

Agriculture, &c.,

PROTECTION OF TREES FROM INSECTS.—The following simple method of preserving fruit trees from ravages of insects is recommended by the Director of the school of Arboriculture of the Parc de la Fete d'or at Lyons:—These creatures are said to have a great antipathy to vinegar, the mere odour of which is enough to drive them away, and in some cases to destroy them, and nothing more is required than to sprinkle the branches with a mixture of vinegar and water at the moment the blossoms begin to appear. —The mixture recommended consists of one part of vinegar to nine parts of water, but as the French vinegar is very strong, perhaps the amount of water should be less when English vinegar is used. When mixed, the solution is to be sprinkled over the flower-buds, by means of a garden syringe, or wateringpot, with a fine rose. Said to be very effective.

A CHEAP AND SURE GRUB-KILLER.—Cauliflowers, brocolis, and other brassicaceous plants (cabbage tribe) are generally much infested with grubs and parasites at certain seasons of growing time. To clear them off is an easier task than it appears. Dissolve a cupfull (coffercup) of salt in hot water, then put it into a common sized watering-pot, and fill up with cold water. Just give each plant a gentle switch over with this mixture, and they will all disappear, and the salt and water will nourish the plants wonderfully. Some persons would be afraid of killing their cauliflowers; but it must be borne in mind that the salt and water will not penetrate the leaves: it runs off to the roots—killing every caterpillar in its way.—From the Gardener's Magazine.

Is not this one reason why cabbage thrives so well in Lunenburg County? The Germans use a great quantity of sea-weed as manure.—N. S. Journal of Agriculture.

WORTH OF A GOOD NAME.—A correspondent of the Country Gentleman says that there can hardly be a greater sign of prosperity in a community than a disposition to help one another to a little lift when a neighbour's wheel gets stuck in the mud. An instance in point is where a man's barn and all his winter stores of hay and grain were consumed in a night; his neighbours all turned out, built him a new-barn at once, and offered to assist him in wintering his stock, taking a head or two apiece, and returning them in the spring. Thus his loss was greatly reduced, and he was assured of the more durable riches of brotherly love and neighbourly good will. No one can compute in money the value of one such example of a noble liberality in a community, especially in its influence upon the young. Where this spirit prevails there is sure to be progress in a place—even if all-improvements are in their infancy. People will like to come and settle in a place which bears such a good name.

Says the Boston Traveller: "A lady friend having occasion to use a support for an ivy plant which she was raising in a pot, took an old grape vine cane and thrust it into the earth. Some time afterwards wishing to move the ivy she pulled up the old cane, and found to her astonishment that it had sent out shoots and was making vigorous efforts to root itself by the side of the ivy. This bit of grape vine had been used for a long time as a cane, and for years which no one in the family could number, had been lying about the house."

A Sacramento, Cal, gardener has found, in turning up an old hot bed, a petrified peach, which, being struck by his spade, was split in half. The fibres of the fruit are said to appear as perfect as in the natural state, the pit being in the same condition. We read, also, in the Sutter. Cal. Banner, that the body of a boy, recently disinterred there, was found to be petrified. The head, face, neck, hands and body all retained their original form.

A Correspondent informs us that apples may be kept from decay by covering them with dry ashes, a method easily tried, and if satisfactory, capable of extensive application.—Ex.

OBJECTS seventy-two feet long can be distinctly seen on the surface of the moon by the great telescope of the Earl of Ross.

Domestic Economy.

WHY SOUP IS WHOLESOME.—The London Food Journal says: "Physiologically, soup has great value for those who hurry to and from their meals, as it allows an interval of comparative rest to the fainting stomach before the more substantial beef and mutton is attacked, rest before solid food is important as rest after it. Let a hungry and weary merchant or lawyer rush in medias res, plunge bodily into roast beef, and what is the result? The defeat is often as precipitate as was the attack. When the body is weary the stomach must be identified with it, and cannot therefore stand the shock of some ill-masticated, half-pound weight of beef. But if a small plateful of light soup be gently insinuated into the system, nourishment will soon be introduced, and strength will follow to receive more substantial material."

HOW TO GET RID OF RATS AND MICE.—A gentleman of large experience, and fully as humane as most of us, says he gets rid of rats by putting Potash in their holes and runs. The poor wretches get it on their feet, and over their fur, and then lick it, and don't like the taste of it; it burns them somewhat, and the more they see of it, the less they like it; so they clear out almost as soon as the application is made. To get rid of mice, the same person uses tartar emetic, mingled with any favorite food; they take it, take sick, and take their leave.—Am. Agriculturist.

The Scientific American says it is now impossible to construct a burglar-proof safe—for the thief, with his cylinder of compressed hydrogen and oxygen, can, in a few seconds, burn holes of any size in the hardest metal—his fire-drill enabling him, in a few minutes, to work his way into the strongest safe that was ever constructed.

FILTER FOR RAIN-WATER.—A correspondent of the Scientific American says there is no better filter for a rain-water cistern than a well of soft burned bricks built up within it. He has one twenty inches square in the centre of his cistern from which the pump draws. It may be placed in one corner with the same result.

QUEEN'S PUDDING.—One pint of nice fine bread crumbs, one quart of milk, one cup of sugar, the yolks of four eggs beaten, grated rind of a lemon, a piece of butter the size of an egg. Bake until done, but not watery. Whip the whites of the eggs stiff, beat in a teaspoonful of sugar, in which has been strained the juice of a lemon, spread over the pudding a layer of jelly, pour the whites of the eggs over this; replace in the oven; bake lightly. To be eaten cold, with cream, if preferred.

GOLD AND SILVER CAKE.—For silver cake, take one coffee cup of sugar, one and a half cup of flour; the whites of four eggs; one for frosting; one-half teaspoonful of milk; one teaspoonful cream tartar, and one half teaspoonful of soda. For gold cake use the same, substituting the yolks of the eggs for the whites.

ORANGE PANCAKE OR FRITTERS.—This is a nice dish.—Make a light batter as for pancakes. In lieu of plain water use orange-water for mixing the flour. Now peel several oranges, cut them up into about eight pieces each, remove all pulps, and cover the fruit with powdered sugar; then fry in the batter to a nice brown, and serve with sugar.

HARD GINGERBREAD.—Two pounds of flour, half a pound of butter, one pint of molasses, a quarter of a pound of sugar, one ounce of ginger, half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful cream of tartar.

POOR MAN'S CAKE.—Two cups of flour, one cup cream, one cup sugar, one egg, one teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonful cream of tartar, mixed with flour.

COLD IN THE HEAD.—Dr. Pollion, of France, says that cold in the head can be cured by inhaling hartshorn. The inhalation by the nose should be seven or eight times in five minutes.

About \$15,000,000 worth of artificial flowers are used annually in America. They are chiefly made in France.

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Table with columns for Day, Sun, Moon, High Tide, and Low Tide. Includes dates from May 1st to 31st.

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