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FOR THE UPLAND FARMER.

The abundant rains during the month of April have put the uplands in fine shape for growing crops, but these rains do not insure the crop.

The rainfall in 1890 was still more abundant and yet our uplands suffered in June, July and August with the worst drought that ever visited this country.

There is no question but that if the abundant moisture that is now in the ground could be conserved it would insure us a bountiful harvest.

In this connection the following extract from a communication in the Western Soil Culture is pertinent.

As I have said before, the people of western Nebraska believe they have made a valuable discovery. They believe that the twenty inches of rainfall that goes into that western soil annually can be to a large extent held in the soil through this system of frequent surface cultivation, and that good crops can be produced with a certainty nine years out of every ten.

There are three things necessary to produce a crop—soil, moisture and sunshine. We have the richest soil in the world and plenty of sunshine. In order to make a perfect crop there must not be too much moisture. In Iowa and Illinois they generally have twice as much moisture as they need and they must resort to tilling to get rid of the surplus. Here we will never be hindered with too much rain, but will always have sufficient to produce good crops, and when this new system is put into practice, when the farmers by experience have learned the value of "dust blankets" as a means of holding the moisture in the ground, then we will be using for crop purposes nearly all the moisture which these twenty inches of annual rainfall produce, and as Mr. Lanning, of Hastings, expresses it, "We will have a dead sure thing." It is better than irrigation.

If this dust blanket is kept intact on every field, the escape of moisture from the ground through the capillaries will be reduced to a minimum. Water will not go through dust.

Gustave Lens, a German farmer near Hastings, had forty acres of winter wheat last spring which he thought was dead. He harrowed it thoroughly as an experiment and harvested twenty bushels to the acre, while another field which looked more promising in the spring, but which he did not harrow, produced only twelve bushels to the acre.

His explanation of this is that the harrowing of the field covered it with a thin, fine, dry dust, which stopped up the pores of the soil and prevented the evaporation of the moisture.

At Holdrege, McCook, Minden, Stratton, Imperial, and all over the western portion of the south Platte country the farmers have all heard of this new plan through the farmers' institutes which have been held in these localities, and they have more faith now in their ability to successfully grow crops on this western soil than they ever had before.

Since the first of October a system of farmers' institutes, under the auspices of the state university and conducted by Professor Taylor and Lyon, have been spreading this new gospel among the people. The state agricultural society assisted in the work, and it is believed that the new system will be put into practice this coming season throughout all this western locality.

As an example of how these farmers have become students of the soil, I may cite that five hundred were in attendance at some of these meetings. At every one of these meetings where these educators talked to the farmers there were always men in the audience who were ready to give testimony and back up the new theory with practical results.

Keep a dust blanket on the field; that is the watchword. Put a dust blanket on the small grain field in the spring, as soon as possible. Put a dust blanket on every field of newly plowed ground. Take the harrow and the plow into the field together, and as fast as an acre is stirred with the plow run the harrow over it and smooth the surface and pulverize the top of the soil. Keep a dust blanket on the corn field from the time the ground is first plowed in the spring until the ears are matured in the fall. Don't "lay

corn by" in July and leave these capillaries to form on the surface and the moisture to escape. The moisture will never leave the corn field as long as it is mulched with a coat of fine, dry soil. Do not stand around waiting for more rain to fall, but hold fast to the moisture already in the ground. This is the way the farmers are talking out here now.

REBA.

Among the brilliant stars who have added luster to the dramatic stage in this country the name of Mlle. Reba stands pre-eminently forth not only as the great and gifted actress who long ago won her way to the hearts of the people of two continents, but as the woman, tender and true and ennobling her sex by every act of her gracious and charming individuality.

No woman ever possesses a more striking personality than this gifted child of France. But the world already knows that, for who has not seen Reba in her great characters Adrienne Lecouvreur, Camille and Josephine. It was only a tiny bit of a girl fresh as the roses and modest as the violets of her convent home who presented herself one day in the Paris conservatory, to begin a course of dramatic study under the great Beauvallet. Her first desire had been to remain in the dim old convent; then she found herself before knowing it, studying for the stage. So true is it that genius cannot be quenched but springs to growth and strength whether it is nurtured or not that before many months had passed she made her first public recitation, a trembling timid girl in the great Salle Pleyelle in Paris reciting Alfred De Musset's "La Nuit d'Octobre." "I remember," she will tell you laughingly, "there were three little steps that I had to mount in order to reach the stage. Those steps were the hardest I ever had to mount in my life. But once on the stage I knew no fear. I was applauded to the echo; my career was assured."

Mlle. Reba appeared first at Brussels and then at Rouen, playing Adrienne Lecouvreur and meeting unheard of success. Then she went to Russia where she acted five years at the Imperial Theatre in St. Petersburg. She had a great friend in Alexander II. who was assassinated. After that tragic event she went to Paris and not liking the attitude of the French critics towards actresses she determined to come to a country where they were properly respected. Reba will appear at the opera house in this city on the evening of May 22d.

An adequate idea of the meaning of the expression "intensive cultivation of the soil" is scarcely had by the average man. The claim is made by a certain gardener that so far as net results go more money is to be made from five acres when brought up to a high state of culture and properly tilled than from a two hundred acre farm as ordinarily kept. We have no doubt of the truth of this statement. A more general appreciation of this fact is to be the very thing that will wield a large influence toward cutting down the size of the average farm throughout the corn belt region. This day is rapidly approaching and it will get here none too soon for the good of all of us.—Nebraska Farmer.

An estate that was worth \$20,000 when it got into the law courts twenty-five years ago, was settled last week in Los Angeles, Cal. The estate was left by Encarnacion Buclma in 1870. There was nobody to claim the 42 cents that remained when the public administrator offered in the superior court last week, and the judge made an order directing that it be paid into the county treasury.

The Emerson saloon men are clamoring for a reduction in the saloon license from \$900 to \$750, which has been refused by the village board, and the saloon keepers threaten to close up the saloons, which would have the effect of closing the public schools.

Glen Sante was shot and killed Wednesday by W. R. Welch near Ida postoffice. The men became involved in a quarrel and Welch shot Sante in self-protection.

Scarlet fever has become very troublesome at Grand Island, but the cases so far reported are mild.

Pale, thin, bloodless people should use Dr. Sawyer's Ustaine. It is the greatest remedy in the world for making the weak strong. For sale by F. H. Longley.

LEGEND OF THE CROSS

WOOD DERIVED FROM THE TREE OF LIFE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

A Story of the Death of Adam and the Crucifixion of Christ Which Was Recited in the Middle Ages—How Seth Got a Glimpse of Paradise.

When Adam was banished from paradise, he lived in penitence, endeavoring to expiate the past by prayer and toil. When he reached a great age and felt death approach, he called Seth to him and said: "Go, my son, to the terrestrial paradise and ask the archangel who keeps the gate to give me a balsam which will save me from death. You will easily find the way, because my footprints scurried the soil as I left paradise. Follow my blackened traces and they will conduct you to the gate whence I was expelled."

Seth hastened to paradise. The way was barren, vegetation was scanty and of sallow colors. Over all lay the black prints of his father's and mother's feet. Presently the walls surrounding paradise appeared. Around them nature revived, the earth was covered with verdure and dappled with flowers. The air vibrated with beautiful music. Seth was dazzled with the beauty which surrounded him, and he walked on forgetful of his mission. Suddenly there flashed before him a wavering line of fire upright, like a serpent of light continuously quivering. It was the flaming sword in the hand of the cherub who guarded the gate.

As Seth drew nigh he saw that the angel's wings were expanded so as to block the door. He prostrated himself before the cherub, unable to utter a word. But the heavenly being read in his soul, better than a mortal can read a book, the words which were there impressed, and he said:

"The time of pardon is not yet come. Four thousand years must roll away before the Redeemer shall open the gate to Adam's closed by his disobedience. But as a token of future pardon the wood whereon redemption shall be won shall grow from the tomb of thy father. Behold what he lost by his transgression!"

At these words the angel swung open the great portal of gold and fire and Seth looked in.

He beheld a fountain, clear as crystal, sparkling like silver dust, playing in the midst of the garden, and gushing forth in four living streams. Before this mystic fountain grew a mighty tree, with a trunk of vast bulk and thickly branched, but destitute of bark and foliage. Around the bole was wreathed a frightful serpent or caterpillar, which had scorched the bark and devoured the leaves. Beneath the tree was a precipice. Seth beheld the roots of the tree in hell. There Cain was striving to grasp the roots and clamber up them into paradise, but they laced themselves around the body and limbs of the fratricide as the threads of a spider's web entangle a fly, and the fibers of the tree penetrated the body of Cain as though they were endowed with life. Horror struck at this awful sight. Seth raised his eyes to the summit of the tree. There all was changed. The tree had grown tall its branches reached heaven. The boughs were covered with leaves, flowers and fruit. But the fairest fruit was a little babe, a living sun, who seemed to be listening to the songs of seven white doves who circled about his head. A woman, more lovely than the moon, bore the child in her arms.

The cherub closed the door and said: "I give thee now three seeds taken from that tree. When Adam is dead, place these three seeds in thy father's mouth and bury him."

So Seth took the seeds and returned to his father. Adam was glad to hear what his son told him and praised God. On the third day after the return of Seth he died. Then his son buried him in the skins of beasts which God had given him for a covering, and his sepulcher was on Golgotha. In course of time three trees grew from the seeds brought from paradise. One was a cedar, another a cypress and the third a pine. They grew with marvelous force, thrusting their branches to right and left. It was with one of these boughs that Moses performed his miracles in Egypt, brought water out of the rock and healed those whom the serpents slew in the desert.

In the time of Solomon this was the noblest of the trees of Lebanon. It surpassed all in the forests of King Hiram as a monarch surpasses those who crouch at his feet. Now, when the son of David erected his palace he cut down this tree to convert it into the main pillar supporting his roof. But all in vain. The column refused to answer the purpose. It was at one time too long, at another too short. Surprised at this resistance, Solomon lowered the walls of his palace to suit the beam, but at once it shot up and pierced the roof, like an arrow driven through a piece of canvas or a bird recovering its liberty. Solomon, enraged, cast the tree overboard, that all might trample on it as they crossed the brook.

The queen of Sheba found it there and recognizing its virtue had it raised. Solomon then buried it. Some time after the king dug the pool of Bethesda on the spot. This pond at once acquired miraculous properties and healed the sick who flocked to it. The water owed its virtues to the beam which lay beneath it.

When the time of the crucifixion of Christ drew near, this wood rose to the surface and was brought out of the water. The executioners, when seeking a suitable beam to serve for the cross, found it and of it made the instrument of the death of the Saviour. After the crucifixion it was buried on Calvary, but the mother of Constantine the Great, the Empress Helena, found it deep in the ground with two others. Christ's was distinguished from those of the thieves by a sick woman being cured by touching it.—Baring Gould's "Myths of the Middle Ages."



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It is said that President Kruger of the Transvaal Republic has confined his reading to the Bible and "Pilgrim's Progress" until recently, when some one gave him one of Mark Twain's books. The humor of the American joker happened to hit the Boer ruler in the right place, and he purchased a full set of Mr. Clemens' books.

One of the shortest will ever filed was offered the other day at the surrogate's office in New York. It was the work of Andrew Wesley Kent, a lawyer, and was written on a sheet of his office paper. It read: "My Will: I give, devise, and bequeath unto my wife, Nina Kent, all my estate, both real and personal. I appoint her executrix thereof, and revoke all former wills."

Dr. A. F. Sawyer—I have had Rheumatism since I was 20 years old, but since using your Family Cure have been free from it. It also cured my husband of the same disease. Mrs. Robt. Connolly, Brooklyn, Iowa. Sold by F. H. Longley.

The date of the Nebraska Irrigation fair to be held at North Platte has been fixed for October 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15, and no doubt will be a grand exhibition of what water and sunshine can do in the great "American desert." Next to the Trans-Mississippi exposition, and then the state fair, nothing will attract more attention next fall when pumpkins are ripe and beets full grown. Every county in the western part of the state should make an appropriation to make a display. We hope to see the Hall county commissioners lead in the matter.—Grand Island Independent.

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by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Madrid has been using eight hundred priests and twice as many prayers to get its patron saint to intercede for the suppression of the Cuban rebellion. As St. Isidro died in the thirteenth century and is still dead it seems that Madrid might have selected some livelier intercessor. Uncle Sam for instance who is willing and anxious to serve whereas there is some doubt as to how Isidro stands on the Cuban question.—Ex.

Pale, thin, bloodless people should use Dr. Sawyer's Ustaine. It is the greatest remedy in the world for making the weak strong. For sale by F. H. Longley.

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