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ALMANAC FOR SEPTEMBER.

THE TIDES .- The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at Parrsboro', Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.
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COPPER IN FEATHERS .- Mr. J. J. Monteiro had some of the beautiful red feathers of the "plantain eater," an results showing that the pigment which quantities of oxide of copper corresmetallic copper. "These lovely birds," lat. and 15 deg. S. lat. Over the whole a mellow clay loam for the red ones. of the coast, and for a considerable particles of this copper are swallowed | treated rigorously as weeds. by the plantain-eaters, with the gravel, Raspberry plantations will attain to green plumage. The birds were often Home. allowed to fly about the room, and it was observed that they preferred brass the feathers, burnt them, and extracted | without drying. the residual ash with nitric acid. On Cut out the old and enfeebled wood, formed. Probably a green pigment, bunches and berries. with copper as a consitituent element, may be extracted from these feathers. -Galaxy.

Nineteen out of every twenty persons with the injunction to "write again as soon as you can," throw themselves back and exclaim, "I'm thankful that job is done!"

In the Postmaster-General's report it is stated that about 18,700 letters were posted last year without any address whatever, and that nearly 500 of the letters contained cash, cheques, or bills of exchange to the value of more than £13,000.

UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS IN LON-DON .- The length of underground railways now in operation in London is about twenty miles, and they are being in the evening. The goat's beard extended in various directions.

WIT AND WISDOM.

On a very pretty girl's saying to Leigh Hunt, "I am sad, you see," he replied, "Oh, no; you belong to the other Jewish sect-you are fair, I see.'

A Detroit paper, noticing the fact that a man lately dropped dead while combing his hair, says, "And yet there are people who will persist in this dangerous habit."

A tourist met with a Scotch lassie going barefoot toward Glasgow, " Lassie," said he, "I should like to know if all the people in this part go bare- till after sunrise, footed." " Part of 'em do, and the rest of them mind their own business," was the reply.

Fashionable milliner: "You'll have the flower on the left side of the bonnet, of course, madam?" Fashionable lady: "Well-er-no! The fact is, there's a pillar on the left side of my gregation. Of course, I could change my pew!" Fashionable lady's husband: "Ya-as. Or even the church. you know, if necessary." (Fashionable milliner considers the point.)-Punch.

DARWINISM IN SCHOOL.—Scene-Schoolroom in a nordern Scottish burgh Mistress-(examining juvenile class in Natural History, after putting several questions as to the different classes of animals)-" And what class do we belong to?" Small Urchin-" Domestic Animals." Smaller Queanie (eagerly correcting)-" Beasts of Bur-

session the teacher said to her: week with safety. "Beckie, my dear, you were a very good little girl to-day." "Yes'm, I couldn't help bein' good. I got a 'tiff low what mental faculties he may posneck," the youthful Beckie replied, with sess to become rusty from disuse, or to a perfect seriousness.

Agricultural.

ABOUT FRUIT.

THE RASPBERRY .- The raspberry, African bird, chemically analyzed, with like all other kinds of fruit, has its preference in soil, but at the same time gives the feathers their color contains will flourish on quite a diversity of soils. We have had it to do tolerably ponding to about eight per cent. of well, under good culture, on light, sandy loam, on clay loam, on clay, and says the author, "are common on the on muck, but would prefer a strong west coast of Africa, between 5 deg. S. | sandy loam for the black varieties, and

The reds may be planted in the distance inland, copper is found in great | garden as close as four feet each way, abundance as malachite, or green car- provided they are kept tied up neatly bonate. It is supposed that small to stakes, and all unnecessary sprouts

etc., which they, in common with all their maximum productiveness in two birds, consume with their food." This and three years from planting, and theory is confirmed by another writer, begin to decline in four or five years. who three or four years ago made the When a patch has stood three years, following analogous observations. He another should be set out to come in kept at that time two Australian love- to full bearing when the first is rebirds of the variety called Melopsitta cus moved. In this way a family will undulatus, small parrakeets with grasc- always kave a good aurply.-Rural

CURRANTS .- The old Red Dutch fittings to any other perch, and that and White Dutch are good, reliable they used to sit and peck at the brass. sorts, and we would not advise any one | &c. work. On asking an Australian friend | who has them growing in his garden to as to the habits of these birds, the throw them out. Larger currants, author was informed that they ab und however, may be picked more readily ; chiefly in the districts where copper is they make a finer show on the table, found. He collected seven or eight of and they last longer on the bushes

adding solution of potassium ferro- to give the younger shoots, evenly discyanide to the filtrate, and distinct tributed through the bush, a better precipitate of copper ferro cyanide chance to grow. This will make large without delay,

THE FRUIT CROP IN GREAT BRITAIN. -The apple crop is by no means good anywhere, and in some places it is quite a failure. In Scotland, however, who write a family letter, after closing it seems to be rather better than in England: Pears and plums are nearly everywhere fair crops, except perhaps damsons, which are variable. What are termed bush fruits are abundant. Walnuts and other nuts are in general scarce.

> SLEEPING FLOWERS.—Almost all flowers sleep during the night. The marigold goes to bed with the sun and and with him rises, weeping. Many plants are so sensitive that they close their leaves during the passage of a cloud. The dandelion opens at five or six in the morning and shuts at nine wakes at three in the morning, and shuts at five or six in the evening. The English daisy shuts up its blossoms in the evening, and opens its "day's eye" to meet the early beams of the morning sun. The crocus, tulip, and many others close their blossoms at different hours toward the evening. The ivy-leaved lettuce opens at eight in the morning, and closes forever at four in the afternoon. The nightflowering cereus turns night into day; it begins to expand its magnificent sweet-scented blossoms in the twilight; it is full blown at midnight, and closes, never to open again, with the dawn of day. 'In a clover field not a leaf opens

Those plants which seem to be awake all night have been called the "bats and owls of the vegetable king-

How to TREAT OLD ROSE BUSHES. - Never give up a decaying rose bush till you have tried watering it two or pew in church, so that only the right three times a week with soot tea. is burned. When cold, water the rose with it. When it is used up pour boiling hot water on the soot a second time. Rose bushes treated in this way will quickly send out thrifty shoots, the leaves will become large and thick, and the blossoms will greatly improve in size and be more richly tinted than before.

Fruit Recorder-good authority-says, that the sulphate of ammonia is an excellent manurial liquid to apply to verbenas or any other flower, giving to the foliage a dark green luxuriant A little girl in the infant class of a and healthy appearance. It is econ-Brooklyn Sunday School appreciates omical, and easily applied. Prepare it better the difference between being the evening before using by dissolving good from choice and necessity than one ounce of ammonia in two gallons many elders. At the close of a recent of water. It may be applied once a

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