

Farm and Garden

BLACK KNOT IN PLUMS.

More Light on the Failure of Plums in the East.

F. C. Sears of the Massachusetts agricultural college writes as follows about black knot in plums:

I have been interested in looking through the college orchard recently to notice the comparative susceptibility of the different varieties and classes of plums to black knot and in comparing present indications with past experience along the same lines.

The tree agent who sells plum trees which are warranted to be "knot



TREE WITH BLACK KNOT.

proof" is undoubtedly a nature faker, but if he selects the right varieties among the Japanese he will come much nearer than usual to the truth. In two rows in the college orchard of twenty-two trees each, one of Red June and the other of Burbank, I found in a reasonably long search not a single specimen of black knot. And last year their record was almost equally clean. On trees in adjoining rows of Engelhart and Bradshaw, however, knots are all too abundant, though not nearly so bad as last season. They would probably average half a dozen knots to the tree this season, while last year the same trees yielded a couple of bushels of knots from the two rows.

While this is a little discouraging to the man who wants to grow the domestic plums, as everybody does who wants high quality, still it is surprising how little time is required to keep down this disease if it is taken in time and systematically handled. And it is equally surprising how badly a tree can be affected and still be recovered satisfactorily. A few years ago the writer undertook to revive some old trees which would ordinarily have been cut down and put on the brush heap. They were a mass of knots from top to bottom. We selected a time when the snow was on the ground so that the knots could be easily gathered up and cut out every vestige of the disease, though in some cases this left a pretty small proportion of the original tree. In removing a knot we cut at least six inches below it, so as to be sure and take out the roots of the disease. That year the trees made a big growth, often three or four feet, but a good many new knots also came out which were removed that autumn. The trees also received two thorough sprayings with bordeaux mixture during the summer.

The following two years we did nearly all our cutting in the summer and found it much more satisfactory in its results than cutting during the dormant season. To begin with, as the knots were removed as soon as they appeared we saved the crop of summer spores which would otherwise have spread the disease. Then, the knots being young and soft, we could frequently shave them off and thus save the branch on which they grew. Lastly, when it became necessary to cut out a branch altogether, in getting rid of a knot, the tree, being still in growth, would at once fill in the space thus made, so that by autumn it could hardly be seen.

This work was done in a section where the black knot flourishes like the proverbial green bay tree, yet we found it by no means a serious matter to rid these trees of the disease and keep them reasonably free. Three cuttings during the summer, with an autumn clearing up (after the leaves were off) of the knots which had escaped thus far, combined with three applications of bordeaux mixture, did the work. Our sprayings were applied one before the leaves opened, one after the blossoms fell and one about two weeks later. Last season may think this a pretty serious programme, I may say that the summer cutting the third season took just four and one-half hours for an orchard of ninety trees.

Fresh Eggs.

Secretary Wilson says that hereafter eggs sold as "fresh" or "strictly fresh" must be exactly what they are represented to be. Storage eggs must be sold as such or under the pure food law the dealer is liable to a fine of \$500 or six months' imprisonment, or both. Thousands of people do not know how a "strictly fresh" egg tastes. This will give them a chance to find out.

Hauling Crops.

Inquiries conducted in over 1,000 counties of the United States by the department of agriculture indicate that the average length of haul of crops over country roads is 12.1 miles, the average weight of the load 2,002 pounds and the average cost per mile 25.2 cents, or about \$3 per load, the figures being based on cost of labor, feed, wear, etc.

The Democrat is the paper. \$1.

Conover Letter.

Correspondent to the Democrat.

It was not a meeting of synod but of a conference of Lutherans of the Missouri synod in the south-east, that held sessions here and at Augustine church the last of August. It was in fact a good time.

Concordia College has reopened for the year with an increase in the number of students. The four professions are busy with their regular work.

A young man named Richard Bendick has been installed as teacher of the Lutheran congregation at Conover. The school opened last week with forty pupils. The number will no doubt grow to sixty or seventy, some coming from beyond the bounds of the congregation.

Juniors Koiner, who has been working for the Piedmont Electric Co. Asheville, has gone to the university, Chapel Hill. He will study surveying and electric engineering.

It has been well said that a crime should not be "hugged up" and hidden because the perpetrator is of honorable standing. It is equally true that a crime by a laboring man against an officer of the law should be tried and punished as promptly and certainly as one by the officer against a blustering tippler.

Moreover, it seeing that a fatal mistake may be made by too hasty release from confinement of a maniac. The shocking murder Starr Town should be heeded by all who have the care of one who is or has lately been insane.

While many of us have felt the uncomfortable effects of the panic, and whilst some must be guilty of wrong in causing it, yet the panic must be serving a general good purpose. It gives hundreds a needed occasion to page, take breath and reflect.

"Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness; for for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." who said that? J S K

Presbyterian Church Notes.

Presbyterian services for communion will be conducted on next Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30. All are invited to these services as they are purely devotional in character and intended to engage mind and heart in thoughts leading to the service of the Lord's supper.

Communion service will be conducted at 11 a. m. on Sunday. After the service at the singing of the last hymn a special collection for the poor will be taken. This is in addition to the regular collection before the sermon and is intended to provide a fund for emergency calls for charity.

At an early date a Men's Brotherhood will be organized in the church. The purpose of this Brotherhood will be to develop the brotherhood spirit of christianity among men, the desire to be helpful to one another materially, spiritually and socially, to inform ourselves on the work of the church in its home and missionary fields. Popular addresses will be made at intervals by prominent speakers of our own city and elsewhere.

The household service will be conducted at 4 o'clock next Sunday afternoon. All the families of the church are asked to be present even to the smallest child. The pastor will preach on "Fishes or scorpious." The public generally invited to this service.

There will be no service at night next Sunday.

Beginning with Sunday night Sept. 27th Rev. J. G. Garth will begin a series of sermons on marriage—"The Tie that Binds."

There will be four sermons in the series as follows:

1. The Wedding Bells.
2. The sitting room vs the club.
3. The Hickory Stick.
4. The Old Folks a Home.

These sermons will be preached on Sunday nights and all are invited. The first one September 27th.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from the Sunday school of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, our sister, Miss Laura Deitz; and whereas the earnest Christian character and the intimate relations long held by our deceased sister with the members of the Sunday school render it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of her service and character, therefore be it resolved:

First: That while in her death the Sunday school has lost one of its most faithful and devoted teachers. We bow to the deity will, feeling grateful for the example of such a life and faith as hers.

Second: That though transplanted to the Heavenly Kingdom, the influence of her gentle and cheerful disposition remains with us.

Third: That we tender our sincere and heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family and invoke the ministrations of the Divine Comforter in their behalf.

Fourth: That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Sunday school, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, to the Lutheran Church Visitor and to the town papers for publication.

Hattie Leonard }
Jennie Lee Little } Com.
Mabel Hawn }

Tribute of Respects.

It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of Mrs. L. C. Bost, wife of Brother L. C. Bost which occurred at Morgan ton Saturday Sept. 5 1908.

To the bereaved brother and husband we would tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and while mingling our sorrows with his, would commend him to the care of our Heavenly Father, who is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind.

Therefore be it resolved that in the death of Mrs. Bost, the church and the community has lost a faithful christian, the husband a true, devoted, and loving companion.

Resolved, that a page in our record of the Jr. O. U. A. M., be inscribed to her memory, that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, that a copy be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy to the papers and the Watchman for publication.

W. H. Wilfong }
P. A. Rowe } Com.
D. P. Smith }

Public Sale of Household Goods.

Saturday, Sept. 19th at 2 p. m. I will sell at public auction my household and Kitchen furniture comprising beds, bedding, chairs, dishes, etc.

Terms cash. Anyone wishing to buy before hand I will wait on them at any time at my house, close to Episcopal church.

This 14th of Sept., 1908.

A McIntosh.

A TRAVELING MAN'S EXPERIENCE.

"I must tell you my experience on an East bound O. R. & N. R. train from Pendleton to LeGrande, Ore., writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick unto death in the car. I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic; her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a deathlike look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suit case and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it.) ran to the water tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in twenty minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grande, where I was to leave the train I give the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car.'"

For Sale by W. S. Martin & Co.

Lincoln and Bryan.

Four years ago I voted for Roosevelt, but today Bryan is the man who stands for the rights of all the people. He has finally risen to the heights of the true and new Democracy and is the champion of the old. The poor man has not had a friend in the White House since Lincoln died; today he looks to Bryan.

"It was many a day since Lincoln died,
And angry seas still lash the shore;
But now today, hope, angel-eyed
Sits down beside the poor man's door;
Today springs promise in the West,
Springs like a flower from prairie sod;
Emblem of truth on his broad breast,
On his broad brow the sign of God."

—John W. Hall.

A Novel Case in Police Court.

On Monday night Sept. 14 one Lawrence Seagle, alighted from train No. 35 carrying a suit case and acting rather suspicious. Policeman, R. B. Shell noticing that he did not go directly home, followed and demanded an explanation of his acts. On being asked what his suit case contained, Mr. Seagle answered that it contained three gallons and one quart of whiskey.

Officer Shell then took Mr. Seagle and the whiskey into custody and carried him before the mayor.

Before being arrested, Seagle threw the suit case to the ground and stamped it in an effort to destroy the contents, but was prevented by the officer.

On arriving at the Mayor's office it was found that the suit case contained five full quarts intact and eight broken bottles. On the trial no evidence was offered by defence. For certain reasons, (those wishing to know these reasons may ask Squire Sites) the trial was postponed until Monday the lawyer for the defence, who, by then was the originator of the law, declared his own law unconstitutional.

This law, it will be remembered, makes the possession of more than two gallons of whiskey by one person in the county of Catawba, prima facie evidence of retailing. Seagle was fined fifty dollars including costs, Seagle at once sued for delivery of whiskey and upon giving bond in the sum of ten dollars the whiskey was delivered to counsel for defence.

Under authority of law, he then gave bond in the sum of twenty dollars and demanded repossession of the whiskey. The officer, after demanding the whiskey from its owners, notified the town that the services of a doctor and stomach pump would be required to obtain it.

The town authorities are to be commended on their zeal in enforcing the prohibition laws.

Mill President Got Skinned.

Mr. — President of a cotton-mill at Union S. C. — he don't want to see his name in print — had two offers of 500 gallons of paint: \$1.30 and \$1.25. Took the \$1.25; and got skinned. He'd have got three-quarters skinned if he'd taken the other.

The \$1.30 was full-gallon; the \$1.25 was 18 short. The full measure paint was adulterated 40 per cent; the short measure paint was adulterated 45 per cent besides benzine in the oil, don't know how much.

Devote lead and zinc wasn't sold in the town then.

It don't pay to monkey with paint. Devote cost less than any of 'em; not by the gallon, of course; by the house and year. That's how to reckon it Go by name.

F. B. Ingold.

IN FASHION'S REALM.

How a Young Girl's Hair Should Be Arranged.

THE EFFECT MUST BE SIMPLE.

Anything the Least Bit Artificial Is Inartistic and Incongruous—Ribbon Adornment Eminently Suited to the Fresh Young Faces They Surround.

When a young girl reaches that milestone in her career which is marked by the lengthening of her frocks and the turning up of her braids, she is as deeply concerned about the fashion of doing her hair as any debutante is over the question of puffs or no puffs. Candidly, the subject of hairdressing means more to the girl who wears her braids up for the first time than it does to her older sister! She has nothing to guide her in the way of former experience, and she does not always get that sympathetic

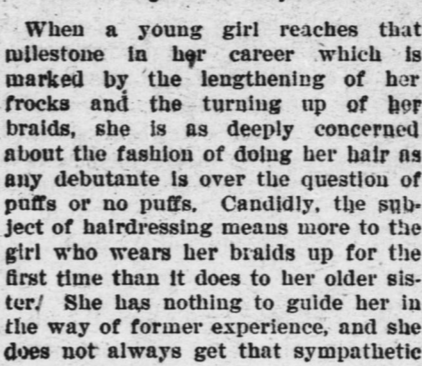
help older sisters might render if they remembered how important the coiffure is to the schoolgirl.

Doing the hair up does not mean that the hair is actually arranged on the top of the head. The "up" is used comparatively in contrast to the hanging braids or curls worn by girls under fourteen. In a general way the young girl's coiffure is following in the lead of the one adopted by fashionable women. It suggests ever so slightly a Grecian effect by reason of its fullness at the back of the head.

A simple way to manage this style of dressing is to roll the sides of the hair back from the face, either from a middle part or straight back from the forehead, and twist it altogether in a double loop, pinning the coils across the head in a horizontal line.

Anything the least bit suggestive of artificiality in a young girl's hairdressing is not only inartistic, but borders on the incongruous. Naturalness is the point aimed at, and a marcel wave, no matter how cleverly it is accomplished, stamps any head with artificiality. Almost all girls' hair has a slight wave of its own around the face, and this may be encouraged by simple means, but never by the iron.

Fancy hairpins, ornaments and combs are not proper features of girls' coiffures. They wear shell pins and combs to serve a practical purpose, but never in a decorative way. When the hair is not tied before it is put up a comb will be found most useful in keeping the hair in place and in making the dressing simpler. These combs rarely show, however, and when one does get a glimpse of them it is only of a bit of polished tortoise shell rim. Ribbons wound through the pompadour and in and out of the coils make a pretty way to arrange the hair for a party. Ribbons are simple and artistic and eminently suited to the fresh young faces they surround. The dou-



A LOW COIFFURE.



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Demographic Speaking.

Hon. J. W. Bailey, Democratic Candidate for Presidential Elector at large will address the people at Hickory, Monday, Sept. 21

ARE YOU SURE?

That the ice cream you buy is strictly PURE!

Do you know that the makers' hands were clean, flies excluded from the factory, and frezzer and other utensils kept in Sanitary Condition?

Why take any chance where your health is concerned? Why not

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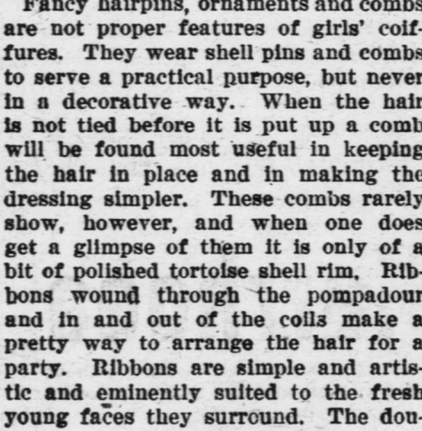
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The Genesee Pure Food Co., Le Roy, N. Y.



MODIFIED PSYCHE.

ble faced kind a little over an inch wide gives the best results. The waving may start at the back and cross in front through the pompadour, then be brought back to the knot again and the ends tucked under a loop of the hair or the two tied in a girlish bow.

AMY VARNUM.

Don't Be Discouraged.

Beginning a thing is easy. It's the sticking to it that is difficult. The test of character is the ability to go on and finish. It is a rare virtue and all exceedingly valuable one, for, whatever you have set yourself to do, there will surely come a time of discouragement, when you doubt if, after all, it is worth while. Look out for that time—the time when you are tempted to turn back. It is there that the danger lies. It doesn't matter what your work is—earning a living or making a home or conquering a besetting sin—the discouragement is bound to come. Don't give way to it. Be prepared for it and make up your mind to keep on just the same.

Do you take the Democrat?

A Call for Campaign Subscriptions.

The Democrat will receive and acknowledge contributions to the Democratic National Campaign fund in any amount from one dollar upward, forwarding same promptly to the local treasurer of the Campaign Committee.

Thousands of good Democrats in North Carolina should esteem it a privilege to contribute their portion to the success of the party.

Registrars for November Election.

The following gentlemen have been named to act as registrars for the November election:

Catawba,	D. L. Wilke.
Shawnee,	Tate Leonard.
Sher. Ford,	D. E. Whitener,
Mt. Pleasant,	Locke Little,
Piney Grove,	Jas. Fulbright,
Springs,	Jean Isenhour,
Maiden,	Baxter Murray,
Caldwells,	R. L. Hewitt,
Shufords,	G. L. Reinhardt,
Newton,	E. M. Deal,
Bandy's,	A. F. Wood,
Nor. Hickory,	H. E. McCombs,
So. Hickory,	D. E. Whitener,
Early Grove,	Frank E. Bost,
Conover,	J. S. Koiner,
Claremont,	Geo. E. Setzer.

D. P. Rowe, } Board of
J. B. Little, }
S. M. Hamrick, } Electors

Mourning for the Deceased.

Ian MacLaren told this story of grim humor in his lecture "Scottish Traits:" A Scotch criminal condemned to death was visited by his counsel, who hoped to cheer him up just before the execution. After some words of cheer he said:

"Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Thank you, there is one thing you can do for me before I am executed."

"What is that?"

"I would ask you to go to my chest and fetch my Sabbath blacks."

"And what do you want with your Sabbath blacks?"

"I wish to wear them as a mark of respect to the deceased."—Lyceumite and Talent.

Kodol for Indigestion.

Relieves sour stomach
palpitation of the heart. Digests what you eat

Speaking of danger, one of the greatest dangers of the age is a high power automobile in charge of a low-power intellect.—Ex.

THE CHILDREN LIKE IT KENNEDY'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP

The murder of the young woman near Newton by a lunatic, was a deplorable tragedy. The man had been insane, but had been apparently restored to his normal faculties and had conducted himself as a safe citizen. There have been other cases of a similar character—cases against which no human precaution can safeguard.—Chronicle.

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I do all kinds of repair work on
Buggies, Carriages, Wagons,
Wood-work, Blacksmithing.

Builder of
Spring Dray Wagons and
Platform Gears.

J. E. Perkins.
HICKORY, N. C.

HIT THE WRONG BANK

Story of the Man Who Wanted to Open a Small Account.

A WALL STREET EXPERIENCE.

The Would Be Depositor of Modest Means Found Himself in a Place For Millionaires—An Official's Courtous Explanation and Advice.

"When," said the man who writes pieces for magazines and things, "by some strange and unprecedented chance, I had got hold of a matter of \$350 all at one and the same time it looked big to me. By an even more curious chance there wasn't anything that I really needed to do with the money, so I decided that I'd bank it.

"Now, I knew in a general way that in order to put money in a bank you've got to be known and give your pedigree and look respectable, and all that, and I hated to approach a bank without any sort of credentials. Therefore I went to the business manager of a certain magazine which occasionally prints pieces that I write and asked him what I'd better do.

"Simplest thing in the world," said he. "I'll give you a note to our bank."

"That sounded fine to me. He wrote me the note, and I started for the bank a good deal tickled over how easy the little depositing proceeding had been made.

"The bank to which I had the note is in Wall street. I asked the uniformed man who was standing around where I'd find the receiving teller's window, and he pointed that window out to me. I got into line and watched the teller take in money.

"I must own that I was a bit stalled to note the great size of some of the deposits he was receiving. Why, fellows were giving the money to him by the satchelful. But I had my note in my pocket, and I remained complacent enough with that consciousness.

"When I reached the receiving teller, a decidedly civil young man, opened it and read it. Then he looked at me, after which he read the note again, this time with a sort of puzzled expression on his countenance. I didn't see why the receiving teller should be puzzled over such a simple matter, but he seemed. He rang a bell, and the uniformed man who'd directed me to that window appeared.

"Show this gentleman to the office of the cashier," said the receiving teller to the uniformed man, at the same time regarding me with a pleasant smile, and the uniformed man led me down the passageway and took me behind a railing where there was a handsome gray haired gentleman sitting at a desk.

"The handsome gray haired gentleman received me cordially and invited me to be seated. I handed him my note, which the receiving teller had returned to me, and he leaned back in his chair and read it carefully. Then he, too, looked puzzled after he'd read the note a second time. Then he looked at me pleasantly over the tops of his spectacles.

"Ahem!" said the handsome gray haired gentleman, not disagreeably, but in a nice, banker-like way. "Might I inquire, Mr. Penphist, without seeming to be unduly inquisitive, as to how—er—large—er—balance you would usually be carrying?"

"Well, that was a civil enough question, nothing inquisitive about it.

"'Why, sir,' I said to the handsome gray haired gentleman, 'I am opening an account with a matter of some \$350, but I shall no doubt make some additions to that within the next two months, and probably I shall carry a balance of—well, say, \$500 or \$600 right along.'"

"The kindly cashier with the gray hair fairly beamed upon me.

"Er—just so, just so, said he, twiddling his thumbs. 'We feel complimented, Mr. Penphist, we really do, that you should have come to us. And it is unfortunate—er—really unfortunate, that we are so utterly lacking in facilities for taking care of accounts of such a character.'

"You see, Mr. Penphist, our institution is of—er—a sort of special character. It is used as a depository by—well, perhaps I should put it in a clearer manner. I say it to you quite in confidence, you understand, Mr. Penphist, but we have only 1,600 depositors on our books, and these 1,600 depositors' aggregate balances amount all the time to a matter of \$110,000,000.'

"Well, that was about enough. I saw the light then. I'd drifted into a millionaires' bank on the careless credentials of a business manager who'd written me that note no doubt in a thoughtless mood.

"The gray haired cashier acted bullishly about it. He recommended a fine bank to me—one that combines perfect responsibility with the necessary facilities for handling accounts like—er—yours, Mr. Penphist," he added.

"For all of the cashier's niceness I walked out of there into the cold gray light of Wall street feeling like a good deal of a human caterpillar.

"I didn't go to the bank recommended to me by the cashier; didn't have the nerve to visit any more banks. I've got \$32 left now of the \$350, but I'm going to use that as a nest egg, and maybe some day even yet I'll have a bank account."—New York Sun.

The universe is not rich enough to buy the vote of an honest man.—Gregory.

An innocent heart suspects no guile.—Portuguese Proverb.

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