By order of the President: H. O. MINICK, Sec'y. County.

Notwithstanding the backwardness grasshoppers in some portions of this in May, unless divided. county, we are warranted in saying that the crop prospect was never more flottering; is well advanced, and looks well. The breadth sown was following Items in regard to crops: never so large, nor promised better. There has been a great deal of Barley exceedingly fine prospect for spring sown this Spring, and as a rule, promfses well. The grasshoppers have taken a particular liking to it, and have been marked off and planted to be a half a crop of winter wheat. In and Corn are up, and if present pros- been plowed up and planted in corn. pects continue, the farmer will be am- Near Herse Shoe Lake the grasshopply rewarded for his labors the pres- pers are coming out in immense nument season. What we say as to the unusual width of wheat sown this season, is equally applicable to all other classes of crops. The average planted this season far exceeds that of

cheering. A good many trees were showing a prospect of a large yield," injured by the winter; owing, we think, to improper cultivation and the 12th says: "I am inclined to the care. Peaches will be something shorter than last year. Grapes and Apples will be equal at least, to any other season. Pears are far ahead of anything before.

furnish us the extent of their opera- certainly very good for its realization. tions for publication.

The Peach crop was supposed by many to have been winter-killed. From representations made by our exchanges, we feel safe in saying that a fair crop.

Mr. Peet, of Weeping Water, Cass Mr. Peet, of Weeping Water, Cass twice in the season, according to the County, in this State, has planted, this strength of the plants, and then only year, one hundred dollars worth of the main cane is checked, as I prefer to let the side shoots grow their whole Osage Orange Seed.

Mr. Cole, of the same locality, has Mr. Cole, of the same locality, has planted 60,000 young cottonwoods this Spring. He has planted with a spade, on ground broke last year, in rows two stores by eight. feet by eight.

"Express Robbery."

of us who has a little girl. Some kind friend in the East sent the little one a pair of wee shoes by Express. A mail carrier found that there was a package directed to the lady in question, and thought it would be a kindness to advance the charges and deliver it to her. He did so. The amount was \$12.00, and the poor lady had it to pay. Robbing is hardly a name for such infernal swindling. But the Express Companies have the inside track. It is high time that Legislatures should take the matter in hand, and protect the people from this outrageous rapacity."

Will solited the state of the American Institute Farmer's frost. I have never found it necessary for the first frost. I have never found it necessary for the first frost. I have never found it necessary for the committee of the American Institute Farmer's frost. I have never found it necessary for the first frost. I have never found it necessary for the first frost. I have never found it necessary for the first frost. I have never found it necessary for the first frost. I have never found it necessary for the first frost weetening of grapes.

A committee of the American Institute Farmer's frost. I have never know york semi-weekly Tribune of Sept. 25th, after you was found in the representation of the qualities of the walter, say: "We conclude the Walter will be a valuable grape in the grape regions of the upper Mississippi, on the shores of lake Erie, in western New York, on the slate of lake Erie, in western New York, on the slate of lake Erie, in western New York on the slate of lake Erie, in western New York, on the slate of lake Erie, in western New York on the slate of lake Erie, in western New York on the slate of lake Erie, in western New York, on the slate of lake Erie, in western New York on the slate of lake Erie, in western New York on lake Erie, i

Do not let the idea of saving the laber of making a large hole, lead eyou years. to cut off the main resource for recuplant has sustained in the operation

The question is frequently askedhow late can we plant our grape vines? We conceive that April taking all in all the best month. With the vines properly cared for, and the ground in oseing scarcely a vine. But, in view of the tendency of our climate to very dry spells, we think planting after we copy it entire: he 10th of May hazardous.

The constant stirring of the soil is an important item in regard to the life flicting ideas floating about. Whether or death of the newly planted vine; we shall plant deep or shallow, will and much of the blame saddled upon depend very much upon the character of the soil naturally, or by artificial proper cultivation of the young plant. It is more important to ask how many vines can be planted well and properly cared for; then how many can we get in, and how late in the season can it be done with a show of

Hee Keeping.

All lovers of Agriculture, Horticul-All lovers of Agriculture, Horticul-ture, Pomology, and kindred branch-planting is, how shall we manage the es, love-or ought to-Bees. We in- roots? Shall we cut them off close to tend, after a little, to write what we know, and reprint what others more of the roots of the vine, or mode by posted know, asto Bee Keeping-their which the plant was originally promanagement and results. The pres- duced ent month and next, are perhaps the from both cuttings and layers, that most important season, especially in producing colonies, and preparing for the collection of honey. We have, as yet, no experience with Italian bees, the collection of the light. These are much better of the light. These are much better of the light. These are much better of the light of the light of the light of the light. These are much better of the light of the l but have made arrangements for a few cut back to very near the stem of the sem Queens, and will introduce them this plant, so as to get rid of as much in-jured or feeble fibre as possible, and NEW SEEDLING POTATOES.—

The important work for the beekeeper in May is to encourage every way the production of brood. The workers reared in this month are the ones that store most of the surplus how long shall we have these roots? The important work for the beekeeper in May is to encourage every way the production of brood. The workers reared in this month are the ones that store most of the surplus honey Without goodly numbers, no colony can do much at business. Let a hive have no honey on hand in this month and though they may gather enough to keep them from starving, a hive have no honey on hand in this month and though they may gather enough to keep them from starving, they will not progress with their broad but wait till honey is abundant. Then workers will be reared, in time to be developement retarded.

Toot. Much of the material that is to sustain the vital force of the plant is stored up in these roots; and in proportion as these are destroyed or impaired, the plant is enfeebled and its developement retarded.

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Every hive should now be well filled with brood. Italian colonies will have it even to the outer combs. If their condition, some

If this is not their condition, something is wrong with them. If you wish to increase your number of colonies, allow but a little surplus room now; but if you wish to prevent swarming put on the whole comple-ment. Abundant room is not a sure preventative of swarming, but if it is given to the bees early, they often take possession of it and do not swarm. We have had them swarm when working in boxes that would held sixty pounds in boxes that would held sixty pounds or more, and again we have known them to fill several sets of boxes and make no preparation for swarming.

new will have a fertile queen. This is little trouble compared with the great benefit. If one part is left to rear oLD CASTLE NURSERIES a queen, after the division is made, full three weeks must clapse before more eggs are hatched, whereas, if a meen is given to each part, both are u"working order" at once. If a cold storm occurs the last of May, look well | Western Nurserymen, meeting of the officers and managers of to all hives. The very strongest somethe Nemaha County Agricultural and Mechanical Association is called for Monday May 31st, 1869, at which time it is expected the Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting to prepare a Premium List, will remain and if confined for several days to the hive they are in danger, if not of perishing at least of receiving a serious check. A pound or two of sugar made The Crop Prospects in Nemaha into a syrup will give them timely

All hives should be in readiness for of the Spring, and the devastation of swarming time, and watch kept; some seasons Italian colonies swarm

CROPS.

From our exchanges we glean the The Albia (Iowa) Union reports an wheat in that section. The winter

wheat is not so good.

The St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald of the 11th, says: "From farmers from all where they abound, have cut it badly. parts of the country, here to attend Some fields are entirely destroyed, and court, we learn that there will scarcely have been marked off and planted to some parts of the county a considera-corn. Oatslook well. Early Potatoes ble portion of the winter wheat has

> The Clark County (Wis.) Republican learns that the winter wheat looks well and promising.

The Jackson (Mich.) Citizens of the 11th says: "The wheat was never better at this time of the year. The fruit The fruit prospects were never more crops, without exception, are now

The Winona (Minn.) Republican of wheat year.' An old-fashioned wheat year, in Minnesota, with good soil and careful tilliage, implies an average yield of from 20 to 25 bushels per acre. We will take it as a great favor if Whether the result this years will those who have planted either fruit or justify our friend's prediction we canforest trees, or both, this season, will not say, but the prospect thus far is The breadth of ground sown to wheat this year is said to be largely in excess of any former year."

Pinching In.

Mr. A. S. Fuller says: 1. It is difficult to give directions throughout the country, there will be that will suit all localities and soils. In regard to pinching back the young canes of raspberries, my practice is to pinch back blackberries but once or length, and prune them back in winthe first of September. Late summer pinching or pruning is always injuri-ous, particularly if the plants are The Lincoln Commonwealth copies growing very vigorously, because they our article on "express robbery," and adds the following:

growing very vigorously, because they are very likely to produce new shoots which will be killed by the frost. Besides this, the fruit buds which are "We can beat that in the Express records of relied upon for the next season's crop, and the season's crop, will sometimes start in the fall, and,

> known some to be as good at fifteen years, as they were at three or four

to cut off the main resource for recu-peration, after the terrible shock the in the fall is certainly to be recommended for both raspberries and blackberries, but the soil should be made level again in the spring.

How Shall we Plant Grapes.

The following article we copy from good condition, we have planted suc- Col. Colman's Rural World. As it is cessfully till the 23d of May, without in exact accordance with our ideas. and corresponds with our experience,

> There is much to learn on this subcct, on which there are so many conand-a-nalf or three feet, there is considerable latitude in planting, although we prefer to plant deeply

the cane, or have them long? This will

induce the formation of more power-For the present, we copy from the full roots, even if much fewer in num-Bes Keeper's Journal an excellent ar- ber. We have had to cut back such to matte to all. ticle, written by Mrs. ELLEN TUPPER, within an inch of the stem, and obtained a healthy root formation and strong growth. But we have had lay-

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Next morning the Superintendent, Clerk, and one of the Directors of the Pleasant Valley Wine Co. (the parties who conducted the test the day before) to satisfy themselves of the merits of the "Walter" by an equal trial, tested 17 ounces of Iona from the same lot that were used the day before, and the saccharometer stood at 91—the Walter beating it 8.

Had 17 ounces of the Delaware and Catawba been pressed equally hard with the Walter, their skins and centres being acid, the Delaware would have stood lower and the Catawba proportionably below the Delaware. All the other varieties ranged much lower than those enumerated above.

There had been constant rains and damp weather in the section where the Walter grew—its competitors growing at Hammondsport and along the lakes, where there had been but little rain during the season—dry soil and weather being necessary for the ere there had been but little rain during the seat—dry soil and weather being necessary for the fact sweetening of grapes.

committee of the American Institute Farmer's

Measrs. Ferris & Connecod.

DEAR SIES: Yours of the 18th I am in receipt of in which you sak if I have any objections to sendiff you, for publication, the facts I am acquainted with in relation to the character of the Walter Grape, have never indorsed the character or usefulness.

in relation to the character of the Walter Grape. I have never indorsed the character or usefulness of vines, or other articles of any description, and would not at my present stage of life were it not for two reasons which seem sufficient. First, I know the Walter Grape will neet the prejudices widespread throughout the country, caused by the worthlessness in most localities of many of its predecessors. Second, because I can say from personal observation that the Walter is the best variety I have had any knowledge of, and I think I have cultivated nearly all that have been recommended, discarding them all and fulling back upon the Concord and Hartford Prollific as vineyard varieties. I am interested is knowing that the fruit of the Walter grows larger each year as the vine grows older, being last year fully one-third larger than it was two years ago. It grows well; sets built well. I have seen it ripe several times before Hartford, and I have never seen any mildew on its fruit or on its large and thick, but Delaware shaped follage. The flavor of the fruit I think superior to any other variety. You say in your circular it is a seedling of the Delaware and Diana; I think the character of each of these varieties is quite distinguishable in the Walter, particularly that of the Delaware. I also think it would make a wine of high character. I have visited it annually since it first bore, six years ago, three times in Ulster Co., N. Y., in a low valley, where the Isabella seldom ripens, and each time it was fully ripe in August. I have seen it each of the three past seasons in Poughkeepsie, ripening at the same time, excepting last year, when the constant rains pren August. I have seen it each of the three past seaons in Poughkeepsie, ripening at the same time,
excepting last year, when the constant rains prerented all varieties from maturing at their usual
line, but it perfected its fruit by the middle of Sepember. The raisins of the last mentioned crop I
have seen and eaten, which were good. From its
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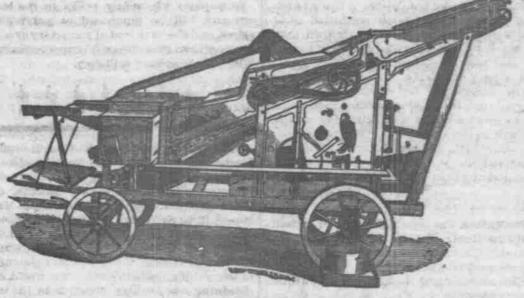
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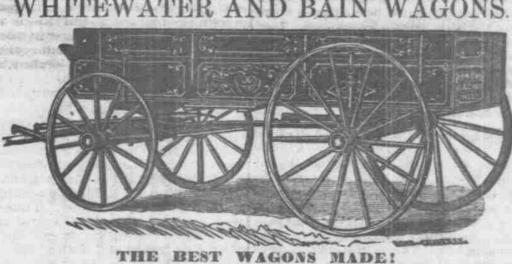
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