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The daughter sits in the parlor, and rocks on her easy chair; she is dressed in silks and satins, and jewels are in her hair. She winks and giggles, and simps...

These liberals have made a great hit in Great Britain by introducing the magic lantern in a political campaign. They ordered a very large number of slides and lanterns...

Just so certain as the democratic party adopts a tariff-for-revenue-only platform, just so certain will the party go down to defeat.

This sort of talk does the country good to hear. But it would be more impressive than it is now if the talkers would, so to speak, occasionally crystallize some of their talk into acts.

This fact that there is some fear among certain classes of business men of the occurrence of a panic next year or the year after is a good indication that it will not take place so soon.

The Verdict Unanimous. W. D. Sull, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case."

No Know Better Than to Claim It. There were about half a dozen of them and they had been off somewhere in the country. They were all piled on a wagon...

Raising a Church Debt. Circus Agent (to Deacon Jones)—Will you allow me to put some posters on the church fence? Deacon Jones (reflectively)—Well, I dunno as I would do any harm, but you would have to pay something for the privilege.

FARM AND GARDEN.

HOW GESESE MUST BE MANAGED TO INSURE PROFITABLE RETURNS.

The Preservation of Garden Seeds—All About the Popular Pyrethrum Insect Powder—Harbed Wire Fences with Growing Trees for Supports.

In the constructing of barbed wire fences it sometimes happens that growing trees are used as posts for supports. The wire is fastened directly to the tree, as some have practiced, the growth of the tree brings it in the bark and wood, where the presence of continual moisture and the retention of the water of every shower tend to produce rusting, and renewing, if ever necessary, is rendered difficult.

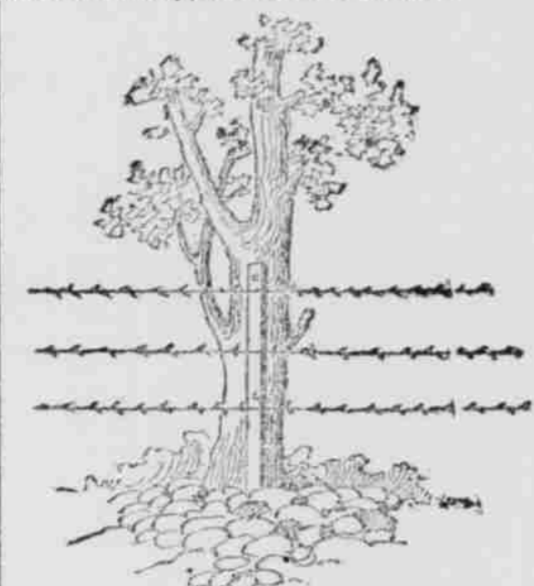


FIG. 1.—BARBED WIRE ON TREES.

The accompanying figures represent a mode which has been successfully adopted for using growing trees as posts for the support of barbed wire fences and recommended by The Country Gentleman. The usual objections to barbed wire on trees in this mode are obvious, as will be seen in the cut, by placing a narrow board or plank against the face of the tree, securing it with two or three nails, and then fastening the wires to this board, as shown in the figure. A board of plank three or four inches wide answers the purpose, and it may be pine or cedar. If the trees to which the wire is fastened are in a line where there is no danger of animals becoming injured with the barbs, four wires will make a good and durable barrier. But if injury is feared from the wire to cattle and horses, a visible obstruction must be provided, such as a small rip rap wall, which may be eighteen or twenty inches high, more or less, the stones being laid loosely in a straight line (see Fig. 1). This plan will in most cases serve as well as a regularly laid wall of stones. Animals are not disposed to tread on the stones.

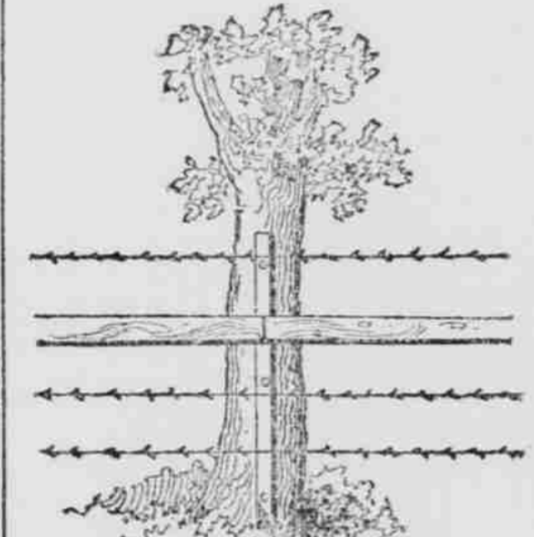


FIG. 2.—BARBED WIRE ON TREES.

But, says the authority quoted from, if stones are not to be had and the trees are not further apart than the length of fence boards, the fence may be rendered visible by nailing a board between the two upper wires, as shown in Fig. 2. There is still one more way to prevent harm to animals, which run in adjacent fields. This is to cut or plow a small open ditch on each side and raise a bank of earth between them and under the line of the fence. But this cannot be adopted for trees, as the roots will prevent the plowing of the furrows. When posts are set it is an easy and efficient way to protect animals, as they are held in check by the ditches, and the bank of earth, and it obviates the use of the lower wire, and the posts being held by the bank need not be set so deep. When it is desired to run a barbed fence through woods or other plantation where the trees are not in a straight line care must be taken to have each tree stand in the obtuse angle which it forms, the wire being always placed on the outside where it will be firmly held in position.

The great convenience and economy of using growing trees instead of posts is an additional inducement for planting narrow timber belts at the boundaries of the principal fields.

Pyrethrum Insect Powder. Powdered pyrethrum, sold under various names, as Italian, Persian insect powder, Dalmatian insect powder, etc., has the past few seasons grown steadily in favor as an insecticide in farm and garden. It has, in a word, assumed sufficient importance to entitle it to a familiar acquaintance with every farmer and every housewife. Some confusion exists owing to the number of names by which pyrethrum is introduced in our markets. The one grown in the United States, notably in California, is sold under the name of buhach. The imported powder, Pyrethrum roseum, is grown in the region south of the Caspian mountains, and is known in commerce as Persian insect powder. While that grown in Dalmatia is termed Dalmatian powder.

Pyrethrum is not poisonous to higher animals, hence its present popularity among those who dislike to 'handle such poisons as London purple in a Paris green. While not a poison to it, animals remedy pyrethrum has proven a 'an and beast, for many farm and 'ho' should pests. Its active principle is a 'olatile oil which acts on the nervous system of the insect. The powder should be kept dry and stored in closed packages as it is required for use. It is employed both dry and in solution. At the Ohio Experiment Station the best results have been gained with the dry powder diluted not more than five times with flour, finely slaked lime or other finely powdered substances. At this station the powder is thoroughly mixed with the diluent and allowed to stand for twenty-four hours in a closed vessel before being used to gain the best results. It is applied with a good hand bellows. From the experience at this station it is believed that pyrethrum will be found most beneficial for smooth bodied caterpillars, such as cabbage worms and others like them. On the woolly caterpillar it had little or no effect and did not prove a sure remedy for beetles.

A LOT OF FAMOUS CRIMINALS.

The Colony of New Caledonia Better than the Sluins of Paris.

An interesting account of the present status of the notorious French criminals in New Caledonia has been furnished by an official who has just returned from that penal colony. The most respectable, as well as the senior, of all the convicts is Berzovski, the Pole who fired at the Emperor Alexander II during the Paris exhibition of 1867. Frequent applications have been made for the liberation of Berzovski, but they have all been refused. He is now in the island of Nou, where he occupies a little room apart from all the bad characters, and has even a small garden with a cow and a pig. The size of Paris, at his own sweet will, and his conduct has always been irreproachable. He receives a large quantity of newspapers, books and pamphlets from different countries by every mail. Berzovski is now old and feeble to an extreme degree.

On a different class are Gilles and Abadie, the murderers of the Paris great Leveque. These worthies are employed as street-sweepers at Noumea, and their occupation is looked upon by their companions in penal servitude as a good one, for it is easy, and also enables them to pick up bits of tobacco and various odds and ends, including occasional abuse. Guichard, who numbered a hand messenger at Marseilles, is doing well as a store clerk, and hopes one day, if not to get to Australia, at least to settle down in New Caledonia as a coonist.

One of the most comfortable and thriving of the convicts is Fouayron, the chemist of the Boulevard St.-de-Midre, who led the lever of his life into an honest life at Noumea, and numbered him in a most respectable manner. This criminal has passed through the various categories until he arrived among the first class convicts. He has a share in a farm, which he and his wife superintend, and he has under his orders some of the lower class of criminals. His life sentence has been commuted to one of five years. The director who was condemned last year for having set a poisoned game to a colleague giving satisfaction, and hopes to be able to obtain the privileges accorded to Fouayron.

On the whole, the educated criminals, even those who are undergoing sentences for serious crimes, are highly polished by the superior of Noumea, and the most distinguished results are the Paris gamblers and the British gamblers or horsemen, most of whom are murderers. Every year a certain number of those has to be shot down. The official who uses his revolver against the convicts is tried as a formally by a court martial and acquitted.

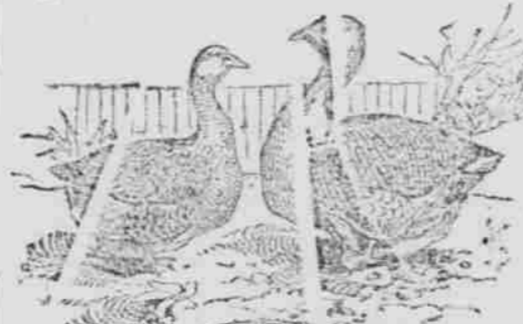
The number of convicts is 10,000 or more, and there are in addition 200 female convicts, who, however, were sent out to Noumea of their own accord from the Maison Centrale of Paris for the purpose of marrying first class convicts. These women are supervised by nuns. There are on the island 500 wardens. The number of first class convicts amounts to 1,500, and some of them, like Fouayron, have been allowed to send for their wives. The state furnishes them with agricultural implements, food, and even a few head of cattle, when they are permitted to begin farming, and they generally contrive to do well. Another class, apart from all the others, is composed of skilled tradesmen and mechanics, musicians and even actors. These have a savings bank of their own, a kind of club, and are almost too prosperous for convicts. The bandmen are said to be as good as many regimental performers, and they play programmes of select music before the governor's mansion twice a week, besides giving occasional concerts. From this it will be seen that the life of many convicts is far better than that which is led by thousands in the slums of Paris, and is no wonder that, such being the case, numerous transgressors against the law of the land, including those who commit the most terrible crimes, should view with longing and delight their dispatch to New Caledonia by the convict steamer.

In a Hotel Lobby. A man who spent three hours the other day in the lobby of the Palmer House, Chicago, gives the following statistics about the people who came in during that time: One-legged men, 47; one armed men, 18; men who wore glasses, 40; men who wore a mustache, 105; men who wore full beards, 59; men who had no hair on their faces, 78; men who wore Prince Alberts, 130; men who didn't, 100; men who went into the bar, 110; men who came in and sat down and said nothing, and then got up and went out, 130—New York Tribune.

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Items of General Interest. The New York State Dairyman's association is agitating the question of dairy schools. Many of the states show a revival of the Grange order. The leading cranberry growing states are Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Connecticut. In New Jersey there are some 5,200 acres under cranberry cultivation.

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Texas, by the remarkable recovery of Er. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head, everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds.

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