Where He Drew the Line.

An English earl, lately deceased, who had no family, was notorious for his hatred of children, and on one occasion he engaged as lodge keeper an army pensioner named McMicken. Some few months later McMicken's wife presented him with a son and heir. On learning of the occurrence his lordship rode down to the lodge in a terrible rage.

"I hear," said he to Mr. McMicken, "that your wife has a son."

"Yes, my lord," said the man proud-

"We, now, look here, McMicken; when I put you here, it was to open and shut a gate, but by the Lord Harry, not to propagate."

With the Lid Off.

"Mother," asked Bob, with a hopeful eye on the peppermint jar, "have been a good boy this afternoon?"

"M-m-yes," answered mother, dubiously, recalling a certain little rift within the lute. The four-year-old diplomat looked anxious.

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PLAGUE OF THE FIELD MICE

Even in Small Numbers They Destroy Considerable Clover and Alfalfa and Injure Orchards.

(By E. S. PIPER.)

The mouse which produced the plague in some of the western states, a short time ago, proved to be the "black mouse," one of the numerous species of short tailed field or meadow mice, a group which has caused widespread destruction in various parts of the world. In nearly all parts of the United States short-tailed field mice are among the most abundant of mammals, and a number of species in widely separated localities have occasionally exhibited the same tendency to excessive increase, indicating that favoring conditions may produce



Poplar Girdled and Killed Lombardy by Field Mice.

mouse plagues wherever the mice exist. Even when in small numbers they destroy considerable clover and alfalfa and injure orchards, nurseries and root crops.

This is the first recorded instance of an irruption of field mice in North a plague. The experience indicates removing from one-tenth to one-fourth the probability of future and even more disastrous outbreaks. In the extensive reclaimed areas of the west the abundant food and luxurious cover furnished by alfalfa fields and the miles of irrigation ditches, which afford these mice suitable homes along their banks, greatly favor their increase, while surrounding desert conditions limit the spread of mice beyond the cultivated areas.

Without doubt poisoning is the best method at present known of dealing with field mice on an extensive scale.

SOIL TOO RICH FOR APPLES

Trees With Beautiful Follage, but Mighty Little Fruit, Were Finally Removed by Ax.

A common mistake in the selection of a site for the apple orchard tract, large or small, is that of choosing a soil that is too rich; that will cause abundant growth of wood, but mighty little fruit. In the valley in which the writer's ranch is located is an orchard of mature apple trees, as pretty a sight from the standpoint of foliage as one could ask to see, which has lately been felled because it did not deliver the goods.

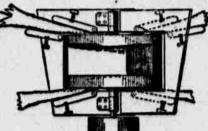
The tract is fat, rich and well watered. Within gunshot of this tract is a block of winter Nellis pear trees of the same age that for severad years past have grossed their owners close to a thousand dollars per acre, says a writer in an exchange. Never was than entirely unbalance the tree's more emphatically demonstrated the fact that soil can be too rich for apples, but not for pears. Within a mile of these unproductive apple trees, on thinner and lighter granitic soils, the apple trees bear prolifically to the point of breaking down.

GRAFTING MACHINE IS HANDY

Implement Designed to Cut Scion Diagonally to Prevent Bruising or Other Injury.

In describing a grafting machine, invented by A. Roberston of Canada, the Scientific American says:

The purpose here is to provide a machine more especially designed for over. use in nurseries and the like, and arranged to cut the graft or scion diagonally with a shearing cut to prevent



Grafting Machine.

bruising or injury to the graft. For this purpose use is made of a rotary cutter head provided with beveled knives, a table for the grafts to rest on, and guides on the table at an angle to the cutting edges of the knives is to cut off all the runners until July to guide the grafts. The machine is 1, to allow close cultivation. pictured herewith in a plan view.

GOOD SOIL FOR BUSH FRUITS

Ground Between Rows Must Be Kept Fine and Mellow-Give Plenty Sunshine and Air.

The ground between the rows and around the bushes should be kept fine and mellow. If the soil is allowed to become hard and allowed to grow up in weeds and grass, the yield will be cut short, and the fruit will be small and of inferior quality. All bush fruits should be grown in wide rows, so the greater part of the cultivation can be done with the horse, hoe and cultivator. The proper distance to plant currants, raspberries, blackberries and gooseberries in the fruit garden is five feet apart each way for horse cultivation. Fo the small family garden, plant in rows five feet apart and three feet apart in the row. This will allov of the larger portion of the cultivation being done with the horse cultivator. The ground around the bushes must be broken up and mellowed with the hoe. Expert fruit growers maintain a dust mulch until the berries are half size, then a thick coat of long strawy manure, grass or rotted leaves is spread over the entire ground about four inches thick. This mulch prevents the growth of weeds-and keeps the soil cool and moist. When this method is followed, the field will be greater, the berries free of dirt and much larger size and of extra fine flavor. All fruit succeed best when given plenty of sunshine and air, along with intelligent culture. The common practice of planting the bushes along the garden walk or fence row is bad, as the bushes cannot be cultivated economically. The yield and size of the berries is greatly increased where there is a full supply of moisture. The irrigation for fruit and vegetables big surface flow and under ground irrigation is being extended as the result of tests made by practical men. The method of irrigation for vegetables and small fruits practiced by market gardeners of Boston has been found economical and profitable.

SUMMER PRUNING OF TREES

Cannot Profitably Be Done on Old Stunted, Dying Trees—They Need Rejuvenation.

If the tree has a dense top, open up the center to permit sunlight and America attaining the proportions of air to enter. Thin out the sides by of the branches, always cutting back



rect stage for second or apple worm with calyx lobes wide open ready to receive maximum dose of poison.

to a limb and never leaving a long stub to die or throw out a big crop of sprouts. Summer pruning cannot be profitably practiced on old, stunted, dying trees. They need rejuvenation, which comes with winter pruning, but may be profitably practiced upon old, thrifty, shy-bearing trees.

Large limbs can be removed at this time just as safely as at any other season of the year, only it is not advisable to remove too much of the top at once. Where great quantities of wood must be removed it is better to distribute its removal over a period of from two to three years, rather

HORTICULTURAL

When spraying, if showers come and wash off the poison, spray those trees a second time. In setting out strawberries pinch

off most of the leaves and the plants will take hold better. The city dealer profits by the laziness of the grower by grading and re-

packing his badly assorted fruit. It is a good plan to mow off the tops of the strawberry plants within

a week after the fruiting season is Spray your trees whether they have crop or not. Spraying in off years is just as important as in years of heavy

crops. A yearling tree is preferred by many to older trees. They are thought to be safer to transplant than two-yearold trees.

Many growers say that weeds are as valuable as fertilizers as clover and cow peas if they are turned under every year.

If you believe that you have scale in your orchard, do not wait a day to have an expert examine the trees, and then fight for their lives. That corky old apple, the Ben Davis, holds a high price in the city

markets because its fine appearance deceives the ignorant buyer. One of the surest ways to keep down weeds in the strawberry field

In picking strawberries it should be borne in mind that bruised fruit will not stand shipping. A careless picker has no place in a strawberry

INTERNATIONAL

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JULY 14.

THE SEED IN FOUR KINDS OF SOIL.

LESSON TEXT-Mark 4:1-21.
GOLDEN TEXT-"Receive with meckness the implanted word which is able to save your souls." James 1:21.

Jesus tells us plainly why he taught so much by means of parables (Matt. 13:10-13) viz., to teach the truth to those who sought it, and to hide it from those who refused to receive it. The truth had to be taught, hence the parable, that those to whom it was given to know the mysteries of the kingdom might know and understand but that to the others it might be hidden (Mark 4:11-12). We have in this lesson one of the best known of the master's many parables. Like all the rest Jesus draws his picture from the common experiences of life. Jesus uses the fields, the home, etc., while Paul in his preaching and teaching draws from the city, the army, the markets, etc. We have in this picture the seed, the sower and the soil. We must turn to the parable accounts in Luke and Matthew to get the full and the complete picture.

What is the seed? Luke records that Jesus told the disciples that the seed is the word of God (Luke 8:11), Mark also tells us practically the same thing in v. 14 of the lesson. A great deal is being made today of seed selection and some wonderful results have been obtained. How much more important for us who deal with immortal souls that we select the best, viz. the word of God.

Sought Not Adulation.

Next the sower (v. 4). Notice he went forth not to S-O-A-R, nor is it recorded that he was S-O-R-E. He did not have a grouch nor did he enter into his work that he might receive the adulation of men (Matt. 6:2).

It is however the soil that seems to be most emphasized in this lesson, both in the direct teaching and also in the explanation of the parable. There are four kinds of soil and it is also very significant the manner by which the seed came into contact with each kind of soil. "Some fell by the wayside." The path was well trod-den, the ground was preoccupied, e. g., used for other purposes rather than to yield a harvest. It was hard to be broken and hence it was an easy matter for the birds of the air (Satan v. 15) soon to pluck it away. We need to remember that if men receive with meekness the implanted word there will be of course no such opportunity for the evil one. The trouble is that in this case the word was not implant ed. Thus it is that one-fourth of the seed is lost. That the result is a deplorable one is shown in Heb. 2:1-4.

The seed in this case fell "by" the wayside, in the next it fell "on" the rocky ground. The first is the picture of the heedless, this is a picture of the superficial ones. Oh for a time they did run well, they even received the word with gladness (v. 16) but they had no stability; they lacked the element of persistence; their surround ings were superficial, there was no chance for the seed to get a real grig upon their lives.

Three Fourths Lost. In the third place Jesus speaks of

seed that fell "among" the thorns. Here in this worldly soil it is not so much the character of the soil as the character of that which already occupled the soil ere the sower sowed the The cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and "other things" (v. 19) had so entered in that the good seed never had a real chance in the soil of that human heart, hence it was choked and yielded no fruit. There was no real grip of the will, no whole-hearted surrender. How often these thorns, "the cares of life," keep the housewife, or the business man away from the word. How often the "deceitfulness of riches" snare men so as to choke the word that at one time gave such promise in their lives. And then the "lusts and other things" which the evil one so well knows how to use that he may keep us from the word, for he knows that by it we may be saved (Luke 8:12).

We have thus seen three-fourths of the word lost. Of the remaining fourth which fell "into" (R. V.) the good soil, not all yielded the same return. It all brought forth (v. 7) it all yielded, it all sprang up, but not all in the same ratio. We ought to remember at this point that this parable plainly teaches us that we who receive the implanted seed, we who receive and obey shall in turn become the seed of the kingdom.

There are three distinguishing features of this last class of hearers (1) They "hear" the word. These are the ones who appreciate its value and give good heed to its precepts. (2) They "accept" it, e. g., they understand its teachings, they take it into good and honest hearts, and (3) they "hold it fast" (Luke 8:15 R. V.). These are the ones of which martyrs are made. Thus we see four different soils and four different ways of receiving it. (1) Some "by" the wayside; (2) Some "on" the stony soil; (3) Some "among" the thorns; and (4) Some "'nto" the good ground.

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As they drew near the Sunday school the father gave Johnny his last rehearsal. "Now, son," he said, "let's have the Golden Text once more without any help from me:

This is what he got from Johnny: "Whatsoever a man sews always rips." -Harper's Bazar,

Noted Author. black moustache?" said Tompy.

"Yes," said the visitor. "Well," said Tompy, "he is the author of one of the most popular serials in a hundred years."

"Really?" said the visitor. "Why, e doesn't look like a literary man." "No," said Tompy. "He isn't-He's the inventor of popped grits, the best selling cereal on the market."-Harper's Weekly.

Standard of Sanity. Shakespeare was asked if Hamlet was sane.

"As sane as the Fourth of July," he

The germ of suspicion is often fatal to the microbe of love.

The manufacturer of artificial feet s responsible for many a false step.

Cheerful Outlook.

"Father, dear," said Amaranth, school with little Johnny, and endeav- "Willie Smithers is going to call at for my hand. Isn't there some little hint I can give him before he goes so as to make it easier for him?" "Yes," said Mr. Blinks, "tell him to take ether before he comes. It will save, him much pain."-Harper's Weekly.

Her Special Advantages.

James Fullerton Muirhead in his book, "The Land of Contrasts," tells of an American girl who was patronisingly praised by an Englishman for the purity of her English and who replied: "Well, I had special advantages, inasmuch as an English mis-"See that man over there with the sionary was stationed near our tribe."

Stern Call of Duty.

Reform is not joyous, but grievous; no single man can reform himself without stern suffering and stern working; how much less can a nation of men!-Carlyle.

Well Defended.

He whose study is among the shadows and lights of nature has an unsuspected coat of mail defending him among all the turmoil.—Mrs. Oliphant.

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