HOUSE AND FARM.

Wishes.

I wish that the grasses would learn to sprout
That the lilac and rose-bush would both leaf out;
That the crocus would put on her gray-green frill,
And robins begin to whistle and trill.

I wish that the wind-flower would grope its way
Out of the darkness into day;
That the rain would fall and the sun would shine,
And the rainbow hang in the sky for a sign.

I wish that the silent brooks would shout,
And the apple blossoms begin to pout;
And if I wish long enough, no doubt
The fairy Spring will bring it about.

Soft Soap.

There is a good deal of discussion about the use of soft soap for killing insects on plants. One farmer recomends its use even for killing earth worms. Another says it effectually kills the green fly on rose leaves. We have personally tried hard soap for killing scales on plants, finding that it loosens the scale so that it can be removed by rubbing with a cloth But what is it that kills the insect? The alkali. Then why will not ashes applied directly, without the intervention of greese, be more economical? Lime water will kill earth worms in flower pots. It will kill the green fly. We wish some of our farmer readers would tell us their experience in this direction. Lye has been experimented with and its results have been given, but our farmers need urging to try for themselves. Let us see what effect lye will have.

Vienna Bread.

Sift in a tin pan four pounds of flour; bank it up against the the side, pour in one quart of milk, and water and mix in to it flour enough to make a thin batter; then quickly and lightly add one pint of milk, in which is dissolved one ounce of salt and an ounce and three-quarters of compressed yeast. Leave the remainder of the flour against the sides of the pan, cover with a cloth and set in a warm place for three quarters of an hour put i the rest of the flour until the dough will leave the bottom and sides of the pan, and let this stand two hours and a half. Finally, divide the mass into one pound pieces, to be cut in turn in twelve pieces each. This gives square pieces, about three inches and a half thick, each corner of which is taken up and folded over to the centre, and then the rolls are laid on a bread-board to rise for half an hour, when thy are put into a hot oven that bakes them in ten minutes.

Catching up.—There are a few housekeepers who are perpetually, but in vain, trying to "catch up" with their work. There is alway so much ahead that needs doing, that is "suffering to be done," and so much in the present to occupy all the time, and more, too, that it seems, and is, impossible, to do all that apparently needs to be done. It is like buying all the land that joins you. But housekeepers are not the only class of workers that never overtake their work. Go to any big law office and see how many things that ought to have rights to be promptly attended to, have to wait and wait till their turn comes. Ask any large contractor if he can keep up with them. Ask any writer if he finishes up, or can finish all he plans to accomplish. A woman with a house to keep and a family of children to rear has a large contract on hands, and no matter how much she may work she is compelled to leave undone. Baltimore Kankakee always in large majority. points EAST day by day she meets the cago and Alto. SOUTH. one day that ought to Close connection instead of trying to an- Pacific R. R. at Omaha for the next week Close connection trains of all at year, she simply does not Ticket till to morow what might and with right to be done to-day, she should herself to feel that she had done e

The Farm.—Nothing adds so much to the beauty of a farm as neat, tidy surroundings. Farmers are too much occupied about the ploughing, planting, etc, to give much time to light work in spring, yet it would require but very little effort to spare a few hours about the house in picking up and raking off the dirt from the house and barn; but it would add so very much more to its attractions, and make it far more valuable in the eyes of others, particularly those who are in the search of a farm to purchase as a home. Add to this, reparing of broken hinges and gates and all kinds of machinery, and one has relieved himself of great discomfort and has been rearing a refining influence, both in his own family and that of his neighbors; and and also prolonged the life of his family by the removal of that which creates disease and death. "An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure."

How to Apply Manure to trees.—This rule should be observed in planting trees, shrubs and vines: Place no manure in contact with the roots. Many persons think they are doing a nice thing for their trees to sprinkle manure among their roots in the process of planting, but instead they do harm. If you put the manure above the roots when the holes are nearly filled, so when the dirt is replaced it will be fairly covered, good will result from the application. Cow manure or well-rotted stable manure is used with success. To prevent injury rom severe frost, and also to benefit the trees by enriching the ground, coarse manure, containing considerable straw, may be spread over the ground, rather thick, around the stems or trunks, as far as the roots extend.

For the Hair. A teaspoonful of powdered borax, and a teaspoonful of spirits of hartshorn, dissolved in a quart of soft water, and applied to the head with a soft sponge, and then rub dry with a towel, is an excellent wash for cleaning the scalp. Once a week is often enough to use it. If there is any vitality left in the hair follicles or roots, the following is said to be an excellent wash for restoring the hair:—Scald black tea, two ounces, with a gallon of water; then strain, and add three ounce of glycerine, half an ounce of tincture of cantharides, and one quart of bay rum. This may be perfumed to suit the taste, and should be well rubbed into the hair, after a warm glow has been produced on the scalp by the bruch.

Early Potatoes.

Much interest is manifested among growers in the Early Ohio potato, as a variety which reaches maturity earlier, and is better than the Early Rose. It is regarded as about a week earlier than the Rose, and is more prolific and of excellent quality. It needs, however, care and a good, rich soil to obtain the largest results. We obtained the largest and earliest tubers where we used whole seed, and fertilized with pure superphosphate in the trenches. Superphosphate and potash give to the potato crop the kind of nutriment it requires.

Hints to Wool Growers.—1st. Never place unwashed tags in the fleece, while it is better still to leave all tags out.

2d. Exercise care in wasing your sheep, and see that the ends of the wool are free from dirt.

3d. Take the proper means to get the allow out of their fleeces. Its presence s one of the most serious sources of loss to the manufacturer.

4th. Do not allow gravel to cling to the wool, and do not place it in the wool to make it weigh more.

5th. Tie your fleeces with a string passing only once around it. Dealers and manufacturers do not care to pay wool prices for hop twine.—*Utica Herald.*

To Can Green Gages.—Wash them well, and prick each one with a large needle, otherwise they will burst. To a pound of sugar allow a small cup of water; as soon as the sugar melts so that it can be stired drop in enough plums to fill a glass jar. let them simmer for a few minutes, skim out into the jar, and fill to overflowing with the boiling syrup. Seal at once. The syrup left over will answer for the next jar.

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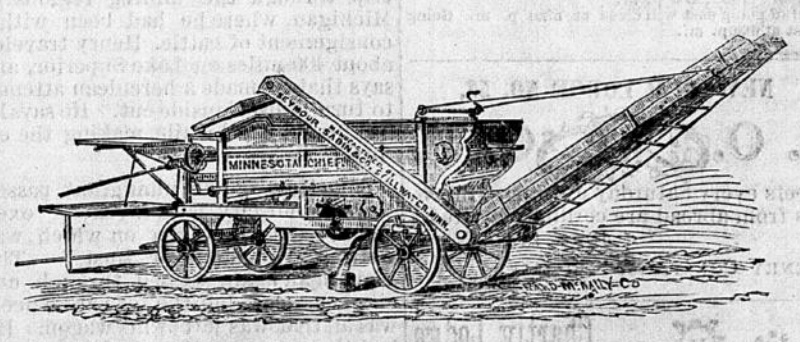

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