

Maryland, My Maryland.

"Pretty Wives,
Lovely daughters and noble men."
My farm lies in a rather low and misanthropic situation, and
My wife!

FARM AND GARDEN

PRACTICAL HINTS ABOUT VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Winter dairying is more profitable than summer.
Parasites should not be allowed to remain in the ground all winter.
Fowls during winter thrive best with some green food, such as cabbage heads.

It takes 250 bushels of potatoes to make a ton of starch. Costly starch with potatoes at 90 cents per bushel.
It is stated that 154 bushels of corn have been hauled and cribbed within eleven and one-quarter hours.

It has been determined that 8,100 pounds of corn products, including grain, cobs and stalks, is equal in nutritive value to 9,612 pounds of hay.
Strong brine is reported to be taking the place of alcohol for preserving specimen fruits.

It is told of a kicking horse that he was cured by suspending a sack behind him filled with hay. At first his kicking was something terrible, but he subsided entirely when the hay returned towards his heels every time.

A good condition powder for fowls is made as follows:—One pound each of ground bones, linseed oil and fenugreek; an ounce of sulphur, ginger, pepper and copperas. Give a small quantity once a day mixed with soft feed.

Begonias of either the rex or the flowering sorts are among the best of house plants; while they have no need of bright sunshine—in fact, dislike it—yet a light shade in other respects suits them. The rex division delights in a moist atmosphere.

It is asserted by shepherds that so acute is a ewe's sense of hearing that she can distinguish the crying of her own lamb among a thousand others, all bleating together; and the lamb is able to recognize its mother's voice, even though it be in the midst of a large flock.

A great many find it hard work to distinguish between Pekin and Aylesbury ducks. The Pekin is generally larger and the best strains are almost invariably creamy white, while the Aylesbury is pure white, always.

Prickly cormfrey is strictly a dry-soil plant, the roots running deep, and should not be planted on soil that ever gets wet. It is proper to say that this plant has not given general satisfaction in the West, where Indian corn and other grass-like crops may be grown for forage.

On all mild days treat the plants fully to outside air. In all but the coldest weather at least some air should be admitted daily, if only after the morning sweeping. Much dryness in the air is unfavorable. A vessel of water on the back of the stove to evaporate will help this matter greatly.

Orchard trees need potashes as a formative element. With the disease of wood fires, there is naturally a smaller supply of ashes finding its way to the trees than formerly. These should be saved for the purpose. In their absence the German potash salts are the best substitute.

Snowdrifts so high where young trees are stands as to reach above the place of branches leaving the trunks are liable to cause the limbs to break when later the snow settles. Snow that has accumulated in the tops of evergreens or shrubs should be taken out when it is light and soft.

The beet draws its nourishment from an area of twelve square feet for each plant. This has been proved by exploring to the ends of the roots carefully, it being found that these extend downward and outward in all directions for several feet. It is evident that where size of root is desired the plants must be given plenty of room.

The Keiffer pear has now been weighed and found wanting. As a tree it blights badly, and is tender in winter. The fruit, if not unattractive in appearance, is utterly wanting in flavor. More trees of it are cut down every year, perhaps, than are planted. Stick to the well tested sorts until new comers prove their worth beyond a doubt.

Fuchsias placed in the cellar in the fall may be brought into heat. When they begin to show new leaves, shift into pots a size or two smaller than those previously occupied, shaking out most of the old earth. The soil should be fresh, light and well enriched with old decayed manure. Ivy and like plants with heavy leaves should be often washed for the sake of health and looks.

Chrysanthemums can easily be grown from seed, which should be sown during January or February. They will soon sprout, and by spring will make plants of about equal strength with good ones struck from cuttings in March. Then treat as you would those from cutting up to the time of flowering. But the flowers of plants raised from seed will generally prove to be very inferior to the named sorts from cuttings.

An Illinois farmer was prosecuted for cutting off the horns of his cattle. Eminent doctors testified that it was a cruel, barbarous and unnecessary practice. On the other hand, one farmer said he had dehorned thousands of cattle, and, except for the momentary pain, which was slight, they did not suffer from the effects of the operation. Dehorned cattle consumed at least one-fourth less food than those whose horns were left on the head, more of them could be crowded into a shed, and the strong could not drive the weak from the food. A score of local farmers swore that they had been converted to dehorning, and believed it humane and advisable. The Humane Society withdrew the suit.

THE POWER OF THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

COHOS, N.Y., Feb. 24.—The Knit Goods Association of Cohos, held a secret meeting last evening. The question of wages and a proposition to form a union of all the manufacturers of the State to fight the Knights of Labor were considered. All present agreed to close their mills, if necessary, and make a general shut down if the workers refuse to accept the proposed new schedule of wages. Seven hundred girls joined the Knights of Labor here on Monday.

OPEN WATER IN THE GULF.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The Department of Marine yesterday received the following telegram from their agents at Pictou, N.S., dated Feb. 23rd:—"Open water in the Gulf as far as has been seen from here. Harbor ice clear to Pictou landing. If clear at Souris a steamer could make daily trips." Instructions were at once forwarded to the government steamer Northern Light to commence running as soon as the ice was clear at Souris.

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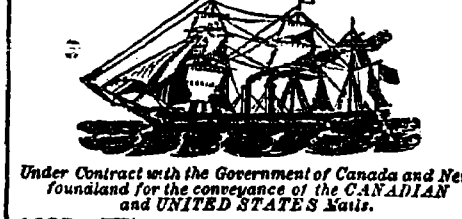
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