

prevalent during the hot months in summer, is attributable to the accumulation of filth in alleys and yards. There are a number of disinfecting agents which will be found efficient in removing offensive smells from damp, mouldy cellars, yards, pools of stagnant water, decaying vegetable matter, &c. Either of the following will answer the purpose, while they cost but a trifle:

1. One pint of the liquor of chloride of zinc, in one pailfull of water, and one pound of chloride of lime in another pailfull of water. This is perhaps the most effective of anything that can be used, and when thrown upon decayed vegetable matter of any description, will effectually destroy all offensive odors.

2. Three or four pounds of sulphate of iron (copperas) dissolved in a pailfull of water will, in many cases, be sufficient to remove all offensive odors.

3. Chloride of lime is better to scatter about damp places, in yards, in damp cellars, and upon heaps of filth.—*Scientific American.*

**FRENCH AGRICULTURE—SMALL FARMS.**—Notwithstanding the popularity of the system of the subdivision (*morcellement*) of the land consequent on the law of succession, one of the relics of the revolution, it is evident that its most strenuous advocates begin to have strong misgivings as to the working of the law, and to suggest remedies for the counteraction or removal of the evils it entails. For instance: If a man holds four fields, one of which is, say, a vineyard, another pasture, a third arable, and a fourth wood—the whole comprising four hectares, or not quite ten acres—and he dies, leaving four children, each of those survivors may claim a *fourth part of each field*; and thus *the four hectares may be divided into sixteen parts*, to be again subdivided in case of death of the owners having children. In Germany this *morcellement* had risen to such a height that it was found necessary to pass a “law of consolidation,” by which all the lands of a commune were thrown together, and then the proprietors received each an adequate portion in one piece; and it is recommended to follow the same plan in France, but it appears neither the Government nor the present proprietors (of whom there are between five and six millions) are favourable to such a measure, although some of the first men in France (amongst whom is M. Leoncé de Lavergne) are in favour of it. Something, however, must soon be done; for French agriculture has already declined to an alarming extent under the system, which will break down of its own weight if not altered in time.—*Mark-lane Express.*

**POTATOES.**—Harvest and store immediately in a dark, cool and well-ventilated cellar. A liberal amount of earth collected with them is rather beneficial than otherwise, in their preservation.

## Editorial Notices, &c.

We have received since the date of our last number, the current numbers of the *QUARTERLY*, *WESTMINSTER*, and *NORTH BRITISH REVIEWS*. Their contents are as follows:—

**QUARTERLY**:—The Resources and Future of Austria; Natural History of the Bible; Glacial Theories; Our Colonial System; Washington Irving; Modern Spiritualism; Sacred Trees and Flowers; The Nile.

**WESTMINSTER**:—The Growth of Christianity The Rival Races; Utilitarianism; Gamester and Gaming Houses; Marriages of Consanguinity; Saint Simon and his Disciples; The Naturalist on the River Amazon; Blanc's History of the French Revolution; Poland; Lancashire Contemporary Literature.

**NORTH BRITISH**:—Roger Collard—Philosopher and Politician; Wilson's Prehistoric Man Thomas de Quincey; Henry St. John and the Reign of Queen Anne; The Education and Management of the Imbecile; The West Highlands of Scotland; Pretensions of Spiritualism Mormonism—Past and Present; The Cotte Famine and Lancashire Districts; The Nation Defences.

It will be seen from the above that the Standard Reviews contain articles from the pen of the most gifted writers, on varied and interesting subjects, with which no person in the present day having the least pretensions to intelligence can afford to remain unacquainted. The current numbers of these Reviews commence new volumes, so that the present is a convenient time for new subscribers to commence. *BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE* for September, also published by *LEONARD SCOTT, & CO.* *NEW YORK*, contains among its sound excellent articles, one on the Battle of Gettysburg and the Campaign in Pennsylvania, from the pen of a British Officer, that will be read with great interest on this side of the Atlantic.

**THE BRITISH AMERICAN MAGAZINE**, Nos. 5 & 6:—*Toronto: Rollo & Adam.*

The two last numbers of this excellent periodical contain the usual amount of interesting and instructive articles from Canadian writers. Number 6 completes the first volume, a handsome book of near 700 pages. It combines both instruction and amusement of a liter-