

AWRENCE HUNTer carried a big bunch of pink roses with him when he called on Alma Bentley with an important mission felt that he was particularly fortunate in having them, as they were

country-bred roses, grown properly in the open air, and the last of the season.

He had heard the young woman bemoan the fact that she never saw any roses except those raised in hot-houses, that she did not consider art superior to nature, and should never forget the dear roses that grew in the country, in the garden of their old home--they were filled with tender associations.

Therefore Lawrence Hunter was full of a happy importance, as he presented her with the roses he had plucked himself from the bushes in a friend's gar-

den that same day. "You will find them delightfully fragrant," he said, as she took the great bunch of bloom in her fine, slim hands, and looked at them with such loving appreciation that the young man's pulse went up to fever heat.

She was dressed as became a rosequeen, in snowy white, and her golden for the position. hair was bound with a filet of blue, which color enhanced the fairness of her complexion, as she probably meant it should, in the artlessness of art. And as she held her lovely face with its delicate rose-color above the roses, the young man, strengthened his resolve to propose that-

But there is an old adage about man proposing. The queenly Alma knew that she could not continue to hold the roses without weariness, even flowers become burdensome, under certain conditions, and she placed them tenderly in a china vase, and when they were arranged to suit her fastidious taste, lingered to drink in their subtle beauty.

"They bring up the sweetest associations of a happy past," she said, romantically. "Petals of pink, and hearts of gold, how I love you! I revel in your adorable sweetness!"

And she buried her face in the mass of roses, the better to inhale their odor, and then Lawrence, who felt the insanity of jealousy stealing over him, noticed that her slender form was shaken with sobs, and he sprung to her assistance. But she gave a wild shriek and escaped from the room, leaving the astonished lover gazing into space.

He heard cries and exclamations, the hurry of flying feet, doors slamming, and-silence. He waited, but no one



"POISON TASTER TO MY QUEEN."

came, and he went home with a profound conviction that he had just escaped making a fool of himself-that Alma Bentley was a woman with a past, that he would call on her-or cultivate her society, no longer. And he lay awake all night, thanking his stars that he was not her accepted husband.

The next day he watched anxiously for some word, a note, any explanation, but none came. He wandered that way in the evening, and finding the house dark and closed, was so piqued and curious that he rung the bell and inquired if the young woman was at home.

"Yes," the domestic said, "but not able to see any one-quite ill, under the doctor's care."

"The plot thickens," said the young man to himself, as he turned away, more in love than ever, and determined to probe the mystery to its depths. Suppose she had a past-so had he, and he laughed grimly as he thought of some pages of his life that he would have been glad to tear out and burn. Poor little girl! Some foolish romance of her early teens that had roses in itand a lover! What then? How many love affairs of his own had left memories and associations-only he was a man and could forget. Well, he would teach her to forget if she would give him her confidence and love!

He waited meekly but expectantly a week-two weeks, and when a third had nearly passed, met Alma face to face. Both were riding, but threw him a sweet smile and a bow as they passed, and he thought he had never seen her looking so well, not excepting that fatal evening of the roses.

After a decorous time he called, and was as nervous as a woman as he waitthe sawmill." ed to hear the rustle of her silken skirts, and learn from her lips the mystery of the incident of the roses.

There was no hint of illness or pallor, but just a slight shade of anxiety on her face as she cordially welcomed to/understand anything about the cointhe young man.

"You must have thought me out of my senses," she said, as soon as they were seated, "when I rushed out of the man to sell a gold brick to." room that night; but I could not help at. I lost all my self-control and cried

'Were you so much overcome?" asked Lawrence kindly. "Overcome? I was blind, frantic with

pain." "I have heard," said the young man, "of people to whom the odor of certain flowers was painful on account of memories. If I had only known that in his mind, and he my unfortunate roses had the power to rouse slumbering recollections of happier days, rather than revive such memories, I would have left them wither on their stems!"

"Memories," repeated Alma vaguely, "what had they to do with me? I don't understand you, Mr. Hunter."

"Was it not an overpowering rush of associations connected with the roses that brought on your attack of illness?"

Alma stared a moment, then laughed merrily.

"No, indeed, it was the overpowering rush of a bee concealed in one of the roses, and it stung my poor lip so that I was a fright for weeks and suffered from the poison, too."

"And it wasn't a memory?" Lawrence's tone was jubilant.

"No, but it is now, and a very disagreeable one. I am pledged hereafter to artificial roses."

"Let me have the life-long position of poison-taster to my queen," suggested Lawrence gallantly, and his queen, being in the mood, accepted him

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THE SUN'S HEAT.

We believe that we are speaking the truth when we say that there is no more than one person in ten who has anything like a correct idea of what an icicle forty-five miles in diameter and 200,000 in length would look like. It is also true that there is no necessity for one being provided with a mind that would enable him to form a correct conception of such a gigantic cylinder of ice, for there is no probability that any one will ever live to see an icicle even half so large, yet it is interesting to know that Sir John Herschel, the great astronomer, used an illustration in one of his articles on the intensity of the sun's heat. After giving the diameter of the great blazing orb, and a calculation on the amount of heat radiated by each square foot of its immense surface, he closed by saying that if it were possible for an icicle fortyfive miles in diameter and 200,000 miles long to plunge into the sun's great burning sea of gas, it would be melted away and utterly consumed, even to its vapor, in less than one second of time! Such an icicle would contain more cubic yards of ice than has formed on the rivers and lakes of the United States during the past 100 years; its base would cover the average Missouri county, and its length would be almost sufficient to reach the moon.

Where the Money Went.

He was a very little fellow, but as bright as a dollar, as pretty as a Cupid, with more of a regard for personal appearance than the god of love. and lived in the suburbs. He had been saving up his pennies, nickels and dimes with the understanding that on his birthday he should be permitted to go to town and spend his money just as he might see fit. The day came and with his aunt he visited the city and spent the entire day away from home. When he returned in the evening his father asked him if he had enjoyed himself.

His nonchalent reply was: "Yes, sir." "Did you spend all your money?" was sked suggestively. "Yes, sir."

"What did you buy?" queried the parent.

"B'nanas."

"You don't mean to tell me you spen. all your money for bananas?" "Yes, sir."

"Good heavens, child; why did you hrow away all your money on bananas? Surely you did not eat all you bought with that \$2."

'No, sir. I dess boughted 'em all day an' I did eated two of 'em. Den I had lots o' fun skinnin' th' others an' trowin' 'em at dogs."-Indianapolis Senti-

Where Sca Serpents Had No Show. A Georgia drummer was talking to a crowd of the famous "blue snake" of Florida. The drummer said: "I was workin' in the field one day with a nigger, and niggers are scared to death of blue snakes, when he give a yell. 'Blue snake!' and went flyin'. I didn't know which way the durn snake was comin', so I took after the nigger, and we went out of that field like two streaks of lightning, leavin' our hoes standin' up in the furrow. What became of the snake I don't know, and I didn't go back to see until the next mornin', and, by gum! what I found there surprised me about as much as anything I had met up with in Florida. The snake had hit my hoe handle plumb in the center, and it had swelled up so that I got a thousand shingles, 10,000 feet of weather boardin', four cords of firewood, 100 fence rails, enough floorin' for the Baptist church and 500 barrel staves out of it." The listeners expressed their belief vigorously. "And," concluded the drummer, when he could be heard, "that hoe-handle was still swellin' when we got it to

"What do you know about gold and silver?" asked the young farmer of the irreverent youth. "You are too young auestion."

"Oh, of course," jeered the youth, I guess I am too young to be a safe

The allusion was painfully personal. -Indianapolis Journal.

MYSTERY OF THE ROSE like a child. Mamma said I was very FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof-Horticulture, Viticulture and Flori-



HE EARLIER IN life a weed is destroyed the easier, and the smaller the damage it will have done. This is almost self-evident. A weed is a thief in the cultivated ground, intent on making a vigorous growth and robbing

the rightful plants of their nourishment, says Prof. B. D. Halstead, who has made a study of weeds and their treatment. This work does not begin until the young plant establishes its roots in the soil and has spread its leaves in the air and sunshine. If the weed is killed before this point is reached, a double work is done, the theft has been prevented, and the weed is killed. The germination of the seed has provided the condition for easy destruction that would not have obtained had the plantlet remained snugly enveloped by the seed-coats. One of the best methods of ridding a soil of weeds is to arrange for rapid wholesale germination of the weed seeds, after which the young plants should be promptly killed.

But all weeds are not annuals; and if the soil is filled with those that live from year to year, other methods of extermination must be followed. Weeds get their living in the same way as other plants-they need to have room in the soil for their roots, and space in the air and sunlight for the stems and leaves. Cut them off from these sources of food; and the means of performing the vital functions, and death sooner or later must follow. It is evident that repeated removals of the portion above ground will continually weaken the plant, and if to this is added an occasional upturning of the roots, the weeds must die. Some of them will stand a great deal of torture, but it is the only general way.

There is no panacea for weeds, nothing that can be put on a field to kill them, unless it be a full and proper application of that which, for the lack of a better and neater name, is called "elbow-grease." This will not only kill the weeds, but also improve the cultivated crops.

It is beyond reasonable expectation that all annual weeds will be either killed in the seed or soon after germination; some dodge the hoe, while others will be missed by the rake. The next best thing is to keep them from seeding. The perfection of a crop of seeds is the end and aim of the whole existence of a weed. If one, for example, removes the large cup-like flower cluster of the carrot, there will soon be a half dozen to take its place and hurry matters, in seeming fear that they may share the same fate before the seeds are matured. If a weed gets a late start, it spends very little time on stem building, but blo from the soil, and puts all its energies into the perfection of its seeds and the continuation of its species. A "pusley" plant will, if left to itself for a few days, ripen a million seeds, and do it

without ostentation. Much depends upon the destruction of the last weed. If 999 are killed and the thousandth one left to enjoy the superior advantages which the destruction of the others has given, it may be worse than if all had lived and struggled with each other through an imperfect growth. One well-grown and heavily-seeded weed will leave a large legacy for evil in a rich field. It is the few weeds that are left in the cornfields that, having had the best opportunities, do the mischief and con-

tinue the pests. Weed seeds have a remarkable way of disseminating themselves. One farmer, by every means in his power, roots out the cursed Canada thistle, while an adjoining field may be largely devoted to the propagation of this prickly pest. The thistle seeds are provided with miniature balloons, by means of which they are carried by the lightest winds and will find a favorable place to grow in the well-tilled field of the thrifty farmer. Therefore, in the extermination of these pests there must be an earnest and concerted

Pruning Flowering Shrubs. One of the first requisites to successful pruning is to be able to correctly distinguish between shrubs which ought to be pruned in winter and those which ought to be pruned in summer. If a mistake be made in this connection, effects diametrically the reverse of those we wish to bring about will be the inevitable result. Another important requisite to insure complete success is that the various kinds of shrubs be pruned in the proper season. Owing, no doubt, to the pressure of work in the summer time, the pruning of flowering shrubs is too often neglected, and when ultimately attended to it is, as stated above, generally left to persons who, from lack of knowledge or through carelessness, cut away a quantity of wood, which, if left to the following spring, would produce a profusion of blossom.

Let us take, for instance, such shrubs as forsythias, viburnums, exochorda grandiflora, prunuses, many spiraeas, weigelas, etc., which flower in the spring or early summer. The proper time to prune such shrubs is immediately after they have done flowering. If the plant to be operated upon be your [ and expected to grow larger in order to fill its place in a bed or elsewhere, all that will be found necessary has done.

will be to cut away part of the previous year's growth. Special attention will, of course, have to be paid to the balance of the plant, and the operator must, as far as circumstances will permit, strive to give it a natural and graceful form. If the plant has attained the desired size, the old shoots can be thinned out and cut back to suit the situation and taste of the parties immediately concerned, and it will be found that young shoots will at once develop and be in the proper condition to yield an abundance of flowers the ensuing year. A specimen can thus be kept in good shape and form for many years without any apparent change in its size. In a mixed shrubbery this method is of great advantage, as it limits each plant to its allotted space and prevents it from encroaching on its neighbor, or obscuring from view many of the finer but less robust growing shrubs.

Many people are under the impression that such shrubs as hardy azaleas, rhododendrons, etc., cannot be successfully pruned, but such is by no means the case. I have myself found it quite practicable, by judicious and careful pruning, to transform, in a few years, tall, gaunt, unshapely plants of the kinds just named into beautiful and desirable specimens. The pruning of this class of shrubs should also be executed immediately after they have done flowering, and it will be found, as stated above, that young shoots will at once develop and be in the proper condition to yield an abundance of flowers when the appropriate time arrives.

Later flowering shrubs, such as altheas, hydrangeas, Roginia hispida, clerodendron, serotinum, etc., should protector. be pruned in the winter time. Summer pruning would indeed be highly injurious in this case, for the simple reason that by cutting away any of the young growths we would, in most instances, be mutilating that part of the shrub on which the flowers are produced. Winter pruning is a comparatively more simple operation than summer pruning, from the fact that at this season plants can be cut back to almost any part, and in the spring young shoots will break away and produce a profusion of blossoms at the proper time.

For shrubs having an effect from their fruit or foliage, such as berberry, eunonymus, callicarpa, mahonia, etc., l would recommend winter pruning. If trimmed in the summer time it gives them a stunted appearance, which mars the beauty of their foliage at a time when it shows to the best advantage and is most appreciated.

It will be observed that in the foregoing remarks the pruning of flowering shrubs is simply treated in a general manner. Of course, it goes without saving that it would be almost impossible, and especially in a short article like the present, to lay down a hard and fast rule that would apply in all cases, for the fact is that in order to obtain the best results, each species requires special treatment, a thorough knowledge of which can only be acquired by practice and training. If, however, the hints given above be attended to, blundering in pruning, and the failure and disappointment consequent thereon. can, to a very great extent, be averted. and many a shrubbery can be transformed from a chaotic mass into a thing of beauty-at once pleasing to the eye and an ornament in the landscape American Gardening.

Destroying the Hessian Fly.

W. C. Latta of Purdue University gives the following advice: Owing to the prevalence and destructiveness of the Hessian fly this year, concerted efforts should be put forth to prevent a recurrence of its ravages upon the next wheat crop. In order to prevent a serious attack of "the fly" the following measures should be adopted:

1. Thoroughly burn all fly-infested wheat stubble in which there is not a stand of young clover or grass.

2. Prepare very early a border, one of two rods wide, around each field of wheat, and sow the same to wheat in August.

3. Turn this border under very late, using a jointer, following with roll and harrow, and then sow the entire

By taking this course many of the insects which escape the fire will be buried when the early-sown border is turned under, and the late sowing of the general crop will avoid the earlier attacks of any remaining "fly."

If these precautions are carefully and generally observed by the farmers the Hessian fly will not seriously damage the next wheat crop. United effort is necessary to be effective.

Few Suggestions .- The long-suffering mother will find this list of inestimable benefit during the whole trying season: To remove fresh fruit stains stretch the stained portion of the goods over a basin and pour boiling water through it until the mark disappears. To remove old fruit stains, wash the stained portion of the goods in oxalic acid until clear. Rinse thoroughly in clear rain water, wet with ammonia, rinse again and dry. Grass stains should be rubbed in either molasses or alcohol until they disappear, and should be washed as usual. Pink stains should be soaked in lemon juice, covered with on carpets are removed most easily with lemon juice or oxalic acid. Wagon grease, tar or pitch stains should be rubbed weil with lard and then washed in the usual way. Colors which have faded under the influence of acid may be restored by treating them with ammonia and chloroform. Colors changed by alkalies may be restored by acid treatment.

The bicycle has destroyed the sale of more horses than even the electric road Highest of all in Leavening Power.- Latest U.S. Gov't Report

## ABSOLUTELY PURE

Did I say that the people who lived there (Athens) at that time were simple-minded? Rather childlike they were in some ways, and not so worldlywise as they might have been had they lived some thousand years later; but they were neither simpletons nor altogether savages. They were the foremost people in Greece. It was all owing to their king, wise old Cecrops, that they had risen to a condition superior to that of the half barbarous tribes around them. He had shown them how to sow barley and wheat and plant vineyards; and he had taught them to depend upon these and their flocks and herds for food, rather than the wild beasts of the chase. He had persuaded them to lay aside many of their old cruel customs, had set them in families with each its own home, and had instructed them in the worship of the gods. On the top of the Acropolis they had built a little city, and protected it with walls and fortifications against any attact from their warlike neigh-bors; and from this point as a center they had, little by little, extended their influence to the sea on one side and to the mountains on the other. But, strange to say, they had not yet given a name to their city, nor had they de-cided which of the gods should be its

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An Antoinette Wrap.

If there is no new dress under the un, Aaron's linen coat being worn today by women and pantaloons having been found from the stone epoch, there are at least designs that reappear like comets at such long intervals that they are new to some consecutive genera Thus it is with a certain Marie Antoinette cloak, that has appeared and seems destined to a career. Not so very old in its design it is so extremely odd and its career was so short in its day that it comes with all the effect of surprise. This hood is ex-ceedingly wide and is hooped round the opening, and when on the head stands out like an inflated half balloon somewhat flattened on top and leaving a wide space on each side of the face, that may be filled with bair or shadows. The width of this hood reaches out to that of the widest sleeves ever Attached to a long cloak it is bound to figure in evening wraps next winter, but forstalling the time, they are occasionally seen on hotel piazzas at night, and made of taffeta beruched or of satin lined with cloth; one or two travelers have worn them coming from Paris to the beech. The effect is truly

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