

Farmer's Department.

The Horse Charm, or the Great Secret for Taming Horses.

The horse-charm is a wart, or excrescence, which grows on every horse's fore legs and generally on the hind legs.

For the oil of cumin, the horse has an instinctive passion—both are original natives of Arabia, and when the horse scents the odor, he is instinctively drawn towards it.

The oil of Rhodium possesses peculiar properties. All animals seem to cherish a fondness for it, and it exercises a kind of subduing influence over them.

Procure some horse-castor, and grate it fine. Also get some oil of Rhodium and oil of cumin, and keep the three separate in air-tight bottles.

Sub a little oil of cumin upon your hand, and approach the horse in the field, on the windward side, so that the cumin smell the cumin.

As soon as you have opened the horse's mouth, tip the thumb over upon his tongue, and so is your servant. He will follow you like a pet dog.

Ride fearless and promptly, with your knees pressed to the side of the horse, and your toes turned in and heels out; then you will always be on the alert for a shy or sheer from the horse, and he can never throw you.

Then if you want to teach him to lie down, stand on his high or left side; have a couple of leather straps about six feet long; string up his left leg with one of them round his neck; strap the other end of it over his shoulders; hold it in your hand, and when you are ready, tell him to lie down, at the same time gently, firmly and steadily pulling on the strap, pulling him lightly on the knee with a twitch.

It is not too late yet, to plant strawberry vines, and the luxury and advantage of having a good supply of the fruit, are so great, that we gladly bestow a little space to the subject.

Ground.—Select a spot with a warm, Southern aspect, and a good substantial soil, rich in vegetable mould. Drain it, if the soil is damp, and spade and trench it well; mix some ashes with the soil, and make the whole very soft and fine.

Kind of Plants, and Modes of Planting.—Hovey Seedlings for the female plants, and the Early Scarlet for the males, will make a very good selection. They are tried, too, and can, therefore, be depended on. If fruit, and a good supply of it, be your main purpose, plant your Early Scarlets every fourth row; they will then fertilize the Hovey Seedlings finely, besides bearing abundantly themselves. Plant the rows about four feet apart, the plants about two feet in the rows. Plant them carefully, and cover the roots about the depth they were covered before.

Get good healthy plants, and buy only of reliable dealers; or, if you get plants from a friend, be sure that you get the kinds you want.

Care of the Plants.—If it is dry after you set the plants, water generously. Moleh the soil well, and the tan-bark or fresh ground, or the manure, will be ripe enough to germinate. Keep the plants very clean of weeds. If you plant early enough, and take good care of your plants, you may have some strawberries this year; but you may have to wait till another season for a full crop.

In pursuing just the course mentioned above, we know that you can have strawberries, for we have done it. Care of an Old Strawberry Plant.—1. Do not remove the winter covering of straw, or other protection, till the weather becomes soft, and the plants begin to start. 2. When you have taken away this protection, thin out the vines, leaving the youngest and hardiest, and when you think you have thinned them enough, take out one-third of what are left. 3. Then spade in a good dressing of well-rotted manure, with a little ashes, well mixed. 4. Cover the ground with tan-bark, about an inch deep, except close to the plants, where it should be thin. 5. If a severe frost is threatened, spread a little clean straw over the plants for the night.

When the season comes, we will say a word about liquid manures, renewing beds, and other matters. The above is enough for the present.—O. Farmer.

A correspondent of the London Times says that an exceedingly fatal epidemic has been for some time ravaging the herds of Central Europe, and has now reached Königsberg, where one proprietor is said to have lost three hundred head in a night. On the Continent, every exertion is being made to arrest the progress of the infection, and military detachments are charged to destroy all cattle that become infected in Prussia.

NEW YOU PLANTING OUT A GRAPE VINE?—Then dig the ground two feet deep, and at least a space of four feet in diameter, and also dig and mix, in with the earth one bushel of well-rotted barn-yard manure for each vine. Do not use fresh manure, and if you have no old, then mix one quart of lime, and two quarts ground or broken bones, with one gallon of chamber-ley; scatter it over the ground beforehand, and dig it thoroughly. When you plant the vine, see to it, first, that the roots are not dry and dead; cut one; if it is black on the inside, it is dead; try another; if any are blackened and dead, cut them away.

The roots of young grape-vines will not bear much exposure, and often plants are set out thus not a single root will grow, and thus the plant is not better than a cutting. Cut your vines after planting, so that only two buds are left to grow. If you have been careful to prepare the ground as above, have spread out the roots carefully, in setting, have not trod upon the ground, and afterward are careful to keep the ground hoed once in two weeks, all summer, your vine will be six feet high in October.—O.

HIGHLAND AND ADAMS.—I have examined the peach lands on the Highland hills and the hills of old Adams; they are not injured by the frost or freezing. The wheat that was put in, looks well, but many of the farmers would be benefited a hundred fold, if they would practice the Ohio Cultivator, and practice its precepts. They have fine upland farms, with a strong clay soil, that could be made to produce just double what they now do.—W. M.

LEACHED ASHES have been found very valuable on land in Long Island. When the sod is turned over for corn it is applied on the back of the turf, and harrowed in before planting. When it is used for wheat, it is spread on, and harrowed in with the seed. The continued application of ashes, in large quantities, renders land very fertile. Two or three applications, at intervals of three or four years, are enough for perhaps a life-time.—O.

DRILL IN YOUR SEED, if your land is free from stumps and stones, and if you can get a good drill—at least, try it.—We have no doubt that a good drill is a great time-saver and seed-saver, besides laying the seed and covering it more evenly; but if you cannot get a good drill, sow your seed broadcast. Do not wait long one for, after you are ready to sow.—O.

ABOUT BEES.—After all the patents, and all the improvements, which have been published, and sold, one of the most successful bee-keepers in the country says he sticks to the old hive. It is cheaper, simpler, and more easily managed. The bees work in it as well. For twenty-five years he has used no other.—O.

PLANT A TREE.—The planting season is now upon us, and do not put off planting trees and shrubs. You can plant now as well as next fall, or next year, and in the meantime, your tree or shrub will be growing, soon to bear fruit, flowers, shade, &c.—O.

LIME IN PLANTING TREES.—One quart of lime scattered into the hole before placing the tree in its place, will assist it very much in readily growing, as well as aid its future growth.—O.

Strawberry Culture.

Line Screens.

RAISINS.—By the Box or half Box, &c.

NEW STOCK OF HARDWARE.

THE SUBSCRIBERS having purchased the stock of Drugs, Medicines &c., belonging to the late firm of King & Co., and made large additions thereto, respectfully solicit a share of public patronage.

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