

Points for Parents.

"Study the child and discover where his greatest interest lies," says Mrs. Theodore W. Birney, Honorary President of the National Congress of Mothers...

Odds and Ends.

British soldiers are provided with boiled water for drinking. The water is first clarified by a kind of rough filtration through charcoal...

Heaven's house of lords is the house of the lowly.

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The most widely known English writer in Japan is Carlyle.

The cure for consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds...

It is not so much what you pay for, but what you get that needs close attention when buying funeral supplies...

Unable to Answer.

Judge Hewitt was on the bench in the western district of the state, and Col. Billings was trying a case before him...

ACHED IN EVERY BONE.

Chicago Society Woman, Who Was So Sick She Could Not Sleep or Eat, Cured by Doan's Kidney Pills.

Marion Knight, of 33 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Orator of the West Side Wednesday Club, says: "This winter when I started to use Doan's Kidney Pills I ached in every bone and had intense pains in the kidneys and pelvic organs..."



Not long ago we lost a number of fine hogs from cholera. An old friend came to us just after the plague had run its course...

Agricultural.

The Hens That Give Winter Eggs.

Poultry houses should now be put in shape for winter. Mend the windows and clean the glass. Coat felt roofs with hot coal tar and sprinkle with fine, sharp sand...

About Weeds.

Whether fertile or poor, the soil seems capable of producing weeds. This is due to the fact that as there are so many different kinds of weeds on a soil there will be found some kinds that are adapted to the conditions...

Growing Rape Profitably.

Most of the failures in growing rape are due to the impression that the crop may be grown on any soil one happens to have vacant. As a matter of fact, rape requires a rich soil...

Pig and Poultry Cures.

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The Dairyman and the Cow.

The world today needs thinkers as well as workers. Some are content to work, and others to do the thinking for them. Some think and compel others to do the work...

Farm Notes.

The growing stock are carrying your pocketbook. Watch them. Last year you said you would have good pasture for all your stock. Have you?

Are the pigs in the clover? They ought to be some place where they can be happy.

Is that pig in the pen near the kitchen? Somebody is losing something if it isn't.

In all your plans for your young stock, don't be persuaded to favor anything but a thoroughbred male.

Now is the time when it's profit or loss on the lambs. Don't forget to see that they are doing their best.

How is the rape doing as a pasture for hogs and sheep? Didn't you try it? Well, you missed another chance.

Stock water is just about as important as stock feed. This has been quite a wet season over a very large area, and stock water is not much of a question yet, but be ready for August and perhaps September.

The Adirondack Mountains embrace an area of over 2,800,000 acres, and in this great area fully 300 mountain peaks rise to altitudes ranging from 1,200 to 5,000 feet.

make out invoices of goods shipped, to keep accounts, to figure fat due patrons from weight of milk and test, to test milk, cream, etc., with the various testers, and, above all, to keep things in and around the factory in a most cleanly and orderly manner...

The Care of Trees.

It is not reasonable to expect that every tree planter will have observed proper precautions in planting and caring for his ornamental and fruit trees. It therefore frequently happens that the removal of large branches becomes a necessity...

Those familiar with the propagation of plants from cuttings, as well as those who have observed the results of pruning trees, will have noticed that when branches are cut at a certain distance from their origin, the stub which is left invariably dies, decay follows, finally the rotten stub breaks off close to its origin, and a cup, which catches the rain, is left. This is also an attractive spot to many birds and rodents which are fond of nesting in such places.

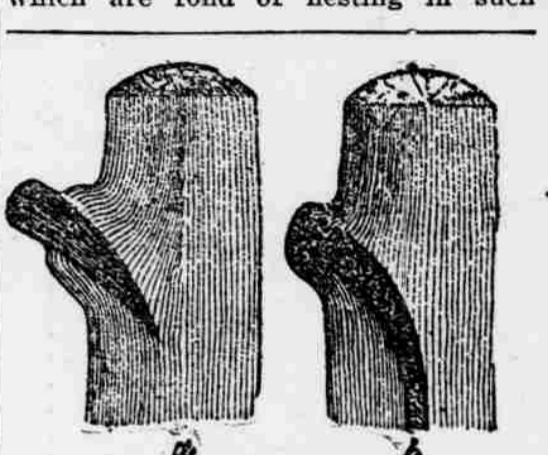


Fig. 1—Progress of decay due to improper pruning. a, dead stub; b, decay of heart.

The decay in the stub which breaks off near its origin does not stop at that point, but the factors which have been the cause of its decay and death continue their work upon the heartwood of the plant until the hollow trunk of the tree only remains. On the other hand, if the branch is removed at another point, the wound is rapidly covered by new growth, and in the course of two or three seasons it is practically impossible to determine where the branch formerly appeared. These results, which are so important to the life of the tree and to the success of the plantation, whether ornamental or economic, are well understood by all plant physiologists.

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In order to facilitate the healing process in the plant, all wounds which are made should be left smooth; that is, if it is necessary to use a saw in removing a large branch, the cut surface should be left smooth and clean, particularly around the edges.

The saw should be sharp and should leave it clean cut, and this in turn should be made smoother by the use of the pruning knife or sharp chisel, as the healing process starts quicker and progresses more rapidly when this precaution is observed than when a rough and jagged surface is left. It frequently happens that, in order to obtain the best results in removing large branches, two cuts should be made—that is, the branch should be sawed off eighteen inches or two feet from its origin, in order to prevent splitting down and tearing off a considerable portion of the bark. After the weight of the branch has been lessened by cutting away the main part, a second cut can be made and stub held in position until the cut is completed, thus preventing the splitting down and tearing of the bark which is likely to result from the careless removal of large branches.

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Woman's Realm

An Original Subject. One of the subjects taken up the other day by the Progressive Health Club, a feminine organization of Chicago, was how to make husbands eat what they dislike.

Color and Texture. Those who study the art of dress are well aware of the effect of color on texture and of texture on color. On this occasion we will deal with positive instead of negative examples.

The Modish Nightgown. The modish nightgown is of the chemise order. It is made with low neck and short flowing sleeves and slips over the head. The neck is drawn up with ribbon threaded through hand-made buttonholes.

Woman's Trump Card. A woman's winning card is cheerfulness. She may be capable of countless self-sacrifices, infinite tenderness and endless resources of wisdom, but if she cloaks these very excellent possessions under a garb of melancholy she may almost as well not have them, so far as the ordinary world is concerned.

Where Woman is Heroic. The determination to do her duty at all costs inspires the society woman of to-day as much as it did the defenders of the British flag at Trafalgar. She goes into action with a grim resolve to dance and dine as all her friends expect. Though her back is aching, her head splitting, and she knows she is grossly bored, she will heroically go through her day's program, fortified by the consciousness of having done her duty—Ladies' Field.

Gorgeous Pillow Top. Given a square of art canvas and some green, yellow, black and red braid one may have a gorgeous pillow top. The canvas should bear a design of some kind in the center, which can be embroidered in outline or cable stitch, and strips of the braid, which should be about half an inch wide, make a gay border. They may be applied with machine stitching. Where the strips cross at the corners they should be interlaced, basket-work fashion, ends three or four inches long being left to form a fringe effect.

Lingerie Hats. The lingerie hats of exquisite batiste or null or fine Swiss embroideries and Valenciennes lace are lovelier than ever this season, and innumerable changes are rung upon combinations of lace and flowers. Nets plain or dotted with large chenille wafers are shirred and pleated into airy, broad-rimmed shapes and trimmed with flowers and soft silk scarfs.

Shaded straws and straws of countless new weaves are shown. Linen hats inset with lace and picturesque in shape are among the new offerings as well as more severe linen models for outlining morning wear.

Garden bunches and flower wreaths divide the honors, and there are many flowers and bud fringes which are used profusely. Cockades, choux, rosettes, mercury wings, cupid wings and quills are called into service for the sailor hats.

The Modern Trousseau. No one thinks of getting a trousseau nowadays to last for years, and if they contemplated such a thing it would be a defeat. A modern bride gets an outfit for immediate wear, and dresses live from hand to mouth, and the gowns of three months ago are like the "snows of yester year." Women of to-day reset their jewels almost as often as they order fresh garments. There is no saving in anything. They spend the money in quality, and not quantity. No bride nowadays has an immense number of dresses; she is content with her wedding gown, the more gossamer the more fashionable; a traveling costume for going away, with a stole and muff to match; four evening frocks, one black, one satin, one lace and one tulle or thin ball gown; three smarter day gowns and a tailor-made or so would suffice a dozen of each article of underwear and hat a dozen petticoats of various sorts will pretty well complete the outfit.

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