

Agricultural Department.

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should be addressed.

The Heart and Home of May 6th
contains one of the best original
articles as to the Agricultural resources
of Nebraska, we have read.

We have "many thousand thanks"
to "many friends" for "many favors"
this spring, in the way of new fruits
especially grapes. When we get
through our press of planting we will
note and thank in detail.

GRASSHOPPERS are "playing the
mischief" in this region. Since our
last issue they have increased one
hundred fold; have destroyed gardens
before untouched, and destroyed bar-
ley, wheat and early corn to an alarm-
ing rate. A number of fields in this
and Richardson counties have been
entirely destroyed.

The Agricultural Department of the
Advertiser acknowledges itself under
special obligation to Church, Colhapp &
Co., for a valuable present; two of
Prang's Chromas, "Ross Bonheur's
Morning" and "Evening," copies of
her excellent cattle paintings. Our
love for cattle induces us to value this
present highly. They shall have a
permanent place on the walls among
our collection of similar paintings.

NEW SPECIES OF THIFT.—The fel-
low who went into our orchard the
other night and stole a lot of fine
peach trees we had planted the day
before, is welcome to them. The man
who will steal fruit trees evinces a
taste for fruit growing we rather ad-
mire. His mode of obtaining the trees
we cannot say as much in favor of.
We would, however, rather make a
present of trees to a man who wanted
them as badly as this one seems to
have done, than have him stoned. If he, or "any other man," wants to
plant fruit trees, and will say he is not
one to purchase, we will give him a
dozen peach trees.

Meeting of the Richardson Co. Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the richardson
Co. County Agricultural Society, held
in the school room in the element of
the following officers: C. B. Scholarius
Co., N.Y. You may find here a
Norway spruce tree five feet high
if properly planted and cared for and
out. I intend making hedges of
both, will you please tell me how to do
all that; also the right distance apart
to set, and the best sized plants to use?
P. B. Howard Co., Md. [The hedges
refer to what door-yard boundaries
and other purposes than excluding
animals.] Intending to make a large
screen fence, the trees may be set about
a foot apart, but if set two or three feet
they will form a handsome screen nearly as soon.
At a distance of six or eight feet, they will
ultimately form a tall screen against
wind, &c., if not cut back, but much
more time will be required. Their
proper culture consists in keeping the soil
cultivated and mellow for three or
four feet on each side of the row for
some years; and the cutting back is
to be done when the trees are old enough
to grow, unless the object be to check
too luxuriant a growth, in which case
they may be cut in June or July.
They make a handsome and richer
appearance if the cutting is done with a
knife, so as not to form the perfectly
even surface, which results from shearing,
which has a stiffer and more formal
appearance. With a sharp scythe, loppers
and mow, a hollow interior.
In transplanting the hemlock, it is
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the roots.—Inquiries and Answers in
the Country Gentleman.

leaving mercenary considerations off
gather out of view. Besides, it will
comfort every generous mind to
know, that he is providing a fund of
solace and enjoyment which will ser-
vive him. The apple tree, which was
planted by the old grandfather as a
memorial of your birth day keeps the
good man's memory fresh and fragrant
all the year round, and at every
harvest, his name is mentioned with
greatful remembrances.

Raspberries.

Will you please inform me as to the
comparative merits of the red and
black varieties for market purposes—
time of ripening as compared with each
other and wheat? Should they
ripen at the same time as wheat, we
could not get sufficient labor to pick
them. Does the sunburn effect
greatly affect them? I notice that
they are best in shady places.

How many in ordinary
culture, are raised per acre?

What is the general price in New-York
and Philadelphia? It would be of
advantage, I think to many of your
readers, if you would give a list of vari-
eties, stating their time of ripening
as compared with each other and some
well known article say wheat,
comparative produce and value in
market firmness for transportation
etc. Is it best to plant one or more
varieties? In the peach trade we try
to so arrange our trees so as to have
a succession of fruit, constant work
without being over-tasked. We can
ship from here at noon, and have in
New-York for next morning's market,
a.m. Cecilton, Md. (The time for
the ripening of raspberries varies in
different localities with various external
influences, treatment etc.) The
earlier varieties mature before the
later ones, and are sold after harvest.
We have not before us any exact dates,
and would like a statement from mar-
kers who have noted these points
carefully. They generally do best
on a deep soil, which will retain a
good supply of moisture, and a shallow
surface or mulching is important.
With these requisites, sunlight is good
for ripening. They should grow to
80 bushels per acre, under good man-
agement and proper selection of sorts.
It is best to have more than one
labor. Marketers are by no means
agreed as to their favorite sorts, and
our correspondents would do well to
depend on their own experiments, on a
moderate scale at first. We may
name, however, the Blackberry, the
Philadelphia as very heavy, and
Clarke, Franciscan, Hermit, Antwerp,
Knecht, &c., as having their admirers
among the larger varieties.—Inquiries
and Answers in The Country Gentle-
man.

Evergreen Hedges.

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and Norway spruce make fine hedges
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