The Monitor's Agricultural Department

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Correspondence, Suggestions and Inquiries welcomed to these columns.

Selling the Apple Crop.

THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.—DIVIDENDS FROM POWER SPRAYING.

Department of Agriculture,
Commissioner's Branch,
Ottawa, Sept. 29.

On Sept. 21st, the farmers of the vicinity of Ingersoll, Ont., assembled to the number of about 75 or 80 to inspect the work done by the power spraying outfit, managed in that vicinity by the Dominion Fruit Division. The object of the demonstration was to show that spraying might profitably be done as threshing is usually done in Western Ontario, one man taking the contract for doing the work of a large number of his neighbors. A circuit embracing 3300 trees was contracted for, and Mr. J. C. Harris was employed to do the work. He succeeded in spraying the whole number of trees four times with one outfit, at a cost of something less than 20 cents a tree. The apples in the unsprayed orchards in that district are so scabby as to be practically worthless. The contrast between the sprayed and unsprayed fruit is therefore very marked.

The audience assembled at one o'clock at the orchard of Mr. J. C. Norsworthy and inspected very carefully a large number of trees, counting and grading the apples. Some unsprayed orchards were visited, and again some sprayed orchards, until six or seven had been inspected. The results may be summed up as follows: In the sprayed orchards 90 per cent. of the fruit would grade No. 1, while in the unsprayed orchards not more than 15 per cent. would grade No. 1. In some cases only 10 per cent. of first class fruit was found, and on some trees it was difficult to discover a perfect apple. The cost of spraying was about 20 cents per tree, or ten cents per barrel, and it is a fair estimate to say that for every 20 cents expended in spraying there was an increased value of about $1.00.

The inspection was witnessed by Prof. Hutt, O. A. C., Guelph, Mr. G. A. Putnam, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, Mr. P. W. Hodgetts, Secretary Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and a half dozen correspondents of agricultural papers.

Incidentally many points in general orchard culture were taken up. Prof. Hutt drew attention to the fact that, even though cultivation and pruning were neglected in some of the sprayed orchards, the trees were well loaded and the specimens large. He pointed out that had the season been dry these fine samples could not have been obtained. Mr. Putnam spoke of the success which had attended the operations of the fruit shippers' associations of Walkerton, Chatham and St. Catharines, and especially commended this system of disposing of the fruit.

Mr. McNeil spoke briefly on the topic "How to sell the apple crop." He strongly condemned selling in bulk. By this method the farmer was selling a product, the quantity of which he was not in a position to estimate, to the buyer who had spent years in buying and was very apt in estimating the quantity of apples on a tree. He also condemned selling apples with the understanding that they be picked and piled on the ground until the packers came to pack them. This usually resulted in a loss of 50 per cent. A much better plan for the farmer was to pick, pack, grade, and mark his own fruit, and then offer it for sale. The best way was, undoubtedly, the formation of a co-operative selling society, which would erect storehouses and packing sheds at some central place and have the fruit packed and graded by men who were used to the work. This method would not only effect a great saving in the quantity of fruit to be marketed, but by giving a large number of packages of one variety and of uniform grade, would attract larger buyers and secure better prices. With reference to the crop around Ingersoll this year, Mr. McNeil said that he could not conscientiously urge buyers to make an offer, inasmuch as in the unsprayed orchards there was almost nothing to buy. Many of the sprayed orchards had been sold, and no doubt with proper management the rest could be sold, though the individual farmer was at a disadvantage as compared with the co-operative associations.

Yours very truly,
W. A. CLEMONS,
Publication Clerk.

Fruit Culture on an Extensive Scale

(Halifax Chronicle.)

A good deal of interest is being taken in the plans of a company which has recently been formed in this city, the operations of which will be in the Annapolis Valley. Since the announcement of the scheme was made a few days ago, its simple nature and the probability of success attending it have added a great deal of comment on the fact that some of the best opportunities for organization and construction of profitable undertakings often lie right at our doors, but neglected. The Company in question is called the "Annapolis Valley Fruit Estates, Limited," and although the personnel of the directorate has not yet been made public, it is understood that some of the leading financial men of the city are back of it. Among the practical men whose names are mentioned are Prof. Sears, of the Horticultural College at Wolfville, and B. W. Chipman, Secretary for Agriculture.

The company propose to combine about thirty farms en bloc, with a total acreage of over three thousand in the Cornwallis Valley, on the south side of the North Mountain, north of Berwick. This district has long been famous on the English market as producing some of the finest apples in the province, and was chosen by the company as the most suitable for the purpose of all the lands inspected.

There are on the property about 12,000 trees bearing fruit, from which the estimated yield is about 16,000 barrels, and about 10,000, ranging from one to nine years, which have not yet come into bearing. The farms are all in a prosperous condition, with splendid houses, barns, &c., and the way in which this community—for that is what it amounts to—was acquired would make interesting reading and is a good example of what persuasion can sometimes do. The owners, of course, are not selling out for nothing, but they have displayed common sense in the matter and have not attempted to defeat a promising enterprise at its inception by putting ridiculous prices on their properties. Many of the owners have already made enough off their properties to retire in comfort, and all are what are known as "warm" men, there being only a trifle of encumbrance on one or two out of the whole thirty properties.

J. W. Bigelow, Ex-President of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, and an authority on all matters of this kind, outlined the possibilities of fruit culture on a large scale in a special article in the Morning Chronicle's New Year Edition, in which he showed that an English capitalist who was willing to invest $25,000 in a Valley orchard, providing it could be proved that it had paid an average of 10 per cent. clear per year for ten years, could find any number of orchards capable of doing this, but could not find an owner willing to sell at a valuation of $1000 per acre. He also speaks of an orchard, bought ten years ago for $1000 per acre, which had yielded a clear profit of over 20 per cent. per year for the ten years. Mr. Bigelow is enthusiastic about the prospects of the company.

Apples alone will not be the dependence of the company, as they will cultivate small fruits extensively, as well as potatoes and other vegetables, and erect a canning and vinegar plant. There will also be built a barrel and box factory for the making of their fruit packages, for which there is a great demand all over the province.

Hog raising on a large scale will be another important branch of the company's work, and the small Valley hogs, which now command the best prices on this market, will grow and fatten on the waste apples and windfalls.

The company are issuing $350,000 first mortgage, five per cent. bonds, secured by these 30 odd farms, orchards, barns, houses, plant and all improvements. The company has five hundred acres under orchard at present.

The Partridge

The partridge has long been in favor as a breakfast food, and as splendid nourishment for the sick and well, but he is now coming into wide favor and renown as the farmer's friend. He is a candidate for the high perch of National bird. His partisans assure us that he is a stout ally of the American husbandman, and a much more active defender of American agriculture and prosperity than the proud, high-flying eagle. Ornithologists who, under government auspices, have been studying the partridge, say that he is a winner, only about one-fourth of his food is grain, nineteen per cent. corn, three per cent. wheat, and the balance millet, barley, sorghum, rye, and oats. He does not steal this, but gathers it after it has been lost in the field. He never pulls up sprouted grain after the fashion of the crow. He does not rob orchards, though he is fond of fruit, eating wild grapes, dewberries, and wild strawberries. His long suit is a weed seed and insect eater. He is a glutton for seeds of the smart weed, pig weed, sheep sorrel, and rag weed. He has a passion for the potato bug, the ladybird bug, the chinch bug, the bean beetle, cucumber beetle, boil weevil, caterpillar, cut worm, army worm, wire worm, cotton worm, locust, and other crop destroyers. In many states the partridge is now being taken into close communion by the farmers instead of being treated as an outlaw. May he flourish and multiply.—Washington Star.

He Put up His Gun.

One of our best practical farmers related to us the other day how he came to change his mind about killing birds. He said he formerly took a great deal of pleasure with his guns and dogs. About six months after coming to the territory he told his wife he would go out and kill a few quail. It was about four o'clock; so calling his dogs he started out on his own farm. He soon shot three quail, and his wife, knowing that if he got thoroughly interested in the pursuit of game he would be out till long after supper time, persuaded him to come back to the house and they would have supper, when he could go again. "All right," said the farmer; "I will dress these and we'll have them for supper." His wife remarked on the fullness of the craws of the birds, and on opening one it was found pecked full of chinch bugs! Out of curiosity they counted and found over four hundred dead chinch bugs in the craw of one quail! Said the farmer in relating the circumstance to us: "I just cleaned up the gun and have not shot a bird since, and if you'll come down to my place of a morning or evening and see the birds coming to my farm you'll think they know their friends."—Hennery (Oklahoma) Clipper.

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The dope habit is being acquired by thousands of Canadians through using so-called cures for Catarrh containing an excessive amount of alcohol and other dangerous drugs. Doctors claim there is only one safe and certain cure for Catarrh—fragrant healing Catarrhozone, which cures by medicated vapor that is breathed direct to the seat of the disease. The balsamic vapor of Catarrhozone kills the germs, heals sore spots, stops dropping in the throat, keeps the nose clear and permanently eradicates every trace of catarrh from the system. Catarrhozone can't fail; it's guaranteed. Two months' treatment $1.00; trial size 25c.

In contrast with the general rush and push of life in cities is the act of one man, Peter Clark, fire engine driver in New York, who, as the only means of saving the life of a child last Friday evening, turned his horses on the sidewalk, overturning the engine and being himself crushed to death beneath the mass of iron and steel.

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An Army of Unemployed.

Six Hundred Thousand Men Idle in England.—Outlook Said to be the Worst Since the Year 1894.

The London Daily Mail of September 9th had the following:—

"What will happen in the winter?"

Almost with bated breath the good people in the East End who try to find work for the workless and bread for the starving are asking this question. They confirm the prediction of Mr. Edwin H. Kerwan in yesterday's Daily Mail that the outlook is the worst since 1894.

In summer it is exceptional for crowds of laborers to gather about the dock gates awaiting their turns for a job, yet for weeks past these pathetically silent hordes of men have collected day after day, hoping, generally in vain, to earn a crust for their families.

"There is no work, I tell you," said a dock official near the custom house yesterday morning. "Some of the ships are sailing empty."

The workhouses are full, and the casual wards also. At the Salvation Army Labor Bureaus more applications are being made than in the depth of last winter. Over a thousand men recently competed for a laborer's job at the hospital. The applicants for free breakfasts are hundreds in excess of the number eight months ago—that is, in January last.

"I solemnly warn the authorities," said a "social worker" of over thirty years' experience, "that something on a big scale must be done to meet the exceptional distress that threatens."

As a crowd of work-seekers silently filed past he observed: "There are no aliens among them; there seldom are. Alien employers are in the majority here, and they engage alien labor."

It is estimated that in the country generally 600,000 men at present are in need of employment.

Shot while Moose Hunting.

Allan MacDonald, one of the most respected and prominent miners of Westville, was accidentally shot and instantly killed on 27th ult., in the woods near Fifteen Mile Stream, Halifax county.

Accompanied by John Muir, of Westville, and a young man named MacLean, of Hopewell, he had driven out to the Fifteen Mile district for a moose hunt. Early Tuesday evening they came on a moose. The three men were separated some little distance and were moving through bush which concealed their movements.

MacDonald, who was slightly in advance of the others, sighted the moose first, fired at the animal but apparently missed him, and immediately sprang out from the cover of a tree. Just at that moment MacLean, who was directly in line, fired and the bullet pierced MacDonald's brain, killing him instantly. The rifle bullet went through the unfortunate man's head, strange to say, also killed the moose.

MacDonald's companions were almost overcome at the tragic occurrence, and young MacLean is very much distressed over the accident, for which he is no way to blame.

The body was brought to Westville to-night. The deceased was forty-five years old and leaves a widow and six children, for whom much sympathy is felt. He was a brother of Andrew MacDonald, the well known police officer of Amherst.

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First, soak the corn or bunion in warm water to soften it; then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily, rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn a few days to protect it from the shoe. As a general liniment for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale by S. N. Weare.

Mr. E. A. Dunlop, Conservative member for North Renfrew in the Ontario House of Assembly, resigned his seat on Tuesday last. Little, the Liberal member for North Norfolk, was unseated. The personal charges were dropped. This makes four Liberals and one Conservative who have been unseated during the recent by-trials, and leaves Mr. Ross, as he was before, depending upon the casting vote of the speaker.

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Salvation Army Officer Receives Government Appointment.

Major Walter Archibald, of Toronto, formerly of Truro, N. S., who has been engaged in prison work for the Salvation Army for seven years, has been appointed Commissioner of Parole and Discharged Prisoners, by the Dominion Government, a position he declined some time ago, but has now decided to accept under modified conditions. He will retain his command in the Army, and undertakes the work of the Government in addition. The duties of the two positions are very similar. The Major has just returned from a visit to the Kingston, St. Vincent de Paul and Dorchester penitentiaries, and, acting under instructions from the Government, arranged to provide employment for nearly forty discharged prisoners from those institutions. His greatest problem, he says, is how to deal effectively with "reapers," or men who return to prison for a second term. "In fact, I know of some prisoners who are serving their thirtieth term," said the Major.

"In this connection," he went on, "I have recommended the Government to introduce the indeterminate sentence system. By this means a prisoner would be kept in prison until the officials in charge are convinced of his determination to lead a reformed life. Generally speaking, I am against short sentences."

Cheer Up.

No condition is so bad that it cannot get worse, and it is a good plan when despondency is filling the mind with gloom and when every way toward the future seems blocked with a blank wall, to stop short and organize the mental faculties and reflect that it all could be much worse. Then to that add the self-evident truth that there is a duty to life and to fellow-beings which should be performed as faithfully as lies within human power, says the Baltimore Herald.

Do not be contrary and stubborn and resentful toward life and the guiding force behind it if things have not gone to suit. Maybe the way that would have suited was not the best way. The strength of will and the decision required to commit suicide, if turned in the other direction, would clear the blank wall from the way and give an entirely different view of things.

Whatever comes, do not flunk on life. Live it down and out.

A Judicious Inquiry

A well known travelling man who visits the drug trade says he has often heard druggists inquire of customers who asked for a cough medicine, whether it was wanted for a child or for an adult, and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it, and for coughs, colds and croup it is unsurpassed. For sale by S. N. Weare.

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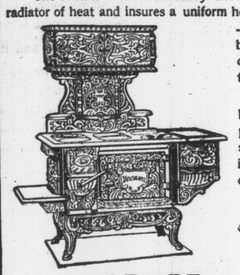

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The Household.

CARING FOR RUGS.

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A thrifty housekeeper who prides herself on knowing how to keep her rugs fresh for years never shakes them but keeps them clean by spreading on a porch floor and sweeping them thoroughly on both sides with a soft broom. Then she goes over them several times with a carpet sweeper, which is kept free from dust by emptying the dust traps frequently. Any rugs which have seen hard wear and are very dusty are hung up on a line and lightly beaten with a small whip. On sweeping day every rug is looked over for possible breaks, and every loose corner, no matter how small, is promptly mended with linen carpet thread, and wool if occasion requires.

If grease spots are discovered they are cleaned with tepid water and household ammonia in the proportion of a half teaspoonful to a quart of water. Scrubbing the spot lightly, wetting the rug as little as possible and hanging in the sun to dry is the method. Never use soap that is coarse and rank; if soap must be used, select a refined sort.

MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN SINS AND FOLLIES.

There are many little childish faults which are not sins, and these you may pass over very often without seeming to notice them. There are others which are mean rather than wicked, and these you may be able to shame them out of. In some other cases a look may be enough, or a tone of the voice, or a word of warning. But to give them long and severe lectures, worse still, blows, for the most trifling faults, is as ridiculous, to say the least, as killing flies with a hammer or shooting sparrows with a rifle.

You must make a distinction between one fault and another, between the faults which arise merely from levity and those which come from malice. The more grievous the fault, the more severe should be the correction. And yet there are many parents who will get into a furious rage with their children on account of an accident, a pane of glass broken, for instance, or a jacket torn. And perhaps these same parents will pass over lying, disobedience, cursing, or immodest language in their children with the mildest kind of a reproof, or it may be without any reproof at all. Now, the children know very well, in spite of all your scolding, that a broken pane of glass or a torn jacket are not very important matters. And surely they must think that in your estimation at least, lying, disobedience, cursing and immodest language are less important still.

But the slight correction which will do for a docile child will not be enough for a headstrong one. Some children are easily lead to do right; others must be driven. You must study the characters and dispositions of your children, in order to know how you should deal with them.

RICE AND RAISIN CROQUETTES.

Put one cup of well washed rice into boiling water and boil five minutes, then drain. Add three cups of scalded milk, one cup of sultana raisins and one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, and cook in a double boiler until the rice is tender and the milk absorbed, then stir in carefully the beaten yolks of two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of butter, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, and grated rind of half an orange. When cold form into cylinders, dip in beaten egg, roll in fine crumbs and dry in deep hot fat. Drain, and serve with sliced oranges sprinkled with powdered sugar.

CARE OF BABY'S EYES.

The position of the baby's cot in regard to door and window is of paramount importance. Fresh air must circulate in the room, but never a drop must blow on those precious orbs. The sunlight, too—that greatest of purifying agents—must be sedulously kept from dazzling them. A point of attraction, such as a bright object held near, seems to draw them together. At the least sign of this the careful nurse or mother's hand presses the lids lightly down, and the squint has vanished. As he lies dat, indulging in the evening kick, which is the usual wind-up of a baby's day, looking back over his head will be found to possess extraordinary attractions for him. When it occurs attention should be called to another quarter, and the infant's head elevated. More eye trouble is caused through neglect in the early days, oculists say, than in all the years after. Yet, baby eyes should be more precious, surely, than diamonds, and mothers more vigilant of them than the Tower custodians of the Crown Jewels.

—It is very difficult to dry the inside of a mincing machine to prevent rusting. The best way to clean it after using is to grind some stale pieces of bread through it. This will be found to collect all grease, fat and skin from the small knives. Then wipe with a clean cloth.

Did You Get Up Tired

At this season tiredness fastens itself even upon the healthy and strong. If not feeling well you should build up, get more blood into your veins, increase your store of nerve energy. What you need is that rebuilder and tonic, Ferrozone, which contains the strengthening elements your system needs. Ferrozone makes flesh, nerve and muscle; gives you appetite, abundant energy, buoyant spirits—in short, Ferrozone assures health and costs 50c at all druggists. Get Ferrozone today.

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(By S. E. Kiser.)

Now here is the style of the popular song,
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That's one of the beauties of it.

A little child was dying where
The light grew dim, one day,
The bedclothes they were lying on the floor;
She looked up at her father, and
She unto him did say:
"Please, father, don't beat mother any more.
Don't take your wooden leg off when I'm lying 'neath the ground,
Asleep away out yonder, cold and dead,
For some day you might break it, as you try to hop around
And with it pound poor mother on the head."

CHORUS.

Father, don't beat mother
With your peg leg any more
When, at night, she greets you
At our cabin door;
Father, keep your peg off
After I am dead and gone;
Be kind to dear old mother, for
You know she isn't strong.

The father knelt beside her there,
He put his leg away,
And down his furrowed cheeks the tears did roll;
"Oh darling, I'll remember," he
Unto the child did say,
As in his arms the dear one he did hold.
The mother stood and listened, and her heart was very sad,
She had a beefsteak fastened on one eye;
"Be kind and gentle to her," said the child, "remember, dad,
That raw meat it has risen very high."

CHORUS.

Father, don't beat mother, etc.

That night beside their dear one they
Did linger all alone.
The peg leg it was laid across a chair;
The joy had all departed from
That happy little home.
No more would childish laughter echo there.
The sobbing mother took the beefsteak from her damaged eye,
The saddened father unto her his wooden leg did bring.
She put it in the stove, and while with it the steak did fry
The spirit of the child did near them, as they ate it, sing:

CHORUS.

Father won't beat mother
With his peg leg any more
When she comes to greet him
At their little cottage door;
Father's peg will never
More cause mother dear to weep;
They will now be happy, and
They'll save a lot of meat.

Now, this is the style of the popular song;
In candor we'll have to admit
That neither the rhyme nor the reason is strong,
But that's what would make it a hit.

—Saturday Evening Post.

—Ex-Judge Mayer and a party were discussing various maxims at the Republican Club the other night when Col. Henry Clay Piercy, of the house committee said:

"Well, Judge, do you really believe that honesty is the best policy?"

"I'll answer that question by a story," replied the Judge, "When I was practicing law one day in the interest of a client I said to a man:

"'Do you own a large black dog with white spots?'

"He looked at me quizzically and then said:

"'Oh, no; that dog is merely a stray canine that occasionally strolls into my yard. You're a tax assessor, aren't you?'

"'No, I am only a lawyer. I came to tell you that a client of mine had accidentally shot and killed the big dog and authorized me to pay the owner $25 damages. But as the animal has no owner, why, of course, there's nothing to pay. Good morning!'"

DIFFICULT TO PLEASE.

Nobody outside the journalistic profession has any idea how difficult it is for an editor to please some of his patrons. For instance, referring to a public man's reputation for carelessness in the matter of his toilet, a paper announced:

"Mr. Maguire will wash himself before he assumes the office of town councillor."

This made Maguire furious, and he demanded a reaction, which appeared thus:

"Mr. Maguire requests us to deny that he will wash himself before he assumes the office of town councillor."

Oddly enough this only enraged Maguire the more.

—Since the engagement of pretty Miss Brant has been an announced fact her small brother had been puzzling his head to understand what it means.

"Why," explained his mother, "Mr. Skaggs has asked sister to marry him. That means that she will live in his house afterwards, and he'll take care of her."

"Buy her things?" asked the boy.

"Yes."

"Hats and dinners and everything?" her persisted.

"Yes," was the answer.

The boy thought it all over for a moment, and then he said: "Well, ain't that man got pluck, though?"

—Dr. W. S. Rainsford, of New York, says that the first suggestion of an "open church" came to him from a little four-year-old girl. While passing a closed church with her, she remarked, "I s'pose God has a key to let Himself in, but the rest of us have to go to the sexton."

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