

HORTICULTURAL.

THE SEASON AND FRUIT.

The present winter has been favorable for fruit. The wood and buds are all sound and healthy; and unless we have unusually severe weather during the next week or two, we shall doubtless have an abundant crop of peaches and all other fruits next season.

CULTURE OF CELERY.

A CORRESPONDENT at Rawsonville, N. Y., as well as several others, wishes some information through the RURAL on the culture of Celery. We are always well pleased to give all the information we possess, and we know of no subject connected with kitchen gardening on which knowledge is more needed, than that of growing this delicious vegetable.

MANAGEMENT OF THE SEED-BED.—From the beginning to the middle of April is the best time to sow. Prepare a spot of tolerably rich ground, by well digging and breaking up the clods with the spade.

At this time we generally have a repetition of warm showers, which is sufficient to encourage germination; but if the weather should become very dry, recourse must be had to artificial watering.

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PLANTING OUT.—The plot for final planting should have been forecast in the mind, and may have been occupied by some other crop which is already used up. My own practice is to choose a piece wanting in manure, and sow peas in rows six feet distant from each other; and while they are on the ground, plant the celery midway between the rows.

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THE YUCCAS.

The Yuccas are among the most striking objects of our gardens, and are particularly adapted to the lawn, in near proximity to the house, where their tall flower stems and rigid foliage harmonize with its architectural features, and give somewhat of a foreign color to the whole lawn.

YUCCA FILAMENTOSA, or Hardy Adam's Needle, is the most common variety, and is hardy even at the far North.

YUCCA FLACCIDA is one of the most common, and easily cultivated, and has flower stems from two to three feet in height, with milk-white blossoms.

YUCCA ANGUSTIFOLIA is a very desirable species, of small growth, the flower stems not branched, the flowers greenish-white.

The YUCCAS are mostly of American origin, and the French have obtained many species from California and Texas; which through this source find their way to the nurseries of our country.

It is a stemless plant, presenting at the base a swollen appearance, very marked, produced by the known, and the hardy fingers of the husbandman are not injured by poking them into well loosened mold.

There is one point more than all others that I would impress upon celery growers—namely, never let your crop cease growing until it is ready for use. If the intervening spaces have borne a crop of peas, they will be ready for removal when the celery has advanced a little in size, and the ground may be then cleared and dug over.

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WESTERN EDITORIAL NOTES.

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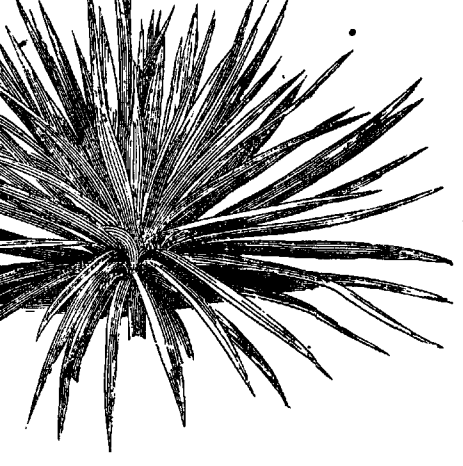
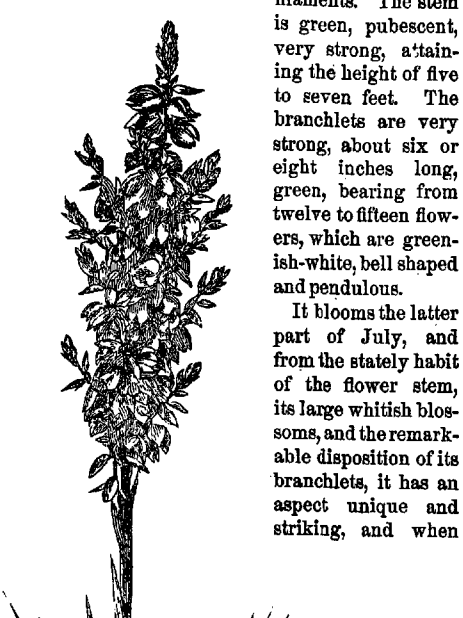
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insertion of the leaves, which are numerous, somewhat fleshy, about fifteen inches long, and two inches wide, narrow at the base, attenuated at the summit, and terminating in an obtuse point, not very resistant, straight, sometimes twisted, strongly channeled, and bordered with several grayish-white filaments.



YUCCA STRICTA.

seen across the lawn, backed up by evergreens, forms one of the most attractive objects in our grounds. Mr. HOVEY says it is perfectly hardy in this country, and is not particular as to soil; but the height of its flower stem is augmented when planted in deep, rich, sandy loam.

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Horticultural Notes.

PEACHES AND NECTARINES.—The Early Victoria Peach is the most desirable new variety, raised by Mr. RIVERS, and exhibited during the past fruiting season.

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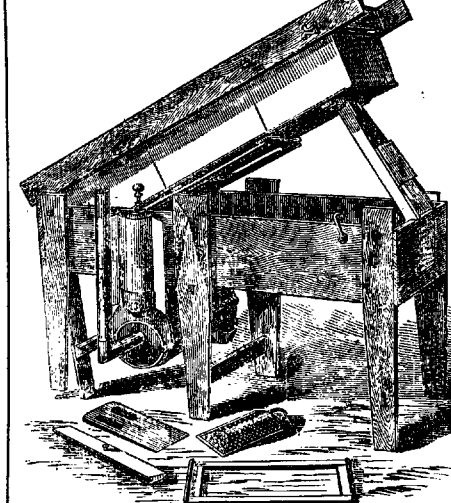
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Ladies' Department.

[Written for Moore's Rural New-Yorker.] BLUE WOOLEN STOCKING YARN.

Choice Miscellany.

THE FLAG WE LOVE.

Sabbath Musings.

ROSE - UNDER THE SNOW.

My wee white Rose, my fair-haired child, Leaving her play at its wildest height, Came with an earnest air to me, Asking for what the snow might be? Then I told my little questioner How all the lilies and the violets blue, The moss flowers, and the roses, too, Were tired of blooming, and upon the hill And in the vale, lay cold and still; So God had sent his angels o'er their earthly bed, A counterpane of pure white snow to spread.

Blue woolen stocking yarn and a pair of white, delicate girl hands became mutually acquainted for the first time last October. Never before had so homespun a reality been given so cordial a reception, or so hearty a grasp.

A DAY - DREAM.

Sam and lonely I've been sitting All this dreary autumn day, Listening to the clock's dull ticking While my heart is far away, Where the bright Potomac waters Glide between the emerald shores, And the sun its mellow radiance On an armed legion pours.

HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, is his speech on the occasion of presenting a banner to the regiment of Senator Wilson, paid the following beautiful tribute to our National flag:

"IT IS BEAUTIFUL."

"It is beautiful." The words were murmured with her latest, faintest breath, For the life of that poet-woman was yielding up to Death; And the golden gates were opening unto her spirit's gaze, And she saw the white-robed seraphs and heard the song of praise.

LABOR A BLESSING.

Was labor divinely imposed on man as a curse? That it was has been extensively believed. But where is the authority or evidence for such a belief? The third chapter of Genesis records that God said to ADAM: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return into the ground."

BOOKS FOR YOUTH AND AGE.

If one were to arrange the library of a man who had always been a reader, according to his growth in years, how very few books would be shifted from the child's shelves to the boy's, and thence to the man's; so rarely do our book companions grow up with us, so commonly do we outgrow them, and use them only as mementoes of former days.

EARTHLY PLEASURES.

We have read of CAIN, how long he walked nightly on the heights that commanded a view of Eden, gazing on those fragrant, celestial bowers in which no human form might repose,—flowers whose aroma might gladden no human soul,—"wasting their sweetness on the air around them,"—delicious, golden fruits that human lips might never taste, dropping, ungathered, on the ground.

OUR DAUGHTERS.

The greatest danger to our daughters in the present time is the neglect of domestic education. Not only to themselves, but to husbands, families, and the community at large, does the evil extend. By far the greatest amount of happiness in civilized life is found in the domestic relations, and most of those depend on the domestic culture and habits of the wife and mother. Let our daughters be intellectually educated as highly as possible; let their moral and social nature receive the highest graces of vigor and refinement; but along with these, let the domestic virtues find a prominent place.

FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD.

It is not strange that men recoil from a plunge into the world's cold waters, and long to creep back into the bath from which they have suddenly risen. But that man or woman, having fully passed into the estate of man and woman, should desire to become children again, is impossible. It is only the half-developed, the badly-developed, the imperfectly nurtured, the mean-spirited, and the demoralized, who look back to the innocence, the helplessness, and the simple animal joy and content of childhood with genuine regret for their loss.

ACQUIRED BEAUTY BEST.

BEAUTY is an excellent gift of God; nor has the pen of the Holy Spirit forgotten to speak its praise; but it is virtuous and godly beauty alone which Scripture honors, expressly declaring on the other hand that "A fair woman, without discretion, is as a jewel of gold in a swine's snout." (Prov. xi., 22.)

The man of penury and grief has plead in vain for aid and sympathy, while many a child with frank and winning utterance has reached the miser's soul, and with it even his purse, and borne away a blessing.

Are you a mother and do you falter with your load of care just when adversity darkens life's sweet sunshine? Press on, and gather the sunbeams scattered by your darlings through the storm, and time shall lengthen your reward.

Their eye is open to every tear, Their ear to every sigh; Then why will you create a fear, Yes, mothers, tell me why?

They blunt the edge of sorrow in their free mockery of Nature's music, and bid us join the chorus. As teachers of many an art, who can question their skill? Natural and free as air itself, they teach the best, most beautiful lessons. Their exercise of faith and confidence is but another feature of their school of nature.

As all things here must pass away, they too must die. Who has not lost a young, fair sister, brother, or child, and felt the utter desolation? Just when the buds of infancy well nigh developed were unfolding, an angel snatched the brightest as a jewel for his crown, and we were left to cherish their memories,—how many a passing hour do they beguile.

We have been young, have had our names upon the list of children, and have treasured many memories of those sunny, winsome days, with here and there a thorn to mar their beauty. And why the briers in childhood's path? Misunderstanding was the plant that bore and nourished them.

Where is the sprightly, sensitive child that has not wished to break the boundary of years from its protectors, and at times approach them as though they, too, were children again? If such have been our longings, and youthful days have given place to years that find us parents, let us profit by our childhood's wishes, in the training of our little ones, that they may never sigh for the sympathy and confidence their young hearts claim. And we may ever labor with the assurance to cheer us, that children will never forget the hearts that love them.

MRS. MYRA CHELBERNE. Austintown, Ash. Co., Ohio, 1882.

A HINT TO YOUNG LADIES.—Loveliness! It is not your costly dress, ladies, your expensive shawl, or gold-laden fingers. Men of good sense look far beyond these. It is your character they study—your deportment. If you are trifling and loose in your conversation, no matter if you are as beautiful as an angel, you have no attractions for them.

Take away the dress from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the refiner.—Prov. xxv. 4.

If a woman is truly beautiful, let not her beauty be made dim by the flash of diamonds.

Fine white Berlin and Shetland wool—how often and often had those fairy fingers toyed with their downy strands, and woven intricate mysterious shapes out of their frail threads! Warm, brilliant hued zephyrs, soft tinted zephyrs, smooth snowy "cross cotton" and shining linen, had all been known and greeted kindly, aye, gladly. But blue woolen stocking yarn had been passed disdainfully by to fall into more suitable hands, such as some strong-fingered farmer matron, or PATRICK'S wife BRIGGET,—fair misses pretty fingers never thought of grasping that. But they did, and of their own free accord, too,—strange, was't it?

Who was it left his father's counting room, and stopped the counting of round, shining "yellow boys," and white, pearly silver ones, to court less shining but sounder Minnie balls? Who was it that was dressed just like TOM O'FLAHERTY'S SON JAMIE, and marching beside him went away so proudly one hazy summer morning mid the shouts of a grateful people?—justly proud and grateful for the brave noble spirits that bore those marching heroes on to save their country's honor. All social grades were dissolved, all different ranks broken and merged into one rank, one grade—that of true hearted soldiers,—the only advantage of social elevation to be a higher moral influence over their less fortunate brethren.

THE AFFECTIONS THE FOOD OF LIFE.

The affections are the true food of life. They underlie all conduct. From them conduct departs, and to them it returns. To many, life is absolute famine without love, and a perpetual feast with it. There be some who, if they are not loved, and they have no liberty of loving, though you place them never so high, though you surround them with every element touching their vanity, walk sepulchral. No matter what they have, they are not fed unless they are fed inwardly.

ENGLISH GIRLS.—The English girl spends more than one-half of her waking hours in physical amusements, which tend to develop and invigorate and ripen the bodily powers. She rides, walks, drives, rows upon the water, runs, dances, plays, sings, jumps the rope, throws the ball, hurds the quoit, draws the bow, keeps up the shuttle-cock—and all this without having it pressed forever upon her mind that she is thereby wasting her time.

MEN should be like wine—they should grow better as they grow older.

