About Cultivating Orchards.

The diverse treatment which apple orchards receive throughout the country affords a lesson showing the great benefit of giving them the best management, and the loss from neglected treatment. Neglect is too common and poor crops and scabby fruit is the result. In contrast with these neglected orchards, are a few to which the owners give the best attention, and who receive good prices for the copious returns of handsome fruit. One orchard of this class, which has grown to full bearing size, affords the owner a handsome profit every year, while his careless neighbors receive not more than one-fourth of his returns. This well managed orchard is kept in grass, which is grazed short by sheep, the grass afforded them being only one-half or two-thirds as much as would give them full feed, the deficiency being made up with grain or meal. This is fed to them regularly in long board troughs. The sheep eat every wormy apple as it falls, and the fruit is thus kept nearly clear from insects. The droppings of the sheep enrich the ground, and a top dressing of barn manure is added yearly. The sales of the fruit from this orchard for many years have been equal to one hundred dollars from each acre it occupies. The shade of the trees prevent a rank growth of the grass, and the grazing of the sheep gives it somewhat the appearance of a lawn. The owners of some other excellent orchards, who cannot use sheep, apply yard or barn manure more copiously. In one of the unest visited, the annual application of manure had gradually made it two or three inches deep; the result was a superb crop of apples. Other orchards, with less manure are kept clean and mellow with a gang plow or Acme harrow, to keep the surface clean and in a finely pulverized condition.—Conutry Gentleman.

The Care of the Hands.

The flesh at the root of the nail should be loosened and pushed back with an ivory blade or dull-pointed steel. It is easily done after soaking the fingers in tepid water for about twenty minutes This will disclose the half moon, which in most cases, is nearly or quite covered, which adds greatly to the beauty of the hands. A manicure has a tiny pair of scissors, which are made for the purpose, with which he cuts away all the superfluous flesh at the roots of the nails, after rubbing them back. When the nails are in good condition, a few minutes' care and attention daily will keep them so. Every time the hands are washed the flesh should be pushed back with the towel, and a very few minutes' rubbing with a chamois skin, with powdered pumicestone moistened with sweet oil, will polish the nails. The finest polish is said to be given by hand polish, which the manicure gives to a pair of hands by an hour's polishing. Water can be easily softened with a few drops of ammonia, or, what is better, a small piece of lump borax; warm water, into which enough borax has been dissolved to make the water feel a little slippery when pressed between the thumb and finger is very good for washing the hands. Many people who do not work wash the hands but seldom. The day's accumulation of dirt is allowed to remain on the hands all night. Upon arising, the hands are washed in cold water. The possessor wonders why, when she does not work, her hands are not white.

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Salt for Hogs.

A correspondent gives some interesting experience which he claims to have had in the use of salt in fattening swine. He selected two pair of barrow hogs weighing 100 pounds apiece. One pair received with their daily ration of food two ounces of salt; the other pair, similarly fed, got none. In a week it was easily seen that the salted pair had far stronger appetites than the others, and then the ration of salt was increased to two ounces each. After four months the weight of the salted hogs was 350 pounds each, while that of the unsalted, five weeks later, was only 300 pounds each. The experiment was repeated with almost the same result. He salts hogs according to age, a quarter of an ounce daily to breeding sows, very little during pregnancy, and in the heat of summer withholds it to a degree from all, as it induces thirst and liability to disease.

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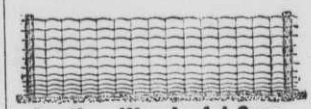

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