

Practical Talks and Plain Precepts for Farmers.

Edited for the Farmer readers of the MONITOR by an Annapolis Valley Agriculturist

PLANTING THE ORCHARD.

As the time of planting trees is at hand, we venture to give some suggestions about this matter and on the apple in general from some of the best authorities on the subject.

THE QUESTION OF VARIETIES.

Prof. F. A. Waugh, of Vermont University, in the recent annual meeting of the Western New York Horticultural Society, expressed the opinion that "no subject is more interesting to the farmer than the question of varieties."

Of course many of the new sorts introduced are no better and are not so good as the old varieties, yet, with the wonderful advance that is being made there, it is not better than any we have at present in quite within the range of possibility.

FARMERS' FRUIT PLANTING.

It has been said, and it may be truly that the cow is the nurseryman of the farm. The tree-planter himself does not excel the American cow in the department of the nursery.

JUST BEFORE PLANTING.

If any considerable number of trees are to be planted they should be taken to the planting ground in a wagon and be well protected. My plan is to puddle everything I plant. Dig a hole in the ground, near the root end, and fill it with water.

TO CARE AROUND IN ONE DAY.

There are several things to be done in the care of the trees, all of which should be done in one day. The first is to give them a good soaking of water.

PRACTICAL HAPPINESS.

The habits of restless discontent and unhappiness is the worst blemish of all. There is a discontent which is wholesome and creative, but the other is a discontent which is destructive and barren.

Tree Agents and Orchards.

At this season of the year farmers are visited by travelling tree agents who exhibit highly colored pictures of various kinds of trees. It will be unwise to give orders to unknown tree agents.

EDWARD VISS CROWN.

More than three thousand precious stones—diamonds, pearls, rubies, sapphires and emeralds, are to be seen in the window of the King Edward Hotel.

POLES ON APPLE GROWING.

It is certain that any crop will flourish best when it is planted in a soil which is rich in phosphorus, potassium, and calcium.

WAGS IN THE ORCHARD.

After fruit trees get up some size, they are liable to be attacked by various insects. The most common of these are the apple worm, the codling moth, and the scale insect.

VALUABLE ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

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The Household. John's Corner.

WHEN TO FORGET ONESELF. "There is no harm in making yourself pretty, my dear," said Grandmother to her young grandchild.

MINCE PUFF. Wash and boil small or mishapen potatoes that will not cook well whole. Peel, mash or put through a ricer, add one-third as much cold milk to give a creamy consistency.

WELL BRED WOMEN. The best bred woman does not fuss. They take their gowns and their furbies, their jewels and their diamonds, and they expect everything else to be equally so.

HOW MANY WOMEN ARE PERSEVERINGLY "PINNING" their lips and noses to the window glass? It is a sad sight to see a woman in this way.

EXPLOSIONS IN KEROSENE LAMP AND STOVES. A certain amount of inflammable vapor is given off from kerosene oil. The lower the grade of oil the greater the quantity of vapor.

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RENOVATING OLD FLOORS. In studying the apparently hopeless state of some old floor, remember that there is a way to renovate them.

THE HOUSEHOLD. JOHN'S CORNER.

THE YOUTHFUL FOLK OF THE family, aged eight, ran away from home last night. It was found under a hedge last night.

THE FAMILY, consisting of the father and mother, were at dinner when the prodigal returned. He was looking more effectively to punish him, in the opinion of the mother, than the progress of the meal.

AN AMUSING incident of college life has just been related to me, remarkably so. It was a student of the law who had been studying in a law office.

THEY LET THE ROPE. "There is more in this literary business than I thought possible," declared the author of the "Mystery."

MOTHER—"I don't like the looks of that boy I saw playing with you in the street today. You mustn't play with him any more."

THE BUTCHER ANSWERED. "Why do you no buy your meat of me?" asked a Glasgow butcher of one of his customers who had recently taken to dealing with an opposition shop.

TOOK ALL PRECAUTION. "So you wish to have to get married, Mary. I hope you have given the matter serious consideration."

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