

Garden and Orchard.
Successful gardening depends upon a good measure of soil.
No fruit pays for judicious pruning or thinning better than the pear.
In the fall, after the leaves drop, is a good time to prune the grape vines.
When the ground is an inch or so deep is the best time to mulch strawberries.
One advantage in mulching is that it in a measure prevents a too early growth in the spring.

A remarkable march of 4,700 miles across Siberia, occupying almost a year, has just been completed by two Russian battalions of line infantry and two batteries of artillery, which lately reached their camp on the Anaur. The troops marched 4,000 versts by land and made their way for 3,000 versts by water, half the distance on rafts constructed by themselves. Their losses were six men dead, twenty-seven left behind in hospitals, and twenty-nine horses. The others arrived in good condition and excellent spirits.

The best dairy farm in Vermont is owned and run by a woman, Mrs. Carrie Nelson, a widow who has managed her farm and educated her four children since she was left alone thirty years ago. She lives at Ryegate. She has been again and again awarded valuable prizes for her products.

Very pretty evening capes are made of china silks in dull artistic shapes, with black velvet flowers over them, and trimmed with black fox and jeweled trimming which repeats the color in the silk.

The newest belts are of gold galon, with an oblong enamelled buckle. Other pretty belts are of gold, embroidered with turquoise or of china galon, which has a faint pattern of rose and green running through it.

In selecting a Christmas present for a man, remember that he is not fighting for the ideal or unattainable. What he wants is a warm flannel night gown, with good long tails.

After a woman has tried happiness with a man for some time, she begins to talk more about the happiness to be found in heaven.

Orchard and Garden.
In many cases gardening and fruit growing combined can readily be made a practical business.
The quince does best with a short trunk, the top branching out a few inches from the ground.
The arbor vitae or Norway spruce is one of the best varieties of evergreens to plant for wind-breaks.
After the garden crops are harvested plow up the garden and apply a good dressing of well-rotted manure.

ATHLETES OF THE DEEP.
Eight Hundred Pound Tuna Fly Through the Air.

"Speaking of jumping," said an old seaman, "let me tell you of the greatest jump ever seen. It was many years ago, and we had experienced bad luck for several weeks, when one morning we sighted a big whale, and two boats set off in a race to see who would get there first.

"Suddenly the whale rose not a hundred yards away, and headed directly for us. The mate gave orders to stop, and we sat still, expecting that the monster would rise near us. The harpooner stood with his iron ready to throw, while we grasped our oars, nervously prepared to jump at the word 'stern all,' that nearly always came when a whale was harpooned. Not a word was spoken, and suddenly a mountain of black appeared, which seemed to shut off the entire horizon. Up it went until I distinctly saw a seventy-foot whale over twenty feet in the air above us.

"The mate was the first to regain his senses, and gave the command, 'stern all.' Just as we were ready to spring overboard the boat shot back several feet, and the next second the gigantic animal diving into the ocean, just grazing us, having completely passed over the boat."

Such gigantic jumps are rare. A similar one was recorded by a well-known Admiral in the British navy. A battleship was lying in the harbor of Bermuda, when all hands were attracted by the appearance of a very large whale suddenly showing itself in the harbor, and appearing very much alarmed by the shallow water. The Admiral, who was then only a midshipman, joined a boat's crew that started in pursuit, and just as they were about to strike the whale disappeared out of sight leaving a deep, whirlpool round which the boat shot. Another moment and the whale came up, having, in all probability, struck the bottom, and went into the air like a cork.

"No complete was the enormous leap," says our authority, "that for an instant we saw him fairly up in the air, in a horizontal position, at a distance of at least twenty perpendicular feet over our heads, while in his progress upward there was in his spring some touch of the vivacity with which a trout or salmon shoots out of the water."

Many of the inhabitants of the sea are good jumpers, and some have become famous. Among them should be mentioned the tarpon, that gleam like silver, which constitute the famous game fish of Florida.

In Pacific waters the tuna, an ally of the horse mackerel, is noted for its leaps. Sometimes a school sweeps up the coast, and the powerful fish, often weighing 800 pounds, are seen in the air in every direction. They dart like an arrow, turn gracefully five or six feet in the air, and come down, keeping the water for acres in a foam, and if not the greatest they are certainly the most graceful of the jumpers of the sea.

Fascination of Years.
Many a woman over twenty hesitates to meet the great and inquisitive Li Hung Chang. She doesn't care to acknowledge the burden of her years which, just possibly, the viceroys, being a student of history, lays to the credit of her fascinations. Helen of Troy was over forty when she was a party to the most famous elopement on record. Cleopatra was over thirty when Antony first loved her, and ten years later her fascinations were in the ascendant. At thirty-six Aspasia was wedded to Pericles, and thirty years afterward she wielded undisputed influence over men. Anne of Austria was quite thirty-eight when she was described as the handsomest queen in Europe; Louis XIV. wedded Mme de Maintenon when she was forty-three years of age; Mlle. Mars, the celebrated French tragedienne, only attained the zenith of her power and influence at forty-five, and Nipon de l'Enclos is proverbial for her wonderful attractions at seventy-three.

FANCY BODICE GOING.

THESE ELABORATE CREATIONS NO LONGER IN VOGUE.

Harmonious Effects Between Skirt and Bodice Are Features of the Newest Gowns—Latest Type of Bell Skirt is Heartily Welcomed.

Gotham Fashion Gossip. New York correspondence.

A CH departing fashion is regretted by some women, though it does seem as if we ought all to hasten the departure of many a whimsical style, but probably few fashions are so generally regretted as the use of black skirts with fancy waists. This combination is unquestionably a little "out," though if we have a fresh black satin or crepon we still wear it with an air of confidence and with whatever bodice we like, but we become, if we are wise, thoughtful when we consider buying a skirt for general wear. If it is to be black, then it should be velvet. There are velveteens and patent velvets, but nothing that does not look like the real thing is a wise purchase. As silk velvet costs a lot, we are very likely to give over black. This admitted, one has considerable choice. Taffeta silks, with black ground and a pretty sprinkling of rosebuds and leaves or dots and

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Persian lamb combined with seal or ermine is used liberally with cloth in the construction of handsome street gowns. Fur is used, for that matter, on almost all sorts of dresses. The delicacy of chiffon, lace and silk is enhanced by it on ball dresses, and the warmth of wool and velvet is emphasized by it for outdoor use. The market is rich in "new" furs, for shears and dyeing modify well-known furs into endless variety. It was one of these sorts, with a euphonious name and a pretty brown nap, that trimmed the next dress shown, appearing in two bands on skirt and wrists as an edging for the bertha. Black broadcloth was the goods here, giving skirt, bodice and bertha. The bodice looked at the left side, and the bertha was slashed on the shoulders and was held by fancy buttons. Belt and collar were of lettuce green and black satin.

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Another tasteful green costume had a skirt of the new bell type that we have welcomed because it is graceful and because it seems so nice to again hold up the skirt and show a pretty petticoat. Its shade was a soft lettuce green—a green with plenty of yellow in it. Heliotrope silk lined the skirt. The bodice was little more than a deep velvet girde in a heliotrope, a little more darker than the skirt lining. Above the girde a surplice fichu effect of white null was carried out, and a jacket in empire cut, of green watered silk set on a bright velvet yoke, completed the

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Important.
Mrs. Gotham—Why, how did you happen to get home from school so early?
Little Girl—You said I might ask to be excused after recess whenever there wasn't any important lessons to say, an' there wasn't today,—nothin' but 'n' geography.
"But geography is important."
"Yes, mamma; but the lesson today was only about New Jersey."—N. Y. Weekly.

Early in the present century when vessels sometimes cleared Pittsburg for a sea voyage, the captain of a ship arrived at Leghorn with a cargo. The officer who examined his papers at once said: "Sir, your papers are forged. There is no such place as Pittsburg in the world. Your vessel must be confiscated." The frightened captain then secured a map, directed the officers attention to the Gulf of Mexico, pointed out the mouth of the Mississippi, followed that stream to the Ohio, thence to the forks, and said, though the map showed no such place: "There, sir, is the port where my vessel cleared out."

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