

The Farm.

Hardy Climbing Vines.

As a rule, planters are inclined to pay more attention to the climbing vines grown from seeds, known as annuals, than to the hardy sorts, slower, perhaps, in the earlier growth, but much more satisfactory when permanent effects are desired.

The clematis combines beauty of foliage with size and variety in color of bloom unsurpassed by any other climbing vine. The several varieties are easy to grow, needing only deep, rich soil, well manured, plenty of water during the blooming season, and the base of the vine mulched with coarse manure during the winter.

Clematis flammula belongs to the small flowering class, and is one of the oldest and best of hardy climbers. The foliage is attractive, the blossoms pure white, fragrant and borne in dense clusters, from July to October.

For foliage effect only, no climber equals Ampelopsis veitchii, or, as it is more commonly known, Boston ivy. It is entirely hardy, grows rapidly and attains a height of fifty feet or more.

The honeysuckle family gives us a variety of foliage and flower effects which make it most desirable. The varieties here mentioned succeed in any good soil. The best varieties are Hall's honeysuckle, blooming all summer, the blossoms being fragrant and of a pleasing yellow and white shade.

Wistarias are rapid growers, strong and heavy, requiring some substantial support; for training over trees and walls they are unsurpassed; the Chinese varieties, white and blue, are the best, blooming in May and frequently producing a second crop of blossoms in the late summer.

Quinata are also desirable climbers, hardy, easily grown and worthy of general cultivation. All of the rather gross-growing and rapid-climbing vines require sharp pruning each spring before the growth starts to produce the best results and, of course, require strong supports, and when young, some training.

At a public sale of Hackneys held recently in Scotland \$120 each was the average price for a good horse. The high-knee horses are in great demand all over England, especially in the cities.

The following method of keeping butter cool is given by an exchange: Get a common flower-pot and large saucer, fill the saucer half full of water and set the dish of butter upon it.

The general tone of the reports from the portions of the United States where the fall wheat threshing is completed are disappointing. This, however, is not because of extremely light yields, but because the yields are so much less than had been expected.

As far as can be learned at the present time, prices for apples are likely to be good this season. The outlook in the United States for a big crop is not at all bright.

The range cattle feeders of the west seem determined to get their stockers this fall for much less money than was paid last year. Last year stockers, as a rule, were not in as good condition as they are this year, owing to the pastures being better.

Agricultural Brevities.

Most of the wheat flour imported by the island of Porto Rico is received from the United States.

Apropos of the question whether the potato bug eats the tubers or not Rural New Yorker says a number of its readers have stated positively that they have known the potato beetle to eat the tubers.

Professor Kedzie reminds farmers that their most valuable mine of potash is the clay and loam of the farm. Every soil contains potash, but the clay is especially rich in it, and by the slow chemical changes, promoted by tillage, potash is constantly set free for the use of plants.

"A quiet change in farming" is noted by Orange Judd Farmer in the statement that good farms near cities have advanced from 5 to 25 per cent in value when reached by an electric railway.

A newspaper down in Maine, in telling of the death of a man through being struck by a railroad train, adds that "it will be remembered that he met with a similar accident a year ago."

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