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DISFIGURING THE LANDSCAPE.

An agricultural paper makes a strong protest against the too common practice in the rural districts of "disfiguring fences, barns and other buildings, trees, etc., with glaring signs." There might have been included in the list of great sprawling billboards which are to be seen along railroads and highways at frequent intervals, says the Louisville Courier Journal. A large amount of picturesque scenery is marred in this way. Nothing is sacred to the enterprising advertiser who is interested in keeping his wares before the public eye. It requires the consent of the property owners to disfigure buildings and beautiful landscapes in this way, but as some farmers and landowners find it to be a source of some small revenue, they are more than willing to permit the advertiser to work his will in such matters. But the farmer gets very little money out of the transaction, and only succeeds in detracting from the appearance of his property. There are many farmers who do not realize that there is a money value to them in keeping their farms and buildings in good order. A good beginning in that direction is by keeping the premises clear of things which are likely to be distasteful to passersby.

The use of the automobile has increased with great rapidity, and it has been inevitable that with the increase in use there would be an increase in the number of accidents, even though there should be, as a rule, an increase in the care exercised. Fatalities from horse-drawn vehicles have so long been a matter of course that they have attracted less attention than fatalities caused by automobiles, although until recently the number of the former has greatly exceeded the latter. In New York city thus far this year the fatalities recorded are 135, year the deaths caused by wagons number 117. Last year, in the same month, wagons caused the death of 111 persons, while automobiles killed only 79. It will thus be seen that the fatalities caused by automobiles in New York city have increased nearly 100 per cent, while the number chargeable to wagons was nearly stationary. These, however, are the figures for a densely populated city, and it is altogether probable that if the figures could be compiled for the entire country they would show that accidents to horse-drawn vehicles still outnumber those to automobiles, as was ascertained to be the case in England last year.

A young woman living near Syracuse has just died as the result of a "joke." Someone pulled a chair from under her while she was out in company, "there was a general laugh, in which she joined to hide her pain," and she died of peritonitis at a hospital four days afterward. Next July there will be a chance for some of her humorous friends to set a cannon cracker under somebody's chair, says the Buffalo Express. It is good to have minds that see the pleasant side of life in that way.

"There never can be any real and lasting peace in this country until world's championship baseball games have been eliminated from the sporting calendar," says the Chicago Tribune. The contemporary seems disposed to adopt the traditional method of pacification, namely: Creating a desert and calling it peace.

It is now said that steamboats and trains spread disease. But this in no sense lifts the responsibility for the same ill-doing from the house fly and the mosquito.

It is considered worthy of note that a laborer with \$50,000 continued to labor at two dollars a day. He might just as well have blown it acquiring a headache.

Counterfeiting has decreased in this country during the past year, according to police reports. The gang must be working on those new \$1,000 bills.

Los Angeles has opened a school where girls are taught dressing as a fine art. If they were taught dressing as a culinary art, there might be some good accomplished.

The Paris Matin tells us that the man who understands women is never desired of them. But this disability will not handicap most men of average intelligence.

A woman has just died from blood poisoning, due to sticking her hat pin into her head. Usually some one besides the user of the pin has been the victim.

Aviators in Germany are paid \$37 a month—that and death accounting for the scarcity of German aviators.

Chicago has a school for brides, but all graduates are not guaranteed a position.

IRRIGATION FOR GOOD CROPS

Maximum of Production Usually Attained in Gardens With Moderate but Frequent Waterings.

After all has been said and done, the limit of production is set, other conditions being equal, by the supply of moisture at the right time, and those who depend on rainfall can hardly have the exact optimum condition. Dry weather is needed to work the corn, wet weather for the pasture, and only under artificial application of moisture can these two conditions be realized, says a writer in the Denver Weekly Post. It is true that we sometimes have wet weather when we do not want it here. In fact, this season we have had rather more than was necessary, but as a rule we can regulate things, and with us the crop we shall grow is a matter of our selection. Some states have sections of a hundred miles or more almost wholly in wheat, because hot winds bake the corn. In many other sections fall crops, such as cabbage or potatoes, are extremely risky. Long winter months of cold and wet reduce profits, which, however, are fairly easily assured on large farms with us, even if less per acre.

No section of the country has all the advantages, but for the smaller farmer irrigation with an assured supply of water certainly seems best, for his production is practically only limited by the fertility of his land. Water will make crops grow and sunshine is here in quantity. So far as there is a missing link in irrigated agriculture it is the lack of manure to replace the great tonnage sold, and it is after this line that we must look for improvement. Besides furnishing good plant food, the organic matter holds moisture between irrigations and lessens the need of such frequent applications, which are both expensive and reduce the strength of the soil soup, even in our rich soils. The fact that we get our highest production in the years of greatest rainfall points to the value of a more constant and less heavy application of water where the supply is sufficiently constant.

The maximum of production is usually attained in the garden with moderate but frequent waterings, though care should be taken that the ground does not become crusted at the depth of a few inches and the soil remain dry and the top soaked, inducing sourness and shallow rooting. In the field, as a rule, with its deep cultivation, there is a tendency for the water to soak too deep and run too long in covering long rows, while on the small patch the tendency is the other way. Farmers show much skill in cultivation which preserves the irrigation waters, checks their evaporation at the surface while it encourages capillarity, which returns the water to the roots, even after it has passed low down in the soil.

There is, of course, an exact length of row run for water, which varies according to the soil, to attain the best result from the smallest amount of water. The looser the soil the shorter the row should be, so far as the application of water is concerned, while on heavy soils we must constantly try the ground with a shovel to see that the water soaks deep enough. Perhaps on light soils rather than suffer the inconvenience of short rows it pays to run a packer, as a corrugator is run over grain and alfalfa crops on the western slope, or sometimes like the same effect may be secured on suitable land by using smaller ditches. On other soils, on the contrary, a large head of water will run a short time with less waste than a smaller one. Some of these things may seem paradoxical, but they will be found true in practice and necessitate close observance as to soil conditions by the man who spreads the water.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Rose must be covered for winter protection.

"Don't" feed the cows heavy just before calving time.

Regularity is a necessity in the right kind of dairying.

Keeping two cows to do the work of one constitutes the biggest leak in the dairy business.

Butter-fat is put into the milk through the right kind of breeding, not through feeding.

Both the milker and his clothes should be clean if the best quality of milk is to be produced.

There are many roots, bulbs and shrubs that may be planted in the fall for a flower garden.

Coloring matter that is injurious as food must be so labeled on the butter package in which it is used. Otherwise labeling is unnecessary.

Save much valuable grain and furbish the stock with a cleaner, more wholesome feed by making every crib and g-annary rat and mice proof.

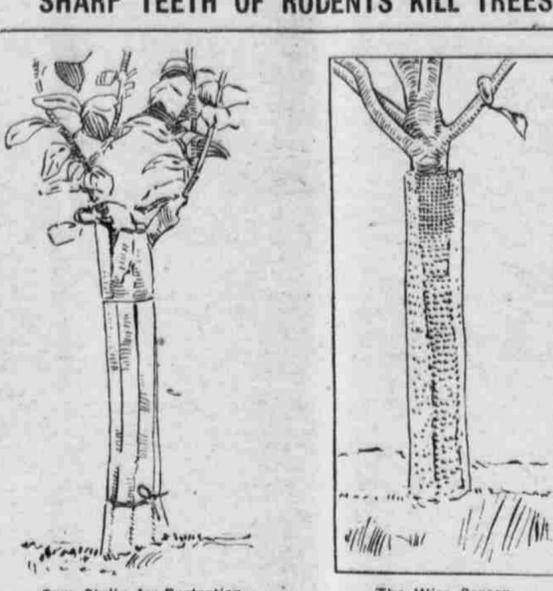
The cement water tank will improve the appearance of the farm; it will prove to be a great convenience and it will add to the value of the place.

There are many soil diseases and insect pests that will harbor in the remains of a garden crop if the grounds are not cleared and the rubbish burned.

Particular attention should be paid to the securing of a thoroughbred ram possessing good qualities, as upon his excellence will depend the future value of the flock.

Better sheep will grow more pounds of wool than are now obtained and at the same time grow a carcass improved in the essentials of profitable mutton productions.

SHARP TEETH OF RODENTS KILL TREES

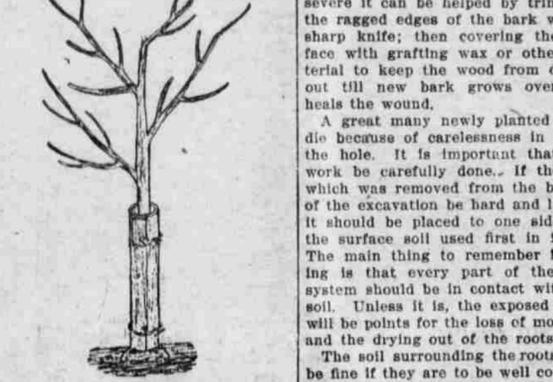


Corn Stalks for Protection. The Wire Screen.

(By F. H. BALLOU.)
Mice rarely injure trees except where grass, straw manure, boards or trash of some kind about the base of the tree prove a hiding place, as they prefer to perform their depredations under cover. In mounding fruit trees, first clear away the grass, trash or mulch from the base of the tree for a foot or more in all directions.

With the foot, or, better, with a post tamper, thoroughly firm the soil about the base of the tree. This breaks down and fills any runs or burrows that may be just below the surface.

With two shovelful of fresh soil or cinders make a small mound, 12 or 14 inches in diameter at the base and



Young Apple Tree With Wood Veneer Wrapper, Having the Earth Mounded Around it for Protection Against Both Rabbits and Borers.

from four to six inches high about the stem of the tree, firming the soil well.

The tops of these small mounds are usually kept quite bare by the sweeping force of the winter winds, even if there be several inches of snow on the ground. Mice will not venture out in these exposures to feed on the bark of the trees and burrowing into the freshly packed soil is not likely to be attempted in the winter even in open weather.

The mounds may be left throughout the year, but they should be tamped hard and repaired each autumn. Cinders are most excellent material for this purpose as mice will not burrow through them.

The wire screen is an ideal and complete all round protector and is given first place among the mechanical forms. Being light and open it prevents the least obstruction to the strong winds, the air and sunshine are freely admitted and no dark places of concealment, such as invite the woolly aphid and other forms of insect life are afforded.

Use galvanized wire cloth of 1/4-inch mesh. The 24-inch width being the most convenient for apple trees. Cut into 12-inch sections they should be carefully bent or rolled over a small round piece of wood, allowing the edges to lap about one inch. The cylinders are then placed about the trees, where their own tension will close them securely.

One-inch mesh poultry netting will protect the trees against rabbit, but not from mice, but in combination with a slight mound of soil about the base of tree, mice will rarely prove troublesome.

There is no device superior in effectiveness against rabbits and ground hogs as corn stalks, and certainly none cheaper for the farm orchard. A good plan is to take the bundles of stover as they come from the field, square off the butts and cut off a two-foot length of the lower ends of the stalk.

These sections may be fed to the stock even in a manger or in the feed lot, where the blades will be cleanly and neatly stripped off.

Five or six stalks bound firmly about the stem of a young tree, with twine or short sections of wire, will constitute a protector that will last for several seasons. The stalks readily yield as the stem of the tree increases in size.

In case wire ties are used for binding on the stalk these must be removed from about the tree when the stalks are taken off, or they will drop down about the collar of the tree and become covered with soil and forgot-

Not Used to "High Life."

An old farmer was in London visiting his son, who had got on in the world, and who kept a large house, servants, etc.
When the two sat down to dinner the first night a manservant waited upon them, and was most assiduous in his attentions to the old farmer. After watching his antics for a bit the guest exclaimed:
"What the mischief are ye dancin' about like that for? Can ye not draw in yer chair and sit down? I'm sure there's enough here for the three of us."—London Mail.

One Fisherman's Idea.

First Angler—Look, this fish was almost caught before; see the broken hook in its mouth.
Second Angler—It should have had sense enough to steer clear of hooks after that.
First Angler—Oh, come, you can't expect a fish to exhibit more sense than a human being.

A FREE SURPRISE BOX.

In another part of this paper you will find a large ad of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co., Omaha, Neb. They offer to send to any reader a box of assorted biscuits absolutely free. Don't miss this opportunity. Cut out the coupon from their ad and mail it today.

Real Thing.

Who was this great god Pan you read about who worked on pipes?
"I guess he was a boss plumber."

Every woman should have an aim in life, even if she can't throw a stone with any degree of accuracy.

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Borrowed money often causes a total loss of memory.

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Gloomy Outlook.
"It's going to be a hard winter."
"How can you tell?"
"By the size of the salary I'm getting."

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Good Job.
"Now, Johnny," said the teacher after she had explained the meaning of the word. "I wish you would write a sentence containing defeat."

After a struggle which lasted for about twenty minutes Johnny announced that he was ready to be heard.

"Please read your composition," the teacher directed.
"When you git shoes da'ta too tite," Johnny read, "it's hard on de feet."

Transmigrating Turkey.
"The only time I ever believed in the transmigration of souls was one frosty November afternoon on my Indiana farm."

The speaker was George Ade, the humorist. He continued:
"It was a day or two before Thanksgiving. The trees were bare. The fields were a russet brown color. Toward me over those russet fields strutted a very plump, very large, very young turkey."

"Then it was that an ardent belief in the doctrine of metempsychosis seized me.
"You," I said to the superb bird, "you are now a turkey. And you will die tomorrow. But, cheer up. Your next transmigration will be into the body of a humorist not unknown to fame."

INFORMATION WANTED.
He—You say that all you want is a good home and a good husband. I can surely furnish you a good home. She—But can you furnish me a good husband?



NEVER TIRED Of the Food That Restored Her to Health.
"Something was making me ill and I didn't know the cause," writes a Colo. young lady: "For two years I was thin and sickly, suffering from indigestion and inflammatory rheumatism.
"I had tried different kinds of diet, and many of the remedies recommended, but got no better.
"Finally, Mother suggested that I try Grape-Nuts, and I began at once, eating it with a little cream or milk. A change for the better began at once.
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