

Holt County Sentinel,
Oregon, Missouri.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 26, 1867.

HOUSE AND FARM.

Practical housekeepers, farmers, horticulturists, and stock breeders, are particularly requested to contribute articles for this department.

WHEN TO PRUNE FRUIT TREES.

Ed. RURAL WORLD: I am a beginner in cultivating fruit trees, and do not know the best season of the year for pruning them. You will oblige me by informing me through the columns of the Rural World.

T. M. H.

REPLY.—Trees can be pruned at any time. They should be pruned whenever the branches or shoots are running astray. It is the duty of the tree grower to direct the growth—to cut away at any time any superfluous or unnecessary shoots—to throw all the vigor and growth of the tree into the proper sources, and thus husband the forces of the tree while it is producing wood. The practice of waiting for some particular month or season for pruning is very deleterious. The pruner then goes into the tree with saw and ax and makes sad havoc. The equilibrium between the roots and top is destroyed; an unnecessary growth of wood will be produced the following season, and bad effects follow. Nearly all pruning is done in this way to the injury of the tree. The true philosophy in pruning is, to guide nature, to direct the growth in the proper channels; to form a round, even, open head, so as to admit air and light and sun to all parts of the tree and fruit.

As you walk out into your orchard, take out your knife and cut away such shoots and branches as you think are unnecessary. It is always better to take time by the forelock, and rub off with the fingers the tender shoot; but if this has been neglected, cut it off, whether in spring, summer, autumn or winter. Heavy pruning should not be done at any time. If severe pruning is needed, do not do it all at once. Do some this year and some next. Let the work be gradual. But it is the everyday pruning that we recommend—and the thumb and finger should do the most of it. Throw the sap into the proper channels, and not let it form branches to be cut off and burned. We prefer gradual summer pruning to winter pruning.—[Rural World.]

LINE AROUND APPLE-TREES.

We have known some farmers make it a regular practice for a succession of years to throw caustic lime around their apple trees in the spring and summer. We once noticed that a tree standing in the immediate vicinity of our dwelling had all at once put forth with renewed energy, and we were at a loss for some time to define the cause. On examination, we found that a quantity of lime, which had accidentally been spilled, and rendered worthless by becoming mixed with the refuse on the stable floor, had been thrown at the foot and around the tree, and to this, as the principal cause, we immediately ascribed the revivance and renewed fructification of the tree.

Taking the hint from the accident, we purchased twelve casks of lime, and applied half a bushel to each of the trees in our orchard, and found that it produced immediate beneficial effects. Not the health of the trees only but the quality of the fruit also was generally improved. This application will be especially beneficial in soils where there is a redundancy of vegetable matter. We would advise our farmers, in some places, especially in new forest lands, to make trial of this experiment, and see whether it is not deserving of the high recommendation it secures.

VALUE OF STRAW.

Farmers should on no account part with their wheat or rye straw, as fields may be helped for years to be kept in heat, by merely returning the straw to them; it contains all the fertilizing substance requisite for a succeeding crop of grain. By Sorengel's analysis, 1,000 pounds of wheat leaves 11.77 pounds, and the same quantity of wheat straw leaves 35.18 pounds of ash; of the straw ash, 18.70 pounds are silica, without which substance it is impossible to grow either wheat or rye. In 1,000 pounds of rye there is 10 1-2 pounds, and of the straw 25 pounds of ash, 22 97 pounds of which is silica, showing plainly that the agriculturist may sell the grain, but on no account the straw, which contains by said analysis, chlorine, phosphorus acid, potash, lime, sulphuric acid, silica, alumina, with a small portion of iron, magnesia and soda.

A BUTTER TOWN.

There was manufactured and sold in the town of Cambridge, Vt., last year, over three hundred tons of butter, which at 38 cents, the average price paid, amounted to two hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Besides this, more than 60 tons of maple sugar were made in the months of March and April. The town has only 1,800 inhabitants.

MASONIC.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT FROM THE BROTHERHOOD WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

THE MASON'S WIFE'S TRIAL.

By MISS MARRIOTT.

"Let well thy past, There all the honor lies."—POPE.

It was the night before Christmas. Emily Browning came and sat down on a cushion at her mother's feet. Her face was grave, almost sad.

"What is the matter with my daughter?" said the old lady, laying her hand affectionately upon her curls.

"New Year's Day is your wedding day. Surely, you do not intend carrying this sober face with you into the festivities of that occasion?"

The young girl did not reply, but hid her face with her hands.

Mrs. Browning sewed on awhile in silence. At length she said, "Emily, my child, your conduct puzzles me. I have sometimes feared that you were rushing into this union rashly, without due consideration. There is an unsuitability of age between you and Major Meggs. You are only seventeen; he is, to say the least, forty-five; but he has youthful manners, a fine person, and is in every respect pleasing. Still, if you do not like him, yes, love him better than anything else in the world, you had best not marry him."

"I like him," answered the girl.

"Well, what are you sad about, then? Doesn't your wedding dress please you? Perhaps you would rather have had white brocade. It would certainly have been very suitable to your age and condition in life; but, on account of the major's age, and in consideration of his being a widower, with one child, I selected a sky-blue silk. I think that, worn with orange flowers and veil, will be exceedingly bride-like and pretty."

"My dress is well enough," answered the girl.

"Well, what is it, then? Do tell me what distresses you," pursued the old lady.

Emily looked up, and threw her curls back from her eyes: "It is this house-keeping business, mother," she said.

"I shall never be able to please Major Meggs in this world. He is so particular about everything, and I have so little experience. I begged and begged him to board, but he would not hear to it. How am I, inexperienced as I am, to get along with his servants, and with his daughter Diana? I don't think Major Meggs is a very patient man. His wife, I am told, kept a house perfect in all of its appointments. He will expect me to do the same, and will fret if I do not. Now, mother, I have learned music, you know, but I never practiced at all upon the spinning-wheel. I have studied chemistry, but I could not concoct a pudding to save my life. I have often and skillfully swept the strings of my harp, but I never sweep a floor in all my days. In short, I have learned almost everything but those things which now, in the capacity of wife and mother, I shall most need to know. Some wise body has said that the ability or inability of woman to discharge the duties devolving upon her—household duties, I suppose he means—touches the equilibrium of society and the hidden springs of existence. If this is true, I am in a bad condition," and the poor girl sighed deeply.

"Pshaw! Emily, is that all?" answered old Mrs. Browning, in a relieved tone. "Well, child, I wouldn't trouble my head about that. I can assure you. What can Major Meggs expect a girl of seventeen to know about household duties? He certainly can't expect you to know much, and it is very easy learning about these things when you have them to do. I have felt that you could have but one girlhood, and I wanted you to enjoy its freedom and pleasures to the uttermost. The sad, serious realities of life come too soon at best. I would not be borrowing trouble on that score now, on the eve of my marriage. I know. Get up and let me see how this mazarine blue walking dress, trimmed with white ermine, is going to become you. I think it will suit your complexion exactly, and Miss Seward has made it to fit admirably."

The girl-bridal donned the apparel, and walked two or three times across the floor in front of the large mirror which hung against the wall. The dress was indeed most becoming. She had never looked, in her own eyes, more beautiful than she did at that moment, and she had never since coming out, been styled a belle. Her cheek flushed, and her eyes sparkled with pleasure.

"My husband will not be disappointed in me," she said, mentally. "I shall at least adorn his parlor, if I cannot keep his kitchen in order. Mamma is right; it is best to dance while the sun shines."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

G. ANDERSON. G. W. CUMMINS.

ANDERSON & CUMMINS,
Dealers in
Hardware, Cutlery,
AND
FARMING IMPLEMENTS!
BRICK BLOCK, Oregon, Mo.

W. & J. W. ZOOK,
Dealers in
Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.
FOREST CITY, Mo.

PENICK & LOVING,
Cash Wholesale Dealers in
DRUGS & BOOKS, PATENT MEDICINES,
AND CHEMICALS,
GLASS, PAINTS, OILS, PURE WINES, AND LIQUORS, COAL OIL,
LAMPS, STATIONERY, &c.,
NO. 3 and 5
SECOND ST.,
SAINT JOSEPH, MO.
They are the North Western Wholesale Agents for DR. D. JAYNE & SON, and DR. J. C. AYER & CO., and can furnish their medicines in any quantities.

D. A. CONSTABLE,
Importer and Dealer in
Iron, Steel, and Heavy Hardware.
—ALSO—
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, WAGON MAKER'S AND BLACK-SMITH'S MATERIAL, OUTFITTING GOODS, Etc.
Fourth Street,
148 1/2
SAINT JOSEPH, MO.

Immense Fortunes Read About Him.
COULD HAVE BEEN MADE BY the early settlers of Holt county, if they had only planted

Forty Acres of Pears!
And a like amount of
Apple and other fruits!
In years past, Pears have been sold readily at
\$6 per bushel!
The fact is, one apple tree is more profitable than forty acres of corn, and one pear tree worth two apple trees!
WM. E. HILL,
Who has already become so well known in this county for his sales of choice fruits, has determined to continue to supply those desiring to purchase with
Choice Fruits of all Descriptions!
Not only standard, but dwarf and rare trees of all varieties and kinds. His arrangements are such that in
Quality and Price!
he defies competition. He will in person wait on his old customers, and the citizens generally, soliciting orders. He can supply, and pays particular attention to, the FINE FRUITS, such as
GRAPES, PLUMS, CHERRIES,
SMALL FRUITS, and
Ornamental Shrubbery!
In which department he can compete with any firm in the country, having experience, and having superintended the taking up of his stock and packing, he warrants his stock in good order when delivered.

The Short Rail Line East
To Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, and St. Louis,
And all points East is via the OLD, RELIABLE CENTRAL ROUTE, THE
HANNIBAL & ST. JOE R. R. LINE.
Two Daily Express Trains
On the HAN. & St. Jo. R. R., run through from St. Joseph to Quincy without change of cars, CONNECTING AT QUINCY
With Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy, and Toledo, Wash. & Western Railroads, for all points East, North and South.
For St. Louis,
Close connections made at Macow with North Missouri R. R., for St. Louis, and at Hannibal with Daily Miss. River Packet for St. Louis, meals and state rooms free, leaving every evening on arrival of trains from the west, and arriving in St. Louis, next morning in season for business, and to connect with Chicago, Alton & St. Louis, Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis, and Ohio & Mississippi Railroads, for all points East, North, and South.
New Sleeping Cars Run on Night Trains.
BUY YOUR THROUGH TICKETS VIA HAN. & ST. JO. R. R. at their ticket offices in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, St. Joseph, and on each Packet in the line, and enjoy the consciousness of having taken the shortest, cheap, and quick route east.
P. B. GREAT, Gen'l Ticket Agent,
H. H. COURTRIGHT, Gen'l Pass. Agt.,
41 C. W. MEAD, Gen'l Supt.

Manhood: How Lost, How Restored.
Just published, a new edition of
Dr. CUMMINGS' Celebrated Essay
on the radical cure (without Medicine) of
Spermatorrhea, or Seminal Weakness, Involuntary Seminal Losses, Impotency, Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc.; also Consumption, Epilepsy, and Fits induced by self-indulgence or sexual extravagance.
Price in a sealed envelope, only 6 cents.
The celebrated author in this admirable essay clearly demonstrates, from a thirty years' successful practice, that the alarming consequences of self abuse may be radically cured without the dangerous use of internal medicine or the application of the knife—pointing out a mode of cure at once simple, certain, and effectual, by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately, and radically.
This Lecture should be in the hands of every youth and every man in the land.
Sent under seal, in a plain envelope, to any address, post-paid, on receipt of six cents, or two post stamps.
Address the Publishers,
CHAS. J. CLINE & CO.
127 Bowery, New York, P. O. Box 4686.
11-17-ly

Doctor White's
A DIPLOMA HANGING IN HIS OFFICE shows
He is a regular graduate in medicine. He has been treating private cases longer, by years, than any other so advertising, as back files of St. Louis papers will show, and is the only Doctor who occupies a whole house of twelve rooms for the purpose. Consultation free, and a separate room for each. A friendly talk will cost you nothing. He refers to past success, present position, and can give reliable city references. Charges moderate; cures guaranteed. Office, No. 317 East Third street, between Sixth and Seventh, one square south of Lindell Hotel, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 8 P. M.
EVERYBODY can get, in a sealed letter envelope, my theory, symptoms and treatment of Nervous, Urinary and Sexual diseases, clearly delineating all the essential conditions, with full directions, for two three-cent postage stamps, to pre-pay postage. Circulars for Ladies, relating to Diseases, Puberty, Menstruation, and Pregnancy, three cents.
84-17

Job Printing
SUCH as is usually done in country offices, is promptly executed at this office.

PHILIP PHILLIPS & Co.,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Pianos, Organs,
MELODEONS,
Western Agents for
DECKER BROTHERS'
PATENT PLATE PIANO FORTES.

These are the only Pianos made in this country or Europe, with the full Iron Frame, in which all the strings rest upon Wooden Bearings, and in which none of the Tuning Pins go through the Iron Plate. This arrangement produces a more refined tone, with combined sweetness and great power, and more perfect equality throughout the entire scale, and the capacity of standing longer in tune, and retaining its superior quality of tone than any other instrument.
Philip Phillips & Co's Pianos Always on Hand.

General Agents for S. D. & H. W. Smith's
AMERICAN ORGANS.
The American Organs, are the only real reed Organs now before the Public. The only Organ having a
Reverberating Sound Box, or
Wind Chest,
Which has the same important part to perform as the Sounding Board has in the Piano Forte, (to give body and resonance of tone) and without which the Organ becomes merely a Melodeon in an Organ Case.
The American Organs not only have the Wind Chest or Sound Box, but have the large Organ Bellows, giving power and great steadiness of tone. These with their extreme fine voicing of the Reeds and perfecting of the tone, make them the
Most Perfect Organ Known.
The improvements, with superiority of tone and workmanship, place the American Organs in the front rank as the best, and they command a higher price than any other reed instrument in the market. Every instrument warranted. Send for a price list and circular.
Publishers of the "Singing Pilgrim," (new,) for Sunday Schools. Address
PHILIP PHILLIPS & CO.,
415 North 5th St., St. Louis, Mo.
11-20-ly

WHEELER & WILSON
LOCK STITCH
SEWING MACHINE
Awarded the highest Premium at the Exhibition of the St. Louis Agricultural and Mechanical Fair, 1860,
THE WORLD'S FAIR,
LONDON,
AT THE FRENCH EXPOSITION,
PARIS.
EVERY MACHINE IS
Warranted Three Years.
THE YEARLY SALES OF WHEELER & WILSON ARE EQUAL TO THE SALES OF ALL OTHER SEWING MACHINES COMBINED.
From the Scientific American.
We use the WHEELER & WILSON, and produce it without a rival.
A. SUMNER,
415 North Fifth St.,
St. Louis, Mo.
11-28-ly

MISSOURI CENTRAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
OFFICES—Macon City, N. W. corner 5th and Olive sts., St. Louis; and S. E. corner 2d and Francis sts., St. Joseph, Mo.
Authorized Capital, \$1,000,000.
Guarantee Capital, \$100,000.
THIS COMPANY being thoroughly reorganized, with \$100,000 additional Capital, is now prepared to do a general Fire and Marine business, and hope, by careful selection of risks and prompt payment of losses, to merit a liberal share of public patronage.
DIRECTORS:
G. B. Seidmore, St. Louis,
Charles Avery, St. Louis,
M. Bryant, St. Louis,
P. B. Ring, St. Joseph,
H. P. Vroman, Macon City,
D. C. McKay, Macon City,
Joseph Moore, Macon City,
Jacob Gilstrap, Macon City,
Charles Proctor, Macon City.
OFFICERS:
G. B. Seidmore, President,
H. P. Vroman, Vice President,
CHARLES AVERY, Secretary,
JOSEPH MOORE, Treasurer,
M. BRYANT, Cashier.
CHARLES PROCTOR & P. B. RING, Gen'l Agents,
DAN'L E. COTTBRELL, Special Agent.
47-8m

Fresh Meats.
J. M. BRADFORD, would announce to the public of this city and vicinity, that he will be prepared to supply, from this date, to furnish the best of FRESH MEATS for their tables, and will deliver the same on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of each week—at the door of his customers. Prices reasonable—meats none but the best. He pays high prices for fat stock than any other butcher.