



## PRUNING AND TRIMMING PEACH TREES.

We have particularized the peach in the caption of our present suggestions because that, in the culture of this tree, there exists so generally among us a gross misconception of its character and proper mode of treatment.

Our limited space will not admit of entering into a generic history of the peach. We will, therefore, at once make a decisive thrust at the point we have designed to attack—the most exposed and fatal errors in the practice, which is persisted in by many, of excessively pruning their peach trees—notwithstanding the disastrous results that have always attended it and regardless of the perspicuity which we have ever given to our objections to the practice on other various occasions.

The peach, it is well known, is not naturally a long-lived tree. Its longevity, however, it will not be questioned, may be considerably enhanced by receiving at the hands of the cultivator a very little of such attention as its peculiar constitution requires. We may add just here, that better by far is the let-severely-alone practice than that of mutilating and disfiguring the tree by cutting off its low growth of lateral shoots—as we frequently see done, to the serious disturbance of a sensitive regard to proportion and equilibrium.

We have seen, in past years, many valuable peach trees literally destroyed by this practice which we now again protest against—that of cutting off the vigorous side limbs and shoots always put forth by healthy trees. We had hoped that the practice would, ere this, become obsolete, or among the things that were. We have, however, within a few days, witnessed the repetition of this grievous breach of good taste and baneful dismantling of one of the most lovely trees of the orchard—nor could we wholly suppress feelings akin to sympathy with the dismembered and unprotected trunks of those once majestic, fruit-bearing trees—their nakedness now exposed to every rude gaze and their deformity being nothing less than repulsive.

When the hair on the human scalp becomes longer than is desirable or conducive to comfort, we are in the habit of repairing to the hair-dresser for relief; but who would voluntarily submit to the amputation of an arm, hand or finger, unless accident, mortification or other necessity compelled it? The figure we have introduced is somewhat analogous to the case under consideration. When a tree has attained its fruit-bearing maturity but slight pruning is longer required—and this to mainly consist in severing the withered laterals, which should be cut off, as soon in the spring as they can be certainly distinguished from the living ones—say when the leaves are beginning to put forth; which should be done in a manner and with such an instrument as will not injure the living branches. A pair of small pruning shears will be found best adapted to this purpose.

In our summing up for the present on this subject we will suggest that no more pruning of any kind be done to the peach, except the removing of the withered shoots, as above indicated, until after the fruiting season is over. Then, as soon thereafter as may be consistent with other urgent labors, procure a self-supporting ladder, from which the super-abundant and over-reaching spiral limbs may be shortened in. Let this also be done in a mechanical manner—not with a butcher's cleaver—but with strong pruning shears or a fine-tooth saw, obliquely.

As to the length of top to be cut off, much will of course depend upon the height of the tree. From trees six, eight or ten years old, the leading upright limbs should be shortened two to three feet, the side-limbs proportionately, so as to leave the top handsome and oval-shaped. Besides removing so much of the main limbs, the young shoots should be cut off close to the stem for a foot or two below the cut-off end. Unless this is done, these twigs will throw out an unsightly clump of shoots resembling in some degree the excrescence commonly called top-onions, or buttons, growing from the top of the onion stalk. After reducing the height of the tree, let the

trimmer use his own better judgment in retaining a natural as well as inviting appearance. A man of taste will exhibit his appreciation of the beautiful as well in the treatment of his trees as in the adornment of his habitation; and whatever partakes of the beautiful and good we claim as our peculiar heritage.

[For the Deseret News.]

## FLOWERS.

There is, in my humble opinion, no more agreeable employment in which a woman can occupy a portion of her leisure time, than in cultivating flowers, and few things that will more richly reward her care. I can scarcely conceive a prettier sight than a neat cottage, however humble, shaded from the burning rays of the sun by flowering vines; the rude lattice half concealed with creeping roses and honeysuckles; the deep, low, windows adorned with rustic stands of iceplants and mosses; while on either side of the graveled pathway, bright, dewy, blossoms glisten in the sunshine, and fill the air with delicious odors. An arbor or summer-house is also necessary to complete the picture; one may be easily constructed and covered with major convolvulus; or better still, with hop-vines, whose large, coarse, leaves form a dense shade, that the sun will vainly attempt to penetrate.

Flowers are, indeed, an agreeable companion to nearly all women. They heighten our pleasures and soothe our sorrows; we bear them on our bosoms to the festive halls of amusement, or scatter them above the still pale forms of the silent dead, whose gentle spirits have gone before us to that land where there reigns an eternal spring.

We wreath the them around the brow of the fair young bride, as a type of her innocence and purity; they are cast as a voluntary tribute at the feet of the great actor, whose faithful personation of some hero of the past calls forth the just applause of an admiring audience. The victors at the Olympic games, in Greece, were crowned with laurel; a reward which not a few labored many years to obtain.

With what touching pathos Milton represents Eve lamenting the loss of Eden:

"O flowers, that never will in other climate grow,  
My early recreation and my last  
At even, which I bred up with tender hand  
From the first opening bud, and gave ye names,  
Who now shall rear you to the sun, or tank  
Your tribes and water from the ambrosial foun?"

The cultivation of these precious gifts, from a beneficent Providence, would impart health to the wasting forms of many of our sex, whose cheeks grow pale for the want of air. Flowers speak a language, too, which if understood, would afford hours of innocent amusement in arranging their varied colors, so as to express different ideas, bright and beautiful as themselves. They exert no pernicious influences upon the heart; but rather turn our thoughts away from this wicked world, to their and our Creator: God.

LAURA.

PROVO CITY, March 31st, 1863.

## GRAFTING WAX.

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS NURSERY,  
April 13th, 1863.

## EDITOR NEWS:

I send you a receipt for making grafting wax; I have tried it, and find that it is excellent for grafting or covering the wounds on trees; after a few days exposure to the atmosphere in a thin coat, it assumes a whitish color and becomes as hard as stone, being impervious to water and air.

Melt one pound of common rosin over a gentle fire; add to it one ounce of beef tallow and stir it well; take it from the fire, let it cool down a little and then mix with it a tablespoonful of spirits of turpentine, and after that, about seven ounces of very strong alcohol, (95 per cent.) to be had at any drug store. The alcohol cools it down so rapidly that it will be necessary to put it again on the fire, stirring it constantly, but the utmost care must be exercised to prevent the alcohol from getting inflamed. To avoid it, the best way is to remove the vessel from the fire, when the lump that may have been formed, commences melting again. This must be continued till the whole is a homogeneous mass similar to honey.

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## PUBLIC OPINION IN CALIFORNIA.

We have been favored by a friend, with the perusal of a letter from a gentleman in San Francisco, bearing date March 27th, from which we make the following extract: illustrative of public opinion and the sentiments generally entertained in California, in regard to the course which has been pursued by the three obnoxious Federal Officers, in order to bring evil upon the citizens of Utah, and create a difficulty between them and the General Government. The writer has traveled extensively of late on the Pacific slope, and has had excellent opportunities for ascertaining the feelings entertained towards Utah on the Western Coast.

"The present aspect of affairs in Utah has attracted much attention in this City. The public sentiment, as far as I am able to judge,

is quite opposed to the course pursued by Governor Harding and the Judges. I think in no State in the Union, does a better feeling prevail towards Utah than in California. Probably this arises through the fact that the people of Salt Lake are better known in this State than in any other portion of the country. Thousands here have passed through Salt Lake, and are in a measure familiar with the people, and are free from those narrow prejudices and bigotry that prevail in other places. The general feeling here is, in reference to late events, that Governor Harding and his associates are very unwise to attempt to stir up strife in the present distracted state of the country, and that they are totally unfit for the position."

## CRICKET.

THE Members of the Metropolitan Cricket Club are requested to meet for practice on Wednesday the 22d inst., on the 8th Ward Square.  
Lovers of the sport are invited to attend and become members. 42-2 H. A. HEDGER, President.

## ESTRAY NOTICE.

A BLACK one-year old Horse-COLT, white nose, two white feet, came to my enclosure from G. S. L. City, on the 4th of April.  
DAVID W. SESSIONS,  
City Bountiful, Davis co.

WEAVING LOOMS & SPINNING WHEELS.  
THE Undersigned wish to inform the Public that they are prepared to manufacture the following articles on the most substantial principle and improved style: WEAVING LOOMS and every article connected with them; also, Whipple's Celebrated SPINNING WHEELS and REELS, known to be the best made in the State. They are also prepared to furnish Bills of Lumber; or to Cabinet Makers. Timber Sawed to Order, in good style, and turned, if desired.  
Stock and all kinds of produce taken in exchange.  
N. W. WHIPPLE,  
J. G. HARDY.

## CABBAGE SEEDS!

PURE SEED of the WINNESTADT—the best cabbage for Sale. 41 f L. S. HEMENWAY.

## FLOWERING PLANTS & SEEDS!

A Choice Collection for Sale. 41 f L. S. HEMENWAY.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

Z. W. DERRICK wishes to thank his friends for their patronage, and begs to inform them and the public generally that he is still carrying on business at the Machine Shop, Sugar House Ward, G. S. L. City, where all orders in his line of business will be punctually attended to.  
All kinds of Machinery made to order. 41 3

## NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

THERE is yet time to send in orders for Cotton Yarn, Dry Goods, Groceries, Stoves, Wagons, Machinery, or any kind of Merchandise, which I will purchase, and either deliver at Omaha or Florence, or freight to this city on equitable terms.  
I purpose starting east on the 20th inst. and would be pleased to receive orders as soon as possible, previous to the 18th.  
SOLE AGENT for Gates' Patent Horse and Water-power Sugar Cane Mills and Evaporators.  
W. S. GODBE.  
N. B.—The highest premium obtained on gold dust and coin. 41-3

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DAILY expected from California a number of COOK STOVES, of the best patterns.  
A Fresh Supply of valuable

## DRUGS AND MEDICINES,

DYE STUFFS,  
SPICES,  
TURPENTINE,  
PAINTS,  
OILS,  
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GLASS,  
TIN.  
Also,  
GRAEFENBERG CHILDREN'S PANACEA, ETC., ETC.  
At LOW RATES for CASH or WORK OXEN.  
41-3 W. S. GODBE.

## LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA!!

A SELECT STOCK of DRY GOODS, comprising BLUE DRILLS, DENIMS, DOMESTIC PRINTS, etc., etc. HARDWARE: comprising STOVES, SCYTHES, SPADES, SHOVELS, Axes, Forks, Snaths, Butts and Screws, Locks, Augers, Chisels, Nails, Brass Kettles, Cutlery, Cotton and Wool Cards, etc., etc.  
Glass, Indigo, Madder, Alum, Blue Vitriol, Logwood, Concentrated Lye. The Finest

TEA AND TOBACCO in the market.  
LINSEED OIL, VARNISH, TURPENTINE AND COAL OIL, and a thousand and one articles in the notion line, all of which I wish to sell immediately LOWER THAN THE LOWEST for Legal Tender Notes, and LOWER STILL for COIN.  
Call and examine at Wm. S. Godbe's Drug Store, East Temple Street.  
FRED. A. MITCHELL.  
April 6, 1863.—41-3

## NO MORE BED-BUGS!

IT is said that to destroy one bug in March, or early in Spring, is to destroy hundreds, for so prolific are they during the warm seasons, that it has been pleasantly said, a bug becomes a great grandfather, in the short space of twenty-four hours. And as "prevention is better than cure," we recommend our readers whose dwellings are subject to such disagreeable pests, to at once adopt the use of

## GREER'S

## CELEBRATED ANTI-BUG LOTION,

which will prevent as well as destroy. It is clean, simple in application and perfectly innocuous save to insects. To be had of ROBERT GREER, South Temple Street, four doors from W. W. Woodruff's, near the Tabernacle, G. S. L. City.  
N. B. A considerable saving effected to purchasers by bringing their own bottle. 38 6

## REMOVAL



## FINDLAY'S

## MATCH AND FURNITURE DEPOT

HAS moved opposite his old stand in Main Street, three doors south of Jennings' store.  
The following are a few of the Varieties on sale: Window Glass, 8 by 10, 10 by 12, 10 by 14, Putty, White Lead, Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Paints, Colors, Sand Paper, Files, Butts, Screws, Table Hinges, Bed Castors, Lath and Shingle Nails, Preserved Vegetables, Faber's Best Black Lead Pencils, Toilet-Soap, Coats' Spool Cotton, Bonnet Wire, etc., etc.

THE FOREGOING AT A LOW FIGURE FOR CASH.

## FIRST PRIZE WATERPROOF

## MATCHES,

## FUZES,

RED, YELLOW, BLUE, BLACK AND INDELIBLE INKS,

## DEATH MIXTURES FOR BED BUGS

And all kinds of Vermin and Insects.

## BOOT AND STOVE BLACKING,

These Wholesale and Retail, with special inducements to Wholesale Buyers.

## COARSE AND FINE COMBS,

## BUTTONS AND STATIONERY.

ALL SIZES OF SUPERIOR SHOE PEGS.

## CRUDE AND REFINED SALERATUS.

## MOUNTAIN ALUM AND COPPERAS.

To meet the demands of an increasing business, the Bees have moved in the large premises over the City Pottery, nearly opposite the Theatre, for the manufacture of

## MATCHES AND HOUSEHOLD

## FURNITURE,

Where the public can be accommodated with Rip, Cross-cut and Circular Sawing, Venetians, Pickets, etc., etc. Plain and ornamental Wood-Turning of all sizes.

## WANTED,

A steady, elderly MAN for Choring. Two Good CABINET MAKERS. Twenty Cords of clean, white Quaking Asp. Two thousand feet of White Pine LUMBER.  
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Consisting in part of

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HICKORIES,  
DENIMS,  
TICKINGS,  
COTTONADES,  
JEANS,  
CASSIMERES,  
PRINTS, &c.

COFFEE,  
TEA,  
SUGAR,  
SPICES,  
TOBACCO;  
INDIGO,  
BORAX,  
BLUE STONE;

SCYTHES,  
HOES,  
AUGERS,  
BRASS KETTLES,  
WOOL & COTTON CARDS,  
SHEEP SHEARS, &c.

All of which will be sold at the lowest figures.

## GEORGE CRONYN,

West side of Main Street, nearly opposite Walker Bros.

40-1f