

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE STRANGE CASE OF A WOMAN WHO POSED AS A MAN.

Autopsy Showed Wm. C. Howard to Be a Woman—Had a Wife for Many Years, and Two Children Ever Born.

GRAND MANAN.

Residents of Grand Manan, March 22.—The residents of Grand Manan were greatly shocked to learn on March 14th that Wm. Dalzell, Sr., was dead.

NORTH SYDNEY.

North Sydney, March 21.—Sydney harbor is free from ice now as at any time in July of last year.

CANADIAN SHOT.

Killed in Fighting the Boers—Ward Received by Young Soldier's Father.

WOODSTOCK.

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KINTORE.

Kintore, March 25.—Mrs. Francis Mavor is nursing her daughter, Mrs. George Malcolm, at Gaston, who is very ill.

NORTON.

Norton, March 21.—A barn owned by Charles Ryan was burned today. A quantity of hay was lost.

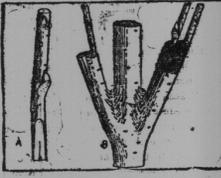
MILKISH.

There is no milk to be seen anywhere in the woods, and traveling is in a very bad state, many people are out of supplies and cannot get to the city. Quite a number of logs and considerable cord-

SIMPLE WAY OF GRAFTING.

A Down East Method Which is Very Easily Described.

In grafting a seedling one or two years old the graft is put on just above the ground and not one cutting is used. To graft a tree to change the fruit is another matter. Instead of cutting the tree off below the limbs three or four of the lower limbs are cut off eight or ten inches from the trunk or the main branch and two cuttings or grafts are placed in each limb. Should the operation prove successful the following year all the branches above the grafts may be removed with little danger of losing the tree. A tree of most any age may be grafted in this way and in a few years be



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in good bearing. The grafting outfit is simple, comprising a jack-knife, small saw and a dish of grafting wax. In selecting grafts only the last year's growth of new wood should be chosen. Figure A shows how to make the scion, says the American Agriculturist. They may be several inches long and contain two or three buds each. The bottom end which is to be inserted into the limb should be wedge shaped. Figure B shows the grafting operation. The graft is placed in position with a split top in which the grafts are set. Two cuttings should be placed in each limb. They are placed in position some orchardists bind them in place with cord or twine to make them secure before the grafting wax is applied. This answers as a safeguard but is not absolutely necessary. In placing the scion it is important to have the inner bark of the scion and stock come together so that the sap will flow from the tree to the cutting. After this is done the wax should be applied so that the joint or splice is well covered. I have kept the grafts in water. Should all the grafts live the weaker ones should be pruned away.

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Some Points Worthy of Remembrance in Choosing One.

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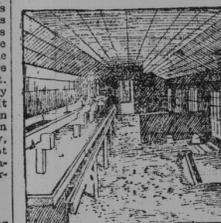
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INTERIOR OF STOCKHOUSE.

Meal Rations for Fattening Steers.

A light ration of meal found to give the most profitable results in fattening steers in a series of experiments extending over several years at the O. A. C. The ration consisted of about one-third pound of corn meal per day per 100 pounds of live weight, and this quantity was increased as deemed advisable to slightly over one-half pound of meal. The average daily gain was 1.661 pounds at a cost of 6.53c per pound. The steers, which were fed on a medium ration of two-thirds pound per day per 100 pounds of live weight, made a gain of 1.70 pounds at a cost of 6.69c per pound of gain. Another lot fed at the rate of one pound of meal per day per 100 pounds of live weight, gained 1.75 pounds daily at a cost of 7.25c per pound of gain. The meal was valued at \$13 per ton, the hay 56c and the roots 25c.

Early Work in the Espary.

As soon in spring as the weather permits the bottom boards of the hives should be scraped and cleaned of the capings and filth which have accumulated during winter. If the bottom boards are detachable, and I always prefer to have them so, the work is easily performed. After being cleaned stand them in the sun for a few minutes to dry. It will make a wonderful difference to the bees save them lots of time and work and perhaps prevent disease. The bees will build up much faster for it.—F. G. Herman.

Cider Vinegar.

Cider vinegar is so frequently adulterated that it is often impossible to get the pure product. Vinegar sold as pure cider frequently contains diluted acetic acid, glucose and soda ash. Sometimes the core was started, and the consequence is that they keep too many fowls in proportion to the area of floor space.