

Never to suffer weeds to encumber the growing crop, or to go to seed; nor allow any sort of trash to remain in the alleys or plots to mar the neat and clean appearance of the garden.

"Plough thorough and deep, while sluggards sleep,
And you shall have corn to sell or to keep."
Poor Richard.

FLOWERS.—The body and the spirits are alike improved by the cultivation of the garden. It offers an enjoyment for which no one is too high or too low. More grows in the cottage plot than flowers: the cultivation of pansies may tend to ease the heart's ease; the bed of the thyme may speed a dull hour; and kind thoughts spring up while watering the clump of forget-me-nots. Everywhere the heart of man blesses flowers: the child seeks them in the hedges; the old man finds, in their culture and study, soothing recreation and delight; Pagan and Christian have used them in their rites; flowers deck the bride, and are strewn on the grave. In every country they smile around us; to every grade they offer enjoyment; they give additional beauty to the royal palace; they lovingly shroud the decaying ruin. Babylon had its hanging gardens; Greece, roses and lilies—

"Lilia mista Rosis; "

and Rome its box-trees cut into figures of animals, ships, and letters; to say nothing of its violets and crocuses. Our first parents, indeed, came into the world in a garden, and Milton writes Eve say, as amongst her griefs:—

"O Flowers,

yearly visitation and my last
cherish, which I had bred up with tender hand
from the first opening bud, and gave ye names,
who shall rear ye to the sun, or rank
our tribes, and water from the ambrosial fount?"

Builder.—

ASHES FOR "CLUB-FEET" IN CABBAGES.—A correspondent of the New-England Farmer has succeeded in raising fine cabbages, on old garden soil, where for sometime they have failed on "club-feet," by the use of wood-ashes. When setting the plants, half a pint of wood-ashes as placed in each hill, and immediately in contact with the roots of the plants. Every one succeeded.

ERRANT BUSHES.—It is said that an application of air-slacked lime, in early spring, around errant bushes, preserves the foliage from the attack of the insect, which occasions the unsightly and diseased appearance of curl in the leaves.

INSTINCT OF PLANTS.—Hoare, in his treatise on the vine gives a striking exemplification of the instinct of plants. A bone was placed in the long dry clay of a vine border. The vine sent a leading, or tap-root, directly through the

clay the main root threw out fibres, but when it reached the bone it entirely covered it by degrees with the most delicate and minute fibres, like lace, each one sucking at a pore in the bone, like a litter of pigs at their dam as she lies down on the sunny side of the farm-yard. On this luscious morsel of a marrow bone would the vine continue to feed as long as any nutriment remained to be extracted. What wonderful analogies there are running through the various forms of animal and vegetable creation, to stimulate curiosity, to gratify research, and, finally, to lead our contemplations from nature, in a feeling of reverence, "up to nature's God."

As to the vine spoken of by Hoare, it is worthy of remark that the root went no farther than the bone, which it seemed to have literally smelt out, as would a hungry dog, in passing.

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LENNOX.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—One hundred and twenty-three members; amount of subscriptions, \$123; balance from previous year, \$37.93; deposited by townships, \$128.50; government grant, \$439.20; total received, \$728.63; paid for copies of Agriculturist, \$56; paid township branches, \$389; paid treasurer of local committee, Provincial Exhibition, at Kingston, \$250, expenses, \$31.87; balance in hand, \$176.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

NORTH FREDERICKSBURGH.—Forty six members; subscriptions, \$50; balance from 1858, \$1.35; share of grant, \$90; total received, \$141.35. Paid premiums, \$90.75; expenses, 26.40; balance in hand, \$24.20.

SOUTH FREDERICKSBURGH.—Forty six members; amount of subscriptions, \$45.75; share of grant \$59; total received, \$104.75. Paid for Agricultural Journals, \$45.75; balance in treasurer's hands, \$54.

RICHMOND.—Thirty nine members; amount of subscriptions, \$69; balance from previous year, \$3.92; share of grant, \$111.50; total received, \$184.42. Paid in premiums, \$144.75; expenses, \$24.72; balance in hand, \$14.95.

LINCOLN.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Two hundred and fifteen members; subscriptions, \$216; balance from previous year, \$188.38; deposited by