FARM AND GARDEN.

When manuer is in the soil it is an dergoing the very best process of decomposition prescribe and it is in that position in which no possible lose of its volatile clean at can occur, says the New York Times. If it is in the open ar, these escaps and go off out the desired that the fertile content to the first strong the wind to fertile; other fields it is left in heaps in the yard, decomposition takes place, and there is loss of those same valuable clements. But when in the soil it is damp and is active upon by the portous soil which is all procus substances. In areas in procus substances the raws in procus substances the raws in the composition, and hold the varies in the composition of the first procuse bratters by particular the procus of the first procuses. And, as a fertile sealing in and holding of genome bratters by particular the procus of the first procuses. And, as a fertile sealing in the procus of the first procuse the first procuse for the first procuse for the first procuse for the first procuse from the first procused from the action, this ammonia, copously ovoled from decaying manure, as taken in and tirmly hold, to be afterward given in the first procuse from decaying manure, as taken in and tirmly hold, to be afterward given in the soil, and the best time to got it there is as soon as possible. Thus, too, it is not true that it is a wasto of manure to put it in the soil manure, by the time to got it there is as soon as possible. Thus, too, it is not true that it is a wasto of manure to put it in the sail instance. So that the ground where the wheat or rye is to go may very wisely be manured at one, if only the manure is got into the soil. And this soft, absorboal matter does not dry the soil, but keeps it most by holding the water and giving it up very slowly and reductable.

It should be understood that clover is essentially a Spring sown crop, and yet there are those who are recommending that it be sown now. This plant is a deep tap root, that is most easily drawn out of the soil by alternate freezing and thawing. At times, even on the dryest ground, the roots of late Summer-sown clover will be three mehes out of the ground the roots of late Summer-sown clover will be three mehes out of the ground in the Spring. Of course this causes all the fibrous side roots to be forn off, and the naked spindle is all that is left. The result is fatal to the plant, and the field is soon bare of overly living plant.

plant.

It is even now, by the force of the changed condition of the soil, that Spring sowing of even that hardy grass, timethy, as with all others, is preferable, as being safer than late Fall seeding. And the frequent failure of this late seeding is a warning that the time has come to change the old practice.

As the planting of apples and pears will soon be in order, the natural habit of the variety is to be the basis of the choice if quantity is desired in the product. It is also a natural pseuliarity that the finest fruits are shy bearers, and the second-rate varieties are most to be depended upon for quantity. Thus the Bon Davis, for example, is not of the finest quality, although it is one of the handsomest of apples. But it will bear a full crop when tenders kinds wholly fail. The same applies to pears, and it is so often the case that imay be said to be the rule. The best kinds bear late, and one may wait half lifetime for the fruit. So that the choice of varieties is to be made on this knowledge of the facts, and then the culture must be the best possible, after which improvement may come by precuring seedings from the most productive sorts. Thus the effect of fertilizing the soil on the product is to be the first of these two indispensable methods of improvement is clearly shown by every instance that can be gathered from the history of both animals and plants.

When fewls cat feathers of their own or of their companions, it indicates something wrong in the feeding—some kind of nutriment they need and which is not suppleid. Feathers contain a considerable quantity of sulpher, and so do the eggs, and there is very little of this in corn or other grain food. So they are impelled by a natural instinct to cat feathers. The remedy is to supply what is needed, and this will be obtained in cabbage, turnips, or other green food, or it may be that some chopped fresh meat is what is wanted; this may be given in the form of fresh bones from the butcher's with whatever meat may be on them; they are broken up with a hammer, and given every few days with regularity. This has completely satisfied the appetite of the fewls for both feathers and eggs.

Walnuts will not withstand the climate where the temperature goes far below zero. They need a mild Winter and a warm Summer. It is useless to plant them where these conditions are not astisfied. This tree, as all the nut tribe, does not stand transplanting well, on account of the long taproot and the few side roots, so that it is best to plant the muts where the trees are to stand. They may be kept in a cool, dry place through the Winter, or planted in the Fall, where that there are to stand, but much closer than the trees will need to be when fully grown. Four feet apart each way is a proper distance for planting; the young trees may be thinned out afterward to twice the distance, and the thinning done again as the troos grow, until they remain about forty feet, apart. The nuts may be precured of any seedsman as soon as they ripen.

The peach rarely reproduces itself precisely as to variety from seed, but takes on considerable variation. Thus, some seeding trees have produced fruit the field, below the produced fruit the field, this color penetrating more or less deeply—Buds taken from such a tree will reproduce the kind exactly, but the seed will not generally. The variety is called the blood peach. Romantic stories are often told of such peaches growing where persons have been killed or buried. Such an occurance is simply accidental.

FIRESIDE FUN.

Coming to grief Meeting trouble half

They say Hamshy is general to α fault. Yes he is, if it happens to be one of his own faults."

one of his own faults.

Wife — It's the little though that worry Husbard — Especially when there resix of them.

Engagement presents are now the proper thing. An oppropriate geft is a couple of spoons.

"You will notice that I have you on the string, and the little less to the little Tess, and that is what indeed me soar, answered the late.

Ethel — I — or — I wish — r— that is came to ask if a might marry your son. His Papa. Dearting What have you to support a husband on "

support a husband on "

Doctors now say that boiled cows milk is not good for babee, it is better raw. The doctors are right, a raw cow gives better and than a boiled on.

Dick Singleton. "Does your wife object to your going to the club of an ovening." Being Photus. No. but she objects to my coming home from in the morning.

objects to be coming none from in the morning.

A Significant Distinction — Mrs. Mc Bride. "John, dear, why are some grocers called green grocers?" Mr. Mo-Bride. "To distinguish them from eash grocers, dear."

Carrie. "I thought he was going to propose to me at one time last night. May: "What made you think so?" Carrie. "Both of us felt so embarrassed and silly."

and silly."

In 2.000 a b — "I thought you were paying attentions to Willie Bright? "I was, but he is too womanish in his ways for me. Ile thinks he ought to have a vote, same as a woman."

Oh, don't you remember aweet Alice Ben Bolt.
Sweet Alice with hair so brown.'
She puts as much called now in her sleeves.
As she used to put in her gown.

"Doctor, said the grateful patient "I shall never forget that to you I oweny life." You exaggerate returned the doctor middly: "you owe me for only infacen visits, which I hope you will not fail to remember.

only fifteen visits, which I hope you will not fail to remember.

Customer dresitatingly: "I suppose or "you have some or "suitable books for a name er—about to be married." Booksellor. "Crtainly: sir. Here, John, show this gentleman, some of our account books—largest size."

A very stout lady got into an omnibus and overth and the grumbling romark of a man thr. "Omnibuses were not made for clephants. "Sir, she replied "omnibuses are his Noah's Ark—intended to carry all kinds of beasts."

Did She Mean it?—Timid Youth: Miss Gracie, perhaps my coming here so often may seem to—to smack of undue persistency." Demure Maiden: George, your coming here has never smacked of anything yet."

He: "Then I am to understand that was elsewitch resident worder." She

has has never snacked of anything yet."

Ho: "Then I am to understand that you absolutely roject my offer?" She: "There is really nothing clss of it." Ho: "Well, I think it very selfish of you. Here I have actually gone and purchased a gwide to Blackpool for our honeymoon."

Confidence Misplaced. —"Now doctor, tell me without fear what you thank is the matter with my husband?" "Well I am rather puzzled. Does your hushand drink?" "Drink! Why, no doctor. I'm sure he doesn't drink, because ho slaways so thirsty in the merning."

"What's the matter?" asked the policeman. "Haven't you any place to to go? "Any place ter go?" replied Meaudering Jikke with contemp!. "I've got the whole Dominion before me. I've got so many places tor go to dat it's worryin' me dizzy makin' up me mind which way ter start."

Binks: "I hear that Jawkins called you a fool at the clab the autor with."

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Binks: "I hear that Jawkins called you a fool at the club the other night. How could you staud that?" Jinks: "I didn't it." Binks: "That's right. I suppose you made him apologise?" Jinks: "Er—well—the fact is, when he called me a fool I called him another, and immediately I found myself sitting on the floor. So somebody can say that I stood it."

How we generously pity those who simmer in the city.

While we quaff the breezes from the hill or bay;
Oh, this dulce far niente! But also it costs you twenty.

Every day the greedy landlord lets you etay.

Every day the greety landlord its you stay.

How He Thawed Him.—One day when the late Lord Beaconsfield was walking in his grounds at Hughenden Manor he was accested by a well known parishioner noted for his ready wit. It being winter time and the wasther unusually severe the visitor, after paying his respect to his Lordship, commenced to make an appeal for a little help. "Ah may friend," said Lord Beaconfield, "how often have I told you to be careful and prepare for a rainy day?" "Ah, that's right enough; so I did, my lord, said the ready-witted villager, "but then who ever thought of seeing all this snow and hard frost?" This ready rotort had the desired effect.

Taking Him Down.—When I was in

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Taking Him Down.—When I was in New York in the spring of 1891, says Mr. Douglas Sladen in his now book, "On the Cars and Off," I had occasion to refer to "Geoffrey Hamlyn," because I was doug the Australian part of the great "Century Dictionary." I went to the Mercantile Library and asked for "Geoffrey Hamlyn." The clerk, with young American assurance said there was no such book. I pointed it out to him in the catalogue, and he at once said: "You should have asked for 'The Recollections of Geoffrey Hamlyn." I thereupon gravely asked him for the "Postitumous Papers of the Pickwick Club." He had not the least suspicion that I was "guying" him, and after bustling about came back to say that this was not in the library either.

The Greatest Crisis vet to case.

With regard to Toronto's water supply it is feared we have not yet seen the worst. The St. Loon Mineral Water Compruy have been supplying the citizens since the break with their famous water at a 20 per cent. discount, and grave fears are entertained that the capacity of their springs, 40,000 gally, will not be sufficient if the domand still increases. Patrons are equested to send in their orders in good time.

The Deserted Mansion,

Were local in its 80- each falls. But one it was alm and cheerles, for it lacked the jet who wavel, the happy winning hidhood. And the juster of childlish feet. Phough my without wave as commands, I searned for shill the to be better the touch of children hands. Search of the four in of children hands. Search of the field in the feet of the four in the field.

To still your hot children handle.

Never's your kine at eve bidde, in the lingering dwight dum.

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Who was one a helphown thank, in we arrow of the Mother midd, And who likewed the kingdom of heaven. To a little similes child.

Never were you putable, be with red, it you continue that when a large Combined that when a large Combined that when a large Combined that when have of know ledge.

So to me that mainten stavely was long as a desert willy for what was in wealth and splendour. To the love of a little child.

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DOMESTIC READING.

succeed, work hard, carnestly, and

To succeed, work man,

Even kindnesses require to be accompanied by obliging manners.

No sin can be small which is a great offence against a great Gud—against a great majesty, a great authority, a great purity, a great purity, a great purity.

There is one single fact which one may oppose to all the wit and argument of infidelity, namely that no man over repeated of being a Christian on his death-bed.—More.

If, instead of a gom, or oven a flower, we could cast the gift of a levely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels must give.—Georgo MacDonald.

MacDonald.

Some people produce the effect of sumy weather wherever they go. Others are a great deal like an easterly drizzlo, which gets you out of sorts with your self, and with everybody elso.

A wise and good man will turn oxamples of all sorts to his own advantage. The good he will make his pattorn and the will by all means avoid.

If you have the two workers think.

ne will by all means avoid.

If you have not yet suffered tribula-tion, hold it for certain that you have not yet began to be a true servant of God, for the Apostle St. Paul says: "All who live piously shall suffer tribu-lations and sufferings."

lations and sufferings."
The girl who has such confidence in
the judgment and affection of her
mother that she tells her overything,
has in this oppenness a safeguard that
will protect hor from the deceits of
flattery and the wiles of ovil designs.

flattery and the wiles of ovil designs. When selecting a school for your children, choose one in which the character will be properly developed, for the most important part of education is the training of the mind to know what is right and the will to do it.

There is nothing easier to acquire than a fretful, complaining spirit. It is, to say the least, a foolish inbit to borrow trouble, or meet it half way. Cuttivate a cheerful mind and heart, and much imaginary trouble as be avoided.

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of a wnole world dies
With the setting sun.
The unind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life des
When love is done.

All the little trials of body and namd
are the first steps of that sublime and
holy ladder which is mounted by great
and generous souls. Step by step they
climb to the top, on which is found puro
suffering devoid of all earthly and heavenly consolations.

In a well-written book we are presented with the maturest reflections, or
the happiest flights of a mind of uncommon excellence. It is impossible that
we can be much accreated seed to
companions without attaining some resemblance to them.—William Gedwin.

There is a hard, common business
sense, as well as moral sense, in this
advice of Xir. Henry Clows, the banker:
"A boy, while at selected, should be
taught rigidly to tell the truth, as that
is a live issue and will stand him in
better stead than the dead languages
for a business life."

Character is consolidated habit, and

is a live issue and will stand him in better stead than the dead languages for a business life."

Character is consolidated habit, and habit forms itself by repeated action. The daily restraint or indulgence of the nature in the business, in the home, in the inner laboratory of the life, creates the character which, whether it be here or there, settles the destiny.

Some persons are occasionally attack de with fits of low spirits that take away love for prayers and spiritual reading and even the fear of sin. The persons that are punished in this frightful and dangerous manuer are such as are too found of bodily comforts and practice no mortification.—Faber.

It is of amazing worth to a young man to have a pure mind, for this is the foundation of a pure character. The mind in order to be kept pure, must be employed on topics of thought which are themselves lovely, chat, of and clevating. The mind has the power to select its own themes for meditation. If you only know how durable and dismal is the injury produced by the indulgence of degraded thoughts, if you only realized how frightful are the moral depravities which a cherished habit of losse imagination produces on the soul, you would shun them as the bits of a serpent. The power of books, pictures, theatre plays, stories, companions, and street seenes, especially at might, to excite the imagination is a fearful element of morals when employed in the service of vice.

There is taken in neglecting a cidd. Many who kawa while demanded and a find a factor of vice.

There is dancer in neglecting a cital. Many who have died of consumption dated a cital which services are consumption of the cital consumption of the cital cital which satiod on their large, and in a short time they were beyond the sakill of the less they were beyond the sakill of the less they were the cital c

CHATS WITH THE CHILDREN.

An observer acress an illustration of what looks like reasoning in a birds and a body an An observer have an illustration of that looks like reasoning in a bird

The teacher was telling the little boys about temptation, and showing how it sometimes came in the most a ractive attire. She used as an illustration the paw of a cat.

"Now and she," you have all seen

paw of a cat.

"Now, and she, "you have all seen the paw of a cat. It is as soft as velvet, isn't it?" su't it?"
"Yessem," from the class.
"And you have seen the paw of

dog?"
"Yessem"
"Well, although the cat's paw seems
like velvet, there is, nevertheless, concealed in it something that horts. What

cealed in it something that horts. What is it?"
No answer.

The dog bites, said the teacher, when he is in anger, but what does the cat do!

"Scratches, 'replied the boy.

"Correct, said the teacher, nodding her head approvingly how, what has the cat got that the dog hasn't?"

"Whiskers!" said a boy on the back seat; and the titter that run round the class brought the lesson to an end.

"Some one whose name deserves to go unknown says of those levable little fewls, the bantams, that they are not kept for utility, for there is nothing useful about them. The person who said such a thing has a soul no bigger than a red cert. Give a little farm-hild a pair of these fowls and ask if there is no use for them. They are small things, but they are great in the procuring of happiness to the child, and thoir usefulness may be measured, not by present money results, but by the good effects of these little pets on the after life of the child. The boy or girthe way, or ingardly economy, to count the money value of everythire, in the world. This offect on the mind is to be valued far more than the few miters of eggs. Let the children have their pets.

I had a dear little dog, a Skye terrier,

Let the children have their pets.

I had a dear little dog, a Skye terrier, and some time after he came to my house a wandered cat was added to the establishment. He was very kind to "Bossie," as we called our new immate, and watched over her with great orner may be a supported by the stablishment. He was very kind to rent door, but pushing her gouldy in when she attempted it; but they had many a roup together in the back garden. My dog died at the good cild age of thirtcon, and the cat mourned him like a human being, losing all her liveliness and moping about the house. About a year after the dog's death I desired the gardener to put turf over his grave, as the house was let, and I feared strangers might dig there. To do this he began to level the earth over the grave, and whenever the cat saw him digging there she got into a most excited state, frisking about in the wildest spirits, evidently expecting that her kind companion was to be restored to her. Her disappointment, when he never appeared, was trying to witness; and she has been a "sadder and a wisor" cat over since, doing her duty by the mice, but apparently expecting little pleasure in life.

little pleasure in life.

Area is a very good story of a trick which the children of the great Mr. Gladstone once payed upon him. He had the strongest possible objection. He to price fires near its reastle. One day he same of the same

"What is the real good?"
I asked in musing mood.
Order, said the law ours!
Knowledge, said the school
Truth, said the wise man;
Plentaure, said the fool;
Jove, said the maden.
Jove, said the maden.
Home, said the sader.
Truth, said the sodier.
Kguity, the seer.

Spake my neart full sadly Then within my bosom,
Softly this I heard—
"Each heart holds the sec
Kindness is the word."
—Tohn II

Boyle O'Relly

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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INGLIBER. - 1. There are two covents in the city, from too with public chipeles; Monastery of the Precious Blood 119 85. Joseph St. and Monastery of Our Lady of Charity West. Lodge Ave. Parkdale in both of the st. Mass incolobrated over morning at half past sk. Benediction on Sundays is given in the Precious Blood Chapit at 4.30 p. m., at West Lodge at 1 p. 1.

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Lovke of Litakus Mrs. Jameson's Works are in the public Library (Contral, there is a fine chitou also in the Library attached to the Canadian Institute Mrs. Jameson's Christian and Legencary Art. Legen's of the Monastic Orders, Legends of the Madouna contain a mass of information upon your subject, but do not neglect to read Eliza Allen Starts. One Who Waves to Krow. "To settle a diapute will you kindly inform if the Pope only can excommunicate." Certain kinds of excommunications are reserved to the Pope. Other excommunications the Pope. Other excommunication. RESSERGER.

Pope only can excommunicate. Certain kinds of oxeomanula actions are reserved to the Pope. Other excommunications come through the ordinary church authorities.

Kinnerauren.—(1) Miss Hart the founder of the kindergarten system in Baltimore Md., which is under the patronner of the Johnst Hopkus University. Miss Hart who studied under street of the Johnst Hopkus University. Miss Hart who studied undergarten unatters. (2) You can be found in a constant a good many books on "Kindergarten in Findergarten University. In the Garton "from the Public Library. In the birary in the Normal School is a you more valuable collection. (9) The course of Kindergarten University. However, and the street of the School. Subschiffs, which was a street of the School. Subschiffs, and the School. Michael.—Michael of the School. Michael of the School. Nierra.—Ves. Father Ryan, the poet priest, at honder of the Church of St. Francois Charles. Michael of the Church of St. Francois Charles. There are Capulation and the School. Demsaria—Ves. Father Ryan, the poet priest, at honder of the Church of St. Francois Charles. There are Capulatin Pathors at Juntonburgh near Ottawa a spend salid:—A pint of cold boiled point in the small squares: add the School and the School salid:—A pint of cold boiled point of the Church of St. Francois Chassio.

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