

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

—Prune in autumn to insure growth, and in spring to insure fruitfulness, is a grape maxim.

—Raw starch, applied with a little water, as a paste, will generally remove all stains from bed-ticking.—*Chicago News.*

—An English horticulturist of note declares his belief that the cause of bitterness in fruits and melons is due not infrequently to sunstroke or scald, the intense sun heat destroying the sugar in the fruit.

—A tree overloaded with fruit can neither perfect the fruit nor ripen its wood properly, and in severe climate is quite likely to succumb to a degree of cold which, under proper treatment, it could have resisted perfectly. The grape is very sensitive in this respect; if overloaded, the fruit will not color or ripen, nor will the wood ripen.—*N. Y. Observer.*

—For a good lemon-cream cake use one cup of butter, one and a-half cups of sugar, two and a-half cups of flour, two tablespoonsful of baking-powder, one-half cup of milk, and three eggs. Bake in layers and make a cream of the juice of two lemons, two-thirds of a cup of sugar, one cup of butter, two table-spoonsful of flour, and one egg.—*Chicago News.*

—The pear blight generally attacks only trees that are in a weak or diseased condition. If the trees are in turf land, the soil should be spaded up about them for a foot or so, and a few handfuls of wood ashes worked in about the roots. Along in the fall soap the trees thoroughly. It keeps the bark free of insects, makes it thin and healthy and better able to do its work and withstand disease.

—A celery grower in England who is exceptionally fortunate in capturing prizes at exhibitions, places a piece of five-inch drain-tile a foot or so long over each plant in a chosen row, draws it up as growth advances, so that the leaves are always just out at the top, thus excluding wet, and by this method excludes insects and secures bunches well blanched, sound and without blemish.

A Nervous Tendency.

Not a few are born with an excessive susceptibility of the nervous system. It renders them, not only specially capable of pleasure and pain and of quick mental and physical activity, but peculiarly liable to nervous ailments.

Others may suffer such ailments, if the cause not long enough and strongly enough; but the slightest disturbing causes are sufficient in the case of the former, just as a brief exposure may result in consumption, where one has inherited a tubercular tendency.

Among these ailments is hysteria—popularly hysterics—the most terrible, when severe, that can come to a woman, not only for the fearful sufferings and the little sympathy it elicits, but for the bad moral qualities that often seem to be developed by it.

Females are more subject to it than males—in the proportion of about twenty to one—only because the nervous element more strongly preponderates in their constitution, while their indoor and sedentary life does not give them that toughening which generally comes to men from their experiences.

Allied to hysteria is catalepsy, a disease in which the person becomes wholly, or partially, unconscious, and her limbs take on a waxen stiffness and remain in whatever position they are placed. One form of catalepsy is trance, in which, while being perhaps apparently dead, wonderful visions are seen.

Other diseases are St. Vitus' Dance (chorea), which has been described as "insanity of the muscles," neuralgias of various kinds, some forms of epilepsy, spiral irritations and insanity.

As this nervous temperament, with its countless possible ills, has been inherited from one or both of the parents, a special obligation is placed upon the latter to check, from the first, the activity of their children's nervous system by bringing them up to simple habits, to amply bodily exercise, proper acquaintances, practical and sober reading, instead of imaginative; by guarding them against coquette, extravagant display and sensual indulgence, and by accustoming them to domestic duties and to a quiet and natural employment of body and mind.—*Youth's Companion.*

Bixie Solved a Problem.

Dumas and Gaillardet fought a duel, by reason of some quarrel they had. It was in 1834. They fought with pistols, at fifty paces, advancing to fifteen paces and firing at will after the word. Neither was touched. Although both desired to continue the duel, the seconds, being of the regulation French stripe, refused to allow it. All but one—Bixie. This gentleman was a good deal like Dr. Stammer, of the 97th. He besought Dumas, who was an excellent shot, to kill Gaillardet at the first fire—"not that I have any feeling against him," quoth Bixie, "but I have heard that every man receiving a fatal gun-shot wound turns around before he falls. I would like to know if it be true—purely from a scientific standpoint. Kill him, please." But Gaillardet lived until 1882. And now with Bixie. During the revolution of 1848 he was leading a charge against a barricade in the Rue Soufflot. A ball fired from a house-top struck him in the shoulder, passed through his lung, making a wound fifteen inches long, and came out near the dorsal vertebra.

Bixie leaped convulsively into the air, spun around three times, and fell upon his face.

"It is true; they do turn," he muttered, as the blood gushed from his mouth and nostrils.

He had solved the problem.—*San Francisco Argonaut.*

A Telling Law.

Mr. Charles Law, Jr., in conversation with one of our representatives, recently said: "I have been a sufferer from rheumatism and neuralgia for the past ten years, and tried all kinds of remedies. Having heard so much about St. Jacobs Oil, I tried a bottle, and found it truly wonderful.—*Pittsboro (Pa.) Ledger.*

A hill out West is called Turtle Mountain. If it is only a hill it must be a mock turtle mountain.—*The Judge.*

MARRIAGE, except with a widow, is always a mistake.

MR. ED. THICKETT, the celebrated oarsman, Kingston, Canada, says: "I have found St. Jacobs Oil a sure and certain cure for rheumatism, etc."—*New York Clipper.*

ALL ABOUT A SHOE-PEG.—It is laughable to see how little it takes to raise a crowd—or start a story—in a city street. "Never you mind me," said a bent-over old man, when asked what had happened to him. "How did he get hurt?" asked a man out of breath. "Did the horse step on him?" queried a colored man with spectacles on. "Where did the dog bite him? Did they shoot the dog? Was it a big dog? Has he got a wife? Did they live together?" rattled a woman made up a good deal like Willow Bedott. "Come and see the man in a fit," squeaked out a boot-black, as he called the rest of the brigade. "Look out, he's going to shoot!" yelled a big man with red whiskers, and the crowd blew away like dust when the old man slid his hand into his pocket as if for a shooting iron. Then he straightened himself and started off on his own individual business, muttering something about "What the mischief it was to them if he wanted to sit down and take a peg out of his shoe."—*Detroit Post.*

The Precious Blood.

The blood is the most precious element of life. It is very susceptible to the influences of organic diseases. It is quickly poisoned by coming in contact with anything of a poisonous nature. Don't let this stream of life ebb too low. When the blood becomes thin and watery, disease enters the citadel of life and becomes master. Dr. Guy's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla is a blood maker. It will infuse new strength and vigor into the whole circulatory system. It makes the blood rich, red and pure, and drives out all disease, and poisonous humors, and gives strength to every part of the body.

The waiters ought to succeed in a strike, for they usually carry all before them.—*Boston Courier.*

MR. JERRY WINCHELL, of Warsaw, Ky., writes: "Dr. Guy's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla is the best blood purifier I ever used. I find it cures pimples, etc., very quickly. For indigestion it is unequalled by any medicine I ever tried."

"WHEN I was young, ter Fredericksburg?" asked an Austin negro, who had learned to read, of one who had not acquired the accomplishment. "I am young ter-morrow mornin' in de early stage, Julius." "Don't yer go in de early stage, Julius. I tells yer don't yer risk it." "Why not, Pompey?" "Beckase de early stages am sickly. I read a piece yesterday, warnin' folks about consumption in de early stages."—*Texas Siftings.*

Be Wise and Happy.

If you will stop all your extravagant and wrong notions in doctoring yourself and families with expensive doctors or humbug cures, that do harm always, and use only nature's simple remedies for all your ailments—you will be wise, well and happy, and save great expense. The greatest remedy for this, the great, wise and good will tell you, is Hop Bitters—rely on it. See another column.—*Press.*

"THE end of the season," remarked Fogg, holding up the empty pepper-box.—*Boston Transcript.*

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