

In The Tombs.

Take a seat on the bed. How refreshing
That breeze blows in through the bars;
It was dandy kind of you, Billy,
To fetch me around these cigars.
Have you seen what they said in the papers?
I take my departure to-night.
Am going for a rest up the Hudson,
A rest of ten years—got a light.
Yes; that is the time of it, Billy;
Ten years! Ah, well, but it seems
Like one of those horrible visions
That frighten a man in his dreams.
Ten years in the cell of a prison—
I can't comprehend it as yet;
But I fancy before it is over
I shall learn what it means—and forget
It is curious, isn't it, Billy.

FARM AND GARDEN.

NEW VARIETIES OF AN OLD FASHIONED FLOWER.

Care of Cows During the Spring and Summer—A Novelty in Peppers—Value of Safe and Gentle Horses—How to Fertilize Crops.

Incorporated in the report of the transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, by Dr. C. A. Gossman on "The Rational Fertilization of Garden Crops and Fruits." Following are some useful extracts from the same:



A, EYE; B, TURNIP; C, BEET; D, CARROT; E, LUCERNE.

One of the first requirements for a healthy condition and a subsequent successful propagation of any plant consists in adopting a well devised system of fertilization. An excellent system of manuring is at the root of a great many failures. A system of manuring is rational when it is based upon the results of a careful examination into the composition of the plant under cultivation and on a due consideration of its natural qualifications for availing itself of the needed plant food, both from the atmosphere and the soil. Plants with well developed and extensive root systems may prosper where those with a compact one will fail, and the same statement applies with equal force to the character of their leaf system. (See illustrations in which "a" represents eye, "b" turnip, "c" sugar beet, "d" carrot, "e" lucerne and "f" potato.) To determine with certainty the composition of a plant, especially with reference to its soil constituents, requires repeated examinations in different stages of its growth and under raised upon different kinds of soil. The good effects of barnyard manure and wood ashes rest on their complex character and on their influence over various physical and chemical qualities of the soil. Experience proves that barnyard manure is most efficient when used for the reproduction of those crops which have contributed materially to its manufacture, and the same proposition may be maintained with reference to the manurial value of vegetable compost and ash.

To feed plants rationally implies information of two kinds, a knowledge of the special wants of the plant as regards the absolute amounts and relative proportions of the various plant foods, and a familiarity with the composition of the different kinds of manurial matter at our disposal.



TOTATO PLANT.

It ought to be borne in mind: 1. All cultivated plants contain the same elementary constituents, yet no two of them in the same absolute amounts and relative proportions. 2. The plant constituents are furnished in part by the surrounding atmosphere, in part by the soil and some in varying proportions by both. 3. The essential plant constituents are needed in different plants in the same proportions at the various successive stages of growth, but are wanted at different stages of its development. Grain crops require much nitrogen in an available form during their later period of growth, when blooming and forming seeds; grape vines need a large amount of potash during the growing and maturing of the grapes. 4. The absolute amount of essential mineral constituents may vary in the same plant without affecting, as a rule, the general character of that plant; yet not one of the essential elementary mineral constituents can serve in place of another one to any marked extent without altering, in many instances in a serious way, the relative proportion of the organic constituents of plants. 5. The particular form in which we apply various articles of plant food, as well as the special associations in which they may be applied, exerts quite frequently a decided influence, not only on the quantity of the crop, but also on its quality. 6. The natural resources of the soil in available plant food have proved, as a rule, ultimately insufficient for a remunerative management of the farm, the garden and the orchard.

Care ought to be exercised to secure within certain limits a liberal supply of every essential food constituent of the plant under cultivation, so as to meet promptly its periodical wants when called for. The heavier the crop the larger should be the return of the constituents carried off from the soil. Meanwhile we must bear in mind that success does not depend on any exceptionally large amount of one or other prominent article of plant food, such as phosphoric acid, potash or nitrogen, but on a liberal supply of every essential plant constituent; for of the essential articles of plant food that one which is present in the soil in the most limited proportion controls the ultimate result.

Value of Safe Well Trained Horses.

The value of a gentle and safe horse is difficult to estimate. Dollars and cents says National Stockman, do not always express it. Without any trouble in the way of the animal, the true value of a sturdy and reliable horse is often lost sight of. This matter presents itself in its strongest light, when driving and carting horses of a high order are placed upon the market. Such horses find the best buyers, people who are willing to pay the most money for the best among the wealthier class of the citizen of our great cities. These buyers are generally obliged to trust the handling of their teams to servants and drivers, and to them safety means a great deal, something that has an absolute market value. People who are able to afford the luxury of carriages and horses are in a position to pay for what suits them, and when they find combined in the same animal style, size, action, endurance and a gentle disposition they are generally willing to pay a good round sum for it, the disposition playing no small part in the make-up of the value. When a wealthy man has to trust his own life and the lives of his family behind a team, which does not need to be ashamed of as far as spirit and mettle are concerned, with the reins in the hands of some coachman who is not positive is entirely trustworthy in the way of handling horses, it is not to be wondered at that he looks toward the disposition and gentleness of the horses when he is estimating their value.

The moral then to be drawn from all this is that through training is the only kind that pays to give to good horses. There are but few horses that cannot be made gentle and quiet by the proper kind of treatment, and if the owner of a horse is not capable of giving this kind of training it will pay to employ some one who is.

Varieties of the Iris.

Among the first flowers brought to this country by our flower loving ancestors was the sort known at the present time under the various names of iris, fleur de lis and flag. The pioneer in this country was the old English iris in two colors, dark blue and pure white.

The iris, a very hardy perennial, abounds in

essentials, easy to grow and general favorite. There is a large assortment of species and varieties, and of recent years many new and worthy sorts have been introduced.

Nothing among hardy herbaceous plants, says a writer in The American Gardener, from which journal the accompanying illustration has been copied, produces so long a time like that produced by the iris kaempferi, which is daily gain-



INCORPORATED IN THE REPORT OF THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, BY DR. C. A. GOSSMAN ON "THE RATIONAL FERTILIZATION OF GARDEN CROPS AND FRUITS." FOLLOWING ARE SOME USEFUL EXTRACTS FROM THE SAME:

THE GREAT SENSATION



THE LION AT LARGE.

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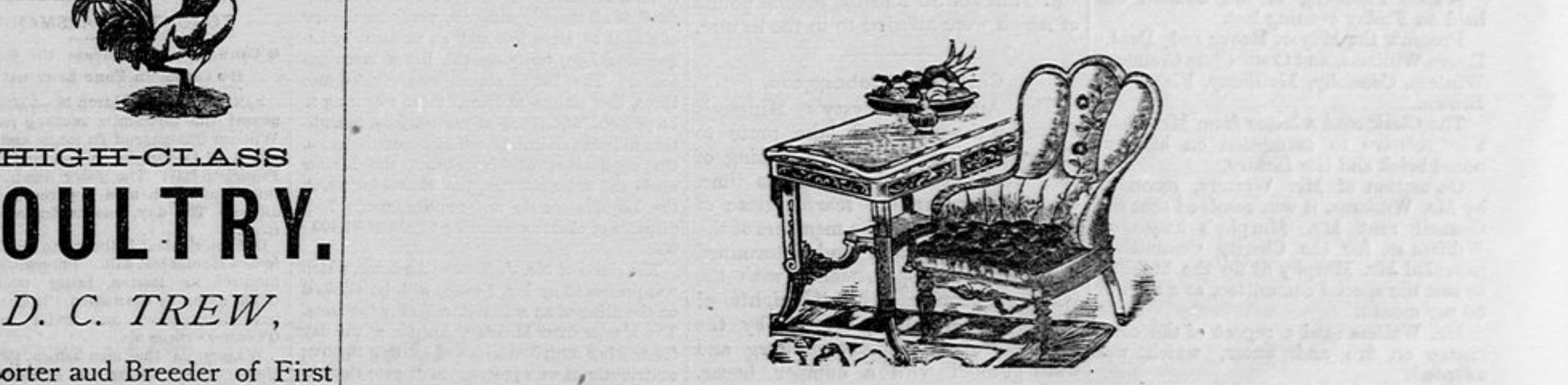
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THE LATEST IMPROVEMENT.

In addition to the six stores being added in rear of our Warerooms, we have now made additional Show rooms on the fifth floor, formerly used as finishing rooms, for the display of Chamber Suites and Chamber Furniture only.

SOME FIGURES.

The rooms are 100 feet deep by 60 feet wide, which will enable us to make the best display of Mahogany, Oak, Black Walnut, Cherry, African Ash, and the latest styles of the medium and low priced Steels yet showing to the public in any part of the Dominion. Prices will range from \$25, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60, \$75, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$250, and up to \$1,500. We are also fitting up

FOUR ART ROOMS

for the more effective display of the finer grades of Furniture, which will be lit by chandeliers or electric light, to show the effect of gas or other artificial light upon the various articles, so being determined to leave nothing undone that either capital or energy can accomplish to place our business on the very best basis.

WHAT ADEQUATE CAPITAL DOES.

The advantages of purchasing stock in the largest quantities and for net cash, enables us to mark our goods at and in many cases below, what similar goods cost made in the trade. This advantage has secured for us during the past few years, but especially during the present year, the largest sales yet made by us, and which necessitated the further extensive additions to our premises upon which we are at present engaged. When finished we shall refer thereto again, and possibly invite both

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to examine and corroborate our statements, and if, after examination of our stock and improvements, they may prove to be not only as we describe them, but to exceed even the most sanguine expectations, we trust to receive their recommendation.

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We are now receiving the largest, the most varied and expensive assortment of best wood Chairs and Furniture from Vienna, Austria, ever shipped to this port. Also, the largest stock of Brass and Iron Balmsteads, Crisles and Sewing Cots, Reclining Chairs and other Iron Furniture, from Birmingham, England, per steamer due next week.

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