will be much nicer than to use cold water.

FEMININE SUPERSTITIONS.

I noticed a neat, modest looking lady pushing her way along in the crowd on Kearney street, the other day, and was surprised to see so much spirit manifested by a girl of her demure appearance. When she met several ladies she would crowd closely to the street or the wall, but when men came along she marched boldly between them. Calling the attention of another lady to her strange manner, she said: "Oh, I am very nervous, I understand it; she's superstitious."

That evening I went to a party and tried to find out the pet superstition of each girl I danced with. And they all have them. One wouldn't go under a leaning ladder, another would be sure of becoming ill if she saw the moon over her left shoulder, another would not read an epitaph for fear of losing her memory.

ADÉLAIDE'S PROPHECY. Actresses are said to have their little vagaries in this line, like the rest of the sex. While Adélaide Nelson was playing Juliet in Harvelly's theatre she broke her dressing glass in the green-room. Another was brought and the lady who played the nurse broke that while the Romeo of the company stepped on a small handglass and broke it.

EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS.

Among the few matrimonial felicities may be counted wedding presents. They are not always the most felicitous felicitations. For instance, a grand-uncle recently sent a beautiful meerschaum pipe to a young groom who adorned himself with, while to the bride the grand aunt donated a dozen neat white aprons with full bibs, a style which has been relegated to nurse girls ages ago.

THE QUESTION WHEN TO PLANT. In Great Britain the question of Home Rule is commanding attention. To the man with a cold in the head or chest the safest way to ensure Home Rule is a cold is to have on hand a bottle of Dr. Harvey's Red Pine Gum. For sale at J. Wilson's Prescription Drug Store.

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ghostly hand of an Egyptian mummy. Of course after reading "Sh" this would be nothing, but then "She" hadn't been written, and pretty Nelly Giant had the awful hand" taken away. It was sent by an old person who had been collecting specimens of antiquity for the Smithsonian Institute, and who thought that a blushing bride who was just beginning to live would appreciate the hand of a beauty who had died 3,000 years ago.

When the question when to plant is an important one, some will not prefer anything in the fall, others will prefer the fall to all other seasons; the majority of planters will, perhaps, claim that spring is the best season, for the largest amount of planting is done at that time, and failure is not attributed so much to the season.

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