

NURSERY GARDEN IN JAPAN.

Curious Revelation of What Can Be Done in the Way of Training Dwarf Trees.

A Japanese nursery garden is a revelation, says Macmillan's *There*, on benches, in rows, sit tortured trees in their bowls or pans of falence. Their perfection is a marvel of patience, requiring years for its accomplishment; sometimes one man will give as much as 30 years' attention to a single little cherry tree. Each curve, each leaf, each twig has its direction and proportion regulated by the most rigid and immemorial principles; and to have any value in Japanese eyes a dwarf must conform absolutely to the iron rules laid down by the canons of taste in the days when Iyeyasu Tokugawa paralyzed into an adamantine immobility the whole artistic and intellectual life of the country. The effect is, of course, exquisite in its elaborate and rather morbid beauty. But it must be said that there are many dwarfs, very many, which go for low prices, owing to the imperfections of their development; they have a bough, or a bend, that is not prescribed. Consequently the Japanese buy them—indeed, with pleasure—but will not admit their claims to be works of art. Naturally he will buy them, as even so they are beautiful, and their price brings them within the range of everyone's ambition. So, at home, one might buy a Severn instead of a Turner, recognizing the differences clearly, but valuing the cheaper picture as highly as it deserves, and buying it the more readily for its cheapness. However, these Japanese trees that fill the gardens are wonderful, with all their imperfections, and the untutored savage eye of the west entirely fails to see any difference between a perfect specimen ten inches high, three centuries in age, and £30 in price, and its neighbor of equal height, of five years' growth and five shillings value. They are all dainty, and of every kind.

THE NEW ENGLAND STATES

Boston Publication Finds Evidence of Decadence—Can't Keep Up with March of Progress.

New England is stale, declares the *Buffalo Times*. Too far gone to keep up with the rapid march of progress, it has dropped out of the procession. The *Boston Herald* finds evidence in recent statistics of the decadence of the group of states not only in political influence and literary eminence, but also in manufacturing and commerce. During the past year national banks increased in number, capital, deposits and aggregate resources in other parts of the union, but in New England there was a smaller number of banks, less deposits and less aggregate resources than at the beginning of 1903. In manufacturing New England has not kept abreast with other sections of the country. The textile industry is in part absorbed by the south and other lines of productive industry are appropriated by the middle and western states.

The *Herald* believes that special legislation would restore to New England its old-time prosperity, but there is grave doubt as to the advisability of providing it. The *Baltimore Sun*, discussing this proposition, ably says that New England is a corner of the country and a national policy that suits the rest of the union does not necessarily favor a remote corner.

Gift of Natural Glass.

A gift of natural glass can be seen in Yellowstone Park, Wyoming. It is half a mile long and from 150 feet to 200 feet high, the material of which it consists being as good glass as that artificially manufactured. The dense glass which forms the base is from 72 feet to 100 feet thick, while the upper portion, having suffered and survived many ages of wind and rain, has naturally worn much thinner. Of course, the color of the cliff is not that of natural glass—transparent and white—but it is mostly black, and some places mottled and streaked with brownish red and shades of olive green and brown.

Few Suicides in Ireland.

The average of suicides is lower in Ireland than in any other country in the world.

TOURISTS' FUNNY REMARKS

One Woman Wanted to Know If the Grand Canyon Was Open Sundays—'Fried Cupids.'

Burton Holmes has been traveling in the summers and telling of his travels during the winters for a dozen years. During that time he has visited almost every country on the globe, and now that he is in New York, he is continually meeting friends whom he first met in Japan, Alaska, Hawaii, India, Algeria or some other foreign country.

"The criticism is sometimes made of the Japanese that they have no religion," said Mr. Holmes, at The Lambs the other day, "but the criticism is not well founded. They have a religion, which, while simple, is sufficient for their needs, and it has many beautiful features. The religion is known as 'Shinto,' or 'Way of the Gods.' It is a sort of sun worship, and in the temples a rising sun is always a prominent part of the decorations. In fact, it is about all there is in the temples. Some one once said that there is nothing to see in a Shinto temple, and they won't let you see it."

Mr. Holmes says that the most interesting feature of his travels has been the other travelers whom he has met. The comments that some of them make when gazing for the first time on a wonder of nature are excruciatingly funny. Thus a woman who gazed into the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon of the Colorado for the first time said: "Just as I expected; I knew I would be disappointed. It is not a bit like Colorado Springs." Another woman, when buying in San Francisco a round trip ticket to the Grand Canyon, cautiously asked the railroad agent: "Is the canyon open on Sundays?" A third woman gazed curiously at a group of naked Moki Indian children, who scampered away at the approach of strangers and ran up ladders with the agility of monkeys, their bronze skins glistening in the sun. Then she said: "They look like fried cupids."

MAKES A LIBERAL OFFER.

Frenchman Will Give His Ears, Nose or Skin to Doctors for Grafting Purposes.

Though the recent story about grafting one man's ear upon another man's head, to make good a loss by the latter, proved to be without foundation, there can be no doubt about the possibility of transferring portions of skin from one human body to another. That operation has been performed with success too many times to be regarded with skepticism. On a more limited scale and with less satisfactory results surgeons have spliced pieces of bone taken from an animal upon that of a human leg or arm.

The ear-grafting yarn, having been widely circulated in Europe, has led to a remarkable offer. A Frenchman has written to a surgeon named Gillaume Livet, to say that he will sell ears, nose or skin for this purpose.

In case Dr. Livet does not need them in his own practice, the correspondent would esteem it a favor if he would bear him in mind in the event of a colleague requiring them. He also suggests that the Academy of Science and the Faculty of Medicine might find use for parts of a living body. "If so please let me know, and I will be most grateful."

He adds a postscript to the effect that the charges for parts of his anatomy will be "moderate at first." Indeed, it is only natural to suppose that the prices will advance proportionately to the reduction of his person. He also says that special arrangements may be made for the poor who need pieces of him.

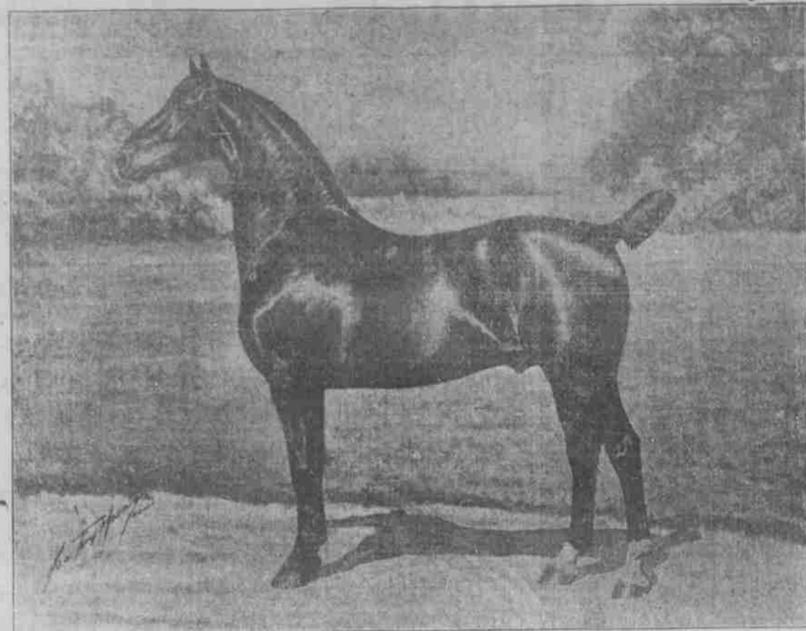
Painless Dentistry.

When a Chinaman wants to have a tooth drawn he feels no nervous apprehension of pain, for the excellent reason that he knows his dentist will not inflict any. The latter simply rubs a secret powder over the aching tooth. After about five minutes the patient sneezes and the tooth falls out. Many attempts have been made by Europeans to get some of this mysterious powder, but no one has yet succeeded.

Whale's Endurance.

A whale is able to remain under water for an hour and a half.

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No. 1875, that we bought of J. Crouch & Son, Lafayette, Ind., will make the season of 1904 at the barn of August Marcks, opposite Linwood Lawn, Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri.

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The Saddle Stallion, Sir Melrose

Reg. No. 2106, Vol. V. N. S. H. R.

Sir Melrose, black, stallion, 15 3/4 hands, foaled May 10th, 1900. Sire, Star Rosa 161; Grand sire, Montrose (196). Melrose's dam, Lulu May (1417) by Chesnut Rose (251); second dam black bell by Black Squirrel (58); third dam by old Green Mountain. Melrose is bred in the purple on both sire and dam sides. Old Montrose 116 and Old Black Squirrel 58, were two of the best saddle stallions the world has ever produced. Melrose was a winner at our great state fair last year and I predict he will be a great show horse in the future. He has as much natural style as anybody's horse. Kind disposition. People that want to show fancy saddlers, high style, can't miss it by breeding to Melrose.

Terms \$15 for Live Colt

At the same place the Great All Purpose Stallion, MAX O'NEILL, Red bay horse, 16 1/4 hands high, fine head and tail, and a good horse all round. Sire, Silver Rose 303, by Kentucky Eagle 359. Kentucky Eagle by Black Eagle 64, he by King William 67. Max O'Neill's dam, Bay Annie by Bay Splendor 1784, 2d dam, Old Bird a Morgan Mare. You must see this horse to appreciate him. \$10 FOR LIVE COLT

At the same place, the two Great Show Jacks, Joe Jiffin and Limestone Louis, will serve mares. Joe Jiffin \$12.50 for live colt, and Limestone Louis will be allowed to serve a few mares at \$10 for live colt. Joe Jiffin and Limestone are both fine bred jacks. Joe Jiffin sired by Black Mammoth, he by Old Superior Mammoth, the great sweepstake jack at the World's Fair. This jack has proven himself a great mule jack and a prize winner at our state fair. I bought Limestone Louis at the great jack sale at Limestone Valley Farm, March 1st, and think he will make a great jack. Sire Limestone Mammoth, one of the greatest show and jennet jacks on earth. Limestone Louis was foaled March 4, 1902. Limestone Louis, dam by Clapp's jack, Old Chief, one of the best mule jacks in the state.

The above stock will make the season of 1904 at my barn one mile south of Lexington on the Columbus road at the following terms: Money due when colt sucks or mare sold or removed from the neighborhood.

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PEDIGREE—Sired by the Great Ashland Wilkes, 2:19; first dam of Ashbrook is by Young Wilkes, son of the immortal George Wilkes family. So you see he's an inbred Wilkes, the blood so much sought after by the breeders of trotting and fine harness horses.

J. A. TERHUNE, Owner

TIME TABLES

Missouri Pacific—Lexington Br.

WEST-BOUND TRAINS		
	No. 71	No. 73
Leave St. Louis	7:55 am	10:10 pm
Arrive Sedalia	3:30 pm	5:30 am
Concordia	4:40 pm	6:33 am
Aultville	4:57 pm	6:48 am
Higginsville	5:08 pm	7:00 am
Page City	5:17 pm	7:10 am
Lexington	5:25 pm	7:30 am
Myrick	5:45 pm	7:40 am
Wellington	5:58 pm	7:52 am
Waterloo	6:06 pm	7:59 am
Napoleon	6:09 pm	8:00 am
Independence	7:00 pm	8:55 am
Kansas City	7:30 pm	9:25 am
St. Joseph		11:14 am

DAILY.

EAST-BOUND TRAINS		
	No. 14	No. 12
Leave St. Joe	2:55 pm	
Kansas City	5:35 pm	6:05 am
Independence	6:07 pm	6:33 am
Napoleon	7:01 pm	7:17 am
Waterloo	7:05 pm	7:21 am
Wellington	7:12 pm	7:28 am
Myrick	7:24 pm	7:40 am
Lexington	7:31 pm	7:45 am
Page City	7:59 pm	8:04 am
Higginsville	8:09 pm	8:11 am
Aultville	8:10 pm	8:21 am
Concordia	8:27 pm	8:36 am
Sedalia	9:45 pm	9:50 am

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7:57 am	Northrup	5:21 pm
8:04 am	Dover	5:30 pm
8:13 am	Hodge	5:19 pm
8:24 am	Waverly	4:59 pm
9:12 am	Marshall	4:09 pm
10:30 am	Boonville	3:09 pm

SANTA FE ROUTE.

Transarrive at North Lexington. No. 25 (daily)..... 9:25 a. m. Trains leave North Lexington: No. 25, Express (daily)..... 8:30 a. m. Main line trains pass Lexington Junction. The river bus leaves Lexington 7:40 a. m. daily to connect with train at north Lexington. Leaves Lexington daily except Sunday at 9:30 a. m. and 9 o'clock p. m. and goes through to connect with trains at Lexington Junction.

GOING EAST.	
No. 3, (daily).....	15 pm
" 4, ".....	5:47 a. m.
" 6, ".....	8:35 p. m.
" 8, ".....	9:22 a. m.
" 20, ".....	8:50 a. m.

GOING WEST.	
No. 1, " (daily).....	6:50 a. m.
" 3, ".....	7:02 a. m.
" 5, ".....	6:50 p. m.
" 7, ".....	11:52 p. m.
" 18, ".....	4:57 p. m.

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C. & A. Time Table—Higginsville.

EAST BOUND.	
No. 11, Missouri State Express.....	9:50 am
No. 6, Slater Accommodation.....	7:02 pm
No. 10, Calif. and Colo. Limited.....	7:38 pm
No. 7, Slater Accom. (Sunday only).....	9:00 pm
No. 13, St. Louis West. Limited.....	10:40 pm
No. 116, Way Freight.....	11:35 am

WEST BOUND.
No. 7, Calif. and Colo. Limited..... 6:11 am
No. 61, Slater Accommodation..... 8:25 am
No. 11, K. C. Vestibule Express..... 12:25 pm
No. 15, Missouri State Express..... 14:54 pm
No. 117, Way Freight..... 9:30 am
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