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Orders committed to his care will receive prompt attention.

## FARMING IN FOREIGN LANDS.

A correspondent of the Farmers' Gazette, Dublin, writes recommending Jerusalem artichokes (*Helianthus tuberosus*) for making silage.

Russian Turkestan is suffering from a scarcity of food, caused, in part, by the ravages of locusts in certain districts, the unfavorable season last year, and still more by the "cotton fever" which led farmers to neglect other crops for cotton.

The Japan dwarf peach is very highly commended by the Queenslanders as little but good. The tree grows to a height of only three feet, but the fruits set so thickly that unless thinned they crowd one another, and the flavor is declared to be 'simply luscious.'

Among the varieties of English sheep, which have been taken to New Zealand for crossing with Merinos, one of the favorite breeds is the Romney Marsh, of Kentish. The object of the cross is to obtain a carcass suitable for the frozen mutton trade without sacrificing the fleece.

New Zealand fruit growers are using cyanid of potassium as an insecticide. It is dissolved in water, at the rate of one ounce of cyanid to twenty gallons of water, and the solution is sprayed in the usual manner. It is found quite effective without injuring the most delicate foliage. It is a very dangerous poison.

## SHORT SCISSORINGS.

The British mercantile navy has cost in building £133,670,000.

The head of the rattlesnake has been known to inflict a fatal wound after being severed from the body.

Of 15,000 persons one arrives at the age of 100 years, of 500 one attains the age 90, and one in 100 lives to the age of 60.

A box of earth has been sent from the grave of Gen. Lafayette to the Daughters of the American Republic at San Francisco, in which to plant a tree of liberty.

The diamond is not among the earliest gems known to man. It has not been found in the ruins of Nineveh, in the Etruscan sepulchers nor in the tombs of Phoenicians.

An old stage coach, that had been held up and robbed eighty-three times, now lies dismantled in the yard of a livery stable in Phoenix, A. T. Twenty years ago it began running between Prescott and Tombstone.

The first lighthouse in America was built at the entrance to Boston harbor in 1715-16, at a cost of about \$11,500. Erected by the order of the general court of the province of Massachusetts bay, it was supported by light dues of one penny per ton on all vessels except coasters.

## Impersonating an Officer.

Justice Stuffle—You charge this tramp with coming to your saloon and impersonating an officer, do you?

Grogan—Yis, sor: the blagard gave tree raps on me soide dure, an' I passed him out a drink.—New York World.

## Its Beginning.

Loving Mother—I cannot understand what makes our boy, Robert, so fond of pedestrianism.

Fond Father—He gets that from me. Didn't I walk the floor with him for weeks when he was a baby?

## A Fond Mother.

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