

INTERESTING ATTRACTIONS.

Some of the Things Seen On the War Path at the Jamestown Exposition.

By the aid of the thousands of electric lights and the powerful search light at the upper end of the War Path, the buildings on either side are brought out in bold relief. Among these is one in which is shown the battle between the Monitor and Merrimac. The navy at Norfolk had been destroyed. Among the vessels raised by the Confederates was the Merrimac. The vessel was over-hauled, clad in iron, and made formidable. On the 7th of March 1862 she proceeded to Fortress Monroe, and began to put Federal gun boats out of commission. During the night following the 7th there came into the harbor from New York a strange looking craft. This was the Monitor, planned and built by Capt. John Ericson. The morning of the 8th opens, and the battle begins. The firing is something fearful, but the Merrimac is out-classed and finally steams away to Norfolk. The whole movement is very vivid and seemingly real. This is well worth what it costs to see it.

BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.

Here is another spectacle. That stone wall to which Pickett and his dauntless followers charged is there. Yonder the hills rise beyond the rolling battle-field, while dense clouds of smoke hang in weird festoons at this point, while seeming to assume the form of oil-lamps at another. Dying men and frenzied horses are seen on every side. Perhaps in this famous battle the South reached its highest point and the North its lowest.

As one looks at the awful carnage, the intervening years are forgotten, and the fearful days of 1863 pass in thunderous review, freighted with all the horrors of war.

W. E. SWAIN.

THE GRADED SCHOOL.

Fall Term Began Monday—Total Enrollment For Asheboro, 429 Pupils.

The fall term of the Asheboro Graded School began Monday morning. The school for the first time occupied the handsome building just completed, and which has served to inspire both teachers and pupils with greater zeal as well as to stimulate pride and interest among the patrons. At 9 o'clock the pupils assembled in the large Auditorium on the second floor where the opening exercises were held.

A number of friends and patrons of the school gathered to witness the opening, and occupied seats on the rostrum.

The exercises began with the singing of "America," followed by devotional exercises and prayer by Rev. N. R. Richardson.

Short addresses were made by Supt. J. J. Scarborough; Col. McAlister, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Col. W. P. Wood, Rev. W. E. Swain and others.

At the close of the addresses the children returned to their rooms to be enrolled, assigned books, lessons, etc.

The opening was encouraging to all, and it was shown that this year gives promise of the most successful years work yet. During the session the patrons present visited the classrooms which are models. Everything possible has been done for the comfort and convenience of those attending the school. The rooms are large and airy; the desks are not crowded except in the fourth and fifth grades and it is learned that the congested condition here will be relieved by the election of a new teacher to divide these grades.

The enrollment Monday at the white school was 365 and at the colored 126. This number will be greatly increased as the term progresses.

Wanted a Man Who Could Fling Dirt.

The late Senator Vance enjoyed telling jokes on himself. When he was practicing law he occasionally attended Union county courts. On one visit just as he arrived at the hotel at Monroe and was in his room brushing off the dust an old litigant entered and placing a bill of money on the table told Vance he wanted to employ him in a case that would be called soon after court opened. He went on to explain that he had a lawyer but did not like him. "Who is he and what is the matter?" asked Vance. "Mr. Ashe" said the client, "but he don't manage my case to suit me." "Well now," said Vance, "Mr. Ashe is one of the best lawyers in the state and a perfect gentleman besides, and if he can't suit you I cannot." "O I know all that," replied the client; but that is the trouble, he is too much of a gentleman: I want you—a man who can get down and sling dirt."—Marshall Home.

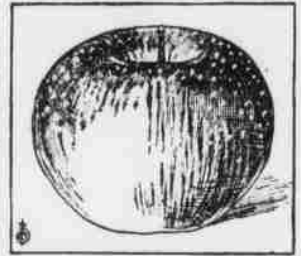


CARSON APPLE.

Its Record Renders It Worthy of Experimental Planting.

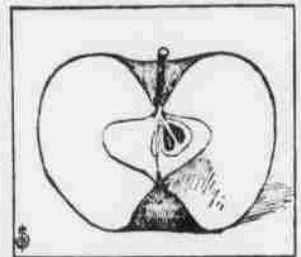
The original tree of the Carson apple was obtained from an apple seedling nursery in Ohio, owned by a family named Carson. Its excellent record for productiveness, beauty and quality in northern Ohio for half a century renders it worthy of experimental planting throughout the lake region and the New England states, both for the home orchard and as a commercial variety.

In commending this variety William A. Taylor, bureau of plant industry, gives the following description: Form oblate, sometimes slightly conical; size large; surface smooth, with occasional russet knots and patches;



CARSON APPLE—I.

color pale yellow, washed, splashed and narrowly striped with bright crimson; dots rather large, conspicuous and protruding; cavity medium, regular, deep, russeted; stem of medium length and rather slender; basin very large, deep, abrupt, furrowed and sometimes russeted; calyx segments converging; eye large, closed; skin thin, tough; flesh yellowish, with satiny luster when fresh cut; texture fine, tender, juicy; core small, broad, oval, clasping, nearly closed; seeds few, plump, medium, brown; flavor subacid, pleasant; quality very good. Season November to March in northern Ohio. Tree vigorous and upright in habit, very productive.



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Fertilizing Strawberries.

In replying to an inquiry as to the use of certain fertilizers for strawberry plants Dr. H. J. Wheeler of Rhode Island has the following in New England Homestead:

No doubt the application of marinate of potash this winter would be helpful to strawberry plants in the season unless there is a sufficient supply of potash already in the soil. At all events, if the potash is not applied this winter it should be applied early in the spring. It is generally recommended in Europe to apply these salts the autumn previous to the time when certain crops are to be grown, but in this country this is seldom done, no doubt on account of our heavy rains and the fear of possible losses. In the case of potash it is apt to be held quite securely by the soil unless it be of a very sandy or gravelly character.

So far as concerns lime if much of it is used it is doubtful if it will be helpful. In some cases very small amounts have been used to advantage—for instance, not more than from half a ton to a ton per acre—but it must be worked into the soil rather than applied to the surface.

If phosphate is to be applied to the surface, it should by all means be the acid phosphate and not the pulverized phosphate rock known as "floats." If floats are to be used for strawberries, they should by all means be worked into the soil most thoroughly before the plants are set. In fact, the same advice is good in the case of bone.

It will doubtless be wise to apply both muriate of potash and acid phosphate in the early spring. I should apply a small amount of nitrogen in addition, either in nitrate of soda or in dried blood, and observe whether or not it gave good or poor results. No one can predict beforehand without a full knowledge of the soil.

Continuous Grain Growing.

In rotation experiments which have been in progress on the university farm of Indiana for eighteen years the continuous grain growing plots in 1903 gave an average of 20.6 bushels per acre as compared with 23.6 bushels per acre for rotations with clover. A rotation of corn, oats, wheat and clover gave an average return for the three last wheat crops of 21.1 bushels per acre, while a rotation of corn and wheat gave but 16.9 bushels.

Keeping Catalpa Seed.

Seeds of catalpa, locust, mulberry and orange should be sown in the spring about corn planting time. Catalpa seed may be kept over winter in the pods or in bulk and needs no treatment by soaking or scalding before sowing. The young plants make a satisfactory growth if they stand at an average distance of an inch apart in the row and will grow very well in rich soil if still closer.—Ohio Experiment Station.

FERTILIZER EXPERIENCE.

A Comparison of Methods in Growing Strawberry Crops.

The value of fertilizers in growing the strawberry crop is recognized by the best growers. A good illustration of this effect and of the necessity for applying the proper kinds of fertilizers was given this year in the Texas crop, says a writer in Farm and Ranch.

The kind of berry desired is one with good size, color and flavor and sufficiently firm to stand shipment. To produce this kind of a berry it has been found that a complete fertilizer is necessary and that it is particularly essential to have a good percentage of potash. This element is the one which gives the high color, rich flavor and firm shipping quality.

Cottonseed Meal.

The truth of this was proved in the south Texas crop this season. At one important strawberry center the growers fertilized their fields very heavily with cottonseed meal and very little else besides. In other words, they put on a heavy application of nitrogen and very little potash and phosphoric acid. It is well known that nitrogen alone produces a large growth of vine with a soft berry of poor shipping quality. This is just the effect observed on this particular crop. Many of the berries would not stand up long enough to reach the market. They were soft and soon went to pieces, causing much loss to the shippers.

Good Berries For Shipping.

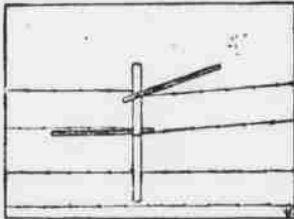
Just a few miles away is another locality where a large crop of strawberries is grown annually. This place did not suffer seriously from soft berries, and why? The soil is similar and the climate is the same. It was because the growers used their complete fertilizer with the nitrogen to make a good growth of vine and then along early in the winter they applied a few hundred pounds of potash and phosphate.

What do these elements do? They push the plant into fruiting and make a large crop of berries of fine color and flavor with excellent shipping quality. There is no trouble from the fruit going to pieces on the way to market. It has all the firmness necessary to stand shipment.

A WIRE FENCE.

Convenient Means of Tightening Up Slack Wires.

In building a wire fence a great many people use small stays between the posts. I find these stays are very handy when it comes to tightening up slack wire, says a writer in Iowa Homestead. My plan is to take a strong stick, make a loop in the wire and twist it around the upright stake until the wire is as taut as desirable. The end of the stick then is either stapled or wired to the wire in the fence. Any time after that that the



TO TIGHTEN THE WIRE.

wire becomes loose the stick may be given another twist around the stay, and your wire is tightened with but little trouble. With a stay every now and then in a fence the wires may be kept taut with very little trouble if this plan is put into practice.

Birds and Bollworms.

There are published few records of birds feeding upon bollworms, yet there is every reason to believe that bollworm larvae and adults are destroyed by many species. Domestic fowls are undoubtedly valuable in reducing the number of bollworms on cotton located near houses and barns. Several instances have come under the writer's observation in which cotton adjacent to barns where chickens, turkeys and guineas were kept was practically free from bollworms, while at some distance out in the fields the injury was quite severe.—C. R. Jones.

Celery Plants.

Celery plants should be set out as soon as they are large enough to handle. If they are very small, it will pay to transplant them once or twice into a bed before setting out in the rows. Get the land ready for the crop by preparing finely and making it rich. Celery is a gross feeder and too much manure and complete fertilizer can scarcely be used in the rows. The plants should be set out finally the end of this month or in August. They make their growth in the cool fall months.

The Most Profitable Horse.

The most profitable horse to have on the farm is the good brood mare. She will raise a colt each year, and it will sell for a snug sum in the fall, remarks American Agriculturist. With a little extra care the mare will do as much work as any horse. This is the kind that the average farmer wants and is the kind he should get for his own benefit. Have at least one good brood mare on the farm; raise your own horses and come to sell.

A Man's Time.

It is little else than foolish to pump water, shell corn and do other things of this sort by hand when a mechanical means is possible, remarks a writer in Iowa Homestead. If a man considers his time worth much, it won't take long to save enough time as well as energy to pay for a windmill or have the corn shelled.

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