

THE REGULAR WATERING

In a judicious manner is also very essential to the currant. Indeed, the tree in its natural growth is always found in a rich, moist location.

In cultivating young trees, the object should be to form a handsome, well-shaped plant and, when young trees are of a slender habit, they should be supported by stakes until they attain sufficient strength to support themselves in an upright position.

In closing the subject, it may be stated that there are several varieties of the native currant improved to a high state of perfection, well deserving a description and proper name; but, in order to accomplish this end, the committee would suggest a full investigation of the fruit when in bearing, and that a descriptive list be made of the most approved varieties.

E. SAYERS,
L. S. HEMENWAY,
T. H. WOODBURY.

After the second reading of the above article, Mr. W.C. Staines presented to the club a sample of home-made currant wine, of the last years' crop. The wine was of an excellent flavor, resembling port, and was pronounced equal in quality to the best imported wines. From the proof of this sample it is quite evident that the Deseret currant can be converted into wine with good making and acquiring proper age, equal to the best imported wines.

E. SAYERS,
Chairman of Fruit Committee.

Cashmere Goats.

From the Savannah (Ga.) Republican of Dec. 25, we learn that an importation of these valuable animals has been made by the Hon. W. H. Stiles, and after a tedious voyage has arrived safely at his place up the river, having been accompanied by a Greek, who is still with them as an attendant, all the way from Smyrna. This is the second importation of the pure breed of Cashmere goats ever made into this country; the first having been made by Mr. Davis, who sold them to Mr. Richard Peters, of Atlanta, from which importation all the crosses and half breeds in that country have sprung. Mr. Stiles has eight of them, and they are no less curious than valuable, something of the size and shape of our native breed. They differ widely in their hair, which grows so luxuriously as to give them the appearance of a sheep with an immense fleece on it. The experiment having been thoroughly tried as to their thriving in that climate, and resulting satisfactorily there can be no doubt of the value they will be to the country.

The uses to which the hair is put are numerous. Camlet and worsted goods and ladies' fabrics, as challies, muslin de laines, gentlemen's clothing for Summer wear, hosiery, &c., promising a beauty, strength, durability, luster and permanency of color far superior to the wool of the sheep or the alpaca.

These goats are found in the Himalaya Mountains, and have to be brought about a thousand miles before they reach a shipping port. They are not sheared like the sheep, but the fleece is pulled off twice every year. An ordinary fleece weighs between three and four pounds. The New York price is \$8 50 per pound, making at least \$51 a year for each goat, while there is no cost in feeding them, for they are as frugal and hearty as the common goat.

Their great value in this country is the splendid cross with our common goat, the half-breed being nearly as valuable every way as the full breed, and their remarkable fecundity soon repays a very heavy interest on the investment, while the expense of keeping them is a mere trifle, as they live on briars and foliage not touched by other animals. There is a great demand for them and the prices they bring are fabulous—one buck sold as high as \$1,500, and one of Mr. Peters's stock was sent to the Illinois State Fair exhibition, and so pleased the President that he offered the weight of the animal in silver in exchange for him.

A PITMAN AND FIRST PRINCIPLES.—In a bygone generation, a Tyneside pitman strolled into a landowner's park, and was accosted by a young gentleman, who asked him if he knew he was trespassing on his papa's grounds? "Yor papa's grounds?" exclaimed the intruder; "aw thout it was the Aumrighty's yirth? Does th'u want me to walk in the clouds? Get into the hoose, th'u wha-whang! or aw'll eat thee!"—[Gateshead Observer.]

OF AGE.—The Boston Post says: "Naomi, the daughter of Enoch, was 580 years old when she was married. Courage ladies!"

THE DUTY OF OWNING BOOKS.

BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.

We form judgments of men from little things about their house, of which the owner, perhaps, never thinks. In earlier years, when traveling in the west, where taverns were either scarce, or, in some places unknown, and every settler's house was a house of "Entertainment," it was a matter of some importance and some experience to select wisely where you would put up. And we always looked for flowers. If there were no trees for shade, no patch of flowers in the yard, we were suspicious of the place.

But, no matter how rude the cabin, or rough the surroundings, if we saw that the window held a little trough for flowers, and that some vines twined about strings let down from the eaves, we were confident that there was some taste and carefulness in the log cabin.

In a new country, where people have to tug for a living, no one will take the trouble to rear flowers, unless the love of them is pretty strong; and this taste, blossoming out of plain and uncultivated people, is, itself, like a clump of hare-bells growing out of the seams of a rock. We were seldom misled. A patch of flowers came to signify kind people, clean beds and good bread.

But, other signs are more significant in other states of society. Flowers about a rich man's house may signify only that he has a good gardener, or that he has refined neighbors, and does what he sees them do.

But men are not accustomed to buy books unless they want them. If, on visiting the dwelling of a man of slender means, I find the reason why he has cheap carpets and very plain furniture to be that he may purchase books, he rises at once in my esteem. Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house. The plainest row of books that cloth or paper ever cover, is more significant of refinement than the most elaborately carved *etagere* or sideboard.

Give me a house furnished with books rather than furniture! Both, if you can, but books at any rate! To spend several days at a friend's house, and hunger for something to read, while you are treading on costly carpets, and sitting upon luxurious chairs, and sleeping upon down, is as if one were bribing your body for the sake of cheating your mind.

Is it not pitiable to see a man growing rich and beginning to augment the comforts of home, and lavishing money on ostentatious upholstery, upon the table, upon everything but what the soul needs?

We know of many and many a rich man's house, where it would not be safe to ask for the commonest English classics. A few garish annuals on the table, a few pictorial monstrosities, together with the stock of religious books of "persuasion," and that is all! No range of poets, no essayists, no selection of historians, no travels or biographies, no select fictions or curious legendary lore; but then the walls have paper which cost three dollars a roll, and the floors have carpets that cost four dollars a yard! Books are the windows through which the soul looks out.

A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books, if he has the means to buy them. It is a wrong to his family. He cheats them! Children learn to read by being in the presence of books. The love of knowledge comes with reading, and grows upon it. And the love of knowledge, in a young mind, is almost a warrant against the inferior excitement of passions and vices.

Let us pity these poor rich men who live barrenly in great, bookless houses! Let us congratulate the poor that in our day books are so cheap that a man may every year add a hundred volumes to his library for the price of what his tobacco and his beer would cost him.

Among the earliest ambitions to be excited in clerks, workmen, journeymen, and, indeed, among all that are struggling up in life from nothing to something, is that of owning, and constantly adding to, a library of good books. A little library, growing larger every year, is an honorable part of a young man's history. It is a man's duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.

A good book is a thing as separate and distinct from all other creations, as a bird is from a flower, or a jewel from a stone.

Books are at once our masters and our servants. They have a silent independence, an unchanging voice, a calm declaration of truth, as they will. But they are unobtrusive. They wait for our moods and our leisure. They are never jealous if we neglect them, nor quarrelsome when we are familiar. They wait upon us in youth, in manhood, and in old age, with a vivacity that time never chills, and an instructiveness that repetition never wearies.

Men grow old, and children are the only reprints allowed. The same volume is never reproduced. But books come again, in successive editions, with the same life, the same disposition, the same offices of love and goodness. Their joints never stiffen. Their heads never grow gray. All hinges but book-hinges at times grate. But the unrolled pages turn smoothly forever.

Books gradually lose their inert and dead form, and become to us like persons that have pulse and articulate voice. We feel more intimately acquainted with authors, two hundred years dead, than we do with our daily companions.

We never let living creatures enter into our soul with such universal liberty as authors assume. And a scholar is never alone among books, nor is he ever lonesome, except among crowds of talking, trading, trifling men.

A book is better for weariness than sleep; better for cheerfulness than wine; and it will hold out with the longest night that watcher ever saw. It often is a better physician than the doctor, a better preacher than the minister, a better sanctuary than the drowsy church.

[From the Cleveland (O.) Plaindealer of Jan. 21th.]

What's up? The Harper's Ferry Investigating Committee.

Yesterday J. W. Fitch, as Marshal of Northern Ohio, received a bundle of official documents from the Chairman of the Harper's Ferry Investigating Committee, commanding him to subpoena Joshua R. Giddings, Ralph Plumb, and John Brown, Jr., of West Andover, Ashtabula, all to appear in Washington forthwith, before said Investigating Committee, then and there to testify under oath to all they may know of the organization of the "Sons of Liberty;" of Oberlin conspiracies, &c., &c., or any other movements, conference meetings, prayer-meetings, or any other kind of meetings touching John Brown's "Kansas Work."

If said Giddings, Plumb, and Brown do not obey the subpoena, then the said Jabez W. Fitch has warrants for the persons of said witnesses, and he is commanded to take their bodies *volens volens* by the authority vested in said Committee, which is ample to send for "persons and papers if in any part of the United States." There is a reward of \$10,000 offered for Giddings' head down in "old Virginia." Whether they want it with the body, or served up on a plate as was John the Baptist's, the advertisement does not state; but as Fitch was only commanded to bring the "body," he has concluded as a matter of safety, as well as economy, to leave the head of "Old Gid" at home, and go by the most direct route via Harper's Ferry.

At West Andover, Ashtabula county, where the son of the "Old Martyr Brown" resides, the "Sons of Liberty" live. They have been expecting some such command from the General Government as this, and have solemnly resolved "NOT TO OBEY." We wish the new Marshal much joy in his maiden efforts at West Andover. He will take Jefferson, where Old Gid resides, on his route, and by the time he gets to West Andover he will be in "good condition" to serve writs. A more agreeable reception awaits him at Oberlin. Won't the bells ring! Won't the Saints assemble, and won't Mr. Plumb be put right plumb through to Washington! Of course he will (!)

Greeley, when here the other day, said he expected to meet a United States process, a "Rip Swandendum" of some kind, before he left town.

As all the Black Republican Senators voted for this investigation, Old Gid & Co. have got to go, or bolt the Republican party. *Nons verrous!*

STATE OF SOCIETY IN NEW ORLEANS.—The New Orleans *Picayune* commenting on the frequency of murder in that city says: We have of late, in this city, been almost daily called upon to record the death of some person by the hand of violence. It seems that difficulties the most trivial are settled only by the pistol or the knife. A slight quarrel in a gambling hell, or a coffee saloon, between sporting men—a rude encounter between laborers on the levee, or near the crowded rooms which they call homes is followed by a death-struggle soon afterwards in some public place; and so frequently have such tragedies become that they scarcely awake ordinary interest. Even the policemen in the discharge of their duties, are now in constant danger of their lives. Within one week past, two or three of the corps have either been killed or dangerously wounded.

Married:

In this city, on Wednesday the 15th inst., by Elder Jas. W. Cummings, the Hon. JOHN THOMAS HARDY, of Payson, and Miss MARY ANN TUFFLEY, late of Gloucestershire, England.

[Millennial Star please copy.]

Died:

In Lehi city, December 24, 1859, HENRY KERNS, aged 82 years, 9 months and 27 days.

New Advertisements.

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CAME TO MY YARD.

SOME six weeks since, a red and white COW, lined back, brand A Y, A L L on the left horn. The owner can have her by calling at my house, in Mill Creek ward. (51-1)* CHRISTIAN SORESENSEN.

ESTRAY.

CAME to my enclosure, about 25th December last, a pale red and white HEIFER, line back, crop off from right ear, no brands visible. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away. STEPHEN WINEGAR, Mill Creek Ward.

ESTRAY.

I HAVE in my possession a sorrel MARE, 7 years old, no brand, one white hind foot, some white in the face, nose disfigured. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away. ROBERT RICHARDSON, Kaysville. Davis co.

EYES RIGHT!

LOST, on the State Road, between this city and the point of the Mountain, south, a small MEMORANDUM BOOK, tape wrapped around it; containing papers of value to the undersigned, who will suitably reward the finder, by leaving it at Clement's store. 51-2* JACOB HOUTZ.

NOTICE

IS hereby given to all who hold claims in the joint enclosure of the settlement, known as Plain City, in Weber county, that unless they make their portion of the fence around said enclosure, by the first day of April next, their claim will be forfeited.—By order of the committee, W. W. RAYMOND, J. SPIERS.

\$20 REWARD!

STRAYED or STOLEN from the north end of Utah valley, about May last, one black COW, 9 years old, with short spike horns, some white in the forehead and on the ribs, belly and flank, hind legs and tail mixed with white, branded A H on left hip. Also, one black HEIFER, coming 2 years old, white spot in the forehead, side, belly, flank and legs; points of both ears cropped, small underbit in the right, branded J S on right shoulder. Also, one stiff-necked brown MARE, strayed about November last, branded W J H on left shoulder; also some other brands. Also a bay horse COLT, 8 months old, a star in forehead, black mane, tall and legs; branded J S on right shoulder. I will pay five dollars for each, delivered to me at Lehi city, or satisfy any one for any information concerning them. 48-1* JOSEPH SMITH, Lehi City.

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