

Agricultural.

SUMMER GRASS

BY NINA ZAKIA.

I seek for blossoms far and wide,
Is there not then one early comer?
Through all the wood, one single bud
To tell my yearning heart of summer?

Exquisite grass, each fairy blade,
Made glorious by the dew's adorning,
With stary splendor flashing back
The cloudless brilliancy of morning

Where on the azure May day eke
The "Iron Horse" his breath is flinging—
And in the stead of woodland birds
The busy steamboat bells are ringing—

Its fresh luxuriance bears me back
To the first memories of life's morning,
When Winter seemed, "how leaden winged,"
And ho, how slow the sun's returning

Sweet voucher of the coming spring,
I bless thy gentle mummuration
With the glad morn, I too would sing
A hymn of thanks and adoration.

THE WEATHER.—Monday and Tuesday of last week were delightful spring days. Everything assumed a summer appearance; the birds sang beautifully, and the trees, flowers, blossoms, and grasses in the fields grew and budded into bloom as if by magic.

FRUIT TREES—THEIR DISEASES AND INSECTS.

ANTS.—These insects are not very destructive, yet they sometimes do considerable injury to beds of seedlings, by making their hillocks among them; and they also infest ripe fruits.

Boiling water, oil, or spirits of turpentine, poured on their hillocks, disperses them; and if wide mouthed bottles, half-filled with sweetened water and syrup, be hung among the branches of a tree when the fruit is attaining maturity, ants, wasps, flies, and beetles, of all sorts that prey greedily upon sweets, will be attracted into them.

Mr. Downing, who recommends this as a "general extirpator suited to all situations," says "that an acquaintance caught in this way, in one season, more than three bushels of insects of various kinds, and preserved his garden almost entirely against them."

A gentleman in this District, who was very careful of his garden informed me that he had pursued this method of trapping insects with results that perfectly astonished him. He had to employ the bottles every few days to make room for more.

THE PEACH TREE BORER.—This is a most destructive insect when allowed to increase a few years without molestation. We have seen whole orchards of fine trees ruined by them. They sometimes attack even young trees in the nursery, and commit serious depredation on the collar, rendering them in some cases quite unfit for planting.

The eggs are deposited in summer on the base of the trunk near the collar, when the bark is soft. They are hatched and bore their way under the bark of the trees, either in the stem or root or both, producing an effusion of gum. Where trees are already affected, the proper course is to clean away the gum, destroy any cocoons that may be traced the grub through its holes in the tree, and kill it; then fill up around the tree with fresh earth and place a shovelful or two of ashes around the base.

THE ROSE BUG.—The eggs of this insect are laid in the earth, where they are hatched, and from which the bug emerges about the rose season.

In some localities, they appear like grasshoppers in vast multitudes, and commit extensive ravages not only on the rose but fruit trees and all other green things. There is no other known way to combat them but to crush them with the hand, to spread cloths around the trees, shake them down on it, and kill them. They are stupid, sluggish things, and full as though they had no life.

In some cases fruit trees have been protected by covering them with fine millinet.

LEAF ROLLERS.—In May or June these insects may be found on the leaves of fruit trees, and especially on the Pear; they form themselves by a sort of a cocoon out of the leaf. The leaves attacked by them should be removed and destroyed, in order to prevent their increase. The eggs are deposited on the young leaves by some of the large multitude of spring beetles.

A HUNTER.—Gat Eichman—it would do you good to see him—has followed hunting for a livelihood since the year 1831. Since that period he has killed 38 bears, 984 wolves, 3,847 coons, 990 foxes, 771 wild geese, 2040 pheasants, 44 ground hogs, 80 wild cats, 14 pole cats, 200 minks, besides squirrel, quail, and other small game beyond his power to calculate.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The season is unusually backward in England—late news report a slight declension in the price of grain. In New York, numbers of new hotels are being put up, and great preparations are making for the reception of visitors to the great world's fair.

The difficulties between Russia and Turkey, by late dates, seem to have assumed a much less hostile aspect, and it is thought all chances of having a European war on this ground, have now vanished. The bill to do away with Jewish disabilities, has been lost in the House of Lords.

The accounts show that by this accident 44 were killed, who have been found; missing, 8; injured, 33; and saved unharmed, 148. It seems that a majority of the passengers were eminent physicians, who had been attending a medical convention in New York city, and were on their return.

France, it is said, has ambitious and unjust designs on the Sandwich Islands, and the latter have called on the United States for aid. It is reported in Russian circles, that the Circassians have suffered a great defeat by the Russian army.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

A lengthy and spirited debate took place in the House of Assembly on the motion of Mr. McKenzie to abolish the Court of Chancery, or appoint a committee to enquire into the expediency of doing so.

Dr. Rolph, who was exceedingly bitter in 1850 in denouncing Robert Baldwin on the refusal of the latter to abolish this Court, made a long, smooth speech, excusing the delay of the Government to attend to this matter. There was much truth in what he said about the evils of the Court, but a good deal of non-committalism and flattery of fear-grit members.

It will be seen that the Globe opposes an elective Upper House, and also favours a Court of Chancery. On these subjects and others it will be found that Mr. Brown is far from being a truly progressive politician.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

Part of the evidence as to the cause of the Burning of the Ocean Ware has been taken, and it turns out to have resulted from sparks falling on the hurricane deck which set the wood work on fire, all of which might have been prevented by a watch on board, or by proper covering to the pipes.

THE EXPELLED SLANDERER Talbot, of the London Prototype, is filling his columns again with silly gibberish about the Jinx—pay he could not spend his time better.

TORONTO MARKET PRICES, MAY 23RD, 1853.

(Revised and corrected regularly.)

Table with market prices for various goods including Flour, Butter, Pork, Beef, etc. Columns include item names and prices.