

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE FARMER AND THE ORCHARDIST.

This Department is prepared for the SACRAMENTO RECORD-EXAMINER by the Agricultural Editor. Matter relating to the agricultural interest will be found under this head.

The Insects Doomed.

For several years past it has been evident that the early crops of fruit-growers in this State... the insects which have taken our apple and pear orchards, and orchardists have become disheartened and discouraged.

The American Horse.

An interesting address was delivered by Dr. George B. Loring in connection with the recent commencement exercises of the Columbia Veterinary College at Chickering Hall, New York.

When a colt is born into a family—especially if his lot is cast in pleasant places, and he has a goodly heritage—the foremost danger to him will be spoiled in early life.

Different Breeds of Cattle.

A considerable feeling has existed among breeders of Jersey, Ayrshire, Guernsey and other classes of thoroughbred cattle, in consequence of the dropping of the second premiums on all classes except the short-horns.

But to return to the colts. They should neither be petted to death, nor conquered and broken down by high speed and unrelenting work with the harness when young.

A Brighter Day for Wheat in California.

The price of wheat in California depends in the first instance on the demand in Europe, and in the next instance on the cost of transportation from the place of production to the place of consumption.

Mr. Bradleigh, with his accustomed disregard for "les convenances," has republished in his pamphlet, and dedicated it to Lord Randolph Churchill and Sir Henry Drummond Wolfe as "some slight acknowledgment of the effectual advertisement they gave to the sixth edition." Not a bad piece of irony.

EASTERN MAGAZINES.

AN ORTHODOX MONTHLY ACCUSED OF INFIDELITY.

Periodicals Steadily Losing Money. Literary Matter a Dying-illness. Outlook for Writers.

New York, September 23, 1880. The magazine which has the largest circulation after Harper's, and is yet the youngest of all the literary monthlies, is Scribner's.

Harper's rate, though Harper's page count is not high, is not high, and seems to be making its way very rapidly. It has advertised most liberally and judiciously, and has naturally, therefore, gained a large circulation—about 120,000, it is claimed— which is reported to be regularly increasing.

The proprietors of Scribner's are Scribner & Co., composed of Charles Scribner's Sons (the firm name is unchanged, though only one son is left), Dr. J. G. Holland, the editor, and Rowell Smith, publisher of the magazine.

Harper & Brothers, for instance, have been conspicuous for Methodism; but they have not intruded it in their business. Indeed, they are not of that faith, and do not mix their affairs with their theology, having been commercial, no doubt, before they were religious.

Underwent year before last another change, and seems to have ceased to be a popular, miscellaneous, literary monthly. It claims to have now a higher order of contents; to be more serious in its aims, and to admit selected as well as original matter.

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A month which has done extraordinarily well, and promises to continue to do so, is the St. Nicholas, a juvenile known to all boys and girls between six and sixteen.

Chicago has a new industry, a hospital for diseased and orphan birds. Mrs. A. F. Blair is the chief physician and matron of the institution, and is also head nurse and instructor-in-chief to young birds.

THE QUIET HOUR.

THE "TANGLERS" PARADISE OF CHARADES, ENIGMAS, ETC.

Contributions to this department should be addressed to "The Quiet Hour," care of the Record-Examiner, 1000 Broadway, New York.

Answers to September 15th. After a week's holiday at the State Fair, in bustling Bay City, the Tangles will be anxious to have the RECORD-EXAMINER'S "Quiet Hour" disclose the answers to the tanglers of September 15th.

815. Music. 816. Noah Webster. 817. G. A. R. Field. 818. Pan-Is-the-Box. 819. Rubicon. 820. Hypo-the-sis. 821. Second thoughts best.

THE AWARD.

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AT CHOISY LE ROY.

A GAME OF THE MIDDLE AGES ON THE SEINE.

A Barbarous Sport and How it is Conducted in France.

Paris, September 6, 1880. Choisy le Roy is a small city situated on the river Seine, distant from Paris half an hour's ride on the railroad.

The moment of its fate, which took place last Sunday, fetes always take place on a Sunday; they generally begin on a Sunday and last over the following Sunday.

Close to the water's edge were mounds of sand arranged for the occasion, and into these the young men planted their staffs and stood around in groups, apparently impatient for the trial.

Were then called the judges' stand, where they mounted the steps, and from the hands of the Mayor, who accompanied the gift with an appropriate little speech, they received a prize each according to his rank.

And amidst the cheering of the crowd, the victors scurried and bowed in their wet clothes, and then descended into their boats, where they were surrounded by their comrades, many of whom grasped them by the hand with congratulatory enthusiasm.

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