

we pay for what is little else than water colored and flavored by nature so as to be pleasing to the eye and the palate.

To the fruit-grower let me give encouragement to go on supplying the public demand. Try to make your fruit as large and luscious as possible, and be assured that it will be appreciated, and, in most cases, well paid for. Keep your land as rich as possible and you will thus produce fruit at the least cost. The most expensive fruit to the grower is the poorest he raises.—H. E. VAN DEMAN, in *G. Fruit Farm*.

**House Flies.**—Prof. A. J. Cook, in the *New York Weekly Tribune* for July 30th, says: "If wire-gauze window-screens are hinged at the top so as to readily swing outward, it is very easy to drive the flies out of the window of a darkened room. With such screens supplemented by an occasional use of fresh and good insect powder (bubach or California pyrethrum) it is not difficult to keep the house almost entirely free of these pests. The only possible objection to the powder is that if much be used it leaves a fine dust on the furniture and about the room; this however, is certainly a minor disadvantage." I may add to this by saying that if the powder is used the rooms should be darkened with one exception. The flies will congregate in this room. In the evening throw some of the powder in, as a dust, and close the room tightly. In the morning when the husband builds the fire, as all true husbands do, he should sweep up the flies and burn them, or they will revive and be as great a nuisance as ever.

**In Setting a Grindstone.**—It is no use to have rickety frames or to have them out of doors uncovered and with water in the trough. That part of the stone standing in the water becomes soft and is easily worn away, while that exposed to the snow is continually hardened and wears out of a true circle so that no tool can be properly ground upon it. The cut shows a well-seasoned piece of timber 1 ft. square and 3 ft. or more long with a trough cut in the top, 8 or 10 in. deep, and thoroughly coated with hot oil or coal oil

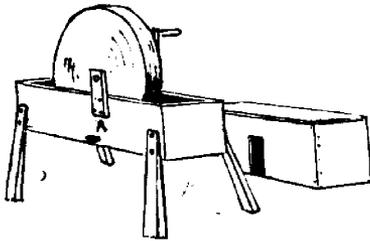


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several times before using. Make the legs of 3 x 4 in. scantling beveled at the top and firmly nailed on. The shaft can be supported by wooden boxes attached or friction wheels that often come with the stone. Make a good solid cover and keep it on the stone when not in use. A plug at A fills the hole used to run the water off.