Holland is the only country in Europe that admits coffee free of duty.

The horseless carriage cannot run in England until an old law prohibiting the operation of "locomotives" on public highways is repealed.

The year 1895 was a very prosperous one for the cotton mills of the Fall River (Mass.) district. Average dividends paid were about seven per cent. against six per cent. in 1894.

There is a genuine revival in matters of public instruction in Salvador, the Central American Republic. Mixed schools on the American plan have been established in many places.

Anti-toxine for diphtheria receives a strange indorsement from Burlington. Iowa. It is related that two sisters were seriously ill of the disease. Enough anti-toxine could be procured for only one. The parents could not decide which should have it, and the physicians applied it to the one most seriously affected. It lives, while the other child died.

Several European countries are opposed to a war, between England and the United States' because, the Atlanta Constitution explains, they fear that it would diminish the number of American tourists who now spend their money abroad. In England the merchants and wage workers are on the same line, because they believe that a war would hurt their business and industries.

The Atlanta Constitution has compiled these statistics: Last year in this country various persons gave \$12,379.820 to colleges; \$5,745,670 to charities; \$2,089,150 to churches; to museums and art gallaries \$1,724,500; to libraries \$530,439, and to other institutions \$6,471,976; a total of \$28, 943,549, which is nearly \$10,000,000

THE RIVER, I am a river flowing from God's sea

Through devious ways. He mapped my course for me: I cannot change it; mine alone the toil

To keep the waters free from grime an soil The winding river ends where it began:

And when my life has compassed its brief

I must return to that mysterious source. So let me gather daily on my course The perfume from the blossoms as I pass. Balm from the pines and healing from the grass.

And carry down my current as I go Not common stones but precious gems show.

And tears (the holy water from sad eyes) Back to God's sea, which from all rivers rise Let me convey; not blood from wounded hearts,

Nor poison which the upas tree imparts. When over flowery vales I leap with joy, Let me not devastate them, nor destroy, But rather leave them fairer to the sight. Mine be the lot, to comfort, and delight. And if down awful chasms I needs must leap

Let me not murmur at my lot, but sweep On bravely to the end without one fear, Knowing that He who planned my ways stands near.

Love sent me forth, to Love I go again, For Love is al, and over all. Amen. -Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Independent.

# WON BY WHISTLING

ARTLEY, or rather his wife, had been giving a musical "At Home, and a performance of siffleurs had proved the hit of the evening's entertainment. An hour or so later,

the "crowd" having dispersed, Birdy Jackson, Hartley and I were idly discussing the events of the affair in the smoking room. Jackson and I were stopping over night with our host, being old chums of his, and living some distance out of town.

"No idea you could give us such a ripping performance, Birdy," re-marked Hartley; "and when your wife joined in I was perfectly astounded." Jackson laughed softly.

"No, she doesn't do it at'all badly." headmitted. "You know, Dick, there's rom my darling's lips.

clerk in a casual way, and he volun. My Lady Fair," from the "Gaiety teered the information that Miss Alton | Girl" song. Searcely had he conhad, but a few moments previously, cluded than away from another quarter given notice of her intention to va- of the house came the answering cate their apartments the next morn-ing. The news staggered me. Then Miss Alton certainly did not know all, ute later in strolled Mrs. Jackson and and had decided on flight as the only Hartley's wife. Birdy winked knowingly at us. safe remedy under the circumstances. "Not a glimpse could I catch of "I've just been telling them how you were practically wooed and won by Evelyn. After dinner, from a search on the pier I returned to the whistling, my dear," he remarked to North Cliff, and sat disconsolately his wife," and they want another tune before we turn in.

smoking out on the balcony of my room in the growing dusk. Almost unconsciously I lapsed into melody, she warbled three times. and appropriately commenced to war-ble softly, 'Alice, Where Art Thou?' and marched upstairs with the strains A slight movement on the balcony of the National anthem on his lips .above mine, and one window to the Tit-Bits.

left caused me to glance up. A figure Unknown Region of Ontario, in white met my gaze, with one of its

hands, as if demanding silence, point-Of Ontario's area, estimated at 200, ing warningly to the window behind 000 square miles, 100,000 square miles her. Yes, it was Evelyn, but her atare in an unknown region, only the tendant dragon of an aunt was eviedges of which have been explored. dently at hand. Verbal communica-This is the teritory known as the Hintion, as well as writing, was out of the terland of Ontario. It lies between question. An idea suddenly flashed Lakes Huron and Superior to the upon me. Why not try? No sooner south and the Albany River and St. thought of than done. Softly I whis-James Bay to the north. In this vast tled the last lines of 'Whisper and I area is the Height of Land, which Shall Hear' refrain. A slight shake of separates waters flowing to Hudson the head and then a rendering of Bay from the streams empting into 'Goodby, Sweetheart, Goodby,' floated the St. Lawrence and the lakes. North down. Then they were really going of the Height is what is called the Hudson Bay slope, consisting of about

Evelyn blushed, "No. Sir." etc.,

Then Jackson took up his candle

streams and rivers and thousands of

nobility and largeness of view which

the most important, being about 475

away. "'Evelyn, I don't think it's quite 80,000 square miles. This slope may proper for you to be standing there,' be described as an unknown land, came a voice from within, and which, . The Height of Land is not a ridge of

by straining my ears, I could just hills, but is a level plateau some 1200 overhear. My heart beat wildly, and or 1300 feet above the sea. "The the girl turned to address her aunt scenery," says a surveyor's report, without leaving the balcony. "though diversified by hundreds of without leaving the balcony. " 'It's almost dark now, and I can't stay cooped up all the evening-our lakes and innumerable crags and hills last one, tool What does paps want of rock, is certainly lacking in that us back in such a hurry for?'

only the presence of lofty mountains " 'Because he wishes it, my dear; can bestow." Of the rivers flowing that's all the reason I can give you. You really must help me to finish the north from this slope, the Albany is packing in a few minutes." "Then her aunt had revealing noth-

ing, and believed her yet to be in ignorance of my presence at the hotel. Lucky, but the case was a desperate one. Evelyn returned to her former | tlements of North Bay, Sturgeon Falls position and leaned over again.

general knowledge, but the whole ter-"'Where Are You Going To, My Pretty Maid?' I began. There was a ritory sloping north remains unexmomentary pause, and then the answer plored.

came in a line of 'Home, Sweet Home,' The Hinterland is Ontario's reserve. Much valuable timber in this region "I do wish you would drop that is destroyed by fires that sweep south vulgar habit of whistling,' again came of the watershed. Pine, spruce, tamarack, poplar and cedar are varieties the voice inside the window. "But, auntie, there is no piano to of wood existing in abundance - south of the Hudson Bay slope. Here, too, sing to,' was the somewhat lame exare valvable minerals, but the treascuse. 'I must do something, and I ures hidden in the region north of the can't possibly shock any one up here. plateau and the resources of the plain "Then there was silence once more. itself await the searching of some in-"Back to Yorkshire again. No trepid explorer. The Hinterland will chance there. Anyhow, she still cared reward the eager discoverer, and when for me, and I must put her affections he has exhausted that territory the to a severe test. It was our only regions of the great Northwest remain chance of securing happiness. "' 'Oh, Nannie, Wilt Thou Gang Wi' unsurveyed. - Winnipeg (Manitoba) Free Press. " "Where Are You Going To?' was

# AGRICULTURAL.

TOPICS OF INTEREST RELATIV TO FARM AND GARDEN.

#### TIPS ON COWS' HORNS.

The next best thing to dehorning is to fit a metal blunt tip over the horns of cattle so as to prevent the horns from piercing when in play or anger it is pushed against other animals. These tips can be procured at most hardware stores, and sawing off enough of the horn to make them a good fit is a painless operation that does not require either skill or severe labor .-American Cultivator.

#### BEE-HIVES FOR FARMERS.

Most farmers would have better success with bees if they used only the old straw or box hives. Bee-keeping age is of a thick, waxen texture, of with the movable-frame hives is an bright green color, without shadings art which few care to learn; the straw or markings of any kind, and prohive is a simple tool which any one duced in great luxuriance. Is is a percan use. Before the bee-moth became petual and profuse bloomer. Its flowprevalent, nearly every farmer kept ers are of a bright, shining coral red, bees in this simple way. The intro- borne in large, loose, spreading, penduction of the Italian bee has done dulous panicles. They contrast charmaway with this trouble. With the ingly with the foliage. A well shaped old-fashioned hives, women and chil- specimen of this begonia lends an air dren can do most of the work, and bee-keeping, like poultry-raising, can Each variety named above of this large be their special province and profit. Aside from learning to hive new for the ornamentation of the window swarms, little knowledge is needed .as for that of the table and all are of Country Gentleman. the easiest culture. - Chicago Record.

The Florist's Exchange gives the following ways to catch cut worms: of the can should be three or four inches above the surface of the ground. The ends can be unsoldered by throwing the tins into a fire.

2. Plowing the ground early in September, and not allowing weeds to grow.

miles long, and navigable during the 3. Plowing the ground late in the season of high water for 250 miles. fall or early in spring, keeping the Of the short slopes south of the Height surface free from weeds by cultivation, of Land, in which are situated the setand not putting a crop on same until the middle of May or first of June. and Sudbury, there is definite and During the first ten days of May, fresh cut clover, grass or weeds which have ground each evening.

tion. B, manicata sures is a variety of low spreading habit, with large leaves of thick texture of a shinin dark green, irregularly spotted and blotched with yellow shades ranging from cream to a golden tint. Olbia belongs to the hybrid section, which has been obtained by crossing the shrubbery sorts with the rex class. Its foliage is large, of a rich, velvety olive, shaded from light to dark, with beautifully contrasting flowers of a pure lemon-white. Metallics has foliage of a rich green, marked along the mid-rib and veins with darker shades, on the upper surface, and showing a network of red when seen from below or with the light shining through it. This makes a charming centre plant for a group. Rubra is one of our oldest flowering varieties, and is, as it deserves to be, one of the most popular varieties in cultivation. Its foli-

of grace and distinction to any table. family of plants is equally as valuable

## MILLET AS A HAY FOR SHEEP.

'A subscriber living at Rossville, Kan., asks us if we cannot give some-1. Placing around the plants fruit thing which will enlighten him upon or vegetable cans from which top and the subject of millet as a hay for bottoms have been removed. The top sheep; and after looking over the facts which we have at hand, we find ourselves bound to confess that we believe that some other grasses can be used in its stead which would not only

make better hay for sheep, but would be liable to give a much larger crop, because of their ability to withstand

the elements. Some time ago a leading agricultural journal spoke editorially in regard to millet, and advised its readers to steer clear of it because of their having been discovered in its composition. by well-known scientists, a been dipped in water containing Paris poisonous element which was exceedgreen should be strewn over the ingly harmful to cattle when the millet was given in large quantities; and we have no doubt whatever but what ing while they are feeding. This re- this would apply to sheep as well as cattle. This, of course, is no doubt Just think ! I bought that horse yes-5. Each morning hunting for the true, but nevertheless there are many who claim a great deal for millet, os-6. Using "light traps" at intervals pecially the variety known as the One writer claims for this variety that it is distinct from the ordinary full of water, pouring a little kerosene millet, growing much taller and over the surface and hanging a lantern stouter, and recommends it especially

# SKATING.

Across yon waveless lake of light, Shored by the silver of the snow, The skaters, in their devious flight, Like shadows through the moonlight g As'swift as Arab courses flee". Or falcons in the fields of air, The plain they spurn with winged feet, As gods might spurn the other rare.

The bird-forsaken groves are still; In crystal cells the Naiads sleep; But wild halloo and laughter shrill Alive the ancient echoes keep. The summer's leafy lips no more, Kissed by the frolic Zephyrs, sing: But from you sounding crystal floor The skates a livelier music fling.

Now right, now left the figures wheel, Shod, as it seems, with lambent flame, Now deftly curve, with trenchant steel, On Nature's glass some well loved name, Here, high in air some athlete twirls His hickory cudgel in the van, And there a romp with streaming curis Cries, "Come and catch me-if you can!"

Though chill the air, in gushes warm, Through youthful veins the current flows. Joy lends each voice a rarer charm, Sport deepens on each cheek the rosa. Ye who in furnace-heated halls Sigh for your vanished bloom in vain, Leave your soft seats and gilded walls, And join the skaters' merry train. -W. B. Barber, in Ledger.

PITH AND POINT.

You musta't conclude that a dentist is mad because you find him grinding his teeth. - Texas Siftings.

An antioneer cannot expect to have his own way. He must follow the bidding of another. - Texas Siftings. What woman would be the most likely to give her husband a blowing up if he irritated her? Dinah might. A man up a tree and a man below with a shotgun cannot agree because they see things differently.-Texas Siftings.

"John, did you find any eggs in the old hen's nest this morning?" "No, sir; if she laid any, she mislaid them." -Tit-Bits.

"Such funny names out West," said she; "Yet "twould have been much more

things?" Second Cabman-"Slow!

terday, and he hasn't paid for himself

Miss Pert-"Is Miss Straight Lace

circumspect?" Miss Caustic-"Oir-

cumspect! Why, she won't accom-

pany a young man on the piano with-

to the interrogation point !" said

a beau to his sweetheart. "I should

respond with an exclamation !" was

"Suppose I should work myself up

yet!"-Puck.

out a chaperon.

the prompt reply.

unique If they had builded Wounded Knee Upon the banks of Oripple Creek! First Cabman-"How do you find

WAYS TO CATCH CUT WORMS.

more than was given the year before. Against this bright record we must contrast a very different chapter of statistics. Last year this country lost 4250 lives by shipwreck, about 2000 fewer than were lost in 1894. Our railways killed 3600 persons, about 550 more than were killed in 1894. We lost by fire last year \$131,578,206. about \$15,000,000 more than the previous year. In the world at large 79, 461 persons lost their lives in epidemics, a falling off of fifty per cent. from the year before. In war 157,986 lives were lost last year. Suicides and murders have largely increased. Last year there were 5759 suicides, and for the past ten years they have increased at a fearful rate. In 1895 we had 10,500 murders, an increase of 700. - Lynchings snow a decrease. In 1905 there were 171 persons lynched as compared with 194 the year' previous. Embezzlements are also on the decrease, the defalcations for last year amounting to less than half of the total for 1894. Upon the whole, it is a record of light and shade. Some of it is very black, but the bright spots will encourage those who maintain that the world is growing better.

Seventy-eight years ago, relates the Chicago Tribune, this country and Great Britain made an agreement limiting the naval force each of them should maintain in the great lakes. That agreement, which has been faithfully kept by the United States, has been violated grossly in spirit by the Dominion authorities. For instance, Canada has three yessels which are actually gunboats, but which nominally belong to the Canadian Fish Commission, and in times of peace are used to overhaul American vessels suspected of fishing in Canadian waters. They are steel vessels with ram bows, and are equipped with modern six-pounder high-power guns. These V05 sels, which have crews drilled in the use of guns, are much of the time in Georgian Bay. They are kepf there so that in the event of hostilities they could command Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior, without having to pass any fort which might be constructed on the Detroit these naval vessels wall be in Lake Michigan within forty-eight hours and would proceed to shell or put to ransom every sity on it. These ships have guns which can throw shells three or four miles. Chicago has no guns. The city would be given the option of being burned down and having the water cribs destroyed or of paying a ransom of thirty or forty millions. The citizens would choose the latter and thus help the Canadians defray their military expenses. For a long time, too, the Dominion Government has made arrangement for the conversion of the large fleet of Canadian iron and steel steam freight boats into war vessels. They are constructed with portholes and made with decks strong enough to bear the weight of gun platforms and guns. These platforms and guns are all in readiness, and it would take a very short time to put these propellers in readiness to make raids on American ports. The Canadians have accumulated great quantities of ammunition and guns and have men who are skilled in the use of the latter. All this has been going on for years, and this Government has been apathetic and hopelessly remiss. The resalt is that the lake coasts and cities are unerly defenseless, while the Canadian on are safe.

a bit of romance attached to that whistle of hers; in fact, it was the means of bringing our matrimonial desires to an abrupt point at an extremely critical period in our courtship." Hartley gave me gentle kick.

"Then your union had a spice of romacce about it?" he said.

"Rather! Unique in the annals of love making, I should say. But folks are so incredulous nowadays, I've never attempted to tell the yarn but once, and then 1 swore I'd never do it again.'

But he had to on this occasion, and Me?' I piped, soon began to interest us as follows: "First of all, you must know, Mr. again utilized in reply.

King"-addressing me-" I'm called Birdy on account of having practiced a bar or two of 'Big Ben,' a favorite from earliest infancy a cheap form of song of mine, came as a hazardous resmusical recreation. Though ouffed as cue. She understood, bless her I but a boy, severely reprimanded for warba lengthy pause intervened before her ling in slack business hours and soundanswer. Then 'No, Sir; No, Sir; No, ly execrated by the neighbors, I never-Sin 1 No?' was popoatod "A year this last summer I came in succession. She refused, then? But

why so emphatically? What a silly for a sum of money, which rendered idiot I was? The fourth time the girl me a practically wealthy and indepenin the song said 'No' she meant 'Yes.' dent man, and to celebrate my good I breathed again. fortune I threw up my business berth and went into Yorkshire to spend a few weeks with a professional bachelor friend and to idle generally. "While there I was introduced to a

twenty-two, who lived at The Chase, and were intimate friends of my chum. Nice girl she was; plenty of 'go' without being the least 'fast.' In less than a fortnight I was over head and ears in love with her. The subsequent afternoons at The Chase were too hot for

tennis. Colonel Alton spent them snoozing in hisstudy; Evelyn's elderly companion and her father's housekeeper-for Mrs. Alton had been dead some years-nodded in the shade of her favorite elm, and my friend had invariably to leave for an important case before the tea came out. Very nice of him, I thought.

Thus thrown together, Evelyn and I monopolized the arbor, and I used to amuse her by trilling selections from the operas, latest airs (comic and serious), and she would occasionally join in as a kind of fillip to my performances. Though a woman in every respect, she could whistle. In most

of the well-known tunes, up to date or Alton down to the ground, for she left pathetically aged, she excelled, owing her chair inside and came a little way to the fact that during the winter out on the balcony. months for some years past she had always officiated at the piano for the she answered. village popular concerts, when the "I crept back, and a minute or two vocal and instrumental items were

naturally of an amusing and light order-at times scarcely high class, perhaps. apartment. "Then came the time when the

"By 9.45 I had settled up and left Colongl had to be approached. The fusal. He had other views for his instructions that my heavy baggage,

child. I tried remonstrance, then called or sent for in the course of a trick said to benot infrequently played dogged persistently, but with no week or less, dangling an old telegram by coyotes in securing food from avail. Evelyn stood out like a brick. form in my hand as 1 did so, to give among the herds of sheep on Western This burst of independence resulted color to my hasty departure. At 10 ranches is related by a rancher of Grant n her immediate banishment to prompt I picked up Evelyn under the regions unknown to me, under the pines in the hotel gardens, and, with a about 1900 sheep, and recently missed surveillance of a relative of mature dressing bag and a small Gladstone be- a large number. In searching for age and experience, and all communi- tween us, walked to the station, and them a herder found three sheep lying cation between us strenuously denied eventually reached London safely, on the brink of a precipice, their early in the morning. I put her in throats marked with the teeth of a and forestalled. All chances of elopement, even, were reduced to nil. one hotel, where I knew she would be "A few days later I left my friend's safe, with strict injunctions not to safe, with strict injunctions not to venture out till I had fixed everything there found the bodies of 110 sheep, for Bournemouth, there to recruit my shattered health and hopes, and think up for the ceremony, and went myself things over quietly. I was crushed to another. The long and short of it for the time being. As I alighted was that before we were anything like from my cab at the entrance to the tracked the deed had been done by North Cliff, where I had taken rooms, special license, and the Colonel defeatan elderly lady came down the steps. ed for once in his life. Her face seemed somewhat familiar "Come round, aid he? Yes, when to me, though I could not at the time he afterward discovered that the man recall to mind when and where I had he intended for his daughter had alseen it before. When she started as ready been engaged for two years, and she saw me, and somewhat hurriedly got married shortly after we did! re-entered the hatel, I was further Even I could have told the old fellow mystified. A thought struck me as I that, had he been more communicawas signing my name in the hotel tive and explicit in the first instance. register of visitors some time later. for my rival turned out to be none New York Sun. Two pages back I found an entry: other than the friend I was visiting. 'Miss Alton and Miss E. Allen.' I He actually admits now he couldn't This King Wants to Be in Front, stumbled to it in a second, then. The have wished her a better match, but, elderly lady I had encountered was, anyhow, he-" undoubtedly, Colonel Alton's sister, And Birdy broke off into "Can't who had been staying at The Chase Change It." rigorously insists on his royal precedence. When driving about Liverpool and left two days after my arrival in He rose quietly from his seat and and London he slways rides on the the village, and before I knew any-thing of Evelyn I had once passed her "Listen," he said, "if you can't driver sit a little behind him and his walking with the Colonel, and she quite swallow the yarn you will not attendants insur, for, as he punctilimust have recognized me again. fail to take this in." ously remarks, "I'm the King, and the "I remarked on the entry to the ... Then he went through "Oh, Come, King goes first."

"A good idea, Evy; so we will,

# Candy Peddlers' "Home" Life.

" 'I was stumped for the minute, but Very nearly all the dark skinned men who sell that brilliantly colored candy from push carts are members of a regular clan, and, for the most part, Greeks. When the day has ended and their work is done they gather to-Roosevelt and Cherry streets, just at the 'oot of the famous Cherry Hill, there to eat, rest and, before sleeping, to load up their carts for the morrow that they may get an early start.

"But about our departure. The One of these rendezvous presents morning York train via Bath left at unique appearance late at night. It 6.45. The earliest Waterloo was 7.45. is generally a store on the ground and we should be easily tracked and floor, that the push carts may be Colonel and his daughter Evelyn, aged our intentions frustrated in conse- trundled out easily when heavily loadquence, if we left it until then. I coned. From the sidewalk the "store" sulted my watch. It was 9,15. The does not show a single ray of night train up left at 10.30. 'Oh, light. It looks forbidding and de-Why Should We Wait Till To-Morserted. But its door opens readily. row?' went up without delay. 'All's The entire front of the long apart-Well' from above soon settled that ment is filled up with carts, laden with question satisfactorily, but was fol- the sweets, and displaying their signs. lowed immediately by a few bars of Only a narrow passageway is left to 'Bradshaw's Guide' ditty. I knew get to the back of the room.

what she wanted, so, after a slight Here, around a smudgy table, five hesitation, I warbled 'Come Into the or six chattering Greeks are playing Garden, Maud,' and chirped ten times. cards and quarrelling over the game. Hope on, dear loved one, we shall On boards is spread a quantity of meet again,' from 'Dream Faces,' candy, newly made and cooling, for it proved that I was clearly understood, is in a room back of this that the stuff and then she turned to address Miss is prepared. The candymaker not Alton in louder tones than before. only makes a profit selling to the " 'I declare, you're nearly asleep, peddlers, but he gets still more of auntie. I'm tired, and have a headtheir money, lodging them on the ache, too. We've a long journey be-

same floor as their push carts. Somefore us, so I think I'll go to my room times, when a peddler is "broke," the now. Don't disturb, there's a dear; maker of sweets sends him out with a the packing won't take long in the load of candy to sell on shares, but, as morning. You'd better do the same.' a general thing, he gets cash for his "The proposal evidently suited Miss product before the carts go out.

Beds are, for the most part, unknown luxuries. Only the most prosperous peddlers seem to be able to afford them. Generally the floor is marked out with chalk lines. divided into narrow squares, and there, on the hard later 'Good-nights' were exchanged; boards, without disrobing or changand the subsequent slam of a door | ing any article of their clothing, the notified that Evelyn had left for her candy peddlers sleep.-New York Herald.

#### Coyutes' Smart Trick.

County, Oregon. He had a herd of coyote. He made his way to the botor rather parts of their bedies, for the coyotes had been feeding on the carcasses for a week or more. From other incidents of like character it was concluded that several covotes had got among the herd when the sheep were driven of their bedding ground during a storm, and had herded them to the brink of the precipice, much as a lot of sheep dogs would drive sheep. When the edge was reached the coyotes pressed the herd so hard in the rear that the 110 at the front either jumped or were pushed over the precipice. -King Khama, England's African ally.

4. Collecting the worms each even-

quires a good light and sharp eyes. worms around the fresh out plants. during the months of June, August Japanese. and September. " These traps are made by filling a tub or half cask two-thirds

over the tub. ESSENTIALS IN STRAWBERRY GROWING, Professor Lozenberry recently gave

the following summary of essential sown in rows about a foot apart. The points to be kept in mind:

seed is relished by poultry, and The most profitable varieties for the commercial growers are those not threshes very easily. For fodder, one peck of seed per acre is ample; in easily influenced by differences of soil and climate. Those which succeed drills for seed, three pints to two well on wide areas are usually better quarts. The land upon which it is than those which have mere local repu- sown should be that which would be favorable to other grasses, and the same will apply to the fertilizer.

1. Pistillate varieties, when properly fertilized, are more productive than the sorts with perfect flowers.

Will it be suitable as a hay for sheep? 2. The value of a variety for fertiliz-This we cannot learn from any accuing pistillate flowers does not depend rate source, but from tables which we so much upon the amount as upon the are in possession of, giving the constituents of the different fodders, and potency of pollen.

from others which describe that which 3. The flowers of pistillate varieties is supposed to be needed by a fullare less liable to be injured by frosts grown sheep in order to keep it in a than the flowers of perfect varieties.

4. Varieties that are neither very thriving condition, we find that it ought to be suitable as part of a raearly nor very late in point of maturity are the most productive and tion, but by no means should it form have the longest fruiting season. a complete ration, for it does not contain all the elements which it is neces-5. As a rule, varieties that have the

most vigorous and healthy foliage are sary for the animals to have. the most productive, while those with Upon the whole we believe that it might be used as a fodder for sheep a weaker growth of foliage and greater susceptibility to leaf blight are usually with beneficial results, providing, of

unprolific. . course, that grain or roots were given 6. Winter protection may be disin some quantity, which in reality pensed with upon well-trimmed sandy | would be the same course of feeding which is generally followed by farmsoils, but appears to be a necessity ers, only that the millet hay be given upon heavier ones.

instead of the variety of hay which it 7. The leaf blight may be checked by using the Bordeaux mixtures, beginning just as soon as leaves appear,

and continuing the application every few weeks throughout the season.

# PLANTS FOR DECORATIONS.

The use of growing plants in pots for the decoration of the table is rapidly increasing, and the practice has much to commend it, especially to those who have good collections of

plants, and who either do not feel able or not. to afford the expense of cut flowers or are not able to procure them because of living in places where there are no greenhouses, writes Eben E. Rexford. am also glad to encourage it for another reason; it will have a tendency to induce amateurs to make special efforts to develop tine plants, as such, and such only, are available for use on the table. An ill-shaped, unhealthy plant there is far worse than none at

In this paper I shall speak of such kinds as can be grown successfully in any window. In another of such as can be grown in the home green- commonly preferred for feeding young house. stock, as calles and lambs. Begonias are charming plants for

as a fodder crop either for feeding green or for the silo, as it yields from ten to twelve tons of green fodder per acre, and from seventy to ninety bushels of seed per acre when thinly

Now for the main point in the query.

Edith-"I'm in a quandary !" Isabel-"How is that?" Edith-"Tom promises to stop drinking if I marry im, and Jack threatens to begin if don't !"-Tit-Bits.

Muggins-"Miss Oldgirl is very tim-Id, isn't she?" Buggins-"Yes, she was shy about twenty years when the last census man asked for her age."-Philadelphia Record.

Sapphedde-"I went to a mind reader the other day, and he couldn't do anything with me at all." Miss Pert-"Ain't you ashamed to tell it?" -Philadelphia Record.

Waiter (to guest who is absorbed in the menu) - "What do you wish to eat, please?" The Absent-minded Professor-"I haven't time to talk now. Ask me after dinner."-Punch.

Yeast-"Men turn somersaults on horseback; I suppose before long we'll see them doing it on the bicycle." Orimsonbeak-"Why, man alive! that was the first thing I did on a wheel

He-"When you are asked to sing and don't wish to you always have. such a convenient cold. Where do you get them?" She-"Oh, they're kept 'on draught' all over town."-Harlem Life.

A Strange Feature of Many Wills.

Many peculiar documents are filed with the Probate Clerk, some of which are afterward admitted as wills and others are rejected. Not infrequently the will is written on a sheet of note paper or a scrap of other paper. No matter how informal it may appear, if the requirements necessary to the signing and publication of the will have been complied with, it is received and generally admitted to probate. One of the strangest documents recently filed was written on several pages of a book such as is used for shildren's composition. One which was admitted to probate a few years sgo was written on' the inside cover to and first blank page of a German story gain in flesh it is kept at a loss, and is book. It consisted of these words:

"I leave all my money and house, to my half interest in butcher's bus-

ess, No. 246 Avenue A. N. Y. City, and all other things that I may possess to my wife and child. My,

York Witness. FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Hunt out the borers in the young

vation. spread whether the ground is frozen

A little lime-water applied to plants occasionally will kill the earth worms

It is a good plan to plant out a few peach and apple trees every year to keep up the supply of fruit.

The best winter cucumber is

has been the custom to feed.-New

orchard trees.

in the soil.

Whenever a meat animal ceases

constantly eating up previous profits. Telegraph. It will live and b

cumbers all winter if rightly treated.

Because Alsike clover has finer stems

Many orchards have their vitality injured by too late and too deep culti-

Manure may be drawn out and

this purpose when compact and symmetrical in shape and not too large. Their foliago is bright and pleasing and very ornamental in itself, and use of your land next season. when to this is added the charm of their delightful flowers we have an ideal plant for table use. Weltoniensts, one of the most common varieties, as also one of the most beautientirely on winged insects and never fu', with its shining, satiny foliage, does harm to plants. shading from dark to pale green, In England tomato plants have been among which its crimson stems show grafted on potato plants, giving a vividly. Its flowers are borne in great crop of tomatoes above ground and profusion, and are of the softest rose potatoes below. Potatoes grafted on color and so delicate that they seem tomatoes have produced flowers, toalmost like condensations of pink matoes and a few tubers. frost. This variety grows in symmetrical form, with very little training, The best time for putting mulch on and seldom outgrows the limits allow- the strawberry bed is when the ground able for a table plant. Another fine is frozen an inch or two. It is not

variety is argentea guttata, an upright sort of spreading habit, having foliage of rich olive, spotted with silver, the under side being a dull red, which throws the other colors into charming No successful method has yet been relief. Its flowers are a pale, pearly found for preventing the disease known flesh-color, produced in large, droop-ing, spreading panicles. This plant is a larger grower than weltonoiensis, and lessened by carefully watching the makes a fine plant for the center of a trees during the season of growth and group, when it is desirable to combine outting off the affected twigs a foot be- at the price of \$75, and that their several plants for occasions requiring low the point of injury. The cuttings quality was on a level with their price. special efforts in the way of decors- should then be burned. —New York Post.

and is therefore easily cured, it is Christian and Charles Roth, to be executors. In case my wife should die, then all my property to go to my child. This is my last will and testament. When your work is completed, improve your horticultural knowledge

"HEINBICH ROTH." by studying good papers on every sub-One of the strange features in many ject, and learn how to make the best wills is that the testator bequeaths large amounts to various relatives or Toads are sold by the dozen in to charitable institutions, and it is France for the purpose of stocking found at his death that he possesses algardens to free them from many in- most nothing of value. Sometimes a jurious insects. The toad lives almost sum of money in a certain bank is be-

questhed, and the expectant heir finds on inquiry that it has all been withdrawn and used by the testator before his death. - New York Tribune.

Syria's Humming.Bird Plant,

In Syris, near Damascus, there is said to grow a humming-bird plant, the flower of which bears a close resemblance to a humming bird. The breast is red, the wings are dark green, the black yellow, the head and tail a bluish black -San Francisco Chroniole.

#### Native Japanese Planos.

George A. Steinway stated recently in a letter to his father, William Steinway, that in the city of Yokohama he had found pianos, manufactured by native Japanese craftsmen, which sold -New York Post.