HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

—Celery can only be grown to advantage on very highly manured land. The manure should be applied, if possible, in the fall, and plowed under.—*American Farmer.*

—Two-year-old trees of the apple, plum, pear and cherry are the best size for planting. Peach trees should be one year old. Stocky, low-branched specimens will give the best satisfaction.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—According to Prof. Beal, of Iowa, the bat, instead of being an object of aversion should be regarded as a true "friend of man," as it is a great destroyer of insects, and unlike many of the tropical species, does no harm to man or beast.

—Corn will shrink from the time it is husked from the field or shock, in the autumn, in well-protected cribs, from twenty to thirty per cent by spring. That is, one hundred bushels will shrink to seventy or eighty, according to how dry it was when gathered. Sound corn will shrink twenty per cent, so that forty cents per bushel as it comes from the field is as good as fifty cents in the spring.—*N. Y. Examiner.*

—The *Gardener's Monthly* says: "It has only recently been clearly demonstrated that a dead branch of a tree makes almost as great a strain on the main plant for moisture as does a living one. This is one of the most important discoveries of modern botanical science to the practical horticulturist as by this knowledge he can save many a valuable tree. Any dead branch, or any weak one, should be at once cut away."

—A writer in the *National Farmer* says: "A half pint of sunflower seed given to a horse with his other feed, each morning and night, will keep him in better health and better spirited than he will be without it, while his hair will be brighter. When a saddle horse is required to be particularly sprightly, he may be given a pint of sunflower seed with his oats at night, and half as much in the morning; he will be found more antic and sprightly through the day, and consequently be more pleasant to the rider.

Egyptian Habits.

The ordinary inhabitant of the town passes his life in a simple and uniform manner. Before sunrise he leaves his couch, performs the morning ablutions enjoined by his religion and repeats his early prayer. To say his morning prayer after sunrise is forbidden by the ordinances of his religion, and to allow the sun to rise over one's slumbering head is regarded as prejudicial to health. He then drinks his cup of coffee and smokes his pipe either at home or in the public coffee house. His breakfast, which he takes after the coffee, or sometimes before it, consists of the remains of his meal of the previous evening, or of cakes and milk, or for a trifle he procures from the market the ever-ready national dish of ful, that is, stewed beans. He then engages in his avocations, buys, sells, writes, works or moves about, all in the most comfortable, quiet and deliberate manner. "What is not done to-day must be done to-morrow," in Arabic, "to-morrow, if God please," stands written on his forehead in large letters. There is really nothing for which the Egyptian mechanics can be said to be famous. The things in which they used to excel are rapidly being forgotten. The fine masonry of the older mosques would be thrown away on the architectural tastes of the present day, and hence the race of skillful masons is becoming extinct. The colored glass which used to be made in great perfection for windows and lamps is the product of a forgotten art, and most of the glass and china used in Egypt—even the national coffee-cups—are imported from Europe. The same fate has come to the turners who used to make beautiful lattice window-screens; people now prefer glass, and lattices being no longer required, turners are forgetting how to make them. The potters do a good trade in unglazed porous vessels for cooling water, and the palm furnishes occupation to many hands. Egypt is no longer famous for fine linen; even its cotton and woolen stuffs are coarse, and its silk of poor quality. The tanners, however, have not forgotten their cunning in curing morocco leather, and the love of ornament, extending beyond slippers, supports goldsmiths in all the small towns.

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