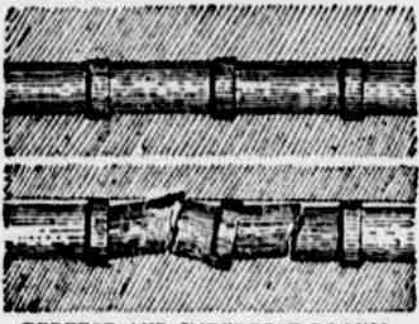


## FARM AND GARDEN.

### SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE SHOING OF HORSES IN THE SUMMER.

#### A Hammock Tent Impervious to Mosquitoes and Flies—Directions That Insure Success in Rooting Cuttings—Drain Pipes and Sewers.

There is no longer any necessity for urging the importance of drains and sewers for carrying off the waste from houses and the surrounding grounds, for everybody admits this importance. Very many persons, however, with the best possible intentions lay their sewers and drain pipes in such a way as to augment instead of decreasing the evils for which the drains were designed.



PERFECT AND IMPERFECT DRAINS.

Mayor Wheeler, of Auburn, N. Y., in a pamphlet recently issued describes, with illustrations, the dangers which often arise from badly laid sewers and drain pipes. A common mistake is the one represented in the first figure shown in the cut. As will be seen, the cement pipe is badly laid, the projecting collars preventing the sections of the pipe from resting on a sufficient support. The consequence is, the earth above the pipes cracks and breaks them, allowing the leakage of impure water and the escape of foul air through every opening. The remaining figure shows a pipe properly laid, being compactly bedded in earth so that the support is ample for the pressure, and breakage, in consequence, cannot occur.

#### How to Root Cuttings.

Many plants may be propagated with ease from cuttings, provided one knows just how to proceed. Susan Power, in *American Garden*, gives in detail some exceedingly careful directions, from which the following points are gleaned: The pots and soil, or cutting bed, should be made ready beforehand, so that slips may be promptly placed therein as soon as cut. The best cutting is a shoot of new growth, just before it grows woody at all or fibrous, but will snap off clean without strings. This should have three buds, if possible, though one leaf and bud will start in good care. Roots start from the bud at the base of the leaf sooner than from any other part. Take off all leaves for an inch or two and stick the cutting in sand to the lowest bud. The essential thing is to keep cuttings entirely fresh till planted by setting in water, or what is better, wrapping them lightly in a moist cloth. The loss of their sap by evaporation before or after setting is their death. Boxes three inches deep, half filled with sand and a light mixture of fibry soil or leaf mold, faced off with an inch of pure sand, make good cutting beds when a number are to be struck, as with coleus, alternantheras and bedding plants generally, when one wants plenty to use and some to give away.

For a few cuttings, the best thing is a six inch flower pot, the drain hole plugged with a cork, two inches of broken bits of crock laid in, and a porous pot, half the size or less, set within the larger one and kept full of water. Between the rims of the two pots, which should be on a level, the space is filled with sand, in which the cuttings are set against the outer rim and well wet. The draining from the inside pot of water keeps the cuttings always moist, and they hasten to root. Sand is best, being easy for the tender root threads to enter and free from decaying particles, which in soil cause cuttings to rot at once. But when the first roots are made known by the freshening of the terminal bud or shoot of the cutting, immediately pot or change to richer soil that has food for the plant, or it will lose strength. Prompt planting must be given. Shade all cuttings for the first day or two, until the first shock of the change is over. When danger of flagging is past give cuttings the stimulus of light, shading from hot sun and wind. Seeds and cuttings never start more delightfully than under shades of oiled paper tied over the pot or tacked on the box. For open ground, frames with oiled cotton covers should be used to protect tender cuttings from changes of temperature.



AN AMATEUR PROPAGATING POT.

Cuttings of quick growing herbaceous plants, like heliotrope, verbena, phlox and alternantheras root quickly, chrysanthemums soonest of all. Nearly all plants root best in spring; still there is no month when cuttings cannot be rooted with care. Choose cuttings when the plant is most vigorous, and take strong shoots, that have stamina, to start well. But with all cuttings from herbaceous or wooden plants the rule must be to keep the roots warm and the top cool. Almost any shoot or slip will grow set in moist sand over hot pipes, with the top kept in cool air. A box over a pan of hot water or hot bricks, in a cool room, where the sun plays freely, but does not strike the plants, is as good a start for cuttings as you can find.

#### Tips Versus Horseshoes.

In many cases tips, or a partial shoe, are to be preferred to the full horseshoe; indeed there are many instances in which farms horses and others driven on country roads need no shoes in summer and are better without them. A correspondent in *American Agriculturist* tells of a horse he owned that had hard dry



TIPS FOR HORSES' FEET.

hoofs and contracted feet, which was caused by a natural tendency, increased by shoeing with high calks.

For want of use, the frog had withered away, and the horse was always lame. The shoes were taken off, and tips (see engraving) only were used. These were thin plates, reaching around the fore half of the hoof only, to protect the frog from wearing away. The frog and the heels thus came to the ground at every step; the bars were able to spread, and the proper functions of the feet, to preserve healthful action and growth, were given full play. The horse soon became sound, the frog grew healthfully, and the feet were in perfect order, while the expense of shoeing was greatly reduced.

#### Leading Crops.

The present area in corn is about 78,000,000 acres, equal to the entire breadth of arable cultivation of the United States twenty years ago. There has been a decided change from wheat to corn in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota. Even in Dakota the percentage of increase in area is about as large in maize as in wheat.

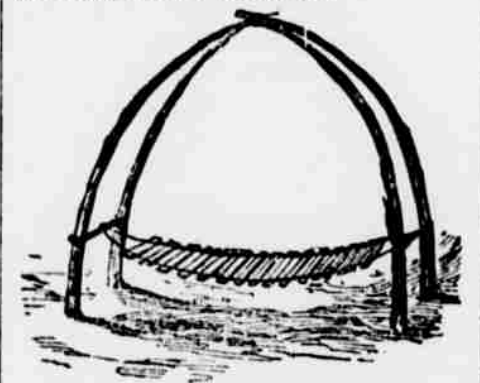
There has been a heavy decline in the condition of winter wheat in Kansas, a material reduction in California, with some loss in several of the southern states. A somewhat serious decline has also occurred in spring wheat, caused by the climatic bugs and drought.

The average condition of winter rye is reported at 88; of spring rye at 84.3. The general average condition of barley is 82.8. Oats are in excellent condition in New England and the middle states. From Mississippi westward the crop was harvested generally in low condition.

The status of the cotton crop has not declined since the last report. The average condition is 97, which is four points higher than the average at the same season in the previous ten years.

#### An Inexpensive Luxury.

A good hammock is a luxury that ought to be found in every section of country during the summer season. The cut shows a contrivance by which, with small expense, a double luxury may be gained, viz.: a hammock inside a tent. The tent part of the arrangement will be especially appreciated in localities where flies, mosquitoes or gnats abound. A World contributor tells how to make it.



A HAMMOCK TENT.

Cut four strong sticks about five or six feet long and as thick as one's arm. Point these and drive in the ground in form of a parallelogram. Tie a strong rope between the end sticks and fasten the hammock to them. If the tops of the sticks are bent over and tied together a large square of netting may be thrown over to protect the sleeper from insects, or a spruce of canvas in the day time to keep off the glare of the sun.

The hammock here illustrated is made of barrel staves lashed to two pieces of strong rope about eight feet long. In place of this can be substituted a twine or other hammock, such as are for sale at the stores, but the home made contrivance will be found much better than none at all.

#### Agricultural News.

Breeding Shetland ponies for children's use is becoming an important industry in this country.

A remarkable variety of asparagus, discovered in Russia, is described as having stalks as thick as a man's wrist, with a height of six feet.

St. Louis, Mo., the year round, is a great market for mules.

Northern capitalists are rapidly acquiring all the pine lands in southern Alabama that are still owned by the government.

The condition of peaches, along with that of apples, shows a decided decline since the June report, the condition being low in the majority of states where this fruit is grown.

The condition of the grape crop of the country is generally favorable.

There has been considerable enlargement of the area of potatoes. The largest rate of advance is in Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska. The average condition of this crop for the country is 93.

The condition of the sweet potato crop is generally satisfactory.

#### The Colors of Boston Houses.

The number of yellow painted houses with white trimmings which one meets on a drive a few miles out of town is remarkable, and red, which used to be reserved for barns, has taken a place on dwellings. It seems to me that this movement is a sensible one, within certain limits, but that these bright colors are most attractive when sparingly used. A house that stands at a distance from others will bear them, but rows of yellow and red houses make one long for a brown or even white painted dwelling to relieve their glaring monotony. I have heard it said that yellow should be reserved for the old colonial style of dwellings; but as this has become the rage, relief from an oppressive uniformity must be found in the adoption of a new key of color for houses of different architectural form.—Boston Post.

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## ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

### Curious Clocks—Attractive Fancy Work. Useful and Timely Suggestions.

Very imposing in the way of a large hall clock is the "Clippendale," a new pattern in antique style. It is made in oak and also in mahogany. Its highly polished surface and lavish and heavy decoration of brass give a very rich effect. The dial is an antique design in silver.

Unique and novel in mantel clocks is one somewhat resembling a jewel casket in shape. Its quaintly wrought silver panels are set in a framework of ornamental brass. In the center is placed an old time porcelain dial bearing irregularly shaped numerals.

#### Canapes.

Canapes are a sort of sandwich of thin fried bread, recommended by Miss Parlos as delightful for yacht luncheons and suppers. For twelve anchovy canapes use one bottle anchovies in oil, one tablespoonful of cold butter, four of clarified, twelve strips of stale bread, one and a half to three inches and a quarter of an inch thick, one tablespoon lemon juice, one-third teaspoon of cayenne, two hard boiled eggs. Pound four anchovies with the cold butter, lemon juice and cayenne to a paste. Fry the bread pale brown in the clear butter and spread with the paste. Cut the rest of the anchovies into fillets, put two on each canape near the edge; chop the whites and yolks of eggs separately very fine and fill the middle of the canapes with them. Arrange in a flat dish, garnished with a circle of olives.

#### A Convenient Shoe Bag.

For an umbrella shaped shoe bag get one yard of gray silesia and one yard of any pretty contrasting color to line it with. Cut of these materials cut two circular pieces, each two and a half feet in diameter. Bind these two pieces together with braid to match the color of the lining. Then divide them so as to form sections or pockets, stitching the division between each very firmly. The bag thus formed is pointed at the bottom, where it is finished with a ribbon bow, and hangs open at the top, showing six pockets, after the fashion of an unfastened umbrella. Fasten a loop of ribbon in the middle of the bag at the top, where the pockets join, and suspend the bag by it.

#### Cellings of Paneled Canvas.

A new idea in finishing ceilings in the upper rooms of houses, especially such as follow the shape of an angular or irregular roof, is to cover them with light colored canvas and dividet them off into panels by means of narrow, flat strips of stained wood. A decidedly natty and cheerful effect is the result.

#### Syrup for Preserving Fruit.

Preserves put up in self sealing glass jars need not be made as sweet as with the old methods. Three-quarters of a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit is now the usual rule in preserving in hermetically sealed jars or cans. Not a few people find half a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit more agreeable in the case of the less tart varieties. In making the syrup for preserves allow half a pint of water to each pound of sugar. Put over the fire in a white porcelain saucepan, and before the syrup becomes hot stir well into it the white of an egg partly beaten up. When it begins to boil remove the scum, and let it boil till scum no more rises, then put in the fruit and boil gently.

#### Chocolate Creams.

The ingredients for the insides of chocolate creams are two cups of sugar, one cup of water, one and a half tablespoonfuls of arrowroot, and one teaspoonful of vanilla. Mix these, except the vanilla; let them boil from five to eight minutes, stirring all the time; after this is taken from the fire stir until it comes to a cream. When it is nearly smooth add the vanilla and make the cream into balls. For the outside, melt one-half pound of Baker's chocolate, but do not add water to it. Roll the cream balls into the chocolate while it is warm. One cup of grated coconut, stirred into the cream as it is cooling, improves them for some tastes.

#### An Invention Useful in the Laundry.

A recent English invention to prevent shrinkage in flannel shirt collars consists in the application to the collar after washing of a metal hoop having a stud attached. The flannel collar is stretched around the metal hoop or collar, and its button holes fastened on the stud. In this position the flannel is left to dry. The flannel collar is thus effectually prevented from growing smaller in size during drying. The metal invention is made in the various sizes to suit different shirts, and is japanned or painted.

#### Rococo Embroidery.

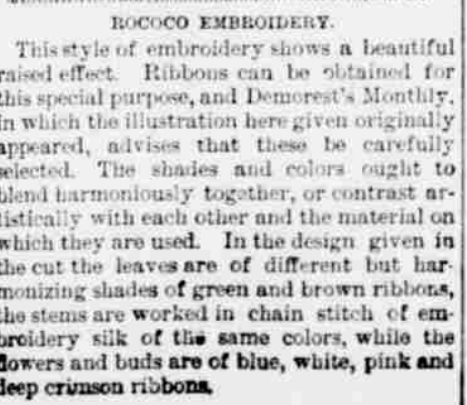
Rococo embroidery is extremely pretty for decorating articles for the toilet, scent sachet and similar objects. This embroidery is executed with narrow ribbons of various colors, which form the leaves and flowers, and a chain stitching of embroidery silk, for the stems and veining. The pattern is first stamped on the goods, and care should be taken to completely cover the outlines; the satin or silk needs to be secured in an embroidery frame for this work.

In the cut here given is illustrated how each leaf is formed with a single stitch, the ribbon being folded lengthwise, and drawn through the goods at the beginning and end of each stitch, to give it the proper form. Longer or shorter stitches are arranged singly or in groups to compose the different flowers and sprays of leaves, as shown in the main figure in the cut.



ROCOCO EMBROIDERY.

This style of embroidery shows a beautiful raised effect. Ribbons can be obtained for this special purpose, and *Demorest's Monthly*, in which the illustration here given originally appeared, advises that these be carefully selected. The shades and colors ought to blend harmoniously together, or contrast artistically with each other and the material on which they are used. In the design given in the cut the leaves are of different but harmonizing shades of green and brown ribbons, the stems are worked in chain stitch of embroidery silk of the same colors, while the flowers and buds are of blue, white, pink and deep crimson ribbons.



## THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

### Some Facts of Interest About Education in Germany.

In Germany the government exercises a rigid supervision over the education of children. The teachers are trained, examined, appointed and paid by the government, are regarded as officers of the government, are exempt from military duty, and receive a pension when no longer able to teach. No person is appointed a teacher who is not in good standing in a church, Lutheran, Jewish or Catholic. The teachers' seminaries, or normal schools, are of two grades, designed for the training of teachers for the lower primary schools of the rural districts, and the burgher and other higher schools of the cities. There are separate schools for males and females. Each one consists of the professional or normal school proper, and a primary model school or school of practice. The number of pupils in each normal school is limited to seventy, who are admitted by competitive examination, open to all over 17 years of age, who possess certificates as to character, health and natural aptitude.

#### Colored Glass.

Until quite recently but little colored glass, with the exception of common black and amber bottles, was made in this country. Now quite a number of glass works are engaged in its manufacture exclusively, and at others it forms a large part of the product. Some of the most beautiful colored glass produced in the world, rivaling in depth and richness of coloring, as well as in beauty of design, that from the famous works of Europe, is made at the flint glass works of the United States.

The coloring materials most largely employed are iron, manganese, copper, cobalt and gold. These are generally used as oxides, though in some cases, but very rarely, other compounds are used. In addition to the above, arsenic, uranium, chromium and silver are occasionally employed.

#### The Liquid Island.

A half pint flask should be half filled with a saturated solution of sulphate of zinc; about a drachm of bisulphide of carbon, tinted with a trace of iodine, should then be carefully poured on the surface of the zinc solution and the flask filled up with water; the latter should be carefully poured in, down the side of the neck, so as to mix as little as possible with the zinc. The carbon bisulphide will assume the shape of a perfect amethyst colored spherule floating between the liquids and, according to *Popular Science News*, if undisturbed, will last for weeks. The solution ought to be filtered before using, as otherwise it is likely to become turbid.

#### The Calhoun Doctrine.

Calhoun held that the states were sovereign, that the constitution was merely a compact between separate sovereign nations, to be construed entirely by the rules of international law; that such a treaty, when broken by one state, was no longer binding upon any; and that, consequently, the declaration of a state that the constitution had been violated absolved the people of that state from any further allegiance or obedience to the United States until the wrong had been made good. To Calhoun's mind this theory did not militate against the existence of the Union; it only operated as a check upon the tyranny of a national majority.

#### What Was the Holy Alliance?

The holy alliance was entered into in Paris, September, 1815, by the emperors of Russia and Austria and the king of Prussia. It was an attempt to announce a principle of government which was expected would secure justice and prosperity and peace to Europe. It was considered that the French revolution and the supremacy of Napoleon I was the work of men. The human laws by which the state was governed were to be purified and invigorated by a divine power.

#### Naval Academy.

The United States Naval academy was founded in 1845. The buildings were transferred from the war to the naval department, and in these midshipmen were from time to time on shore were given instructions in naval matters. In 1849 the school was reorganized, the course of instruction was revised and the title changed from Naval school to United States Naval academy, and two years later the term of study was fixed at four years.

#### Excellent Domestic Wine.

A housewife who makes excellent cherry wine does it after the following formula: Stone and wash the cherries and strain the juice. To one quart of juice add one or one and a half pints of water according to the richness of the juice. Some juice will bear more dilution than others. To every gallon of the mixture add three pounds of sugar. Let stand in an open mouthed jar with musquito netting over it until it ceases to ferment, then bottle and cork.

#### Why Does the Needle Point North?

It seems absurd that the magnetic needle, without which no sailor has dared to leave port for centuries, should still be an object of mystery; nevertheless it is a fact. We are not only ignorant why the needle points north, but do not know the cause of its variation. One thing we do know is that when used on an iron ship the needle is much affected.

#### Strategic Territory.

At the close of the Franco-Prussian war the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine were not demanded from France by the German government because they had formerly been German territory, nor as containing a German population, but as the key to an invasion of Germany. At least such was the reason given at the time.

#### English General Officers.

The English army does not lack for officers. There are 7 field marshals, 29 generals, 52 lieutenant-generals and 120 major-generals, in all 200 general-officers. The greatest war of this century was carried on by the United States, with only two officers above the grade of major-general, viz.: 1 general and 1 lieutenant-general.

#### Physical Research.

The Society for Physical Research, which was organized in England some years ago, now has many branches, and the printed reports of its investigations form a considerable literature. Its object is to study spiritualism, clairvoyance, mind reading, apparitions and all real or supposed supernatural manifestations.

#### Gunpowder's First Application.

The commencement in the use of gunpowder is involved in obscurity. It does not appear to have rivaled the use of the cross bow till the reign of Edward III. 1375 is about the earliest date mentioned of its use in England. It was many years before it actively superseded the old method of propulsion.

#### What Is a Tramp Steamer?

A tramp steamer is one that seeks a cargo wherever it may be found. Some kind-hearted people are good enough to call tramp travelers, but the effect would be lost if this gentleness were extended to a steamer.



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