

Editor Farmer's Advocate.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

FRIEND WELD,—I am well aware that you aim at furnishing farmers with reliable and useful information; therefore, just say to them that if Providence has afflicted any of them with defective children—such as deaf, dumb, or blind—that the Ontario Government are providing educational establishments for such defectives, which establishments will be in readiness to receive pupils between the ages of 7 and 21 years, by the 1st day of September next, and located as follows:—For Deaf and Dumb, at Belleville; and for the Blind, at Brantford.

First: these Institutions are founded only for the purpose of imparting general education as well as instruction, in some professional or manual art, that will enable the pupils to contribute to their own support after leaving the Institutions; and are not intended as an asylum or hospital for the deaf, dumb, and the blind.

Second: the Government will furnish education and instruction in some professional or manual art, together with lodgings free of charge to the above-named class; but parents or guardians of pupils who are able to pay for board, will be charged with the estimate cost of the same, payable quarterly in advance.

Third: Township or County Councils can make application for the admission of pupils whose parents or guardians are unable to pay for board; and such Councils shall be responsible to the Institution for payment of board and suitable clothing, and travelling expenses to and from the Institution. Yours truly,

JAS. KEEFER.

County Clerk's Office,
London, April 22, 1870.

For the Farmer's Advocate.

Seed Report.

DEAR SIR,—I sowed 3 bushels of Crown Peas last spring, from which I threshed 754 bushels, including waste. I had over 80 bus. on about 1½ acres of ground.

Westwell Oats won't do here at all. They are entirely too late.

Emporium Oats fine sample, but poor yield. Over one-half had nothing in the hull but air.

Chilian and Rio Grande Wheat is a complete failure with me.

Club Wheat has done well with me ever since I came here—now 7 years.

I have sowed the above seeds from your Emporium two seasons, and with the exception of the Crown Peas and Emporium Oats they proved worthless.

I have sowed 20 acres of Treadwell Wheat, but it is very badly hurt; in fact over half smothered out with snow and ice.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH STAPLES,
Warden Co. Victoria.

Bexley, April 15, 1870.

P.S.—You will hear from me again.—J.S.

Editor Farmer's Advocate.

Alsike Clover.

SIR,—Mr. Francis Meadows, of Clark Township, County of Durham, had two acres and a quarter sown with the above clover, from which I threshed twenty-one bushels of clean seed, suitable for market, and of excellent quality. His stock eat the hay readily, and thrive well upon it, even although it has run to seed, and been thrashed out. Mr. Francis thinks well of it, as also some others I know.

Yours truly,

G. BRAND.

Newtonville, April, 1870.

Editor Farmer's Advocate.

Seed Report.

SIR,—That parcel of seeds you sent me last spring, consisting of oats, potatoes, corn, wheat, peas and barley, have given good satisfaction—with the exception of the oats, which were not so successful. I like the appearance of the Quebec Wheat; and the Chevalier Barley is splendid. The Crown Peas have done well, as has also the Sandford Corn. The English Bean

is an uncommon good crop; and the Black Tartar Oats were the best, and the Californian Oats the next best—with me, the rest not doing so well. Yet I am not discouraged, and will this year try another test. My potatoes I am proud of, and have done well. The Early Goodrich were a little superior to the rest, and the Early Harrison next in estimation. The Early Rose is a good potato. The Australian, which is a sweet potato, but subject to rot, was also good, as were also the Worcester and Peach Blows.

If spared till next fall, I will send you a statement of the increase and quality.

But the Grape and Strawberry vines were dead when they arrived, and I was very sorry at the loss. You shook or cleaned the earth off the roots too particularly for so long a journey, so they were completely lost, and could not be renewed. But I am obliged to you for saying that you will renew and make good the loss by sending me another set.

Yours truly,

A. H. RUNIONS.

Avonmore, Feb. 25, 1870.

Editor Farmer's Advocate.

Curing of Eggs.

SIR,—I took in my stock of hay last year in the latter part of June and in the month of July. When removing a portion of it this present month I found well down in the mow here and there a good many eggs, which of course must have been laid at the time we were putting the hay in the mow. We used them, and found them to be as fresh as if new laid. The hay was well salted, and the eggs were found in places where the hay was firmly pressed together, so as to exclude the air.

Egg-curers may perhaps be able to tell us whether the eggs owed their preservation to the salt, or to the exclusion of the air, or to both.

Yours truly,

WM. GREEN.

Westminster, April, 1870.

Girdled Fruit Trees.

Editor Farmer's Advocate.

DEAR SIR,—Please give me in your next number the best cure you can for fruit trees that have been girdled by mice. Also for ornamental trees; or if you know any preventative, please give it in your next issue.

Yours truly,

J. COBBLEDICK.

McGillivray, April 19, 1869.

We gave the information asked for last autumn. We earthed up our trees about 12 inches high, and not one of them was destroyed. One large apple tree, growing over a mile from our residence, 16 inches in circumference, was completely girdled. It was not earthed up. Cut slips of bark from the limbs of the tree, and place round the parts knawed; exclude the air, and join both ends above and below.

We never saw such damage done before as has been done this season. One person has had 200 trees girdled.

Editor Farmer's Advocate.

Markham Bell Foundry.

Dear Sir,—As the public have been misled by believing that a certain Bell that has been cracked, procured for a certain building in the Township of Dorchester was one of my make, I take this opportunity of stating that if there is a cracked bell in the whole county of Middlesex, or the adjoining counties, of my make, that has been used there, I will give the largest bell I can make for the said cracked one, and I make them as high as 620 lbs weight. I can assure the public further, that my bells are not more liable to crack than the ordinary dear bells, and I warrant them to stand. The public are not generally aware of the fact that the cheap amalgam bells, now introduced into this Province, and manufactured in the United States, are quite a different bell, being made of a cheaper material, and are got up solely for speculation. But where those facts are known I find no difficulty in overcoming the little drawback, more particularly as I have taken the greatest pains to please my patrons, and see that my bells give satisfaction; and from

the way my business is gradually increasing, I am convinced that there are a great many who see the advantage of purchasing a home manufactured article—which has proved good and cheap, and which is procurable without paying a revenue duty. I can get hundreds of my patrons to vouch for the truthfulness of the above statements.

Hoping you will insert the above in your valuable paper, I beg to remain,

Most respectfully yours,

LEVI JONES.

Markham Bell Foundry,
April 22, 1870.

Mr. Weld is Agent for the above bells, and will furnish them at Manufacturer's prices.

Youth's Department.

Answers.

TO ENIGMAS.

Correct answers to Crossword Enigmas in the April number have been sent in by Janet Johnson, Wyandott; Thos. Harbottle, Township of Grey, Co. Huron; and Joseph Cobbledick, Township of McGillivray, Co. Middlesex.

The first Enigma is "Elephant," the second

"Answer."

TO ANAGRAM.

The Anagram in the April number has been correctly answered by Janet Johnson, Wyandott, and Joseph Cobbledick, McGillivray.

The flowers, the beautiful flowers,
Lie under the cold white snow,
No tender bloom of their petals sweet,
No fragrance or dewy glow;
Dead and scentless, faded and sere,
Beautiful ghosts of the dying year.

TO ILLUSTRATED REBUS.

A correct answer has been sent by Janet Johnson, Wyandott:—"A fool and his money are soon parted."

Illustrated Rebus.



BOTH

Answer next month.

Word Puzzles.

1. There is a word of five letters, and if you take away two of them ten will remain.
2. There is a word of five letters, and if you take away two of them six will remain.
3. Take away my first letter, take away my second letter, take away all my letters, and I am always the same.
4. There is a word of six letters, and if you transpose one of them, it means exactly the opposite of what it did at first.
5. What letter has never been used but twice in America?
6. When were there only two vowels?
7. When is it that a blacksmith raises a row in the alphabet?
8. Can you spell the fate of all things with two letters?

Answers next month.

Save the Suds.

The Massachusetts Ploughman, in a paper on "soapsuds," says that its value as a stimulant of vegetables cannot be too highly appreciated. It contains, it says, the aliment of plants in a state of ready solution, and when applied, acts not only with immediate and obvious effect, but with a sustained energy which pertains to few even of the most concentrated manures. When it is not convenient to apply it in irrigation the most economical method, perhaps, of using it—the article goes on to say—it should be absorbed by some materials which may be used as of ingredients in the compost heap. Soda, muck, and other similar articles should be deposited where the suds from the sink and laundry may find its way to them and be absorbed for the benefit of crops.

"Say, Mr. Julius, is dar any place in de Bible whar a cullud pusson is mentioned?" said old Caesar to his friend. "Well, dare is, an' if you'd been to meetin' Sunday you'd heard the preacher read how Nigger Demus wanted to be born again." "Wh'—wh'—what he want to be born again for?" "I dunno.—I spec he tought he might be born a white man next time, an' dar's a good many niggers alibe now jes like old Demus, but dey'll allers be niggers anyhow."

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London Markets.

LONDON, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1870.

Grain.

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|----|
| White Wheat, per bush | 80 to | 90 |
| Red Fall Wheat | 77 to | 80 |
| Spring Wheat | 80 to | 85 |
| Barley | 40 to | 45 |
| " good malting | 45 to | 50 |
| Peas | 50 to | 54 |
| Oats | 30 to | 31 |
| Corn | 50 to | 60 |
| Buckwheat | 40 to | 45 |
| Rye | 45 to | 50 |

Produce.

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|-------|
| Pork, per 100 lbs | 7 00 to | 7 50 |
| Hay, per ton | 8 00 to | 11 00 |
| Potatoes, per bush | 40 to | 45 |
| Carrots, per bushel | 16 to | 18 |
| White Beans, per bush | 75 to | 1 00 |
| Apples, per bush | 50 to | 80 |
| Dried Apples, per bush | 1 75 to | 2 00 |
| Hops, per lb | 10 to | 11 |
| Clover Seed | 7 50 to | 8 00 |
| Flax Seed, per bush | 1 50 to | 1 75 |
| Cordwood | 3 75 to | 4 00 |

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