

THE CALL OF THE PARTRIDGE.

STELLA A. GANONG. The fields are wet, the buds are green, All things are glad and growing, And fresh and cool across the pool The gentle wind is blowing.

Rural Topics.

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RAISING STRAWBERRIES FROM SEED.—One of the great drawbacks in raising various fruits from seed for the purpose of introducing new varieties is the time required before they begin to bear. This, however, does not apply to the strawberry, for we have gathered bushels of fruit from plants eleven months after sowing the seed from which they were raised.

It is well known to those who have carefully studied and observed the phenomena attending this malady that its origin is made possible by extreme changes in the weather in spring when the leaves first make their appearance. This has the effect of injuring the tissue of the leaves, and induces that incipient disease which gives a condition for the attacks of fungus.

WATERING PLANTS IN SUNSHINE.—A reader of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE asks the question, "Will it scald the leaves of plants to sprinkle them with water in the sunshine?" We would most emphatically answer, No. We are aware that a contrary opinion prevails, but it is certainly erroneous, and it would be difficult to account for its origin, although it may be probable that in damp climates, and after a series of sunless days, a sudden burst of sunshine would injure tender foliage to some extent.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT FOR JULY.—The returns indicate an increase of area planted in corn exceeding 4 per cent, or fully 2,500,000 acres. In Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois there has been a loss of acreage, but in all other States an increase in corn growing there is some increase. In the Gulf States the advance has been heavy. In the Ohio Valley the extension of its breadth of cultivation was prevented by excessive rains and a temperature that made early planting impossible.

CARF OF COWS.—In the very hottest days it will pay to keep cows in dark stables during the heat of the day, bringing them some green food and turning them out to eat and drink night and morning. In this way the annoyance from flies will be greatly lessened and their milk capacities preserved.

CURRENTS AND CHICKENS.—A successful chicken raiser says that he always feeds his hens among his currants, and the leaves are consequently free from worms, and other bishes not thus treated near by were entirely stripped of their foliage.

perpetual, we would have suggested to our correspondent that he had purchased a budding plant, and that the budded portion had died, and the later flowers were produced by the stock, which had usurped the place of the bud or graft.

PEACH-CURL FUNGUS.—Dr. Byron Hallsted submitted a paper on this subject at a recent meeting of the Connecticut State Board of Agriculture, in which, among other questionable things, he stated that the cause of this injurious deformity has been variously ascribed to plant lice, lack of some food element in the soil, and even to electricity.

LONDON PURPLE.—A writer in the American Farmer says: "I read somewhere that London purple was excellent for potato-bugs, and to use it as you would Paris green, and now, having tried it, would caution your readers to use it sparingly, for it is highly destructive of all vegetable life."

GREEN CROPS.—The term "green crops" is applied to turnips, carrots, mangel wurtzel, parsnips, vetches, cabbages, and all kinds of clovers and grasses when consumed on the farm; that is, when green crops are alluded to as improvers of land, it means that they are to be used on the farm either for feeding animals or for plowing under as green manures.

PRACTICAL FORESTRY.—The Prairie Farmer states that the managers of the Union Pacific Railway continue the work commenced two years ago in ornamenting their stations with trees and shrubs. The parks around the stations for the first three hundred miles west of the Missouri River already make a good showing and look pleasant to travelers over what has been called the treeless plains, but which is being rapidly dotted with groves.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. BACALO A LA BASAINE.—Wash a small codfish and cut it in pieces about six inches square. Soak it over night and next morning put it over the fire in a pot of cold water and let it come to a boil.

BOILED SALMON.—Wash from two to four pounds of salmon and put it on to boil in hot water, adding some salt to the water. Allow a quarter of an hour to every pound of fish, and when it is well done place it upon a flat dish and dress it with a white sauce.

SALMON PUDDING.—Take the remains of your boiled salmon—or boil one pound for the purpose—and pick it very carefully in order to get out all the bones. Put it into a stew-pan with a large lump of butter, and add salt and cayenne pepper.

ADRIPT ON A TROPIC SEA. We hear of a strange adventure from Reunion. Two soldiers of the Royal Artillery stationed at Mauritius went out for an excursion along the shore in a little skiff. They were caught in a strong current and carried out into the Indian ocean, where they drifted about for nine days without food or anything to drink except rain water.

SWAMP MUCK.—This is of great value as an absorbent of liquid manures, and where it can be obtained easily, stores of air-dried muck can be advantageously used in stables. As an application alone to soils of any kind—siltious, dry, humid, or any other—it has a very small intrinsic value.

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side the body. Summer diarrhoea, English cholera, and typhoid fever are all due to low organisms. As the diarrhoeal and typhoid seasons are luckily contemporaneous with the fruiting of the tomato, it is not unreasonable to assume that tomato-embers would be more than ordinarily likely to escape such diseases.

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bake about twenty minutes. Turn out and serve hot. PIGEON PIE.—About four pigeons will make a good sized pie. Clean them, split them down the back, and divide them again lengthwise. Throw into a stewpan a tablespoonful of butter, and after drying the pieces of pigeon, brown them slightly in the butter; also a small slice of veal. Dredge in some flour, add pepper, salt, and chopped parsley, and stir in enough boiling water to make a nice gravy. Let them simmer on the range while you prepare a paste.

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P. O. DRAWER 325. Pensions. If wounded, injured, or have contracted any disease, however slight the disability, apply at once. Thousands entitled. Heirs. Widows, minor children, dependent mothers, fathers, and other brothers and sisters, in the order named, are entitled.

War of 1812. All surviving officers and soldiers of this war, whether in the Military or Naval service of the United States, who served for more than 141 days; or in a battle or skirmish, for a less period, and the widows of such who have not remarried, are entitled to a pension of eight dollars a month. Proof of loyalty is no longer required in these claims. Increase of Pensions. Pension laws are more liberal now than formerly, and many are now entitled to a higher rate than they receive.

Restoration to Pension Roll. Pensioners who have been unjustly dropped from the pension roll, or whose names have been stricken therefrom by reason of failure to increase or pension, where no new disability is alleged, unless successful in procuring the increase. Desertion. From one regiment or vessel and enlistment in another, is not a bar to pension in cases where the wound, disease, or injury was incurred while in the service of the United States, and in the line of duty.

Land Warrants. Survivors of all wars from 1790 to March 2, 1855, and certain heirs, are entitled to one hundred and sixty acres of land, if not already received. Soldiers of the late war not entitled. Land warrants purchased for cash at the highest market rate, and assignments perfected. Correspondence invited.

Prisoners of War. Ration money promptly collected. Furlough Rations. Amounts due collected without unnecessary delay. Such claims cannot be collected without the furlough. Horses Lost in Service. Claims of this character promptly attended to. Many claims of this character have been erroneously rejected. Correspondence in such cases is respectfully invited.

Bounty and Pay. Collections promptly made. Property taken by the Army in States not in Insurrection. Claims of this character will receive special attention, provided they are promptly filed, and not filed prior to that date they are barred by statute of limitation.

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