







Starting Plants Early. A writer on gardening gives the following hints on starting tender seeds, such as tomatoes, squashes, melons, and the like.

Pruning Evergreens. It is not very long ago that people supposed that to cut an evergreen was to surely kill it. Later experience has shown that these trees, when necessary to bring them into shape, may be pruned like any others.

Influence of Placidity on the Secretion of Butter Fat. During the remarkable public test of the Jersey cow, "Value 21," when she gave over twenty-five pounds of butter in seven days, it was found that on days she produced one pound less butter than upon the preceding and following days.

Curing a Bad Memory. Your memory is bad, perhaps, but I can tell you two secrets that will cure the worst memory. One is to read a subject when you are strongly interested.

HE will easily be content and in peace whose conscience is pure. SUNSHINE is like love, it makes everything shine with its own beauty.

ILL fortune never crushed that man whom good fortune deceived not. It is estimated that 7,000,000 envelopes a day are made in the United States.

WHY is an old handkerchief like an old ship? Because it has experienced many a hard blow.

THE great English philosopher was Bacon; one of the finest Scotch poets, Hogg; and one of the pleasantest British essayists, Lamb.

DON'T think, young man, that just because it is leap year you are going to be snapped up right away. The girls want a chance before they leap.

DR. IRVIN H. ELDERIDE, Baltimore, Md., says: "I would recommend a trial of Brown's Iron Bitters in all cases of anaemic debility or when a tonic or appetizer is indicated."

A GERMAN doctor says: "Melt some suspected butter; soak worsted or a wick in it; when cold light it like a candle; blow it out; if it is oleomargarine it will smell like a blown out candle; if it is butter it will smell like butter."

As a matter of fact the young women of this day are showing a much more useful tendency than the young men. They are seeking work and supporting themselves in most instances with better judgment and more courage than is displayed by the average young man.

Yell Fever by Mosquitoes. Dr. Carlos Finlay, of Havana maintains that it may be communicated from one individual to another through the agency of mosquitoes. He has seen under the microscope spores and filaments of a particular nature on the sting of one of these insects that had just bitten a patient suffering from yell fever, and thinks that the germs may undoubtedly be introduced into a healthy individual by the bite of a mosquito.

Fair Play: "Sir, you predicted a frost for the night of the 21st of September," said an old farmer as he entered the Signal Office at Cleveland two or three days later. "Yes, sir." "And it didn't come?" "No, sir."

Well, that prediction caught me with eight hundred bushels of apples on the trees, and I sold the lot for half price. "Sorry, sir, but the bureau is sometimes mistaken."

REV. W. H. CHAPMAN, Baltimore, Md., says: "Owing to the good health of my family from its use, I deem Brown's Iron Bitters a most valuable tonic."

JONES asked his wife: "Why is a husband like dough?" He expected her to give it up, and he was going to tell her that it was because a woman needs him; but she said it was because he was hard to get off her hands.

SAID a boy to a larger one eating an apple: "Will ye gimme a bite?" "Naw" (discouragingly). "Will ye gimme the core?" "There ain't goin' to be no core" (annihilatingly).

A BOY home from school, after paying his usual holiday visit to the dentist, thus describes how he had a tooth drawn: "The dentist collared me, we pulled like wild horses, and just before my head came off the tooth dropped out."

A MINISTER being annoyed by some of his audience going out while he was preaching, took for his text, "Thou art weighed and found wanting." Soon after commencing his discourse he said, "You will please pass out as soon as you get weighed."

"WHAT are you doing?" asked a boarding house man of his chum as he caught him tip-toeing up and down stairs. "I'm going to get married next month," was the solemn reply, "and I'm practicing how to get in late at night without raising a racket."

THE following interesting advertisement appears in a London paper: "Mrs. and Miss May have left off clothing of every description. They should be ashamed of themselves. It is to be feared that the fashion thus set will find its way into New York ball rooms."

ON the edge of a small river in the County of Cavan, in Ireland, there is—or used to be—a stone with the following inscription cut upon it, no doubt intended for the information of strangers traveling that way: "N. B.—When this stone is out of sight it is not safe to ford the river."

A KENTUCKY preacher read a verse that met his eye happened to be. "The voice of the turtle shall be heard in the land." "Brethren," said he, "at first sight one would not think there was much in this text; but, on a little consideration, you will see there's a great deal in it.—Now, you all know what a turtle is. If you've been along by a pond, you have seen them sitting on a log sunning themselves. Now, it is said, 'The voice of the turtle shall be heard in the land.'—But the turtle hasn't any voice that anybody ever heard; so it must be the noise he makes in plunging off the log into the water. Hence, we must conclude that immersion is meant, and that immersion will become universal."

AN aged colored man whom the Staunton Spectator has discovered in the solitudes of East Tennessee tells an original anecdote about General Jackson. According to this authority the General, having ridden up to a little tavern in Marysville and found a score or more of loungers who were not inclined to make a place for him in front of the fire, called to a servant, "Boys, have you got any oysters in the shell?" "Yes, massa, plenty of 'em." "Well, put my horse in the stable, and measure out a half bushel of oysters and carry to him." The loungers speedily thinned out to see the horse eat oysters. The General, after enjoying the fire and seeing the boy, said: "Well, boy, how is my horse getting on with his oysters?" "Oh, massa, he ain't eating 'em." "Very well, bring 'em to me and give him some oats."

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