

Grass For the Lawn.
We will suppose that the spring plantings of trees have been made with open spaces reserved for the favorite games. Now the ground can be prepared for grass seed, for it need not be trampled over more. If certain parts have become packed and hard, they should be dug or ploughed deeply again, then harrowed and raked perfectly smooth, and all stones, big or little, taken from the surface. The seed may now be sown, and it should be of thick, fine-growing varieties, such as are employed in Central Park and other pleasure-grounds. Mr. Samuel Parsons, Jun., Superintendent of Central Park, writes me: "The best grass seeds for ordinary lawns are a mixture of red-top and Kentucky blue-grass, in equal parts, with perhaps a small amount of white clover. On very sandy ground I prefer the Kentucky blue grass, as it is very hardy and vigorous under adverse circumstances." Having sown and raked in the seed very lightly, a great advantage will be gained in passing a lawn roller over the ground. I have succeeded in getting a good "crust" of grass by sowing the seed with oats, which were cut and cured as hay as soon as the grain was what is termed "in the milk." The strong and quickly growing oats make the ground green in a few days and also the slower-maturing grasses cover the ground more evenly. As soon as the grass begins to grow with some vigor, cut it often, for this tends to thicken it and produce the velvet effect that is so beautiful. From the very first the lawn will need weeding. The ground cover the seeds of strong-growing plants, such as dock, plantain, etc., which should be taken out as fast as they appear. To some the dandelion is a weed, but not to me, unless it takes more than its share of space, for I always miss these little earth stars when they are absent. They intensify the sunshine shimmering on the lawn, making one smile involuntarily when seeing them. Moreover, they awaken pleasant memories, for a childhood in which dandelions had no part is a defective experience. In late autumn the fallen leaves should be raked carefully away, as they tend to smother the grass in the winter. In the spring, now comes the chief opportunity of the year, in the form of a liberal top-dressing of manure from the stable. If this is spread evenly and not too thickly in November, and the corner remains of it raked off early in April, the results will be astonishing. A deep emerald hue will be imparted to the grass, and the frequent cuttings required will soon produce a turf that yields to the foot like a Persian rug. If the stable manure can be composted and left till thoroughly decayed, line, and friable, all the better. If stable manure cannot be obtained, Mr. Parsons recommends Mapes's fertilizer for lawns.—E. P. Lee, in Harper's Magazine for April.

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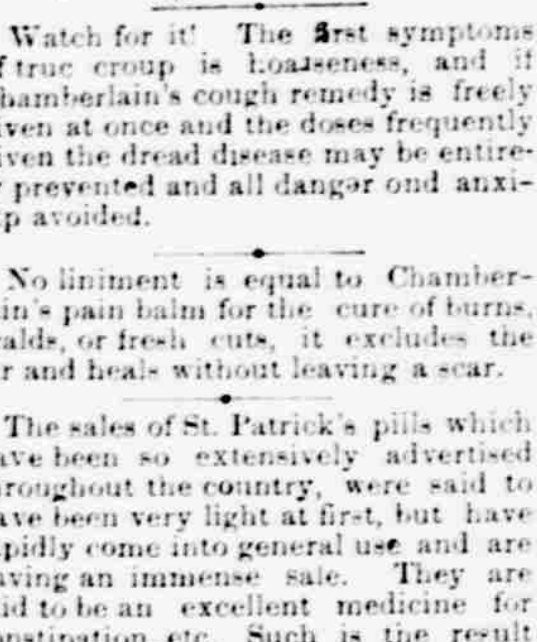
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This reminds the historian of a story of his acquaintance was called up for a reprimand before his college president. He had made up a collection of words to explain away the misdemeanors for which he was reproved, but his statement had not the desired effect on the professor. "Young man," said that worthy solemnly, "is it possible that you really expect me to believe such a lot of nonsense? Can you look me in the eye and repeat what you have been saying?" The graceless youth looked up nonchalantly, and inquired: "Which eye, sir?"—Boston Record.

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