

FARM AND GARDEN.

ABOUT TOADS.—I once had a tame toad, and I will tell you some of the things he did. He would come out from under the porch when I called him by name. His name was Blinker, and he knew it as well as you know yours. I would put a fly or bug on the ground about eight inches in front of him, and he would take a short hop, lower his head and dart out his slimy tongue so quickly that one could scarcely see how it was done; but the fly had gone down his gullet quick as a flash, and the toad would look up and wink in a very comical manner. One evening I was exhibiting him to some visitors, and as there were a good many fire-flies—some call them lightning-bugs—I caught several of them and Blinker took them in, and hopped close to me, as if to say, "That is just what I want." And now a funny thing happened. He snapped them down so fast that some of them flashed out their light—or blazed away, as the boys said—after they were in his stomach, and as this membrane of Mr. Blinker was translucent, it looked as though a conflagration of some sort had broken out inside of him. We were all laughing, and presently Blinker himself noticed it and seemed quite alarmed. He twisted one side of his head around so that he could see where the light came from, and then lifting up one fore foot—it looked very much like a human hand—he clutched at his stomach, and shook it in a way that made the company roar with laughter. Whether it was his disgust at the company, or that he concluded to go in and tell Mrs. Blinker about it, and ask advice, I don't know, but he hopped back to his den and did not come out till the next evening. The company were all there to meet him, and he was presently taking bugs with his usual greed.

Then I asked a bad man for some tobacco, and folding up a piece so that it looked like a bug, I dropped it, and Blinker took it at one swoop. And right there and then he began to lose faith in me. In a few seconds he looked up with an expression that said: "What kind of a bug was that?" The next minute he dropped his head and looked very solemn. Then he tried to hop, but could only walk. It was a very undignified walk, and he had not gone far before he stood up on all four feet and lost all his supper in the way in which people sometimes do who are seasick. He went home at once.

The next evening when I called him out he was very suspicious and not cheerful at all. Toads have a good memory. I gave him a bug, he looked at it a long time; hopped close, and looked again; worked himself a little nearer to it and took a good long look before he would touch it. He was afraid of that poisonous tobacco, and it will be a good thing for society when every one is afraid of it.

Never kill a toad. They are some of the best friends the farmer and gardener has. They do no harm and very much good. Blinker is a consistent anti-tobaccoist; but he lost all faith in me.—*Christian at Work.*

HOT WATER CURE FOR SICKLY PLANTS.—The *Florist* asks:—Has any one tried hot water as a restorative for sickly plants? and then proceeds to say that M. Willermoz sometime since related that plants in pots may be restored to health by means of hot water; ill-health, he maintains, ensues from acid substances in the soil, which, being absorbed by the roots, act as poison. The small roots wither and cease to act, and the upper and younger shoots consequently turn yellow, or become spotted, indicative of their morbid state. In such cases the usual remedy is to transplant into fresh soil, in clean pots with good drainage, and this often with the best results. But his experience of several years has proved the unfailing efficacy of the simpler treatment, which consists in watering abundantly with hot water at a temperature of about 145° Fah., having previously stirred the soil of the pots so far as may be done without injury to the roots. Water is then given until it runs freely from the pots. In his experiment, the water at first came out

clear, afterward it was sensibly tinged with brown, and gave an appreciable acid reaction. After this thorough washing, the pots were kept warm, and the plants very soon made new roots, immediately followed by vigorous growth.

To EXTERMINATE BURDOCK.—Spade them out, and lay the roots up to dry. If that is considered to be too laborious a job, take a sharp hoe and cut them off just below the surface of the ground, and in a few weeks go over them again, cutting all off that have sent out new leaves. Going over them a few times in this way will finish them all. In half a day's time a man with a sharp hoe will generally cut all such weeds that are growing on an ordinary farm, and it is culpable negligence if they are not destroyed.

FARM AND GARDEN BREVITIES. Keep all vermin from your stock. Oil and paint are good economists. Keep dirt, etc., out of your wool-sacks. Try experiments carefully this season. Let the borrower of tools be a sorrower. Eggsactly—fresh eggs bring big money. Keep piling refuse on the compost heap. Keep every tool and implement in place. Don't waste time while work is undone. Plant carefully, if you would gather abundantly. Remember that impure seeds bring evil weeds.

It is estimated that 2,000 persons a year, mostly prisoners, take their own lives in Russia.

A man in Paris is said to have made his fortune by coloring canary birds red. The secret, "divulged on his death bed," was "simply seasoning their food very highly with cayenne pepper just before and during the moulting season," and it had the double advantage of "improving their health."

REMOVAL OF FRECKLES.—The careful application of a small piece of the ointment of the oleate of copper at night upon retiring will usually remove the freckles. The oleate of copper ointment should be prepared by dissolving one drachm of the salt of oleate of copper in sufficient oleo-palmitic acid to make a soft ointment.—*Shoemaker.*

The bee has long been a type of the industrious worker, but there are few people who know how much labor the sweet hoard of the hive represents. Each head of clover contains about sixty distinct flower tubes, each of which contains a portion of sugar not exceeding the five-hundredth part of a grain. Some patient apiarian enthusiasts, who have watched their movements, concludes that the proboscis of the bee must, therefore, be inserted into 500 clover tubes before one grain of sugar can be obtained. There are 7,000 grains in a pound, and as honey contains three-fourths of its weight of dry sugar, each pound of honey represents 2,500,000 clover tubes sucked by bees.

MICROSCOPIC ANIMALS IN BRICKS.—The weathering of brick walls into a friable state is usually attributed to the action of heat, wet, and frost; but from recent observation of M. Parize, the real destroyer is a microscopic creature, and the action played by the weather is only secondary. He has examined the red dust of crumbling bricks under the microscope, and found it to consist largely of minute living organisms. A sample of brick dust taken from the heart of a solid brick also showed the same animalcule, but in smaller numbers. The magnifying power of the instrument was 300 diameters. Every decaying brick showed the same kind of population, but the harder the brick the fewer were noticed.

verts water into steam, so the love of Christ generates a greater power, spirituality. As the scorpion, when enraged, destroys himself with his own sting, so the remorse of a guilty conscience.

When putting up curtains which are to be draped, in a low room, put the cornice to which the curtain is to be fastened close to the ceiling, even if the window is put in lower down, as it gives the effect of greater height to the room. The curtains meeting at the top will conceal the wall.

VARIETIES. Mrs. Smith, triumphantly: "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Mr. Smith cynically:—"Yes indeed, my dear, and that's why the world is so badly governed."

A Boston paper gives the following wise piece of advice to its bachelor readers:—"Never marry a girl unless you have known her three days and at a picnic."

Let no woman marry a man with the hope of sobering him afterwards. The most politic, because the most effectual, way of governing a family is for the husband occasionally to lay aside his supremacy.

I know a child, and who is she? I'll tell you by-and-by; When mamma says "do this or that," She says "what for?" and "why?" She'd be a better child by far If she would say "I'll try."

A certain little Pharisee, who was praying for his big brother, had a good deal of human nature in him, even if he was only six years old. He prayed, "O Lord bless brother Bill, and make him as good a boy as I am."

A Baptist minister was once asked how it was that he consented to the marriage of his daughter to a Presbyterian. "Well," he replied, "as far as I have been able to discover, Cupid never studied theology."

Why is a washer-woman like a navigator? Because she spreads her sheets, crosses the line, and goes from pole to pole. Two drinks a day, remarks an exchange, will supply a family with flour. This, of course, refers to the saloon keeper's family.

There is a good deal of human nature in clothes wringers. A girl had her hand badly squeezed by one. When were there only two vowels?—In the days of Noah, (no a), before u and I (i) were born. It makes a great difference whether glasses are used over or under the nose. "Sleeping out loud" is the latest child definition of snoring.

Sympathy for the poor doesn't lift them up. Only full sacks stand on end. A woman in Peabody Mass, has twins whose birthdays came in different days of the week, different months, and different years. One was born just before midnight on December 31st 1882, and the other just after the clock struck 12, so that the birthday was Jan. 1st 1883. The mother does not know which is the oldest.

HOUSEHOLD. Forks are now the utensils which play the most important part at fashionable feasts. Knives are only for meat; nearly every thing else is eaten with the fork. Fish, salad, pies, puddings, ice cream, etc, all these are served with forks alone, and spoons bid fair to be reserved exclusively for soup and coffee.

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