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VALUE OF ASHES.

"How much are unleached hard-wood ashes worth per bushel to use on land which is worth \$150 per acre, and when hay is selling at \$12 per ton?" asks a reader in central Vermont, and I presume he thought when asking that I ought to be able to answer it without hesitation. But he does not tell me whether the land is worth \$150 per acre because it will sell at that price for building lots, or because it lies on a river flat that is annually overflowed and will produce hay enough to pay the interest on the assessed value. Ashes vary greatly in their actual val-

ue and in their selling price according to the kind of wood burned and their freedom from sand, earth and charcoal. The best hard-wood ashes often contain nearly 10 per cent. of potash while these from some of the softer woods may show less than 3 per cent., though it is claimed by some that soft wood ashes are not so inferior as many believe, but being lighter than those from hard-wood ashes they are easily lost by being blown away while burning. The ashes from small twigs are much richer than those from the trunk of the tree. It is estimated that average ashes will contain from four to five pounds of potash in a bushel of 48 pounds, and that compared with potash salts as now sold in the market they should be worth about 25 or 30 cents per bushel. The phosphoric acid they contain add to their value. It is also believed that ashes have a beneficial effect upon some soils independent of their contents of potash and phosphoric acid. This point was very clearly shown in the full report published in the Farmer and Homes, Jan. 12th, of a meeting of the Boston market gardeners association. The chemist can determine the amount of valuable manurial substance in a given sample, but he cannot say what effect the sample will have when applied to a certain soil. That is a question the farmer must himself answer, by experiment and intelligent observation.

THE MOULDING OF YOUTH.

When parents are selecting schools for their children, it behooves them to consider well what is the character of the teachers to whom they are entrusting their education, what are the text books used, and what are the principles likely Colleges IN THE Maritime Provinces to be inculcated. Each school is usually an inflexible mould which shapes for good or for evil the susceptible natures of the BROWN & PALMER The Plays of Racine . at Hall's Book Store The Works of Corneille . at Hall's Book S. mould the character for eternity. If mere ionable, godless child will be graduated. If Jesuitical principles are taught, then a Pujols French Cla Book .. at Hall's Book hypocritical child will be moulded whose life-long business will be to use deceptive practices to effect a purpose. But if using the charts, and that well-known upright Christian principles are inculcated, and the Bible is made the text-book which latter had an unlooked for re-Hall's Look Store s ed, and the Biole is interested to which all ethical questions are re- sult at the close. A man who had ferred for decision, then the way is pre- dropped in to the meeting asked to pared for the child to become a disciple | examine the glass containing the inof Christ. These moulding influences will almost invariably give form to the opin- the egg which he had been told was orm the work satisfactory and promotly ions, views and conduct of the child who the state that the brain of the drunk is subjected to them, and no parent should place a child where his education does not lead him into a full recognition of the fact that the Bible is the only true standard of morality and the only safeguard during the journey of life. - Evan-

Has taken the store on the UPPER | Cooks, Ottos German Grammar . at Hall's | FRESH AIR THE BEST DISINFECT ANT.

If people only knew the value of fresh air as a disinfectant they would not be so anxious to close it out of their dwellings. I don't know whether you know it or not, but the very best disinfectant in the world is good, fresh, pure, common atmosphere. The oxygen that is in it will destroy any disease germs it can get at, and, take my word for it, if our houses were well filled with good, pure atmosphere there would be much less diphtheria and other diseases that we have been having lately. The habit that people generally have fallen into, as soon as they think winter is approaching of filling up every seam and crevice about the doors and windows, and making their houses practically air tight, and keeping them that way until the following spring, is a very baneful one, particularly so in reference to the basements, where sewer gas is most likely to accumulate, and from there make its way up through every room in the house.

Of course it is desirable that our homes should be kept moderately warm and free from cold draughts, but this is quite compatible with an abundant supply of fresh air. Air, to be fresh and pure, need not necessarily be cold, but provision should be made, in the construction of our houses, for thorough ventilation in such a way as to avoid draughts. In houses already built, however, where such provision has not been made, a little cold air now and again would be much less detrimental than the vitiated stuff which the majority of people breath for six months in the year. -Physician in Chicago Journal.

A Word to Young Men.

BY JOHN B. GOUGH.

"It is a grand thing to be a young man; to have life before you. Life is behind me. My record is pretty nearly made; yours is to make. I can't change my record to save my life. I can't undo a deed I have done or unsay a word I have spoken to save my soul. No more can you. You are making your record. We old men have our record nearly made, and we can't change it. It is an awful thing when a man is sixtyfive years of age to look out upon a stained, smeared, smudged record, and know he can't change it. Thank God, there is a Man who can wipe out the iniquity sufficient to save us, as a school-boy wipes the sum off the slate. Even if a man is forgiven, it leaves a mark upon him he will never recover from-

"Young men, you have life before you, and you will have to map out which direction you will take. They tell us that eight miles above us noth. ing animal can exist. It is death to all animal life eight miles in that direction. It don't depend on the distance you travel, but on the direction; and when a man takes the wrong direction he knows it. Young men, you need not tell me when you are doing wrong you don't know it. You do. There is not a young man that is not breaking his mother's heart by dissipation but knows it; knows that every glass be drinks will be a thorn in the way for him. He knows it. What do men say? 'On! young men will be young men.' They ought to be. I always look with suspicion on old heads on young Prices to suit the Times shoulders. You young men can be young as long as you live. Years don't make a man old. There is many a man forty years of age who REPAIRING A SPECIALTY is younger and fresher at heart than some young old men of twenty-five who have broken themselves all down by dissipation.

"I would say, then, to young men, there is no power, in my opinion to-day, to be so dreaded by us as a nation, as individuals, as communities, as this evil of drink, and it rests with young men to fight it."

He Did Not Want His Brain Cooked.

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Three Warnings.

"Death in the cup," says the orator. Peath in the cup," says the poet. Death in the cup," says the scientist, and the latter's declaration is the one that carries most weight. He enforces his warning as follows, clipped from the pages of an exchange: "The great London fever of 1789 took scarcely anybody but drunkards and tipplers. Dr. Carnwright, of New Orleans, says the yellow fever in 18-66 took 5000 drinking men before it touched a sober man. In the United Kingdom of England, Ireland and Scotland, one visit of cholera swept away over 10,000 persons—not half a dozen teetotalers in that number. In the city of Montreal, 360 teetotalers had the cholera, and but one of them died; while 1500 drinking men died of the disease."

From the London Lancet we learn that many children of poor parents in Vienna frequently receive by way of breakfast nothing more than a glass of spirits, often appearing in the school-room drunk. The Lancet sensibly recommends the introduction of cheap bread, the inculcation of temperance truth, and a more sympathetic interest on the part of the rich in the trials of the poor as better remedial agents than any legislation.



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