

FARM AND GARDEN.

The best thing to determine whether seed is good or bad is before you sow it.

In sowing grass seed use plenty of seed. It is more economical to pay out a little for seed than to have patches of weeds over the meadows or pastures.

In Britain the average extent of a single farm is 390 acres; in France 10 acres, 4,000,000 owners holding properties of two acres, while farms of 200 acres are so few that they can be counted on the fingers.

A garden that is planted at one time will have almost entirely ceased to be productive by August, yet a vegetable supply is quite as necessary for the table and quite as profitable during the late summer and autumn as it is in the spring.

The proper time for out-door grafting is in the spring, before the buds begin to swell, but after the severe freezing is past. The sap is in motion in the cherry and plum first, and they should be grafted early, even before the frost is all out of the ground.

Horses should never be entirely without exercise. Even when not at work every day they should have enough to do to call upon the nutritive organs to furnish the waste necessary to keep the animal in health. If there is no waste of nutrition it simply remains without change, and is therefore of no account for strength or activity.

The cucumber runs its career in about ten weeks from planting the seed, so the ground needs to be well cultivated and enriched. It is a hopeless case to expect a good crop of cucumbers from hard, poorly prepared soil. Give the plants a generous amount of fine, decomposed manure in the hill; and a sprinkling of phosphate after they are half grown, makes them antic in the race for distinction.

French Dynamiters.

PARIS, March 27.—There was a terrific explosion of dynamite this afternoon at 39 Rue Clinchy, the home of M. Boulou, the Public Prosecutor. The attempt was against his life, which had been threatened repeatedly lately by Anarchists. The police say that at least eight pounds of dynamite must have been used. The effect of the explosion was indescribable. Houses for an eighth of a mile on every side of No. 39 were rocked as if by an earthquake. All the windows were shattered in the neighborhood, and the walls of the buildings in the immediate vicinity were cracked and bulged. No. 39 is a wreck. The explosion, which is thought to have taken place in the ground hallway, blew the stairway to splinters, so that the panic-stricken inmates had to be helped down from the upper floors with ladders. The furniture throughout the house was thrown into heaps against the walls, so that not a whole chair or table remains. The window frames were blown out completely, and brick were driven from their place and dropped to the street. The plastering was stripped clean from all the walls and ceilings. Seven persons were injured by the explosion, four by being thrown from chairs on which they were sitting, and three by falling debris. M. Boulou, who lived on the fifth floor, is said to have escaped without injury. The theory that the Anarchists have been preparing infernal machines and dynamite bombs already discovered for May 1 has been abandoned. The police are convinced that they have begun a war of extermination on all persons in office who have antagonized them, so as to frighten out of convicting their comrades in crime.

NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Richard Valey, aged 76, was burned to death in St. Catharines Friday through her dress taking fire at the stove.

A telegram from Mr. Charles Emory Smith, who is in Russia directing the relief measures for the famine sufferers, states that relief will be needed until June.

Two men broke into the residence of Mrs. Mary Larsen, a wealthy lady of 80 years old, at Williamsburg, N.Y., yesterday, bound and gagged her and stole from her bosom \$6,000 in \$100 bills.

John Kennedy, a prominent and respected farmer of Blanchard township, succeeded by shooting himself through the head yesterday morning. His mind has been affected of late.

There are still six bodies in the Hill Farm mine at Dunbar, Pa., and it is expected 10 days will elapse before they are recovered. The search for the bodies has cost the company \$200,000.

Eight cases of murder, one of manslaughter and five of arson were on the calendar of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in New York Friday morning, and two murder cases were before the recorder.

The Old World's Wonders. Among the seven wonders of the ancient world were the Pyramids of Egypt, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and the Colossus to Rhodes, which was a bronze statue of Apollo, 105 feet high, that stood at the mouth of the harbor. It took twenty years to put the statue up, but that was in the days when people did not grow tired of things before they were even half begun.

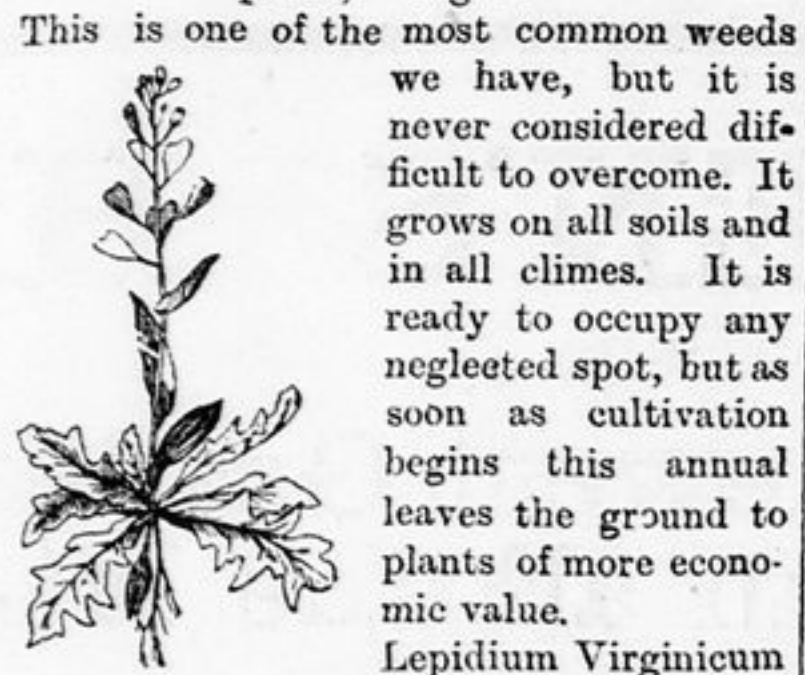
A correspondent of the Chicago reports that Mrs. Ward, author of "Robert Elsmere," is firmly opposed to Woman's Rights.

A woman, Miss Eleanor Ormerod, leads the entomologists of England. Her first studies were inspired by the exposure of her father's grain.

Christine Nilsson's return to her native country of Sweden as wife of the Spanish Ambassador, the Count de la Casa Miranda, rounds out well her romance of real life. She was a farmer's child on the hills when her gift of song was discovered, and after a most fortunate life as queen of song on two continents she returns as a member of the Swedish court.

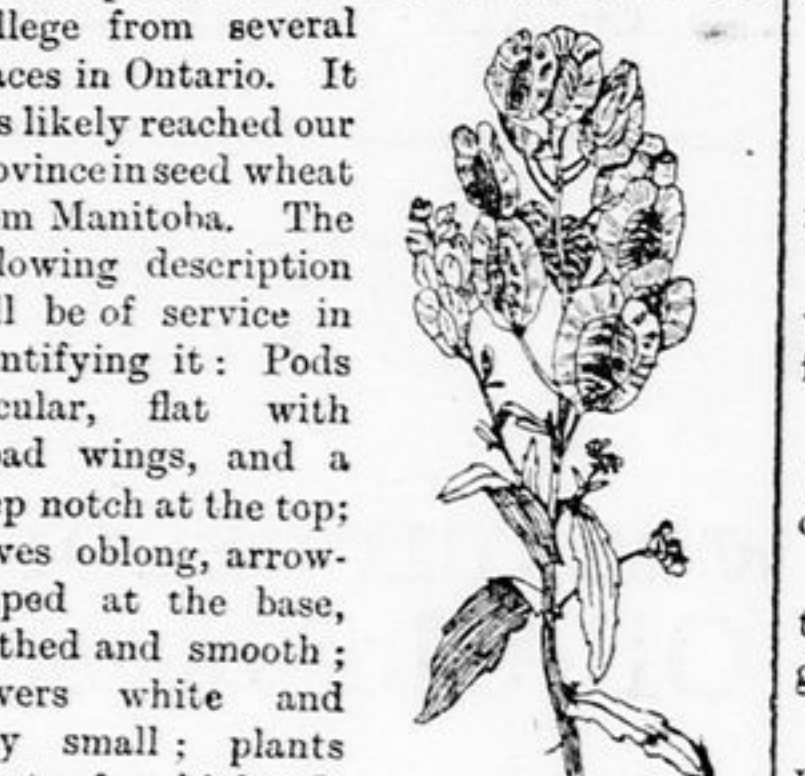


Mr. J. Hayes Panton, M.A., F.G.S., of the Ontario College, continues his elucidation of weeds in the current number of the Farmer's Advocate, as follows: Capsella Bursa-pastoria (Shepherd's purse). Fig. 1.



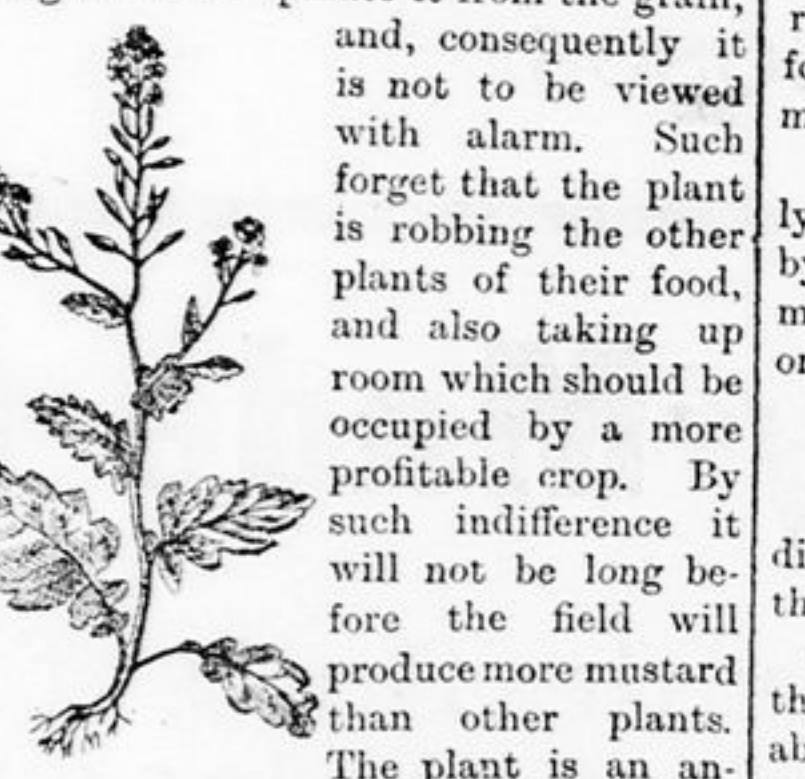
This is one of the most common weeds we have, but it is never considered difficult to overcome. It grows on all soils and in all climates. It is ready to occupy any neglected spot, but as soon as cultivation begins this annual leaves the ground to plants of more economic value. Lepidium Virginicum (Pepperwort). This annual is not quite so common as the preceding one. It is also an occupant of neglected spots. The plant is about a foot high, presenting a tree-like appearance, with its main stem about nine inches in length, branching much at the top. When mature it bears innumerable small, round pods, each with a slight notch at the top. These small pods, not larger than a shot, are on stalks about one-fifth of an inch in length, and arranged very thickly upon the branches. The tree-like form of the plant and its numerous pods serve to identify it without much difficulty.

Thlaspi arvense (Penny-cress), Fig. 2, is a more serious weed than those already referred to in the same order. It is very common about the Red River, Manitoba, where it is called French weed, and in some cases has quite overrun the fields. Plants of this species have been received at the college from several places in Ontario. It has likely reached our province in seed wheat from Manitoba. The following description will be of service in identifying it: Pods circular, flat with broad wings, and a deep notch at the top; leaves oblong, arrow-shaped at the base, toothed and smooth; flowers white and very small; plants about a foot high. It derives its name, penny-cress, from the size and shape of its seed vessels, which resemble to some extent the old silver penny. It is an annual, and, no doubt, can be overcome by thorough cultivation.



Sinapis arvensis (Charlock or Mustard), Fig. 3. This is one of the worst weeds found on the farm, and is, therefore, entitled to considerable notice in this description. Unfortunately, many farmers do not consider this weed serious until it has got a good start in the fields. They imagine that the fanning mill can separate it from the grain, and, consequently it is not to be viewed with alarm. Such forget that the plant is robbing the other plants of their food, and also taking up room which should be occupied by a more profitable crop. By such indifference it will not be long before the field will produce more mustard than other plants. The plant is an annual and produces an enormous number of seeds, which can resist adverse conditions that would destroy the vitality of most seeds. They have been known to grow after being buried for a period of fifty years. Two things should be remembered in dealing with this pest:

1. Allow no plants to mature and ripen seeds. 2. Cultivate so as to make what seeds are in the ground grow and destroy the young plants as soon as they appear, because at this stage they are very tender. Remedies: 1. Immediately after the crop is taken off, harrow so as to encourage the growth of seeds near the surface. A week or two after harrow again; this will destroy many if not all the young plants. Next, use the cultivator; this will bring more seeds to the surface. These will germinate and a new crop of young plants appear. If the season will permit, gang plow to kill these, and bring new seeds up, and afterwards plow in the fall; if any young plants appear after this, the frost will kill them. Harrow in the spring to start a new crop, if any of the seed near the surface failed to germinate in the late fall; follow with the cultivator in a few days and after a time use the gang plow. Suspend operations for a while, then cultivate and sow back wheat to be plowed under when about to flower; harrow well and roll, cultivate after a time at intervals, until it is time to sow fall wheat. If this fails to get rid of all, pull the plants before seeding, and follow with a crop hoed thoroughly.



2. Some vary this by harvesting the buckwheat and harrowing, etc., much as described in the first part of the preceding method. The next season mature well and grow a green crop, which must be thoroughly hoed and followed by fall wheat. 3. Summerfallow for one season, and then grow a hoed crop.

... system of rotation in which spring crops are not frequent, and keep weeding out the mustard as soon as its well-known yellow blossoms appear. In all cases sow clean seed. It is claimed that the seed of the wild mustard is injurious to cattle.

The Balking Horse.

One can't help admiring the sense of a balking horse. He knows the whip won't wear him out as soon as overloading.

My Wife.

Not as all other women are Is she that to my soul is dear, I love her with a love as still As a broad river's peaceful night, Which by high tower and lowly mill, Goes wandering at its own wild will, And yet doth ever flow aright, And, on its full, deep breast serene, Like quiet isles, my duties lie; It flows around them and between, And makes them fresh and fair and green— Sweet homes wherein to live and die. —James Russell Lowell.

Intended to be Well Spoken Of.

He stopped the politician who had been accused of everything from bigamy to horse-stealing and asked him seriously: "Did a newspaper ever say a good word for you?" "Never, sir; never." "Never saw a virtue in you?" "Not one." "Funny, isn't it?" "Funny!" exclaimed the politician. "It's an outrage, sir, and simply shows the venality of the press. But I'll fix 'em; I'll force 'em to acknowledge my worth." "Force 'em to?" "Yes, sir; force 'em to. I'll make every paper that ever said a scandalous thing about me talk about my services to the country and my record as a statesman." "When?" "Well, not this year, I hope, but some time, sir, some time." "How in the world will you do it?" "I'll get my name into a new department of the paper—one in which there is nothing but praise." "The obituary column?" The politician nodded. "It's my only hope," he said, "but it can't fail."

Joanlar Notes.

Jagson says that women who have attained a majority always seem to be in the minority.

There are hired men so lazy that they will ask a companion to watch the clock for them.

A loss of temper is like any other kind of loss. The worst thing about it is the recovery.

The genius of the Thespian is more apt to "come into play" than that of any other genius.

When the old gentleman of ninety proposes to the old lady of eighty-five it is the "court" of final resort.

The only way to win in an argument with a woman is to walk off when you have stated your side of it.

Mrs. Gadd—Mrs. Blabb tells me her daughter is going to marry a man of note. Mrs. Gabb—That's queer. I heard she was engaged to a trombonist.

Why She Was Unhappy.

"You don't look happy," said one woman meeting another recently. "I'm not. Life is a burden," was the prompt reply. "I'm taking cod liver oil three times a day. Its vile taste is never absent from me, the horrors of the dose past are not forgotten before the dread of the dose future is upon me."

The unhappy condition thus lugubriously recited might have been much mitigated by taking the objectionable medicine in tomato catsup or by eating a bit of fresh orange peel before and after the dose.

A Serious Interruption.

Tom—When I saw you at Minnie's wedding I thought that you should have been the groom yourself, old man.

Jack—I did come very near marrying that girl once. I was calling there and about half-past 12 I braced up and commenced a proposal; and just then her father came into the parlor.

Tom—That was awkward.

Jack—I should say so; he put me completely out!

The Mark of Cain.

"Ethel," he exclaimed in tragic tones as he rushed into her presence, "I cannot marry you. I have the mark of Cain upon me."

"Oh, Mortimer," she groaned, "have you killed papa?"

"No, Ethel, no; it came very near being the other way," and he dashed out of one door as the old man came in the other, with a splintered walking stick in his gory grasp.

Peculiarities of Our Language.

They stopped to look in the store windows, and she remarked that she must soon have a new dress.

"And I must have a new suit," said her husband; "the one I have on is worn out."

"How can that be?" asked his wife, "it looks as good as new."

"But I have worn it out all the same," he said, and she tumbled to the situation.

Faster and Faster.

Father—A rolling stone gathers no moss, my boy.

Son (who is that kind)—But, pop, it gathers momentum.

Father (sadly)—Yes, my boy, I have observed that it gets faster as it nears the bottom of the hill.

Not Favorably Impressed.

"What do you think of your little sister, Osgoodson?" inquired his father.

"She may improve upon a more extended acquaintance," replied the little Boston boy, regarding the new infant critically, "but at present she seems absurdly crude and immature."

The Keynote of an Auditorium.

In rooms of poor hearing qualities Dr. Ephraim Cutter says: Every hall or church has its keynote, and the audience will hear better if the speaker's voice is pitched and held to the keynote of the room. To find the keynote sing the natural scale slowly, evenly and smoothly, or play this scale on piano or organ. The note which is most prominent is the keynote.

Progress of the Age.

On a recent date there were in New York harbor 532 ocean-going vessels of all kinds, of which 116 were steamers, 37 ships, 101 barks, 23 brigs and 255 schooners.

The average supply of water per person in London last year was about thirty and a half gallons, an amount considerably less than the consumption per individual in the larger cities in this country.

Owing to the alternate shrinking and swelling of the wooden flumes employed throughout the West for mining and irrigating purposes it is proposed to use galvanized iron flumes, with the upper edges stiffened.

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the steps of the largest steamers in San Francisco-burned, farmer-like years of age, stood

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