

A Five Acre House Place.

Many well-to-do farmers would like their house in the centre of a five acre lot, with shade trees, flower and kitchen garden, ornamental plantations, belts and lawns, if only they knew just how to go to work to lay it out. It is not that they grudge the labor necessary to care for it; at least that portion of them who read agricultural and horticultural journals do not. One principal difficulty is that, when once the fever takes hold of an individual it races on at galloping speed until it severely drains his pocket; then, the fever having run its course, the stage of collapse comes on.

Whenever the farmer builds his new house, and some who read the *Western Rural*, do so each year, the beginning should be made by selecting the site with reference to future adornment.—Whatever the size of the lot, be it three or five acres, and the latter costs but a trifle more to keep tidy than the former, the house should always be placed on the highest point from whence the slope is to the road.

The house should also be placed so that the outbuildings, kitchen garden, home orchard, vineyard, etc., may be placed in the rear. If the lot is at the intersection of crossroads, the house should front the principal street unless two fronts can be afforded. Whether this can be afforded or not, a drive should be so arranged that it may connect with both roads. In a place of five acres not less than two acres should be devoted to an orchard and vineyard, including small fruits and kitchen garden. The kitchen garden should occupy about three-fourths of an acre of this plot. The fruits would occupy one side of the plot, beginning with the larger trees, as apples, then working the smaller trees, grapes, berries, etc., toward the kitchen garden. The length of the plot will enable the cultivator to do nearly all the cultivation by horse power. The beets, carrots, parsnips, etc., should be planted two feet apart, a plan now generally adopted by market gardeners in the West. The planting of the orchard and garden should be the first care.

This being done, the boundaries of the field should be planted with shrubbery and hedges. The general run at least of the road way must be laid out, and shade trees and clumps of trees and shrubbery planted; not too thick, for here is the fatal mistake made by all beginners.—They plant too thick and will not thin out in due season; hence, in the course of years, instead of having a lawn only shaded here and there with trees, they too often find themselves in possession of a thicket—a nuisance.

If the land be undulating, this must be taken advantage of to carry the drive in curve lines to the house. These curves should be planted more thickly than other portions of the place. This planting, so far as clumps are concerned, should be in the hollow of the curves, care always being taken to preserve distant views that may be worth preserving. In fact, one of the niceties of rural planting is to shut out unsightly objects and preserve the most important views.

In planting, evergreens and deciduous trees should be planted where they may best subserve the purpose wanted. Evergreens are for ornament and protection from winds. Deciduous trees are for ornament, but particularly for shade in Summer. Except when used for hedging or windbreaks, all trees and shrubs should be so planted that in any stage of their growth they will have plenty of room.

Among the more desirable evergreen trees that are hardy are:—Norway spruce, white, Scotch and Austrian pine, arbor-vitae, hemlock and black spruce. Hemlock is especially valuable, but it is to be regretted that it does not always succeed well except in particular localities. Plant it by all means and, if it live and grow a few years after planting, it is usually all right thereafter. As a rule, the evergreens should be most heavily planted at the boundaries and relieved nearer the front with elm, maple, ash, birch, bass-wood and other deciduous trees of pleasant foliage.

The prairies being always exposed to heavy winds, protection against the prevailing ones, especially for the house, orchard and garden, barns, etc., should be provided by thick plantations of evergreens. The drives and walks should wind sufficiently to be attractive, avoiding, however, all sharp curves unless the nature of the land make it unavoidable.

One of the greatest mistakes in planting country places is that too much floral adornment is attempted. So far as flowering shrubs and vines are concerned, there cannot be too many of these. The same may be said of hardy roses, especially climbers. These with a few beds cut in the turf of the lawn, and the trees, are the glory of country homes.

When once the place is laid out, planted, and the lawn brought in condition, one man, if he be a good one, will keep the whole in repair besides doing the principal part of the work in the garden, if it be laid out with a view to horse culture. This garden will yield more than enough to pay the ex-

pense of the hire, so that the grounds really cost but little. The female portion of the household will delight to care for the flowers, and the home and surroundings will be so attractive that there will be little excuse for the boys to spend their time at the village grocery. They will rather come to take delight in rendering assistance to their sisters in caring for the lawn and garden, and making their home still more beautiful.

From the *Faribault Republican*.

State Grange to Meet at Faribault.

The regular annual meeting of the State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry will be held in our city, commencing Tuesday, Dec. 16th, and continuing through the 17th and 18th. As there are now 372 organized Granges in the State, and will be more before the meeting, and each Grange is entitled to one delegate, besides which numbers will bring their wives, and a numerous delegation from other States may be expected, it will be seen that probably full 500 persons will be in attendance, and the accommodations of our city will be taxed to their utmost capacity. As the hotels which are crowded with boarders, can accommodate but about 250 additional guests, it will be seen that it will be necessary for our citizens to open their houses for the reception of many of our visitors. No doubt they will do this cheerfully, and preserve the reputation of Faribault for the exercise of a broad hospitality. This entertainment, be it understood, is not asked by the Grangers gratuitously, as they expect to pay their way, and will accept of private accommodations only for the reasons that the hotels are too limited for the necessities of the case. We trust, however, that our citizens will meet them in a generous spirit of welcome, and make their charges low. A very large and intelligent body of men, representing one of the most important organizations of the country, will be present at the meeting, most of whom will see our city for the first time, and we trust that nothing may be lacking to create in them a favorable impression of its capacities and the character of its population.

A committee of Patrons from our resident Councils will visit our citizens in about a week to obtain information as to the number each can accommodate. They will feel gratified, however, if residents will anticipate the necessity for this call by leaving their names and a statement of the number of guests they will receive, at the *Republican Office*.

Lumber, Lath and Shingles.

AMOUNT MANUFACTURED IN STILLWATER DURING THE SEASON OF 1873.

From the *Stillwater Gazette*.

There are eight saw mills in Stillwater, most of which have been in operation during the past summer.

We have taken some pains to ascertain the amount of lumber, &c., manufactured at these mills during the season, and below is the result:

	Feet lumber.
Schulenberg, Becker & Co.....	23,725,000
Hersey, Bean & Brown.....	10,000,000
Seymour, Sabin & Co.....	4,000,000
Isaac Staples.....	15,500,000
McKusick, Anderson & Co.....	2,500,000
Castle & Gaslin.....	2,000,000
St. Croix Lumber Co.....	4,000,000
Keller & Co.....	2,000,000

In addition to the lumber sawed, the following amount of shingles and lath have been manufactured:

	Shingles.	Lath.
Schulenberg, B. & Co.....	5,000,000	7,477,850
St. Croix Lumber Co.....	2,000,000	1,000,000
Isaac Staples.....	4,000,000	6,000,000
Hersey, Bean & B.....	3,500,000	4,000,000

Three of these mills, that of the St. Croix Lumber Company, Castle & Gaslin, and Keller, are located in South Stillwater. One—that of McKusick, Anderson & Co.—is located on the Wisconsin shore, but being owned and operated entirely by Stillwater men, is counted as a Stillwater enterprise. This mill did not commence operations this season until June 6.

Paragraphs from Harper's Weekly.

Parties grow, they are not made. Forbearance and acquiescence are excellent virtues.

There are extravagance and corruption on every hand.

Massachusetts gives sixty thousand less Republican majority than last year.

Who, then have wounded the Republican party? Those who defend extravagance and dishonesty.

Remove the abuses of the civil service, not here and there, but generally and upon defined principle.

It is not by what we say when we wish power, but by what we do when we have power, that we are judged.

There are many sagacious politicians who feel that the message of the President and the action of Congress will either restore or destroy the Republican party.

Politics are governed by laws which the common politician, who thinks that all motives are mean and all men mercenary, cannot possibly comprehend.

If the Republican party is to be represented and Congress to be controlled

by the Butler school of statesmanship Wisconsin will continue to elect the Democratic candidates, and Massachusetts' majority dwindle still more.

GENERAL NEWS.

—The Court de Paris, the future King of France, if the monarchists win, was on Gen. McClellan's staff during the war, and was a great favorite with the ladies.

—The conservative editor of a Western city journal says he fears the growing and increased strength of farmers' clubs. Been stealing water-melons, probably.

—Borrowing trouble is a business that does not pay at any price. If you get too much on hand you are apt to suspend yourself.

—Boss Tweed went to Rhode Island one day last week, and they had to take the State into the house and lock it up every night, to keep him from carrying it off.

—The *Times* times the Democratic party a "putrid reminiscence." That paper ought to know. It was once the head scenter of the concern.—*Chicago Post*.

—We find the following conundrum floating about: "If a toper and a gallon of whiskey were left alone together, which would be drunk first?"

—The business of canning tomatoes has largely increased in Cumberland Co., N. J., where \$100,000 worth of that vegetable is annually raised for this purpose.

—A new horse disease has made its appearance in the Willamette Valley, W. T. It seems to be a sort of paralysis of the legs and spine, and has proved fatal in every instance so far.

—A gleam of sunshine from the East. Many of the New England manufactories which were frightened into temporary suspension are resuming business, and the prospect is decidedly brightening in that quarter.

—Statistics show that the crop of salt now on hand in the Saginaw Valley, Mich., is 148,534 barrels, against 125,900 barrels at the same time last year. Eleven firms have closed operations for the year, and forty firms are still operating.

—A new wine-making establishment has been erected in Healdsburg, Cal., by experienced French vintners. They have thus far, this year, made 20,000 gallons, and say if they sell their wine for thirty cents a gallon they will make a fair profit on their investment.

—A vast deposit of guano, extending for miles in a plain which terminates at the foot of a range of hills, has been discovered about forty miles from Antofagosta, in Chilean territory. It is discovered by a crystalline crust, which has to be broken through. Great results in the way of revenue to Chili are expected from the discovery of this stratum.

—The religious census of Dublin shows that in the city and county taken together there is a population of 401,262 persons, of whom 307,144 are Catholics, 79,186 Protestant Episcopalians, 7,512 Presbyterians, and 7,420 of all other denominations. Out of 401,962 persons 112,889 are "illiterate," of whom 98,456 are Catholics, or about 1 in 3; while the other 14,433 are Protestants, or about 1 in 6½.

—Nine of the emigrants who left England last year for Brazil recently returned to their native country bearing heart-rending reports of their sufferings. Some members of the colony were reduced to such straits that they were actually compelled to sell their own children to the natives in order to procure food to save themselves from starvation.

HUMOROUS.

THE Irishman had a correct appreciation of the business, who, being asked by the Judge, when he applied for a license to sell whisky, if he was of good moral character, replied: "Faith, yer honor, I don't see the necessity of a good moral character to sell whisky!"

A PENNSYLVANIA clergyman has made a good hit by introducing "personals" in his prayers. For instance: "Lord, have mercy on John Shanahan, who keeps a saloon near the old red bridge; either lay him on a bed of sickness or have him removed from this town."

AN absent minded man entered a Troy shoe store the other day, and had his boy measured for a pair of shoes. "But where's the boy?" asked the dealer. "Thunder!" said the man; "I've left the boy at home! I'll go and get him;" and off he started for his house, six blocks away.

In a letter to a friend, a Springfield young lady states that she is not engaged, but she sees a cloud above the horizon about as large as a man's hand.

AN ignorant old lady was asked by a minister visiting her if she had religion. She replied: "I have slight touches of it occasionally."

NOT long ago, in the court of Appeals, a certain lawyer of Celtic extraction, while arguing with earnestness his case, stated a point and then proceeded: "And if the Court please, if I am wrong in this, I have another point that is equally conclusive."

Two young ladies of La Crosse were standing by the side of a ditch thirteen feet wide, which they didn't know how to cross, when their escort said, "snakes," and they cleared it at a bound.

Two Titusville, Pa., lawyers entered into a solemn compact not to drink intoxicating liquors for a year except when out duck shooting, under forfeit of \$100. One of them quenches his thirst without losing the ducks by keeping a duck in his back-yard to fire at when he is dry, and the other as invested in one also.

A YOUTH of nineteen lately fled from Dodson, Ohio, to escape the clutches of an enamored girl of twenty-two. At Rockfield, Indiana, he received this telegram: "Get up and dust. Sal's on your track close." He "dusted" forthwith, but she came up with him in an obscure Illinois town, and led him back home and to the altar.

SAID Lander "I have no ailments, but why should I? I have eaten well prepared food; I have drunk light, subacid wines, and three glasses instead of ten; I have liked modest better than immodest women, and I have never tried to make a shilling in the world."

THAT was good, though a rather severe pun which was made by a student in one of our theological seminaries (and he was not one of the brightest of the class either), when he asked, "Why is Professor—the greatest revivalist of the age?" and on all "giving it up," said, "Because at the close of every sermon there is a general awakening."

THE ministers came last week to pray for Paul Carroll, of Jamestown, Ky., who is in the last stage of consumption, and having lived a wicked life, sent for them. But when they opened prayer Mrs. Carroll remarked, with tearful eyes, that she couldn't stand it, this dividing up of a family by praying; all the balance of the family had gone to h—l. No man ought to be separated from his kin!

OLD MR. FRANKLIN, of Cattaraugus County, New York, created a vast deal of excitement the other day by throwing a ploughshare into the river, on account of his wife's incessant scolding. Mr. Franklin, it might be well to add, was attached to the weight by a rope; consequently, Mrs. F. has lost a husband, a ploughshare, and three feet of good rope, just through a chronic propensity to wag her tongue!

IT is an oddity of Scotch humor that it plays continually around the severest religious faith in the world. Any reader of Dean Ramsay is prepared to believe the story that this notice was lately posted in the vestibule of a kirk in Scotland: "The person who stole Songs of the Sanctuary from pew No. 32 should improve the opportunity of singing them here, as he will have no occasion to sing them hereafter."

"WHAT'S the matter there, Alice?—Don't your shoes fit?" "No, papa, they don't fit me at all," replied the little one. And then she enumerated all the faults of the shoes in set terms, and reached the climax thus—"Why, they don't even squeak when I go out for a walk."

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