

HOUSEHOLD AND FARM.

To Stop Nose-Bleed.—The Scientific American gives the following novel plan: The best remedy for bleeding at the nose, as given by Dr. Gleason in one of his lectures, is in the vigorous motion of the jaws as if in the act of chewing. In the case of a child a wad of paper should be placed in its mouth, and the child should be instructed to chew it hard. It is the motion of the jaws that stops the flow of blood. The remedy is so very simple that many will feel inclined to laugh at it, but it never has been known to fail in a single instance, even in very severe cases.

Professor Blount, of the Colorado Agricultural College, asserts that "a single grain of wheat cannot carry out its habit and develop according to its nature on less than sixteen square inches, and that every pound of seed wheat should be made to produce its bushel all over the world." For this reason he avers that sowing much wheat "to get a good stand" is the worst kind of economy, as the farmer loses his seed, and never in any instance can make as large a yield as by thin sowing. It should be understood, however, that this seeding requires thorough preparation of the soil.

The most important export of Iceland, next to codfish, is wool. Considering the amount of wool required to keep a sheep warm up here, says a writer, this is more of a temperature index than a sheep census. In Iceland the sheep are never shorn; the wool gets ripe and is pulled off quite easily without causing the animal any pain. It may, in truth, be said that wool grows in Iceland. The annual export amounts to 1,300,000 pounds, and though when it comes off the animal, it is the dirtiest wool in the world, it goes to market the cleanest. Near Reykjavik there are a number of boiling springs, where all the household washing of the town is done. To this spring all the plucked wool is brought and washed in the steaming spring, then taken out and dried on the grass in the sun.

A practical gardener makes the following important statement: "Last year as a test of a frequent practice among growers of melons and squashes, I pinched the ends of the long main shoots of the melons, squashes and cucumbers, and left some run at their own will. One squash plant sent out a single stem reaching more than forty feet, but did not bear any fruit. Another plant was pinched until it formed a compact mass of intermingling side shoots and main branches eight feet square, and it bore sixteen squashes. The present year a musk-melon plant thus pinched in covers the space allotted to it, and it has sent twenty-three specimens of fruit, the most of which have been pinched off. The pinching causes many lateral branches, which later produce the female or fertile blossoms, while the main vines produce only the male blossoms. The difference in favor of the yield of an acre of melons treated by this pinching process may easily amount to 100 barrels."

A Trap for Sheep-Killing Dogs. The Lynchburg Virginian describes an ingenious trap devised by a Virginia farmer to capture sheep-killing dogs. Having suffered severely from the depredations of dogs upon his sheep-fold, he built around a number of sheep that the dogs had killed an inclosure of rails about twelve feet high and about ten feet square at the ground, the sides of the trap sloping in until an opening was left about five feet square. Any dog could easily climb such a sloping fence and enter the pen, but not even a greyhound could jump out of it. In three nights the farmer captured forty-six dogs, including fifteen or twenty that had never been seen before in that neighborhood. This, after there had been a public slaughter of all dogs suspected of sheep-killing, save one, whose master could not be convinced of his guilt. The trap was built for his special benefit and it caught him the first night.

Why wouldn't the same trap catch wolves? The Cabbage Pest. The imported cabbage worm has come to stay. His first summer on Long Island showed that he was capable of advancing the price of cabbage—\$500,000 worth was destroyed in the suburbs of New York. He has followed the tide of civilization and gone west. The problem now is, what will kill the worm and not injure the cabbage? We would suggest that deliverrance must be given by preventing the moth from laying her eggs on the cabbage. We have suggested to our neighbors to try tying newspapers or sacking of any kind over the cabbage plant during the prevalence of the moth; when it disappears the covering is to be removed. Few of all the remedies so far named have given satisfaction. Prof. C. V. Riley, always practical and intelligent, suggests the use of pyrethrum. He first tried it in 1879, but did not recommend it that year, as he wished to test it further. He has made tests and caused tests to be made by agents, and general experience has been most favorable. He unhesitatingly recommends pyrethrum for all the different worms which infest cabbage plants. Prof. A. J. Cook, of Lansing, Mich., says he tried bisulphide of carbon as a weapon against these pests. It has been successfully employed in fighting the phyloxera in France, which suggested its use here. He made a small hole close to the plant, three or four inches deep, and turned into it about a half a teaspoonful of the liquid, then quickly filled the hole with earth and packed it by stepping on it. The same experiment was tried for the squash borer and with gratifying success. He thinks the bisulphide of carbon would prove effective in fighting the peach-tree borer and the radish and onion maggots.—Western Rural.

A Pie-Plant Leaf as Big as a Table. About three weeks ago the local of the Union gave a notice of a mammoth pie plant that is now growing on the premises of J. W. Huggins, in Sherman's addition. We stated at the time that the largest leaf of this plant, grown from seed put in the ground on the 20th of last April, measured seventeen feet in circumference. Our contemporaries criticised us as though we were the lineal descendant of the celebrated Baron Munchausen, and had inherited all the leading traits of our noted ancestor. This treatment, of course, has been as a thorn in our flesh ever since. We vowed we would get even. We are no ready to vindicate our honor as a truthful journalist. Yesterday we measured that leaf in the presence of two witnesses—Mr. Huggins and Dr. Port. Its circumference was twenty-one feet and nine inches. There is no "shenanigan" about this. The plant is somewhat the shape of a palm-leaf fan, with a smooth edge, and not full of deep scallops, as has been surmised by those who had not seen it.

Mr. Huggins, who was formerly an Iowa farmer of the old school, has many other "big things" growing alongside this pie-plant. We saw a beet of six weeks' growth that measured three feet one and a half inches in circumference, and a turnip of the same age one foot eleven and a half inches in circumference. We also saw a small bush, transplanted last spring, that bore a quince which measured eleven and a half inches in circumference; a fig cutting, planted about the same time, is bearing fruit. Besides these there were squashes, watermelons, muskmelons, tomatoes and flowers, all growing in tropical luxuriance. The man who wrote a little book entitled "Five Acres Too Much," must have seen a duplicate of Mr. Huggins' place. The amount of "truck" on that lot of 100x300 feet is something simply amazing. We have seen "pore" farmers with a good sized ranch who couldn't make as good a showing.—San Diego (Cal.) Union.

The Application of Fertilizers.

Perhaps something more may yet be learned in regard to the application of fertilizers and their supposed propensity to waste. Certainly facts like the following are suggestive as well as instructive: In West Springfield is a field of corn of about three acres, that stands remarkably well and has been noticeably vigorous all the season. On inquiry, we learned that on about one-third of this piece fresh stable manure was spread in mid-winter, when it was piled, and spread at the time of plowing, as is the usual way. On the balance of the field a common mixture of fish and potash was applied. The proprietor tells us that the superiority of the first style of treatment was plainly visible all through the early stages of its growth, and that this accords with his previous experience. If that is so, it upsets some of the theories of the so-called professors of agriculture. The idea has been prevalent that manures are injured by exposure to air and frost, and consequently they are often hauled at considerable inconvenience till the time of planting, when they are covered with earth as quickly as possible. Some plow them in, lest some of their precious qualities should be evaporated, and others harrow them in, through fear of leaching. There are those who fork over their manures several times, believing that by frequent plowings, the corn, as above referred to, is a man of cautious speech and abundant resources, and his testimony can be relied on. An opportunity is here given to establish a principle that may be of value to farmers. Let us "prove all things and hold fast that which is good."—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

YORKTOWN CELEBRATION.

Official Program of the Four Days' Ceremonies. The great national celebration of the centennial anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis opens at Yorktown on Tuesday of next week and will occupy four days. A number of distinguished Frenchmen and Germans, descendants of Lafayette, Baron Steuben, &c., have already arrived in this country and will be present to participate in the ceremonies. As Yorktown is a mere hamlet of a few dozen buildings, temporary hotels, pavilions, camps, &c., have been provided to accommodate the vast crowd that is expected to be present. The foreign guests, President and heads of Departments at Washington, Governors of States, &c., will be mainly taken care of on board the large fleet of government vessels that will be collected in the bay in front of the village. The following is the official program of the four days' ceremonies:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18.

First—The President and his Cabinet, the Congressional Commission, the Governors and Commissioners of the States and the guests of the nation will be received by the Governor of Virginia and his staff in Lafayette Hall at 11 A. M., whence they will proceed in a body to the monument site, where the ceremonies will take place.

Second—The chairman of the joint Commission of Congress, Hon. John W. Johnston, United States Senator from the State of Virginia, will call the assembly to order at 12 o'clock noon.

Third—Prayer by the Rev. Robert Nelson, grandson of Governor Nelson of Virginia, who commanded the Virginia militia during the siege of Yorktown.

Fourth—"The Star Spangled Banner," by three hundred voices under the leadership of Professor Charles Siegel, of Richmond, Va., accompanied by the Marine Band.

Fifth—Address of welcome by His Excellency F. W. M. Holliday, Governor of Virginia.

Sixth—"The Marseilles Hymn," by the chorus of voices under the leadership of Professor Siegel, the accompaniment by the Marine Band.

Seventh—Introductory address by the chairman of the Commission, Hon. John W. Johnston, of Virginia.

Eighth—"Hail Columbia," by the chorus of voices led by Professor Siegel, the accompaniment by the Marine Band.

Ninth—Laying the corner stone of the monument by the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, assisted by the Grand Masters of the thirteen original states, International Congress, Sons, by the Marine Band, conducted by Professor J. Philip Sousa.

Tenth—At seven p. m. there will be a pyrotechnic display from a boat moored in York river.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

First—The Assembly will be called to order by Hon. John W. Johnston, Chairman of the Yorktown Centennial Commission.

Second—Overture, Le Caid, Ambrose Thomas, by the Marine Band, conducted by Professor J. Philip Sousa.

Third—Prayer by clergyman not yet selected.

Fourth—Hymn, words by Charles Poindexter, music by J. E. Schmolzer, rendered by the chorus of 300 voices under Professor C. L. Siegel, accompanied by the Marine Band under Professor Sousa.

Fifth—Address by the President of the United States.

Sixth—Centennial Ode, words by Paul H. Hayne, of South Carolina; set to music by Professor J. Mosenthal, of New York; rendered by the chorus of 300 voices under Professor C. L. Siegel, accompaniment by the marine band.

Seventh—Oration by Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts.

Eighth—"The Star Spangled Banner," by the chorus under Professor Siegel, accompanied by the Marine Band.

Ninth—Centennial psalm, by Mr. James Barron Hope, of Virginia.

Tenth—Overture by Dodworth's Thirteenth Regiment Band of the National Guard of the State of New York.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies a reception will be held by the President of the United States and his Cabinet, the Congressional Commission, and the guests of the nation, in Lafayette Hall.

At seven p. m. there will be a pyrotechnic display from boats moored in York river.

CRIMINAL VARIETIES.

Quilted Here and There from the Columns of the Daily Press.

Brutal Murder at Lancaster, Pa. A Chicago Times special from Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 7, gives the details of a fearful crime committed in the latter city the night before. The perpetrators were Philip Rogers and Edward Sanders, and the victim Mrs. Mary Seymour, a widow lady with three small children.

Rogers was in the house of Mrs. Seymour, sleeping on the kitchen floor, and about 11 o'clock Sanders knocked at the door, and asked admission, which was refused at first, but he was finally admitted. He then made attempts to outrage Mrs. Seymour, who screamed for help, and fought him until exhausted, when he accomplished the deed, the three children meanwhile covering with feet in a remote corner of the room. When Mrs. Seymour finally broke loose from the brute, he caught her again and pounded her on the head, face and body until nearly dead. The woman finally escaped and ran into the street, calling the neighbors for help. She succeeded in arousing Mr. Nathaniel Pickle, to whom she said: "For God's sake, let me in." Sanders attempted to follow her into the house, he having pursued her from her own residence. He was, however, refused admission. Then he left, saying he would hunt a doctor, as he had hurt the woman badly. Mrs. Seymour at the time was bleeding profusely from the mouth, nose and ears, and was evidently in a dying condition. When asked what Sanders and Rogers had done, she said they had outraged and then beaten her. Sanders again came to the house, saying he could not find a doctor, and that the woman Seymour had drunk a quart of beer, which was the cause of her sickness. When told that she was vomiting blood, and was in a dying condition, he replied that he had given her an injection at the other house. While the woman was dying Sanders stood over her, jeering and taunting her. The last words uttered by the woman were: "God have mercy on me and take care of my children." Warrants for the arrest of Sanders and Rogers were at once issued. Sanders was found in front of the house where the woman died. When arrested he said to the officers: "Here's my wings, put on the irons." He was lodged in jail. Rogers was found concealed at the Pine iron works, where he was lying beside the turnaces with a gang of tramps. He was also committed to jail. Sanders, who is the principal in the crime, is about 25 years old, and is well known to the officers here. He has been recently arrested. Rogers is about 30 years old, and has a bad reputation. The children of Mrs. Seymour will be taken in charge by the authorities, as they are left without protectors.

A Good Job by Judge Lynch. Extract from a dispatch from Las Vegas, Mexico, Oct. 9th: On Wednesday night James Little, a former conductor on the Atencion, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, was murdered at his house at Las Lunas by a party of drunken Mexican desperadoes, three of whom were Seljo Spinoso, Aristote Naranjo and Fernando Chavez. They were arrested the next morning and made full confession, and it appearing that there was no good reason for the deed, they were taken from the calaboose there last night by a quiet and orderly mob and strung up to cottonwood trees along the Rio Grande, where they were found stark and stiff this morning.

Double Murder at Quincy, Ill. Quincy, Ill., Oct. 8.—A fearful tragedy was enacted in this city this afternoon, which will probably result in the death of John McDade, ex-chief of police and of a gambler named Jackson. McDade was standing in a doorway opposite Jackson's gambling room, when Jackson accompanied by two other gamblers crossed the street passing the doorway where McDade stood. McDade stepped out and fired both barrels of a gun into Jackson's neck and shoulders, fatally wounding him. Jackson then shot McDade through the breast with a revolver. The cause of the assault is unknown.

Pink Cottage has been sold by a sheriff to satisfy a mortgage of only \$60. It was opened a year or two ago by the Rev. George O. Barnes, in the mountain region of Kentucky, as a hospital for the miraculous cure of patients thro' prayer. Barnes was a famous revivalist in that region, and wonderful stories of his miracles are circulated; but the virtue seemed to depart from him when he established Pink Cottage, for the sick persons on whom he laid his hands were not cured. The receipts failed to cover the expenses, and hence the sale for public sale. Barnes says in a sarcastic letter for publication, "what will you say when the Master comes—who you say that you and yours have been blessed beyond the power of tongue to utter it, by the Lord, through me? Here have I been in these wild mountains for years, and what have you given to this work? Not a dollar. I might have starved for all you seem to have cared. Do you think I have not gone with this to the dear Lord many a time, saying, 'Lord, let me not hate and despise those friends of mine? It is easy for one to forgive an enemy who knows well the love of God. My struggle has been not to despise my friends. And now I have conquered this last indignity. \$60! Had it not been conquered I would not write these words. So I make what excuse I love unrequited can make, and leave it all with Jesus."

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Mrs. O'Brien publishes a card, at Rock Island, Ill., to say that Methodism is a failure. She has been brought to that way of thinking by the conduct of the Rev. Mr. Meredith, who converted her, induced her to elope from her husband and finally deserted her. She has humbly returned to the Roman Catholic church.

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