

FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

STAKING DAHLIAS.

Dahlia should always have stout stakes driven close to the main stalk of the plant to give the support needed in case of high winds.

CATCHING GROUND MOLES.

The editor of the Wynn Parish (La.) Democrat gives the following plan for catching the pestiferous ground moles, which is quite novel but simple and inexpensive.

PRECAUTIONS IN TREE PLANTING.

Trees carried long distances sometimes arrive in bad condition, owing to imperfect packing or to the extremes of weather.

THE VALUE OF BRAN.

The value of bran for feeding all kinds of farm stock renders it a desirable article of purchase. Its lightness and bulkiness greatly increase the cost of transporting it from the great flour manufacturing in the West to those localities in the East where it is most wanted.

PAUL PLANTING OF STRAWBERRIES.

By this we mean the transplanting of runners of the present year's growth, whether it be done in July or October.

Tomato Figs.

My tomato figs are praised wherever they are tried, boasts Mrs. G. Gray in the Prairie Farmer.

Why Gladstone's Marriage is a Success. The Grand Old Man, W. E. Gladstone, on the occasion of his golden wedding, is reported to have said that he has solved the domestic problem in this way.

COD LIVER OIL.

The Method of Procuring This Oleaginous Medicine.

Consumption Often Cured by Inhaling the Factory Fumes.

American cod liver oil is made at Portland Me. The livers of the cod, haddock, hake and cusk are used in the manufacture.

From September until March the livers are fat and in the best condition. A bucketful of livers will then yield about six quarts of oil.

Up to about fifteen years ago the most primitive means were used for obtaining oil from livers. The results were very unsatisfactory, and the best portion of the livers was wasted.

At the age of two years he loses the first milk grinder above and below and front teeth have their cavities filled up alike to teeth of horses of eight years of age.

At the age of three years or two and a half he loses his two front nippers, and in a short time after the two next.

At the age of four years, grinders are six upon each side; and at about four and a half years his nippers are all permanent ones.

At five years a horse has his tusks, and there is a black colored cavity in the centre of his lower nippers.

At six years this black cavity is obliterated in the two front lower nippers.

At seven the cavities of the next two are filled up, and the tusks blunted; and at eight the cavities of the two corner to them are filled up.

Cavities in the nippers of the upper jaw are not obliterated till the horse is about ten years old, after which time the tusks become round and the nippers project and change their surface.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Above all things keep the hen house clean and well ventilated.

Don't forget that green food should be fed to fowls when confined.

Save the best birds for next year's breeding and send the others to market.

Young poultry should not be fed with the older ones. It will always pay to keep a coop and provide a board or shallow trough in order to economize feed.

Fruit and vegetable growers are apt to look at the distant city market with a magnifying glass, and to overlook the advantage of the home market in consequence.

An excellent way to make a strange cow feel "swelled" or contented is possible—and there is money in this to the dairymaid—a daily use of the card and brush. Such use promotes her comfort, and very quickly causes her to feel contented with her new master and home.

The best quality of cod liver oil comes from Norway. It is much clearer and whiter than the American oil.

Perhaps some of the young people will like to be told how to make thistle-pomps—the dainty, cream colored balls, dotted with glossy seeds that can be made from the large Canada thistles.

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QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

The nasturtium came originally from Peru.

The opal is regarded as an unlucky stone.

The walnut is a native of Persia, the Caucasus and China.

Capers originally grew wild in Greece and Northern Africa.

Just 394 babies in this country have been named after Benjamin Harrison.

There is a movement in Canada to abolish the wearing of black for mourning.

Marseilles, France, was founded by the Phoenicians 630 B. C., by whom it was called Massilia.

An important industry of Paris is the manufacture of toy soldiers from cardboard and other tin that have been thrown away.

There are 800,000 more widows than widowers in England. In France for every 100 widowers there are 194 widows.

The old barlow knife or "toadsticker" once owned by President Buchanan and found four years ago at Wheatland, is at Snyder's Hotel, Lancaster, Penn.

At Lexington, Ky., a lawsuit that was begun in 1811 has just been settled. It related to a land claim, and the sum in dispute was originally about \$3000.

The word "bit" as applied to a "York shilling" is from the Anglo-Saxon word "bit," meaning a morsel, a small piece of anything, hence a "small piece of money."

Montgomery Sears, the richest man in Boston, has brought suit against the city for \$150 damages done to his property by fireworks during the Fourth of July celebration.

A sealed package all the way from Krainburg, Austria, in which was a queen bee, arrived recently in Mechanics Falls, Me. The bee was alive and well after the arduous trip.

According to a Pittsburg physician, the bow legs prevalent in that city are attributable to the descent of the hills by young children, in whom the ankles yield to ease the strain on the limbs.

Nevada has a curiosity in the shape of a paper mill of a wolf, never and a shepherd dog. Its car stand erect and its back much resembles fur. The animal is said to have quite an amiable disposition.

It is not generally known that the custom of keeping birthday is many thousand years old. It is recorded in the fourth chapter of Genesis, twentieth verse.

The modern names of sizes of books are derived from the folding of paper. When the sheet is not folded, it is called a folio, and this size was very fashionable throughout the 16th and 17th centuries.

In certain caterpillars the digestive power is so great that they swallow every day three or four times their own weight in food.

The blubber left in the bottom of the vat after the tallow is allowed to work and ferment for forty-eight hours, and is then pressed. After the pressure has continued for fourteen hours all the oil is secured that remains in the blubber; it is inferior oil of which there are six grades.

A curious ferryboat is building for the River Clyde at Glasgow, Scotland. Instead of requiring movable landing stages or bridges to meet the rise and fall of the tide, the deck of the boat itself will be movable, carried on six hydraulic elevators by which it can be raised or lowered.

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GERMAN JOKES.

A FATAL OVERSIGHT. Visitor—You say this ruined castle is haunted?

Guide—Undoubtedly. The specter can be seen almost every night.

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