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Then in the next breath she added: "Oh, yes, there is! I want that hot water bottle; but that's not to eat."

The cockney maid stood silent for a moment, then said gleefully, "Oh, yes it is to eat! You want me to eat it for you?"—Youth's Companion.

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**Horticultural
News**

"STAGHEAD" OF FRUIT TREES

Cause May Be Due to Various Unfavorable Conditions—Top-Grafting is Sometimes Necessary.

Very frequently apple trees and some varieties of shade trees are seen with the topmost branches dead and remaining as dry sticks like antlers projecting above the foliage. This condition may be due to various unfavorable conditions, but it is chiefly encountered with old trees which have long remained unsprayed, unpruned, uncultivated and unfertilized. This allows opportunity for wood destroying fungi to gain an entrance. Once started their growth will eventually destroy the whole tree. Severe heading back and clearing out of the dead and fungus infested wood followed by cultivation and fertilization should be resorted to. In some instances it may be necessary to top-graft to renew the head of the tree. The full results of such treatment do not show the first year. Great care should be taken not to leave wounds through which the spores of fungi can gain an entrance to cause future decay.

During the past few years a large number of shade trees in the north-eastern part of the United States, and also the middle states have been affected with staghead. The trouble appears to have come chiefly from the root system, but exactly what causes it, is not definitely known at the present time.

There are many varieties of shade trees affected in this way, and this means their ultimate destruction, since those that do not die outright will never recover their tops, and are, therefore, worthless as specimens of shade trees. This dying back is particularly noticeable on elms.

A characteristic feature of trees affected with staghead, more conspicuous in slowly dying trees, may be seen in the increase of the heartwood and decrease of the sapwood. The wood of the dying trees is very brittle, and the limbs and branches fall off easily.

Old trees reaching the end of their grand period of growth, usually show the same characteristic and for this



Elm Tree Dying With Staghead Effect—Note Dead, Stubby Branches at the Top.

reason they, too, become dangerous. Many of the limbs and branches fall, a large percentage when there is no wind and where the atmosphere is usually quiet, especially during October and November, after the leaves have fallen.

**HORTICULTURAL
NOTES**

In picking apples be careful not to pick off the spurs.

The best available material for fruit boxes is the white spruce.

Tie up the currant bushes so the snow will not break them down.

Good fruit and vegetables in clean, attractive packages need no salesman.

Spray the trees this fall for the San Jose scale if you have seen signs this season.

Fall strawberries do not produce so great a number of plants as the spring varieties.

Good young apple trees come high, but the poor ones are dearer than any other kind.

Protect apple trees from sun scald by putting boards or cornstalks on the southwest side of the tree.

Work up the surplus apples into cider and if there are grapes to spare, try the unfertilized grape juice.

The root louse often causes apple scab, and ashes or lime around the trunk of the apple tree will stop the ravages of this pest.

The pear tree needs little culture. Encouraging strong growth only induces blight. A good sod surface and slow growth are more favorable.

The peach makes a good stock for some varieties of plum. It has a larger and stronger root system than most plum varieties.

**NEWS and GOSSIP
of WASHINGTON**



How the Chief Justice Finally Gained Entrance

WASHINGTON.—It was the voice of the chief justice of the United States that there was no response. The chief justice stood before the huge, bronze, barred doors of the Pan-American building. The chief justice waited in dignified silence for the doors to be swung open, but the doors did not move. They were locked and double bolted. It was nine o'clock at night. A chill breeze blew up across the Mall from the river, fanning the swallow tails of the chief justice's evening coat. All the associate justices of the Supreme court stood silently behind the chief justice, watching their chief hopefully. It was absolutely imperative that they gain entrance, for they were to give a reception in that very building to the members of the American Bar association, and the reception was scheduled to begin in a few minutes.

The chief justice merely shouted: "Open up." Somebody snickered, but nobody answered the summons. The associate justices grew uneasy and shifted from foot to foot. Inside, through the bars of the big bronze doors, was a scene of light and cheer. Men in evening garb stood chatting gaily, awaiting the arrival of the Supreme court. The chief justice looked about for a knocker. There was none. He peeped here and there for a door bell. There was none. Suddenly he discovered he held a cane in his hand. He raised the cane menacingly. Once again his order rang out in the night air: "Open up." Bang! Bang!! Bang!!!

It was the ferrule of the chief justice's cane against that valuable plate glass. Instantly there was a commotion inside. No less than half a dozen uniformed servants dashed toward the door to save that plate glass. But the chief justice did not see the commotion and his cane banged loudly against the plate glass until it seemed the glass surely must yield and shatter into bits.

Then, the glass doors were swung open, the bolts on the bronze doors were shot, locks were turned and wide swung the great bronze doors to admit the chief justice of the United States.

Chief Little Bears Promises to Remain Neutral

THE secretary of the interior has received a letter from Little Bears, the chief of a roving band of Indians known throughout the far West as the "Rocky Mountain Boys," in which he gives assurances to the federal government that "his forces will remain absolutely neutral during the present war in Europe." Newspapers are not delivered regularly in the neighborhoods which Little Bears frequents, and it seems evident that somebody with high ability in descriptive language must have told him about the quantity and quality of the fighting now going on. Little Bears has a local reputation as a man unafraid of anybody in the world, but it appears that he is not ignorant of the limitations of his own forces; he must have been thoroughly impressed with the scale of the European war, for he lost no time in sending his letter to Washington.

It is said that Secretary Lane immediately submitted the communication to President Wilson, who asked that Little Bears be thanked for his patriotic attitude.

That a roving band of North American Indians should be so deeply impressed by the kind of fighting which goes on day after day on the European battle grounds is pretty strong evidence that the ordinary noncombatant living in Washington, for instance, has full justification for his attitude of blank dismay at the enormity of the field operations.

Just as Easy as Burying a Politician, Said Taft

FORMER PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. TAFT proved the other day that he has lost none of his physical strength in the time he has been away from Washington. Mr. Taft was honored by the Chevy Chase club, which purchased an oak tree to be planted by the former chief executive. The tree was five feet tall, and required a large space for the roots, but Mr. Taft handled the spade with ease, and it took him less than five minutes to level the ground after the oak had been placed in position.

"It's as easy as burying a politician," he declared, as he smoothed the earth admiringly after the task had been completed.

Mr. Taft thanked the members of the club for the honor they had bestowed upon him, and declared he was happy upon his return to Washington to find that he had not been forgotten by his associates while here. During his administration Mr. Taft spent a great deal of time at the Chevy Chase club, where he was seen regularly upon the links.

President Wilson Has Supplanted Niagara Falls

FOR many years it was customary for Englishmen on meeting an American tourist for the first time to open the conversation with: "From America, eh? You must be very proud of your Niagara falls?"

This was considered quite the proper thing, and highly complimentary, since Niagara falls was the only thing that England did not have which excelled anything America had, in the Britisher's opinion.

Ed Kenna, former Missourian and former vice-president of the Santa Fe railroad, but a resident of France and England for the past 14 years, tells a new one on the Englishman.

Kenna is a neighbor of Kipling in Sussex, and the two are great friends. Kenna and Kipling were in conversation one day, with America and Americans for the theme. Something said by Kipling, who has a fondness for both, led Kenna to remark:

"Yes, for years and years you Englishmen, in the preliminaries following an introduction to an American, would ask that question about Niagara falls. Now you say, on being introduced to an American: 'You must be very proud of your Woodrow Wilson, eh, what?' Woodrow Wilson seems to have succeeded Niagara falls in your estimation."

Senator Clarke of Arkansas is the fastest talker the United States senate probably has ever seen. When he speaks the stenographers bend over double and their hands fly from page to page like lightning.

They tell a story of an expert stenographer who was employed during a political rush. The stenographer was called in by the senator for a long letter. Several moments later he came out. He was perspiring freely. "I quit," he announced to the room generally, "when it comes to dictation from a galling gun."

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate stomach, liver and bowels—sugar-coated, tiny granules

WESTERN CANADA'S STRONG POSITION

"THE WHEAT GRANARY OF THE WORLD," A WELL APPLIED TERM.

Western Canada occupies a stronger position today than it ever has occupied. Taking one year with another, the efficiency of its lands to produce has been well proved. It has not been said of it that year in and year out there were bumper and bounteous crops. If such a condition existed it would be phenomenal in the history of any country. With an extensive territory producing grain, hogs, cattle and sheep, of some 800 miles wide and 1,000 miles long, it is easy to conceive of a wide variation in temperature and climate; there is variation in rainfall and snowfall; every section is not the best in the district—some are better than others and some worse, but as a general thing, the great percentage is "better." This past year has shown that some portions are not altogether immune from periods of drought. The same may be said of adjoining states to the south. But this year has also shown that in the greater portion of Western Canada drought does not appear, but even in the drought-stricken area of this year, past years have shown that the soil produces wonderfully well and even this year, with modern methods, known as "dry-farming," good crops were harvested. The large number of Americans who during the past sixteen years have been attracted to Canada have not gone simply because of the advertising of that country, but because their friends and their old-time neighbors have done well there, and with careful and judicious farming almost everyone has done well.

As a result of the great influx of immigration the open or prairie homesteading area is being rapidly taken up. The fact that this is so is evidence that Western Canada lands are productive, and on these open plains today are to be seen the homes of successful farmers from almost every state in the Union. They have earned their patents and now own outright their 160 acres of land, together probably with an adjoining 160 acres, which they have purchased or pre-

empted, all of which is worth from \$25 to \$30 per acre. They originally started by growing grains altogether, but they found that they could secure a better price for much of their grain by feeding it to hogs and cattle, and the most successful ones are those who have followed this course.

But to meet the wants of the newcomer a new homestead area has been opened up, known as the "park country." In this park country are to be found beautiful groves of poplar and willow, small lakes and streams, with sufficient open area to enable one to go into immediate cultivation of crop, and in due time when they wish more land to be put under cultivation, they may at small cost cut down some of the groves, which in the meantime have been valuable in providing fuel and in giving shelter to cattle.

Notwithstanding the high character of the open prairie lands and the fact that farmers there have realized in a splendid way, there is the opinion backed up by a lot of experience that this parklike country contains soil even better than that of the open area referred to.

The opportunities, therefore, for money making are as great today as they ever were. The opportunities for carrying on farming successfully are fully as great as they ever were. Of this park area we have an immense quantity of land yet to be settled. It is true that the railroads have not yet penetrated these districts to the extent that they have the open area, but this will come and as settlements advance, so will railroads build. For the present there is a temporary lull in railroad building, but it is always the case that where there is a demand there will come a supply, and it will not be long before the park country will be penetrated by railroads that will give sufficient accommodation for all needs, but to those who prefer it there are lots of opportunities for purchasing land nearer towns and villages and at low prices and on easy terms.

Whether one cares to purchase or homestead it can better be done by paying a visit to the country and it will repay you to spend some little time visiting the different districts.—Advertisement.

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