ARM. GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Management of Grapevines.

Grapes first coming in bearing should not be permitted to perfect large crops of fruit while young. It is excusable to fruit a bunch or so on a young vine, "just to test the kind," but no more should be permitted till the vine has age and strength. Vigorous growth and great productiveness are the antipodes of the vegetable world. Encourage as much foliage as possible on the vines, and aim to have as strong shoots at the top of the cone; this can be done by pinching out the points of the strong shoots after they have made a growth of tive or six leaves. This will make the weak ones grow stronger. Young vines weak ones grow stronger. Young vines grow much faster over a twiggy branch Young vines grow much faster over a twiggy branch, stuck in for support, then over a straight stick, as a trellis, and generarly do betster every way. Where extra fine bunches of grapes are desired, pinch back the shoot bearing it to about four or five leaves the bunch. This should not be done indiscriminately with all the bunches Two much pinching and stopping injures the production of good wood for the next season. These hints are for amateurs, who have a few vines on trellises; for large vineyard culture, though the same principles hold good as far as they go, they will vary in their application.

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Fine, rich color is always esteemed as Fine, rich color is always esteemed as one of the criterions whereby to judge of the excellence of faith. Sunlight is of first importance; but it is not generally known that this is injurious when in excess. In a dry atmosphere, with great sun heat, where the evaporating process goes on faster than the secretive principle, what should become of a rich, rosy blush in a fruit, is changed to a sickly yellow; and the rich jet black of a grape becomes a fox red. Some grape growers of eminence, in view of the facts, shade their vineries during the coloring process; but others, instead, coloring process; but others, instead, keep the atmosphere as close and moist as possible. The latter course detracts from the flavor of the fruit. The best plan is that which combines both practices .- [Gardeners' Monthly.

Asparagus Salid.—After having scraped and washed the asparagus boil soft in salt water, then drain off the water, add pepper, salt and strong cider vinegar, and then cool. Before serving, ge the asparagus so that heads will in centre of dish; mix the vinegar in which it was put after removing from the fire with good olive oil, and pour over the asparagus.

To Make Omelettes.—To make an omelette, beat the yolks lightly—twelve beats is said to be the magic number—then add the milk, the salt, pepper and flour, if any is used, and lastly the whites beaten to a stiff froth. Have the skillet as hot as it can be without scorching the butter; put in a tablespoonful of butter, and pour on the omelette, which should at once begin to bubble and rise in flakes. Slip under a thin, broadbladed knife, and every now and then raise it up to prevent burning. As soon as the under side is hard enough to hold together, and the eggs begin to "set," fold over, shake the skillet so as to entirely free the omelette, carefully To Make OMELETTES .- To make an together, and to fold over, shake the skillet so as to fold over, shake the skillet so as to entirely free the omelette, carefully slide it on a hot platter, and serve at once. It should be cooked in from the cooked in from the state of th

POTATO CARES.—Take ten ounces floury potatoes boiled and smoothly pounded; when just warm add gradually a little salt, six ounces of flour and three ounces of butter; no liquid is required. When the ingredients are thoroughly mixed roll the dough into thm cakes the size of a captain's biscuit; bake in a moderate oven or on a griddle; when done split open, butter well and serve very hot.

Household Hints Wild mint will keep rats and mice

Wild mint will keep rats and mice out of your house.

A little saltpetre, worked into butter that has become sour or rancid, will render it sweet and palatable.

When turnips placed in the cellar begin to sprout they are usually thrown away, but a bushel of turnips will furnish a family with salad all winter—and a very good one if properly prepared. Place the bushel of turnips in a dark, warm cellar to sprout, and, when the sprouts are three or four inches long, cut them off; pick the leaves from the stems, and pour on hot water a moment; then plunge them into cold water; place the sprouts in the colander to drain off all the water, and send to table with a plain dressing or bacon dressing poured over them.

A Halt Dollar Trial.

Mr. Ernest King, editor of the Fall River (Mass.) Sun, thus discourses upon the merits of St. Jacobs Oil: "Suffering with rheumatic pains I was Didymus as to remedies. I read of St. Jacobs Oil and said here goes for a half dollar trial. I bought a bottle and before it was half used the screw-wrench pains had gone and troubled me no longer."

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After being thrown from his berth as the steamer Wilder struck a snag near Chattanoogs, Tennessee, John L. Dut-ton, who had been deaf and dumb for sixteen years, recovered his speech and hearing.

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add that, from what I have seen, I would unhesitatingly recommend this remedy."

The conclusions from the statements above made which come to the newspaper man as well as the general public, must be two-fold. First that a modern unracle of healing has been performed in our midst, and that, too, by the simplest means and one which is within the reach of every one. It should be remembered that Bright's disease is not usually a sudden complaint. Its beginnings are slight and its growth sliw. The symptoms by which it may be detected are different with different persons, no two people usually having the same. This fact was manifest in the case of Mr. Larrabee, and he had no idea of the terrible complaint which had attacked him until it became fixed upon him. Secondly, testimonials of such high character and so outspoken in tone, conclusively prove the value of the remedy and its superior nature to the proprietary articles with which the public have been flooded. "The greater includes the less," and the remedy which has been proven so valuable and has saved a life after it was brought down to death's door, must unquestionably be certain in all minor troubles which are so disastrous unless taken in time.

Major and the Cat-

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A gentleman in this city owns a fine large dog named Major. Major's hatred of a cat appears to be deep-seated, and he will kill all that comes in his way, and will often go out of his way to vent his spite on his enemies. His master's wife had a cat which she determined Major should not harm, and she took great pains to impress the big brute with this idea. She would take puss in her arms, carry her up to the dog, and while stroking and petting her would talk to her enemy reprovingly. The intelligent dog seemed to understand every word she said, but for all that h would keep his eyes fastened upon puss with a longing and hungry look, as though anxious to bring the pressure of his ponderous jaws to bear upon her spinal column. But his mistress conquered, and made him understand thal he must live on friendly terms with puss. Major and the Cat. the must live on friendly terms with puss. More than once he had been seen watching the cat with a look of evil intent, ing the cat with a look of evil intent, but out of respect to his mistress he conquered his nature, and would throw himself upon the ground with a sigh expressive of deep disgust at the situation. The cat was disposed to be on friendly terms with her enemy, but Major would not tolerate the slightest familiarity. Whenever puss approached, him he would get up and go away with a melancholly look, which seemed to say: "I am dying to kill you, and its dog-"I am dying to kill you, and its gone hard luck that I can't do it." matters went on for some months, and puss began to incur the displeasure of her mistress by sneaking up stairs at every opportunity and making trouble by curling herself up and taking naps on the snowy counterpanes and doing such other untidy acts as would naturally such other untidy acts as would naturally arouse the ire of a neat housekeeper. One morning the lady told her husband that the cat was getting troublesome that she guessed it would have to be killed. A few minutes later a rush and a struggling noise was heard, and as the lady of the house hastened to the door to see what had happened, Major walked up to his mistress and laid at her feet the dead body of puss, and then looked up with an air of triumph, and wagged his tail with intense satisfaction. He had heard his mistress express the wish that puss might be killed, and this was that puss might be killed, and this was so in consonance with his own feelings that he went right out and finished the cat. Major resides on Temple street.—
[Hartford (Conn.,) Times. Chinese Ingenuity.

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Consul Stevens writes from China as follows:—The department requires us to report any new inventions we may see or that may come before our observation. Thus far I have seen but two. The first is a pump. I remember when I was a small boy out in Illinois men came around to sell a new invention called a chain pump. The same pump has been used here for more than two thousand years. The second is double-headed tacks. No one can tell me how long they have beem in use here. There are many articles in use among the Chinese that could be advantageously introduced in America, of which I have been trying to get some drawings, but they are not yet ready, and will not be in time for this report. They will, however, be forwarded as soon as possible. These implements and machines are very crude, the people being very poor, as a general thing, and utilize everything in their power; they count, almost, the blades of grass; how much it will take to boil a cup of tea or cook their rice; they never waste for themselves, they only "squeeze foreigners."

The loss of memory experienced by Raley Welde. Emercery during his less.

The loss of memory experienced by Ralph Waldo Emerson during his last Ralph Waldo Emerson during his last years has frequently been spoken of him in this connection, showing that something of the element of humor remained with him during times of his difficulty in this respect. As he was going out one day his daughter saw him searching for something he could not name. She mentioned two or three articles, to which he returned a negative. At length he turned to her with a twinkle in his eye and said: "It is the thing that people take away." She at once brought him his umbrella, and all was right. all was right.

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