

currant bushes and other inmates of the farmer's garden meet with is not owing altogether to want of time to care for them, but to a kind of self-admitted conviction that these things can take care of themselves. They have no conception of the difference between currant bushes wellcared for and those not cared for at all. We hope Mr. Bacon's article may meet the eyes of some of them, and produce its legitimate fruits.—Ed.]—*Horticulturist*.

WOMAN AS A GARDENER.

A correspondent of the London Cottage Gardener, describing the residence of Mr. Justice Haliburton, the "Sam Slick" of literary notoriety, says:—I paid a visit to these gardens about a year since, on the occasion of a fancy fair given for some charitable purpose; and never do I remember to have seen bedding done so well, or so choice a collection of plants brought together in a

place of so limited extent. I was given to understand by a florist of some celebrity who was present, that the arrangement of the beds and the selection of the plants, were in the hands of the lady occupier herself. Taste for the harmonising of colors I consider natural in all women of refined education, only unfortunately many of them display it in decorating themselves more than ornamenting their gardens; but if ladies were to follow gardening more usually than they are wont to do, how much oftener should we see the cheek resemble the rose instead of the lily; and how soon also should we perceive the lighter tints made use of in decorating the inside of the bonnets. They would soon be aware that high coloring is not suited to their complexion so well as the more subdued shades. Moreover, God has given us health that we may enjoy the blessings He sends; and depend upon it, that where a lady gardener resides there the physician's carriage seldom stops.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

BEDDING.

MATTRESSES, like the cushions of furniture, must have the dust beaten out with the hand, or they, as well as feather beds, may be whipped with long tapering rods. If the ticks are soiled, they can only be cleansed by emptying and washing. If you have a spare room with a perfectly clean floor, you may prepare new feathers for use, or renovate old ones yourself. In a tub or barrel pour a solution of weak lime water over the feathers; let them stand three or four days, stirring them well every day, and changing the water; lastly, rinse them twice through warm water; squeeze them dry or drain them in baskets until they cease to drip; spread them on the floor until perfectly dry; collect into bags and beat with rods until light and lively. If you wish to think, as you do when a professional renovator does the job for you, that your feathers have really increased in bulk, *whip them all to pieces*. By the way, a professional renovator of beds is a person, we think, any housekeeper would deny herself "a love of a bonnet" to have, if her duck of a husband will not otherwise provide funds to have his feathers cleansed.

Mattresses

may likewise be renovated at home, and are a more particular, but less disagreeable job

to execute. The tick, having been washed, should be tacked straight and tight into a frame; on the upper side leave an opening nearly the whole length of the tick; through this aperture place the stuffing of the mattress in smoothly and of equal thickness; next place on it, at equal intervals, little round or square pieces of cloth or table oil cloth; then with a long, sharp, stout needle made for the purpose, stitch through the cloth and mattress several times, and tie on top securely. Small strong cord is used for the sewing.

Husks

are prepared for mattresses by drawing through a hackle and cutting off the stiff portion that joins to the cob. They may be shred up with large scissors.

The moss used by upholsterers may be procured from any of the cities, *ready cleaned*, your bill will say, yet hackling, whipping and shaking will all have to be gone through with to prepare it for use.

The long, coarse hairy wool usually worked up in carpets, makes fine mattresses. After being washed and picked, the wool manufacturer will make it into large fleecy bats, like those you procure from the stores of cotton, and for similar purposes.

For those who cannot afford spring or hair mattresses, the best plan is to furnish