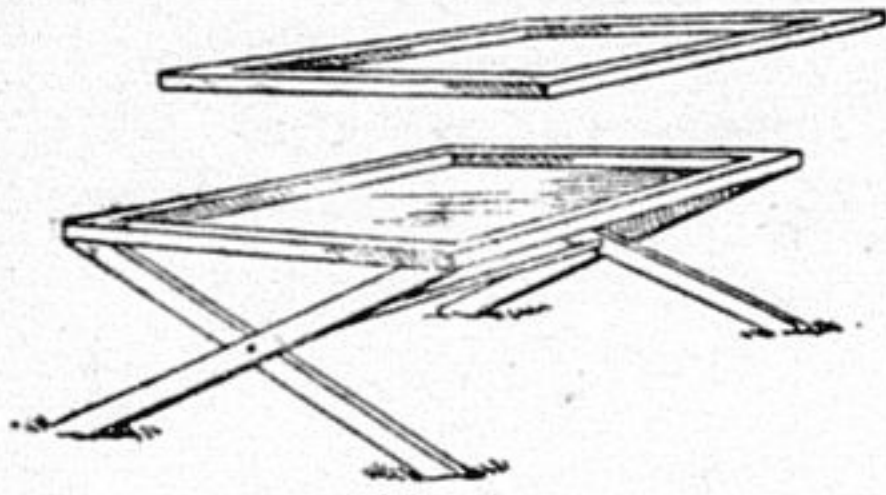


**FOR DRYING FRUIT.**

Description of an Economical Way of Curing Green Fruit.

Sun-dried fruit has a flavor that cannot be approached by the evaporated, sulphur-bleached article. Besides, sun-drying is the most economical plan for curing green fruit, where but small quantities are prepared annually. Fruit exposed to the sun and air should, however, be protected from the flies. A convenient plan is shown in the cut. Two frames of inch-by-two-inch stuff, of equal size, are



covered with wire mosquito netting. On the one the fruit is spread evenly and thinly while the other serves as a cover, or upon four stakes driven into the ground with cross-pieces nailed to the tops. The air thus circulates up through the fruit, while flies and other insects have no chance to soil it. Two strips can be nailed across the bottom to support the weight upon it, if needed.—American Gardening.

**Growth of Trees.**

In a recent bulletin of the Forestry Department of the United States, reference is made to the effect of light on the growth of various trees. It is well known, says Prof. Fernow, that light is necessary for the development of chlorophyll, and, therefore, for the life of all green plants, and especially for that of trees. The heat alone which accompanies the light is not sufficient, although the influence of the light and the heat on the growth is still an open question, as well as the relative requirements in light of different species of trees. In the case of forest trees, which in forestry serve as an indication of the amount of shade which the trees exert, and with that their capacity of impeding evaporation, some require full sunlight for their development, others are averse to a high degree of light. To this must be due the change in the plants of a district when its forests are removed. Then the amount of light or shade needed is modified by site. Where the sunlight is strong, in higher altitudes, drier climates, or where the growing season is longer, or there are more sunny days, some species will endure more shade. The flora of high altitudes in general requires light. Trees nearly always develop best, in other words make most wood, in the full enjoyment of light, but their capacity of developing under shade varies greatly. The yew will thrive in the densest shade; while a few years' overtopping kills the larch; the beech will grow with considerable energy under partial shade, where the oak would only just keep alive, and the birch would die. When planted in moist places all species are less sensitive to the withdrawal of light. In the open, maples, elms, sycamores, and others grow well and make good shade trees, in a dense forest they thin out and have but scanty foliage. Conifers, such as spruces and firs, which preserve the foliage of several years, have perhaps the greatest capacity of growing under shade, and preserving their foliage in spite of the withdrawal of light. In America sufficient data to group the forest trees according to the amount of light required by them have not been collected, but rules based on experience have long been formed in Germany, where the behavior of trees under different conditions of light has been carefully studied. It has been found, for instance, that on the same branch those leaves which are developed under the full influence of sunlight are not only larger and often tougher in texture, and thicker, but that they have a larger number of stomata or breathing pores than those less exposed to light. The whole subject is one of the utmost importance in forestry, and observations and experiments are to be carried out in regard to it in the United States.

**Horticultural Notes.**

Bear in mind that white celery, while handsome enough, is not the best celery. The red and pink colored are richer and sweeter and more tender. A German pharmacist states that for some years he has used, with excellent results, solid paraffine for stopping vessels containing substances which change easily in the air. A vessel should be filled nearly to the brim, and melted paraffine being poured on will form an airtight seal on cooling. The paraffine may be used over and over again. Fruit growing has in this country been too generally made a side issue by farmers, who have given most of their time, thought and fertilizer to other crops that have not half the possibilities that fruit growing has. Occasionally the conditions for large crops of fruit are all right and everybody has a large crop, usually making the orchard pay far more than all the farm besides. It is at such times as these that farmers see what fruit growing may be made to yield. What is needed for this result is that more farmers go into fruit growing as an exclusive business, or only combined with such other branches of farming as can be subordinated to it. When this is done and the orchard is managed after business methods it will be made to pay, and not before. It ought not to be thought any more risky to spend a hundred or a thousand dollars to supply the orchard with needed fertilizers than it is to use the same amount of money to buy feed for cows, horses and other stock. It is the habit of thinking that the orchard produces wholly by the aid of nature that makes farmers regard its treatment differently from other crops. They buy fertilizers for grain and also for hoes crops and find that this pays them. They will find that it pays still better to buy fertilizers for the orchard, whose crop is much more valuable.

**BOTH THOUGHT SO.**

They Were Cynical About Marriage and Said So.

They were discussing profound subjects with the cynicism that only youth can develop. "I have given the subject serious thought," she said, "and I have decided long ago that I would never marry." "That shows you are a woman of intellect," he answered admiringly. "I long ago reached the same determination." "Marriage," she observed, "is a state in which the chance for sorrow is great and the prospect for happiness small." "Very true. And what is more, it is a confession that one's intellectual cultivation is insufficient to elevate him above the necessity of companionship." He had been holding her hand all this time, but neither of them seemed to realize the fact. "Every rule," she said thoughtfully, "is proved by its exceptions." "Yes; and I was just thinking—" "What, Orlando?" "That two people who hold such similar views of life as you and I hold ought to manage to get along splendidly." She blushed and sighed and murmured, "I was just thinking that it is very seldom that folks find such a true bond of sympathy as we have discovered."—Judge.



He Mailed the Letter.

"Did you mail that letter to mother?" asked Mrs. Junius, as she poured the tea. Mr. Junius laid down his knife and fork and slowly drew an envelope from his inner pocket. "Well, there," cried Mrs. Junius staying the teapot in air, "if that isn't just like you Julius Junius carrying around my letter for a week and mother worrying and worrying herself perhaps sick and having to take thoroughwort tea every morning and night, but I guess you wouldn't laugh if you had to be dosed with such bitter stuff and me having to steep it out on top of the stove and the dipper leaking and you know I've asked you just as kindly as I could to have it mended but you don't pay attention to a single word I say no more than if I was deaf and dumb and mother wondering if I'm sick or maybe the baby the little darling that she thinks so much of and I know she'll get Uncle Horace to leave him every cent of his money but you wouldn't care if he was dying I mean the baby of course and not Uncle Horace that you never met though he's one of the kindest men in the world and always said he liked nothing better than to sit down and have a good quiet chat with me but for mercy's sake Julius Junius don't sit there grinning and making a bad matter worse and not saying a word but give me that letter and tell me if you can why you forgot to mail it." As his wife flagged herself for the way freight Mr. Junius passed over the envelope. "I didn't forget it—mailed it the same day," he said. "This one's from your mother, in answer to it, I reckon." Saying which he put on his hat and went out for the kindlings. Nor did he come back for an hour. But Mrs. Junius was still at it.

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**Hit a Tender Spot.**

"You grievously offended Mabel Gray's father last night." "How?" "By making that pun about the aluminum canal." "I don't see how that could offend him." "Don't you? He's a manufacturer of baking powder."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**A Cultivated Taste.**

Mr. Moth—What a horrible flavor of moth balls this saucy has! Mrs. Moth—Dear me, Algeron, you are positively disgusting. Don't you know that a liking for carbolic acid and tar is the best evidence that one has moved in good society and acquired a cultivated taste?—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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