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good many maiden ladies who have never been out of the Islands, and whose sole dissipation is the cultivation of roses and the planning of afternoon teas.

The water system is entirely dependent upon the rainfall, and does not commend itself to an inhabitant of a land of lakes and rivers. All houses are built with twisted gutters in their roofs, which convey the water into tanks of rock built for the purpose. These must be cleaned out and whitewashed at certain intervals. Occasionally, in seasons of drought, the question of water supply becomes serious. It may be mentioned that there is a duty on beer.

As everyone knows, Bermuda is very strongly fortified. It is said that Britain did not realize the importance of the "Little Bunch of Rocks" as a strategic point until after the American war.

The dockyard at Ireland Island, in which H. M. S. Dominion was patched up last year, dates from about 1810. The work was commenced by slaves,

superseded by convict labor about 1842. Between pirates, slaves, convicts and yellow-fever ravages, life in the little colony must have been, to say the least, not uneventful.

Sir George Somers is always referred to as the founder of the colony, but there is a tradition that the Islands were discovered by a Spaniard named Ferdinand Camelo, who landed on the south shore of Bermuda Island in 1543. We saw his initials and the date rudely cut on the face of the cliff, and surmounted by a rude cross, after the manner of mediaeval discoverers.

The Bermudians are, taken all together, very kind and hospitable, but, like other peoples, they have suffered from the invasion of the too-eager tourist. Now, many beautiful places owned by private individuals are closed to the visitor, simply because the owners had been disturbed at all hours, and were even denied the privilege of eating their meals in privacy.



SURF-BATHING, BERMUDA.

INGLE NOOK

THE BOTANY CLASS IS SPROUTING

There is an old story told of a man who shut himself away from intercourse with his kind and from the beauties of nature. When he came to die he spoke of his longings for the glories of heaven. "You will not enjoy them," his attendant told him, "for you have not even seen the glories of earth, much less appreciated them." If the Creator looked at His handiwork and His perfect eyes saw that it was good, there must be in all His works deep delights for human beings if they have eyes to see and a heart to enjoy pure beauty. They are to be sincerely pitied who are blind to the treasures that Mother Nature has provided for the delight of her children. They are like Peter Bell,—

"A primrose by the river's brim
A yellow primrose was to him,
And it was nothing more."

Having eyes and ears they yet neither see nor hear anything but the merest surface sights and sounds, and cannot perceive "tongues in trees; books in the running brooks; sermons in stories, and good in everything."

But knowledge of natural life is an absolute necessity before its beauty can be appreciated. Ignorance cannot apprehend the mysteries and delicacies of the world about us. Conversation with a great naturalist, the perusal of a cleverly written book on Nature's secrets is not the real study of the thing itself but it is enough to awaken interest in the real thing.

"We are made so, that we love
First, when we see them painted,
things we have passed
Perhaps a hundred times, nor cared to
—see."

The formation of this Botany Class for 1909 is the direct result of the expressed wish of a number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE readers to learn something of

the wonders of plant life, to get an inkling of the mechanism of a plant and of the "wherefore" of its color, shape and size. None of us know all there is to know of botany; most of us know very little indeed, but we all know something and want to know more. So this class is opened for an interchange of knowledge about plant life, particularly of plant life in the provinces of Western Canada.

There are said to be nearly 4000 flowering plants growing wild in Canada, and one look at our prairies in summer time convinces us that a goodly portion of that four thousand have their homes in prairie soil. We cannot hope to be introduced to all of them, but through this class we can meet some new flower friends and get better acquainted with some old ones.

The heart of winter seems an inappropriate time to begin discussing flowers, but a few preliminary talks will be useful to familiarize us with "flower language," and with the technical terms that are essential even in the simplest form of botany study. We can brush up our memories of the flowers we saw last year, make a list of those whose names we know and describe those we could not name. If this class is to be a success it will not be due to the people who are very much interested in what is being said. The credit will belong to those who have found out something of the flowers around them, and are unselfish enough to pass it on. Let's make it a success, will you?

DAME DURDEN.

ICE HOUSE AND REFRIGERATOR

Last summer during a hot spell I made a note and put it away to use in the proper season. It was in regard to putting in a supply of ice for use on the farm. The need was felt in August but it was too late to do anything then. But now with the thermometer trying its best to get out at the bottom of the

bulb, the ice can be sure; and even believe that an

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be set on ice a come and you'll of that coldness fluous now.

Some farmers regularly as the these are the mi the country see mer as a luxury of it. Ice can l icehouse at all i sawdust and the But a simple bi the purpose just one is a small h nesses of boards the air space fi A drain to carr necessity also. house, no refrig, as the food and on the ice. P lumber can be u as practicable two studdings e the other leavin Stuff this space hay, and cover generous quantit When the sup hot weather cor erator is the nex ones you buy ar despair if you cr a homemade be made by a hand a handy man at to work at it ne busy. Two bo larger one at lea smaller one th every dimension with zinc, bore a both boxes and lead pipe for a tween the two sides should be f charcoal. D. D.

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Mrs. Berry kir "In the Shadow companied it wit the Ingle Nook's

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Dear Dame I pleased with a let in a recent issue for one, appreciat much and think t It has such a "ho one who is far fr ents. I am the l grown-up sisters married and som write to me and to the sister so fa they could to an I cannot and will So with "Namele nice to unburden and ideas some agreed with "N Woman's Suffra very interested in English politics times if the Free I best thing for the arrangement is o manifestly unfair, agitate in the mat that anyone els others, personally