

FALL WHEAT.

We would commend all those wishing to be supplied with the Common Midge Proof Fall Wheat, or the Treadwell Wheat, to send in their orders early. We shall sell both next autumn at fifty cents per bushel above the market price for milling. Persons sending in their orders first, accompanying the order with fifty cents as part payment on the grain, will have their orders attended to first. No order entered on our book without a deposit being made. The Midge Proof Wheat is growing on the Westwell Farm, and looking well. It will only be sold in lots of two bushels to each applicant. We may supply larger quantities at lower rates raised in other good fields we know of. Agricultural Societies wishing for supplies would do well to apply early.

The Abduction Case.

The charge preferred against Chief Constable Montgomery by Robert Wallace, for abducting his adopted child from the school in St. Thomas Ward, was investigated in the Police Court yesterday morning. The Mayor, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Marren presided, and the Court Room was crowded with people, who watched the proceedings with keen interest. Mr. J. G. Currie conducted the case for Mr. Wallace and Mr. J. A. Miller appeared for Mr. Montgomery. The Mayor having briefly stated the circumstances of the abduction, at once proceeded to take evidence in reference to it.

Mr. Wallace then made a statement to the effect, that the child had been formally indentured to him by her mother, at Port Huron, in September, 1866. He soon afterwards removed to the Township of Stamford, and in November of the same year took up his residence in this town, bringing the child with him. She was under his control until the 29th of January last, when she was sent as usual to Mr. McClelland's school, from which she disappeared, and he (Wallace) does not know what has become of her, except by hearsay. The child's mother parted with her in the first place because she had married a second time and the stepfather treated the little girl harshly, while the mother was unable to support her in any other way.

Mr. Robert McClelland stated that Chief Constable Montgomery came to his school on the 29th ult, and asked for a girl named E. M. Stanton. On being brought into the teacher's room the child appeared greatly agitated, and refused to answer Montgomery's questions. The Chief then went out and returned with a man and woman. (The man here referred to was the London lawyer.) The child repelled the woman's advances, and absolutely refused to go with her. The girl was then forcibly dragged out of the school by the man and woman, the redoubtable Chief bringing up the rear. Mr. McClelland said he was under the impression, from the presence and conduct of Montgomery, that the parties were acting by authority, and that the Mayor had been consulted in the matter. Had he imagined that such was not the case, he would not allow the child to

be forcibly carried off. Other witnesses proved that Montgomery escorted the party to the Great Western Railway Station—the poor little girl being kept a close prisoner in a covered sleigh till the train came along. Before going on board the train, money was seen in the hands of the London lawyer, and he was seen to pass something to Montgomery and the driver of the sleigh. This last individual being absent, the further investigation of the case was postponed till Monday next. Thus far the case looks exceedingly foul for the Chief; but we will not attempt to prejudice the case against him, and therefore defer comment until all the facts are elicited.

SCREENS FOR ORCHARDS.

Those of our readers familiar with foreign horticultural publications, have, doubtless, met with frequent allusions to garden walls, which, as I understand the matter, are mainly designed as screens for protection to the plants and trees growing near them. Whether such is the purpose or not, it is very clear, that they do afford shelter, and that fruits protected by them always ripen earlier, and are better flavored, and that plants will withstand the severities of a winter, which, without these walls, would be their certain destruction. While therefore, walls or screens are almost certain protection against the wintry blasts, and are, for this reason, commendable, they are not less valuable for summer purposes. A distinguished writer says: "It is a question whether the destruction of plants from drought and their destruction from cold, are not similarly caused by excessive evaporation; certain it is, that plants capable of resisting a zero cold, will be destroyed by the drying winds of spring, though the thermometer may not indicate ten degrees of frost."

Here is a subject for consideration. That the aridity of our summer winds is almost equally hurtful with the winds of winter, and upon large foliaged plants particularly, is well understood. The extensive radiating surface presented by such plants, is, in a high degree favorable to exhalation, and as the rapidity of air currents materially increase evaporation, it is evident that such shelter as will break or modify the force of these currents, cannot but prove advantageous to growing plants.

As few will feel disposed to resort to the wall system, they will obtain good results in the adoption of live screens or shelter, in the shape of evergreens. If our orchards were surrounded, on their most exposed points at least, with a belt of evergreens, there is every reason to believe, that we should have to record fewer failures of our peach, apple and pear crops.—[*American Fruit Culturist*.]

A HARD HIT.—Said an old preacher once: "Fellow sinners, if you were told that by going to the top of those stairs, yonder, (pointing to a rickety pair of stairs at the end of the church) you might secure your eternal salvation, I really hardly believe any of you would try it. But let any man proclaim that there were five dollars in gold for you, and I'll be bound there would be such a getting up stairs as you never did see."

VOLTAIRE ON MARRIAGE.—Voltaire said: The more married men you have the fewer crimes there will be. Marriage renders a man more virtuous and more wise. An unmarried man is but half of a perfect being, and it requires the other half to make things right; and it cannot be expected that in this imperfect state he can keep the straight path of rectitude any more than a boat with one oar, or a bird with one wing can keep a straight course. In nine cases out of ten, where married men become drunkards, or where they commit crimes against the peace of the community, the foundation of these acts was laid while in a single state, or where the wife is, as is sometimes the case, an unsuitable match. Marriage changes the current of a man's feelings, and gives him a centre for his thoughts, his affections and his acts. Here is a home for the entire man, and the counsel, the affections, the example and the interest of his 'better half' keep him from erratic courses, and from falling into a thousand temptations to which he otherwise is exposed. Therefore the friend to marriage is the friend to society and to his country.

METHOD OF ASCERTAINING THE STATE OF THE LUNGS.—Persons desirous of ascertaining the true state of their lungs are directed to draw in as much breath as they conveniently can. They are then to count as far as they are able, in a slow and audible voice, without drawing in more breath. The number of seconds they can continue counting must be carefully observed; in a consumptive the time does not exceed ten, and is frequently less than six seconds; in pleurisy and pneumonia it ranges from nine to four seconds. When the lungs are in a sound condition the time will range as high as from twenty to thirty-five seconds.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, March 25th 1868.

Fall Wheat, per bushel.....	\$1.50	to	\$1.70
Spring Wheat do	1.50	to	1.60
Barley do	1.15	to	1.25
Oats do	54	to	56
Peas do	75	to	80
Corn do	80	to	87½
Rye do	85	to	90
Hay, per ton.....	\$10.00	to	\$12.00
Butter, prime, per lb.....	18	to	22
Eggs, per dozen	15	to	20
Flour, per 100 lbs.....	4.00	to	4.50
Mutton, per lb., by quarter.....	5	to	6
Potatoes, per bushel.....	60	to	66
Apples, per bushel.....	62½	to	1.00
Clover.....	4.00	to	4.75
Timothy.....	2.25	to	3.00
Tares.....	1.75	to	2.00

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