

# TALES OF GOTHAM AND OTHER CITIES

## Footwear of Humming Bird Feathers



NEW YORK.—Women on this side of the big pond learned with interest that their sisters in Paris were wearing shoes made from humming bird feathers, the ridiculously low price of \$2,500 a pair placing the fluffy footwear within reach of all. Realizing that it was only a question of a few weeks before the very latest fad in tootsie trappings would reach this city, and being aware of the fact that humming birds were none too plentiful, the young and old girls began figuring out how many of the gorgeous mites would have to be sacrificed to cover their spikes.

Married men read the article until they came to the line which told about the price of the new plumage, and then they dropped in their tracks. When they regained consciousness they equipped their wallet pockets with burglar alarms and hired detectives to watch their trousers while they slept. Many of them, unable to see a ray of hope, went straight to the bankruptcy court and gave themselves up. More than one happy home was

rent with discord by the announcement. Women who had the temerity to ask their husband how many humming birds would be necessary in their case were generally told that a whole aviary would not make them a pair of shoe strings.

It was only natural that there should be much conjecture as to the possible adoption of the new fad by Chicago women. In view of the fact that it takes the whole southwest side of a cow to make one of them a pair of slippers it was generally agreed that one Chicago order would put the humming bird family out of business.

"I'm willing that my wife should have everything within reason," said a man whose cut glass display indicated that he was not dodging any creditors, "but I draw the line at \$2,500 a pair for shoes. Just think of it! Shoes that cost \$1,250 a foot. She cried and called me a tightwad when I refused to grant her the appropriation, but I told her she would have to stick to the leather kind or get another cash register."

"I've got a wife and seven daughters," said another man, "and when I went home to lunch they pulled this humming bird thing on me. Every one of them has feet like flounders, and when they insisted on being in style I turned over my bank books and reserved a place for myself in the bread line."

## Burro Saves Its Master From Prison

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—That old story of a prospector's love for his burro, the companion and solace of weary, lonesome hours in a desert search for gold, won freedom from jail for aged Aaron Braunscheldt here.



Braunscheldt came into Los Angeles from the desert and mountain land along the Mexican border, riding a decrepit burro. Across his shoulder was slung a rifle. At his saddle, formed by an old frayed conifer, was his camp outfit, pickaxe and a shovel. His beard, long and straggling, and his long, gray sunburned hair was unkempt. As he passed along the street, P. A. Rambo, agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, saw him.

The burro's back and hip bones displayed recent scars. Braunscheldt was surrounded by a curious throng when, as the official placed a detaining hand upon the burro, he reached for his rifle. A wire fastened to one end of the barrel caught in his tattered coat, affording Rambo an opportunity of disarming him.

stabled. Willing hands reached for pocketbooks and none desired to have him punished. He was released. As he walked away from the city hall building, one arm placed affectionately about the burro's neck, he was cheered by the men who contributed to provide him and his companion with food.

Braunscheldt, known to many pioneers as Aaron Brandt, has won and lost fortunes in search of wealth which he believes exists in his gypsum claims near Tucson. For forty years he has prospected. His wife and their only daughter conducted a confectionery in San Francisco. In the great fire Mrs. Braunscheldt and the daughter, Clara, were killed and their little property lost. Since that time Braunscheldt has been prospecting.

At the offices of the society the old prospector told a story which won sympathy. It was repeated later to a throng of citizens who accompanied Braunscheldt and Rambo to a livery barn, where the burro had been

The only thing left of his family fortune was the burro, which his daughter had named "Mrs. Buffalo Bill."

## City Gets 125,000 Post Cards Daily



CHICAGO.—If any one doubts that the friends of Chicagoans do not send them cards from all parts of the world during the vacation season, just ask the letter carriers. Chicago's post office is now receiving 125,000 cards daily, and when the postcard crop is at its height, the office will handle 200,000 cards a day.

stack 200 feet high or equal to the height of some of Chicago's taller buildings.

All of the postcards that come to Chicago each day at this time of the year from people jaunting throughout the country on vacations were placed end to end, the line would reach a distance of twenty miles.

One little innocent postcard often makes the postman walk two or three floors higher than he would go if he were carrying only "legitimate" mail. Frequently the postmen return to the offices and find that postcards have compelled them to walk one-third farther than the regular mail would have taken them.

Five hundred postcards laid on top of each other form a pile one foot high, and so, by careful figuring it is found that the total number of cards coming to Chicago daily will form a

The Chicago postoffice handles in one day more postcards than any other office in the world under one roof. The vacation period brings one-half as many cards to the city as does Easter or Christmas time.

## Children Swat Flies for the Bounty

BOSTON, Mass.—An endeavor to rid Worcester of flies through a fly killing contest is under way in that city and scores of children have entered the competition.



Many prizes, aggregating more than \$600, are being offered to the children producing the greatest number of dead flies within the time limit of the contest, and during the few days the competition has been going on several hundred thousand of the germ carrying insects have been slaughtered.

attention to homes, for they can gather comparatively few flies there. Some parents look at this feature of the contest with decided disapproval. They fear the children are very likely to contract diseases in invading such places and handling the flies.

The insects are measured by the quart as they are brought in and throughout the city the little ones are daily engaged in a wholesale fly massacre.

Another feature is that each child must kill the flies and then dry them carefully before turning them in. In this way the children directly handle the germ-laden insects.

Traps of every shape and description as well as all manner of ingenious methods to kill the insects are being used. Fly catching devices are selling at a premium, and men and women appear as much interested in the affair as the children.

Few contestants are confining their

# Horticulture

## REMOVING PLANT FROM POT

Method Shown in Illustration Will Enable One to Re-pot Plants Without Injuring Roots.

A lady gardener once said to me: "I have no trouble in taking a plant out of a pot in which it has been growing for some time, as I simply take a table knife and cut around the inside of the pot, and the plant drops out when the pot is inverted." But that method cannot be approved, as the knife will ruin many of the roots, and so injure the plant that it will not recover its normal growth again for several weeks after shifting, says a writer in Park's Floral Magazine.

## DRAINAGE FOR FLOWER POT

So Arranged That Staining of Wood Work of Porches by Dripping Water is Prevented.

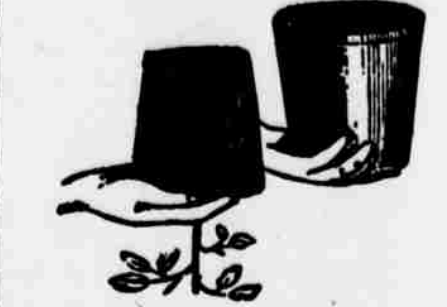
The staining of woodwork on porches and posts caused by the dripping of water from flower pots can be prevented in the following manner:

Make a zinc or galvanized tray of suitable shape in which to set the pots, as shown in the illustration. Solder a tube for the overflow, or



Flower Pot Drain.

dripping, on one side of the tray. Have the tube long enough to clear the post or part of the porch where the flower pot is set. The tube may be placed to the rear so it cannot be seen from the street, if desired. Place some small pieces of wood beneath the tray to allow the passage of air, thus preventing moisture. The tray can be made in any shape to conform to the shape of the pots.



Shifting a Plant.

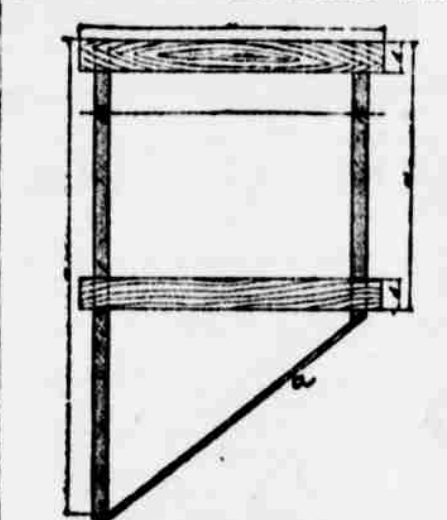
as a lubricant in the separation of the roots and soil from the pot.

In re-potting it is well to observe these suggestions, as you will thus be enabled to remove your plants from the pots without injury, and promote their health, growth and bloom.

## HANDY FOR SPRAY MIXTURES

Strainer Allows Heavier and Coarser Particles to Wash Aside, Leaving Rest Free.

This strainer is excellent for the reason that the heavier and coarser particles of the spray mixture which



A Brass Screen.

do not go through are washed down to the lower edge of the sieve thus leaving the rest free for the straining of the mixture.

## MOISTURE IN ORCHARD SOIL

Water is of Prime Importance While Tree is Fruit Making—Chief Elements of Success.

(By WALTER B. LEUTZ.)  
As water is the means of circulation of plants as well as of animals therefore it is of prime importance that water be present in the soil, in order that the plant food in the soil may be taken up by the trees.

## SET OUT STRAWBERRY PLANT

Several Methods in General Use, but Matted-Row System Seems Best—Keep Weeds Down.

There are several methods of planting in general use, which may be modified to suit the planter. The method which seems best adapted to ordinary conditions in the matted-row system. In the spring, when the land is in good condition to work, harrow smooth and mark out rows four feet apart and as long as possible. Then set the plants at 18 or 24-inch intervals in the rows, and cultivate often enough to keep the weeds out and the soil loose until September, when, if the plants are vigorous growers, the runners should be about six inches apart.

It is desirable to train the runners the long way to the rows, cutting out plants that crowd. In ordinary planting trowel or spade is used to set the plants. A spade is an easy implement to open the ground with. Strike it into the ground and work it back and forth, draw out the spade, spread the roots of the plant, and set it so the crown comes just to the surface of the ground. Firm the soil well about the roots of the plant. As soon as possible after setting the plants, cultivation should commence, and it should continue at frequent intervals till fall. Keep the weeds down and the top soil loose. If the runners get too thick, cut out part of them, leaving about six inches between them. Runners may be encouraged to root by putting an inch or two of soil over each one near the end.

**Blue Flowered Hydrangeas.**  
The application to the soil, when by drangea hortensia is growing, of either alum, aluminum sulphate or iron sulphate have been found to induce the formation of blue flowers.

## HORTICULTURAL NOTES

Practice clean cultivation in the orchard.

A grape vine should bear only a limited number of clusters.

No other fruit plant requires so careful pruning as the grape vine.

Poultry manure should be freely used for both fruits and vegetables.

There is danger of sunscald if too many large branches are removed in June.

Set the chrysanthemums where they can be protected from cold winds and rainstorms.

The apple worm is the larva of the codling moth, and it gets into the apple at this season of the year.

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As soon as new shoots appear on the young grape vines choose one or two of the strongest shoots and leave them for growth.

Chrysanthemums, planted in good soil and carefully cultivated throughout the summer, will flower abundantly late in the fall.

Remember, that good cultivation with fruit bushes or vines during the early growing period is as essential as with corn or vegetables.

In transplanting plants it is much better to fill the hole after the plant is set, the soil added gradually, then to water after the hole is filled.

Young grapes will bear some fruit the second season after planting if they make a good growth and are otherwise well cared for during the first growing season.

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## CARING FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Thirty-Nine State and 114 Local Sanatoria Provided, but These Are Only a Beginning.

In spite of the fact that state sanatoria and hospitals for tuberculosis have been established in 31 states, and 114 municipal or county hospitals in 26 states, vastly more public provision is needed to stamp out consumption, says the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Nearly every state east of the Mississippi river has provided a state sanatorium, and west of the Mississippi river, state sanatoria have been established in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Oregon. There are 38 sanatoria provided by these states, Massachusetts having four, Connecticut and Pennsylvania three and Texas two. Including special pavilions and almshouses, there are 114 municipal or county hospitals for the care of tuberculosis patients.

Apart from these institutions, however, and a few special pavilions at prisons, hospitals for the insane, and some other public institutions, a grand total of hardly 200, the institutional care of the consumptive is left to private philanthropy.

**Maternal Instinct.**  
Mrs. Rattle—I am sure that is my baby with the pink ribbon over there.

Mr. Cynic—How can you tell it so readily?

Mr. Rattle—I can recognize it by my pet poodle the nurse has with her.

**Adam Was Grouchy.**  
The Serpent—What's Adam so grouchy about today?

The Ape—Oh, he says that the arrival of woman means that all his plans for universal peace have been knocked in the head for good.—Puck.

The successful borrower is as quick as lightning. Also he never strikes twice in the same place.

Good men are scarce, and bad ones often have to make themselves so.

**WRONG SORT**  
Perhaps Plain Old Meat, Potatoes and Bread May Be Against You for a Time.

A change to the right kind of food can lift one from a sick bed. A lady in Weldon, Ill., says:

"Last spring I became bedfast with severe stomach troubles accompanied by sick headache. I got worse and worse until I became so low I could scarcely retain any food at all, although I tried about every kind."

"I had become completely discouraged, and given up all hope, and thought I was doomed to starve to death, until one day my husband, trying to find something I could retain, brought home some Grape-Nuts."

"To my surprise the food agreed with me, digested perfectly and without distress. I began to gain strength at once. My flesh (which had been flabby), grew firmer, my health improved in every way and every day, and in a very few weeks I gained 20 pounds in weight."

"I liked Grape-Nuts so well that for four months I ate no other food, and always felt as well satisfied after eating as if I had sat down to a fine banquet."

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