

NORTHERN TRIBUNE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1882.

A severe lightning and thunder storm did great damage in the vicinity of Elkhart, Ind., Sunday night.

Southern states have manifested special interest in the coming Garfield monument fair at Washington.

The chain pump which was invented a few years ago in this country, Consul Stevens finds, has been used in China for over 2,000 years.

Betty and the baby are living at her father's house in the Virginia wilderness, with \$12,000 in bank which the sergeant's missing bullet earned for her.

The Wylie-Baker checker tournament closed at Boston Monday night. Fifty games were played, of which the contestants won one each, and forty-eight were drawn.

Last week's exchanges at twenty-six leading clearing houses were \$1,322,947,347, an increase of 7.7 per cent over the previous week, showing that the general trade of the country is in a healthy condition.

Germany has decided to strengthen her defenses along the Baltic. The government realizes the presence of a great and growing danger from Russia and proposes to be ready soon to meet it.

Hueston Miller of Hardinsburg, Ky., has green pippins and golden russets growing on the same bough of his tree. More than that, some of the fruit is half pippin and half russet, the pippins being the largest, cupping over the russet, giving the apples the appearance of great acorns.

Mrs. Mary Austin, who died at Washington last week, was entitled to the rest that comes by death. She had 44 sons, and been bereaved 33 times, only 11 sons surviving. She practiced as a physician and surgeon, and served through the war with the rank of major.

The Garden.
A covering over strawberry beds for the winter is part of the practice of good gardening. But the beds must not be covered too early or too heavily or the plants will rot. Wait till the ground gets frozen hard. By the middle of December cover up the entire bed of strawberry plants with salt-meadow hay (straw leaves or anything similar will do as well) to the depth of two or three inches entirely covering up the plants and soil so that nothing is seen but the hay. By April plants so protected will show signs of growth, then the hay around each plant is pushed a little aside, to assist it in getting through the covering, so that by May the fully developed plant shows on the clean surface of the hay. This "mulching" as it is called, is indispensable to the best culture, as it protects the plants from cold in the winter, keeps the fruit clean, keeps the roots cool from the hot sun in June, and, at the same time, saves nearly all further labor after once being put on, as few weeds can push through it.

Many sections will produce grapes if the vines can be preserved throughout the winter. To do this, lay the vines on the ground and cover with coarse litter, or with earth and then litter. It is not necessary that they be absolutely protected from frost, but that alternate freezing and thawing be prevented.

Returned Letters.

The following order has been issued by the Postmaster General: Section 294, postal laws and regulations, is hereby amended to read as follows: After a letter has been passed from the mailing postoffice the delivery of the same may be prevented and its return to the writer secured by an application made by the writer to the postmaster at the office of mailing, stating sufficient reasons therefor and identifying the letter and supporting such application with sufficient proof in writing. Upon such application and evidence being submitted to the postmaster, and upon a deposit being made with him by the writer of a sum sufficient to cover all expenses incurred he shall telegraph a request to the postmaster at the office to which the matter so addressed for the return of such letter to his office, carefully describing the same so as to prevent the return of any other matter, and upon the receipt of such request the postmaster at the office of address shall return such letter to the mailing postmaster (in a "penalty envelope"), who will deliver the letter to the writer on payment of all expenses and no letter rate of postage due stamps of the proper value must be placed and cancelled, and upon the prepayment of a registered package addressed to the First Assistant Postmaster General, in which the postmaster shall inclose the application of the writer and all proofs submitted by him, together with the writer's receipt for, and the envelope of, the returned letter.

Mrs. Rachel Martin, of Troy, N. Y., writes: "I have been a widow eighteen years. From overwork and the cares of a large family, I have for many years been ailing from rheumatic pains and severe indigestion. Oils and liniments only eased my pain. I took many remedies internally, hoping to find permanent relief. My next door neighbor, Mrs. Perry, told me to try Brown's Iron Bitters, and that it had cured her of dyspepsia, irregularities, etc. I did so, and have not suffered an ache or pain since using the first bottle, nor has indigestion troubled me."

Money for a Rainy Day.
"For six years my daughter was sick from kidney and other diseases. We had used up our savings on doctors, when our dominie advised us to try Parker's Ginger Tonic. Four bottles effected a cure, and as a dollar's worth has kept our family well for over a year, we have been able to lay by money again for a rainy day."—A Poor Man's Wife.

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