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Miscellaneous

GRAFTING.—In grafting, a sharp penknife and a good fine saw are indispensable. Splitting the stalk so that the bark shall not be at all bruised, and shaping the scion wedge-fashion both ways preserving also the bark uninjured, and placing the rim of the wood of both stock and scion exactly together, so that the sap can intermingle—there is no danger of failure if they are properly waxed.

One year's wood should always be used, as it is more certain to take and grows more vigorously. Any time is good when growth is going on, and there is not too much sap in the scion; the amount in the stock makes no difference. If there is too much in the scion it is liable to rot before union takes place. If the scions are healthy, and kept from drying or sprouting, graft from spring to July.

GRAFTING WAX.—Take 1 lb. of tallow, 3 lbs. of beeswax, and 4 lbs. of resin; put into a kettle and melt slowly until all the ingredients are combined. If to be used in the open air in cool weather, add a 1/2 to 1 lb. more of tallow. Melt the resin first, and be sure it is well melted before adding the wax and tallow. If this be not done, the grafting wax will be full of lumps. When melted pour it into cold water, and work it by hand into rolls. In cold weather, soften the wax by putting it into warm water before using. When the scions are set—say as many as 20 or 30, or few as are wished—have the mixture ready and apply it warm, with a small wooden paddle. See that every part is covered and the air completely excluded. It requires no bandaging.

To exterminate caterpillars on trees, these may be sprinkled with a solution of one part of sulphide of potassium in 500 parts of water or one part of carbolic acid to 40 of water, this it is said, will kill the insects, and do no harm to the trees.

To take wax spots out of cloth or silk, drop spirits of turpentine or alcohol on the spot, then with a sponge rub it gently, repeating if necessary until the spot disappears.

To render screw-holes which have worn loose capable of holding their screws again, plug up the hole with cork, and on driving the screw it will be found to hold as well as ever.—Ivory is made ductile by soaking it in a solution of pure phosphoric acid; exposure to air hardens it, but it may be made pliable again by immersion in hot water.—A glue which will resist the action of water is made by boiling one pound of glue in two quarts of skimmed milk.

FARRIER'S DEPARTMENT.

The recipes and other information given in this column will be found trustworthy and reliable.

F. B. M. Hide bound Horses: Take Cream of tartar 2 ozs. Salt-petre 2 ozs. Sulphate of Iron 1 oz. Antimony 2 ozs. Fenugreek 3 ozs. Sulphur 2 ozs. Gentian 2 ozs. Arsenicum 2 drs.; mix into a fine powder, and give a table-spoonful twice a day.

G. W. V.—Asks for a good Stable Liniment for general use. Take Oil of Tar, Oil of Origanum, Oil of Cedar, Spts. Turpentine, of each one ounce, Gum Camphor 2 ozs. British oil 3 ozs. Alcohol 2 ounces. Mix altogether, and shake well before using. This is an excellent liniment, and should be in the stable of every horse owner.

To A. V. Farmer, Scratches in horses; the best application for this is:—Linseed Oil 3 ozs. Lead-water 3 ozs. Glycerine 1 oz. Carbolic Acid, 1 oz. shake the lead-water and oil together first, then mix the acid and glycerine, and add altogether—shake the bottle well, and apply twice a day.

C. K.—Asks for the best thing to kill Lice on Cattle:—Blue ointment; Red precipitate ointment, or take Carbolic Acid, 1 ounce, Glycerine 2 ounces oil cedar 2 drs. mix, and apply along the back, or make a ring around their necks with either of the above remedies.

What i kno about Pharmin.

JOSH BILLINGS

My bussum friend, Horace Greeley, haz rit a book with the abur name, and altho i hav-en't had time tew peerose it yet, i don't hesitate tew pronounce it bully!

Pharmin (now daze) is pretty much all the-o-y. A pharm (now daze) ov one hundred akers, will produse more bukwhet and punkins, run on theory than it would 60 years ago, run with manure and hard knos.

There iz notin like book larning, and the time will evensually cum, when a man won't hav tew hav only one ov Josh Billings's *Farmers Almanacs*, tew run a pharm or a kamp meetin with.

If i was runnin a pharm (now daze) i supoze i would rather hav 36 bushels ov sun nu breed ov potatoe, raised by theory, than tew hav 84 raised in the old mean benited way ov our late lamented grand parients.

Pharmin, after all iz a good deal like the tavern bizness, enny boddy thinks they kan keep a hotel, (now daze) and enny boddy thinks they kan pharm it (now daze) and they kan—but this iz the reazen ov so many poor hotels, as also why pharmin cum tew be so easy and profitable bizness.

There aint no theory in braking a mule only tew go at him lively with a klub in youre hand and sun blood in youre eye, and brake him as you would split a log.

What i kno about pharmin aint mueh, enny how, but i undertook tew brake a kiking heifer onst.

I red a tretis on the subjekt, and phollowed direkshuns chuss, and got knokt endwase in about 5 minnits.

I then sot down and thot the thing over. I thot the phellow who rote the tretis, was more in the tretis bizness than he was in the kiking heifer trade.

I got up from mi reflekshuns strengthened, and went for that heifer.

I will draw a veil over the languaged, i and the things i did, but i went in tew win, and won. That heifer never bekam a kow.

I cum tew the conclushun that that ere heifer would make good beef.

I onst took a pharm, on shares miself, and run her on sun theory, and the thing figured

up this way, i dun all the work, phurnished all the seed and manure, had the ague nine months out ov 12, for mi share ov the profits, tother phellow paid the taxes for hiz share.

By mutual konsent, i quit the pharmin bizness at the end ov the year.

What i kno about pharmin, aint wuth m' braggin about, and i feel it mi duty to state for the benefit ov mi kreditors, that if they ever expect me tew pay 5 cents on a dollar; they musn't start me in theoretikal pharmin.

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