

RAISE YOUR OWN GRAPES.

See the Man & Thousand Clusters in the back yard at small expense. There is no reason why any resident of this town who has a back yard, little or big, shouldn't have a thousand clusters of grapes for \$1, made less than a acre of grapes. In fact, a single square yard of soil in village or city can support a grapevine trained up against the house, on a post or a trellis along the fence, or any other place in the free, uninclosed, or unshaded.

There is in Brooklyn an illustration. The yard in the rear has on the sides and back a plant and three, border and feet wide, made of which is a trellis of grape vines about twelve feet wide and thirty-six feet long, with a clothes line just at each corner.

A trellis four feet high stands in the center of each of the side borders and is planted with the fence, and across the yard about half way from the house to the rear fence, is another trellis twelve feet high, with nine squares upon four plain posts made of weathered wood, one at each side and two at the corners of the grape plot, with arched openings over the sidewalks. Six grape vines, just covered and part leafed, are planted several years ago under the high trellis, and two in each side border, one near each end of the cross trellis, but back of it, and another ten feet farther back.

The vines have been trained toward the rear along the top of the side trellis and the fence to the back of the yard, and also over the upper part of the cross trellis. The vines in front of the cross trellis on either side would be trained along the fence to the side of the plot on the rear of the house and across the front of the piazza.

On one of the vines 346 fine bunches of grapes were counted after a great many bunches had been picked for tea. A row of hanging clusters tops the upper front of the piazza, while on the cross trellis and along the border trellis and fence are hundreds of grapes. There are not less than 2,000 clusters, and most of them fine ones.

The annual cost? For trimming and training the vines and putting on a dressing of horse dung the cost is not more than \$1. The family has every year more grapes than they can use. October is the best time in the year to plant a grape vine, and if any one has a spare yard of earth to use a good opportunity to try this scheme.—New York Sun.

Wife at Five. The tragedy of the village generation, as illustrated among a large number of boys who emigrate almost nightly on Locust street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, is one that those parents can view with satisfaction if they ever give the matter a thought. These lads of 12 or 15 or some younger, leave as their chief amusement "playing robbers." One boy in the band represents the engineer, while a lot of others behind him are the passengers, and the conductor and brakeman are at each side. As they come ambling down the street two or more boys, representing the robberies, stand on a side alley with toy pistols, and, pointing them, make the engineer stop and then command the others to throw up their hands. Some boys do not, whereupon the robberies proceed to fire and they drop. Proceedings are varied by other boys taking the place of the robbers, as I saw for which all counted. The play is considered complete if once a policeman comes in sight, when they all get out and run.—Philadelphia Times.

Singular Interconnections. In the year 1867 there were married at Durham, Canada, an old lady and gentleman whose union involved the following interesting connections: The old gentleman is married to his daughter's husband's wife's mother. And yet she is not his daughter's mother, but she is his grandchildren's grandmother, and his wife's grandchildren are his daughter's stepchildren. This curious state of affairs comes about by the old lady marrying her daughter's brother-in-law's father-in-law, and her grandchildren's grandmother's step-father.

If he chooses, her son-in-law may say to his children, "Your grandmother is married to my father-in-law, and yet he is not your grandfather, but he is your grandmother's son-in-law's wife's father-in-law." In short, this man married his son-in-law's father-in-law's wife. His wife is his son-in-law's children's grandmother, and his son-in-law's grandchildren's great grandmother.—St. Louis Republic.

Young Animals with Electricity. In the future, it seems, wild beast hunters, lion kings, serpent owners and the like, instead of having to assault their quarry by means of the whip of plantain stem, will carry a light wand with an insulating grip for the hand, connected by a flexible wire with a battery of which the power can be varied according to the sensitiveness of the case. If the lion or tiger becomes surly and refuses to go through his tricks, or threatens to bite a sample out of his "trainer," a flash of the magic wand will give him a shock that will cause him up or down his into submission, as the porcupine yields. An experiment in this new department of applied science is said to have been successfully made in this nation.—New York Telegram.

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