

PLUMS. The plum is a fine dessert whether fresh, preserved or jellied, but while it is desirable for home use it is not as marketable as apples, pears or peaches. It is a native of both Europe and America, but as the European varieties are more liable to be destroyed by curculionid attacks will be directed to the American only. These have been derived mainly from the wild Chickasaw, which, on account of its robust habit of growth and development, is nearly proof against the attacks of curculionids. It is a dwarf and prickly species and should be planted about twelve feet apart each way. The Chickasaws have thin and those derived from native red plums thick skins. In arranging a plum orchard several varieties ought to be intermixed as thereby a better fertilization is secured. The plum stands high cultivation and succeeds best in a deep, rich, moist loam. It will be best, however, to avoid late working of the ground about them. A good place to raise plums is the poultry yard where the chickens will keep them free of insects. No fruit is more improved by thinning than the plum. When it is from one-fourth to three-eighths of an inch in diameter all imperfect and insect bitten fruit should be picked off. Only one plum should be left to the shoot and only one to every three inches of wood. When properly thinned plum trees are seldom injured by overbearing and the value of the crop is often doubled. The most popular of the native plums are Wild Goose, Chickasaw and Merriam.

CURRENTS. The cultivation of currants increases annually. While it cannot be compared to the strawberry or raspberry it is a pleasant acid, makes fine jelly and meets better market demand than the plum. It is easily propagated by cuttings and layers. These should be of new wood and should be set out in very rich, moist loam. This can be best done in August or September when the leaves begin to fade. They should be well mulched before frost. In one or two years they will be ready to transplant. Six feet by four is a good distance to be between them. Any good crop may be raised between their rows. After three years fruit may be expected and with good tillage and high manuring they will continue a long time in bearing. All the pruning they require is to cut away old wood when it becomes weak and ceases to bear foliage. Currants should be picked in bunches as when they are removed from their stems they decay rapidly. Currants do best when planted on the north side of fences or are otherwise shaded. Cherry and Fay's Prolific are good varieties.

BEANS. Beans are strong and wholesome food, in great demand everywhere. Almost everybody loves a good string bean. Beans are excellent when baked or boiled with pork and still better when served with sugar corn or succotash. They are of two sorts—bush and pole. The bush are preferred by many because they need no sticks, but many pole beans pay well for sticking since if they are picked before ripening they are constant and late bearers and also do well when planted among corn. Early beans are liable to be injured by frost, but it is always best to run that risk and put them in as soon as possible in the spring. Dwarf beans are the hardest and therefore can be planted soonest. Drop dwarf beans three inches apart in rows with a space of eighteen inches between them in the garden. When up and hoed often when the ground and plants are dry but never when either is wet as they will rust. In hoeing draw the earth toward and up to them. A better way is to plant them in the truck-patch in drills three feet apart and cultivate them with the plough and hoe. They require only six to eight weeks to bear green pods and may be planted at any time from early spring to August. The pole bean is usually planted in the garden in hills three feet apart each way with long stakes for the plants to run upon or they may be raised among corn with great success. In that situation they re-

quire no more attention than the corn, with the exception of gathering them before maturing to keep them in bearing for strong beans. People differ in selecting beans. The old Red and White Valentine are among the best, if not the very best, but some prefer the wax varieties. The Bush Lima is small but true to seed. What is called the Butter Bean ranks highest as a table bean. The Kentucky Corn Field bean is a grand one for the truck-patch. It is both a string and table bean and ranks nearly as high as the Lima, for which it is often taken.

BEETS. Beets, when young, tender, juicy and sweet, are delicious. As they get older they make fine pickles. When fully matured there is no better food for milk cows. They love deep, rich soil. In the garden sow thickly as early as possible in drills eighteen inches apart. When of sufficient size they can be transplanted to fill vacancies. Hoe often and keep clear of weeds. When as large as walnuts they should be thinned to about eight inches apart. They are then fine for table use. Egyptian and Eclipse are the best early varieties. For late crop use Long Smooth Blood Red.

PROBATE COURT DOCKET, MAY TERM, TUESDAY, MAY 9. Estate R. H. Wilcox, final settlement. M. Wilcox, executrix. Estate M. E. Kearns, final settlement. M. Kearns, administratrix. Estate Charles Threlkeld, annual settlement. M. Dawson, curator. Estate Hugh Threlkeld, annual settlement. T. J. Vanlandingham, curator. Estate Thos. Threlkeld, annual settlement. A. Welch, curator. Estate M. A. Machin, final settlement. John and Jos. Machin, executors. Estate Joe Culwell, final settlement. S. Culwell, executrix. Estate H. L. Berry, final settlement. O. Berry, administrator. Estate Cora A. Waugh, annual settlement. Thos. E. Waugh, curator. WEDNESDAY, MAY 10. Estate W. S. Gatson, S. E. Gatson, administratrix. Estate M. H. Robinson, annual settlement. B. H. Robinson, administrator. Estate D. Murray, annual settlement. C. Berry, administrator. Estate Ruth Black, annual settlement. Jos. Littrell, curator. Estate S. C. Hale, annual settlement. A. B. Hale, administrator. Estate M. Smith, annual settlement. Jos. Smith, administrator. Estate M. & D. Cauthorn, annual settlement. Elizabeth Cauthorn, curator. Estate William White, annual settlement. J. B. Roberts, curator. Estate T. Donnelly, annual settlement. Wm. Hanley, curator. Estate A. Sullivan, annual settlement. M. Sullivan, administrator. THURSDAY, MAY 11. Estate E. Mason, annual settlement. Alex. Carter, administrator. Estate Jno. Saunders, annual settlement. Frank Wheeler, curator. Estate C. A. Saunders, annual settlement. Frank Wheeler, curator. Estate Wheeler heirs, annual settlement. Frank Wheeler, curator. Estate Jas. Madden, annual settlement. A. Madden, administrator. Estate Knifong heirs, annual settlement. J. W. Petty, curator. Estate S. & E. Hayden, annual settlement. J. M. Shaw, curator. Estate Fountain heirs, annual settlement. J. M. Fountain, curator. Estate J. A. Mangler, annual settlement. A. M. Mangler, administrator.

Gov. Stone Signed To-day. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 21.—Gov. Stone signed this morning House bill 606, entitled, "An act to regulate bond investigation companies and companies organized to place or sell bonds, certificates and debentures on the installment or partial payment plan." This measure requires all such companies to deposit \$100,000 with the State Treasurer in cash or approved securities as a guarantee of good faith.

CON STIPATION. All the American people get there is only one preparation of Sarsaparilla that acts on the bowels and reaches this important trouble, and that is JOY'S Vegetable Sarsaparilla. It is ready in 24 hours, and an occasional dose prevents returns. We refer, by permission, to C. S. Elkington, 125 Locust Avenue, San Francisco; J. H. Brown, Palmdale, Cal.; H. B. Wines, Geary Court, S.F., and hundreds of others who have used it in constipation. One letter is a sample of hundreds. Elkington writes: "I have been prevented to billions headaches and constipation. Have been so bad for a year back here had to take a physic every other night or else I would have a headache. One bottle of J. W. S. put me in splendid shape. It positively controls constipation."

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What is CASTORIA

Castoria is Dr. Samuel Pitcher's prescription for Infants and Children. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. It is a harmless substitute for Paregoric, Drops, Soothing Syrup, and Castor Oil. It is Pleasant. Its guarantee is thirty years' use by Millions of Mothers. Castoria destroys Worms and allays Scurviness. Castoria prevents vomiting Sour Curls, cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. Castoria relieves teething troubles, cures constipation and flatulency. Castoria assimilates the food, regulates the stomach and bowels, giving health and natural sleep. Castoria is the Children's Panacea—the Mother's Friend.

Castoria. "Castoria is an excellent medicine for children. Mothers have repeatedly told me of its good effect upon their children." Dr. G. C. Osceola, Lowell, Mass. "Castoria is the best remedy for children of which I am acquainted. I hope the day is not far distant when mothers will consider the real interest of their children, and use Castoria instead of the various quack nostrums which are destroying their loved ones, by forcing opium, morphine, soothing syrup and other hurtful agents down their throats, thereby sending them to premature graves." UNITED HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY, New York City.

GOOD AS NEW. The Windsor Hotel Thoroughly Renovated, Repainted and Re-papered Through by Maj. H. A. Ricketts. Maj. H. A. Ricketts, cashier of the Mexico Southern Bank, of this city, is in thorough accord with the improvements being made in Mexico. Only a few weeks since he purchased Life Norris' half interest in the Windsor Hotel and had the building thoroughly renovated, repaired, and in many other ways improved. The work was thorough from top to bottom and the hotel is now as good as new. H. C. Eagon, the proprietor of this popular hotel, superintended the improvements throughout and saw that everything was done in a first class manner. All modern improvements which go to make a good hotel comfortable have been put in, viz. electric lights, hot and cold water, electric lifts and other conveniences necessary to make such an establishment first class. Mexico has a splendid reputation as a hotel town and Mr. H. A. Ricketts and Mr. Eagon propose to do all in their power to have the city deserve such a reputation.

WHY WILL YOU Allow your health to fail? If you are closely confined indoors with little or no exercise and desire good health, you must take care of yourself. Use Sulphur Bitters, and you will have a sound mind and a strong body. When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was Colic, she cried for Castoria. When she became Sick, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

ASKING A PARDON. Ed. Noland Makes an Appeal to Governor Stone. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 21.—Ex-State Treasurer Ed T. Noland has written a long letter to Governor Stone asking for a pardon. The Governor has not indicated what he will do in the case. In the letter Noland calls attention to the large number of citizens of the State who have signed his petition for leniency. He states that the papers were presented to Governor Francis on the 23d of last December, but were never acted on by him. Noland makes no pretense of innocence. In palliation of his offense Noland has this to say: "I beg to say that notwithstanding my acts in law amounted to a crime when I used the people's money, I expected to replace it. I never intended to embezzle and steal it, and the consciousness of my innocent intentions leads me to ask you to give me my liberty and to indulge the hope that you will grant my request. The letter closes as follows: With the expiration of this day one-half of the sentence imposed upon me will have been inflicted. Is it asking too much of you, ere the coming of the dawn of another day, wipe out the other half forever and give back to me the name I left at the prison gates when I entered, and to the prison keeper the convict number I have been known by for the past nine months?"

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Dancing Not A Crime AND BEING ACCUSED OF IT NOT A LIBEL.

Judge Ellison's Decision in the Famous Libel Case at Macon, Mo. —The Plaintiffs Take a Non-suit and May Sue Again. MAcon, Mo., April 21.—At 8:45 this morning the case of the academy against the Macon preachers for libel was called and a jury selected. At 10 o'clock Judge C. P. Hess opened for the plaintiff. He was followed by Hon. B. R. Dysart for the defendants. At this time the court room was packed with an immense crowd. Colonel F. W. Bliss was called to the stand by Judge Hess and the formal question put: "Are you the manager of the school of the plaintiff?" The question was answered in the affirmative, and Mr. Dysart then objected to the introduction of any evidence under the petition because it did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. Both sides were heard at length on this point. Defendants claimed if the statements in the resolution cited were true there could be no libel. Mr. Hess argued that the intent and purpose of the resolutions were malicious, and he could produce plenty of evidence to show the great hatred and ill will toward the academy by the defendants. The argument lasted until noon.

At the reassembling of court at 1:30 about 200 lady witnesses and spectators were present inside the bar and about 800 of the sterner sex. The ministers occupied a table by their attorneys and laughed jovially in discussing the affair. Which they treated as a big joke. When Judge Ellison ascended the bench all whispers and talk ceased, while every eye in the house was fixed steadily upon him. Referring occasionally to some notes in his hands he slowly and impressively delivered his opinion in the case, and in conclusion announced that he would sustain the objection to the evidence. The opinion was briefly to the effect that the law does not recognize dancing or the teaching of dancing as immoral or illegal, and consequently the charging of a person with dancing or the teaching of it could in no way be construed as a slander or a libel. The plaintiff took a non-suit and the case will probably come up again.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. The New Missouri Quail Law. It shall be unlawful for and during the period of five years next succeeding the passage of this act for any person to sell or attempt to sell for the purpose of shipping outside of the county where killed, or buy or attempt to buy for shipping outside of the county where killed to any other county in the state or any point outside of the state, any quail, pinnated grouse or prairie chicken. It shall be unlawful for any railroad or express company or agent thereof to receive for shipment or convey from one county to another any quail, pinnated grouse or prairie chicken killed within this state for a period of five years next succeeding this act. Any person or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS. Joseph Stevenson and Lucy Green accused of Being The Mother and Father of The Dead Baby Found Friday Morning. There were some startling developments made Saturday which unearthed the particulars regarding the discovery of the newly born babe which was found on the creek bank east of this city Friday morning by an old colored woman who was out looking for greens. N. F. Kilgore, A. M. Harrison, J. W. Atchison, J. T. Johnson, J. M. Hudson and D. M. Hill composed the Coroner's Jury which was summoned to-day to investigate. After holding a long session and hearing a number of witnesses testify the following verdict was given out: "That the child lying before us is, we believe, the infant of Lucy Green, and that it came to its death at the time of its birth by means unknown to us, and that it was removed from the place of its birth by Joseph Stevenson." Joseph Stevenson was arrested that night and placed in jail. My wife was confined to her bed for over two months with a very severe attack of rheumatism. We could get nothing that would afford her any relief, and as a last resort for Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. To our great surprise she began to improve after the first application, and by using it regularly she was soon able to get up and attend to her house work. E. H. Johnson, of C. J. Knutson & Co., Kensington, Minn., 50 cent bottles for sale by A. C. Buckner.

COKE HIT, of Centralia, Mo., son of Abe Hitt, of Mexico, sold 124 hogs at the depot in Centralia for \$2,194.55. Coke raised these hogs and is one among those who knows that stock raising pays. M. S. Bush was down from Centralia this week and says that the grocery merchants there are having a war and that goods are being sold for less than cost. The many cases of rheumatism cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm during the past few months have given the people great confidence in its curative properties, and have shown that there is one preparation that can be depended upon for that painful and aggravating disease, Chamberlain's Pain Balm. "Mr. Moses Price, of this place, was troubled with rheumatism for a long time. Chamberlain's Pain Balm has cured him. He says that the Balm has no equal." For sale by A. C. Buckner, druggist.

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ST. JACOBS OIL. CURES RHEUMATISM, LUMBAGO, SCIATICA, SPRAINS, BRUISES, BURNS, SWELLINGS, NEURALGIA. A copy of the "Official Portfolio of the World's Columbian Exposition, descriptive of Buildings and Grounds," containing a full and complete list of exhibitors, is sent to any address upon receipt of 10c. in postage stamps by THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., Baltimore.

DALTON'S PATRONAGE. When He is Appointed He Will Have Sixty-Six Offices to Distribute. The prospect of the appointment of "Farmer Dick" Dalton, the Ralls county statesman, to the office of Surveyor of the Port of St. Louis, has induced many of his friends to prepare petitions for offices under him. He will have sixty-six to fill, and the "Blue Book" lists them as follows: Dalton draws a salary and fees and commissions not to exceed \$5,000 per annum. His staff and their salaries are: Special deputy surveyor, \$2,500; deputy surveyor and cashier, \$2,000; liquidating clerk, \$1,900; deputy surveyor and chief inspector, weigher and gauger, \$1,600; deputy surveyor and entry clerk, \$1,500; two clerks at \$1,400 each, one at \$1,200, and one at \$1,100; weigher and gauger, \$1,200; assistant, \$1,000; messenger, \$540, and seven inspectors at \$3.50 each per day; one assistant custodian, \$1,500; two janitors at \$800 per year each; one assistant janitor at \$600; four watchmen at \$720 each; nine laborers at \$540 each; three elevator conductors at \$600 each; one chief engineer at \$1,500; three assistant engineers at \$1,080 each; eight firemen at \$720 each; three dynamo tenders at \$720 each; one lampist at \$900; ten scrub women at \$270 each.

Tutt's Pills. CURED OF SICK HEADACHE. The Keely Cure as a Penalty. The city of Lemars, Ia., has shown its faith in the bichloride treatment for drunkenness by including it with the penalties for public drunkenness. Any person convicted the second time of drunkenness on the public streets is to be given his choice between working on the street for ten days with a ball and chain and a course of treatment with the Keely cure. This ordinance has already gone into effect, and there has been one case under it, the accused selecting the cure in the place of the ball and chain and compulsory improvement of the Lemars highways. This is an innovation which ought to become very popular. There is grave doubt, of course, whether society has the right to deprive a man against his will of his appetite for ardent spirits. The people of Lemars have very wisely refrained from doing that, and from raising the question which compulsory treatment of drunkards in that fashion would raise. Instead thereof they give the drunkard his choice. If he regards his thirst as an inestimable boon, which he will on no account sacrifice, he can retain it at the cost of a few days' labor on the thoroughfares of the town with certain impediments which the law provides against too rapid work. But, if, on the other hand, he is willing to part with his friendship for John Barleycorn, the public will take it away without charge. There is a bit of tender and thoughtful consideration in this for the bibulous person which is worthy of all commendation.

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Prince Medium 2136, Race Record, 2:26. Sire of Hazle Danzle, three year old race record 2:28; Iona Curry, three year old race record 2:37. By Dr. Strong 1076, by Athlete, sire of seven in 2:30 and son of Almost 30. Dr. Strong has three producing dams and sired Gov. Strong, 17 years ago. Dam of Gov. Strong is Julia Wilkes B. Gov. Wilkes 6313, son of George Wilkes, 5:22.

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BADGER CLAY, The fastest combination horse in Missouri. Has all the saddle gait, with plenty of style, size and a perfect disposition. Comes and see him. ONLY \$15 TO INSURE. For Catalogue and extended pedigree address.

FOOTE BROS. Mexico, Mo. The King Trotting Stallion of Missouri. Robert Rysdyk, 2:13 1/4. Sire of Eliza K. (p.) 2:22 1/4, and Guy (3) 2:30. Son of Wm. Rysdyk 527, (son of Hambletonian 10). First dam QUEEN B, the greatest mare that ever lived as a speed producer, having three colts with average records better than 2:15.

WARFELLOW, (Thoroughbred.) Winner of first honors as best thoroughbred stallion at St. Louis in 1891. Sired by Longfellow; first dam War Over by War Dance. TERMS: Robert Rysdyk, by the season.....\$100 00 Stepper, when he makes rec. 2:30 or better, 25 00 Warfellow, by the season..... 25 00 With usual return privileges. Special Rates for Performers or Producing Mares. Mares from a distance kept at reasonable terms and taken from and returned to care free of charge, but not responsible for accidents. For extended pedigrees and further information, address April 6-14 C. F. CLARK, MEXICO, MO.

EARLY AND EXTREME SPEED. BROWN SULTAN, By Sultan 1513, 2:24, sire of Stamboul, 2:07 1/2, the fastest living trotting stallion. Brown Sultan's dam Astral, 2:18, by August Belmont, son of Hambletonian 10. BROWN SULTAN, - - Insurance \$25. A few approved mares bred on shares.

ELECTANT, STANDARD AND REGISTERED. Sired by Electioneer 123, sire of Sunol, 2:08 1-4, and 127 others in the 2:30 list; First dam Mano (dam of Monarch), hyperion record 2:19 1-2 by Piedmont 2:17 1-4. Second dam Mamie, dam of Memento, 2:08 1-2, and Etolite, 2:28 1-4, by Woodford Hambrino, Jr. One Hundred Dollars Season. GRAMPIAN 9131, by GAMBETTA WILKES, 2:20. First dam Nantura by Nutwood, 2:18 3-4. Second dam Nora Lee, 2:20 1-2, (dam of Sylvan, 2:27 1-4,) by Woodford Hambrino, 2:21 1-2. Third dam Young Portia, dam of Voltare, 2:20 1-2, and granddam of five by Manbrino Chief 11. 50 Dollars to Insure AYTOUN 14083, 2:29 1/4. (Sire of Miss Cleveland, 2:25 3-4 at 3 years old.) Sired by AYTOUN 1270, 2:27 1-2, and Etolite, 2:28 1-4, by Woodford Hambrino, Jr. Regular, son of Volunteer 55. Second dam Kate by Edwin Forrest 45. 25 Dollars to Insure. For catalogues and prices of young stock address McCormick Live Stock Co. Bowling Green, Missouri.

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