"OLD STATE OF PIKE." FARM

THE HOME OF THE STARK BROTHERS' NURSERIES.

One of the Biggest Institutions in the World-Its Trade Extends to Nearly Every Civilized Nation on Earth.

St. Louis Republic, January 7, 1896: One of the largest institutions in Louisiana is the Stark Bro's Nurseries and Orchards company. The trade of the firm extends not only throughout the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Hungary and other foreign countries, but it has a number of customers both in New Zealand and Australia.

Eighty years ago there came from Kentucky to Pike county the late Judge Stark, then a young man fresh from Old Hickory's New Orleans campaign. He started the nursery and planted the first grafted orchard in the state, having brought the scions on horseback from Kentucky.

The business has descended from father to son, and is now conducted by the third generation, assisted by the fourth. This firm has more than 1,000 traveling solicitors, and employs more people in its offices than would be necessary to run a large manufacturing concern. The extensive packing-houses of the company are adjacent to the city, connected with the railroad by special tracks: From these packing-houses hundreds of carloads of trees are shipped annually. The nursery grounds embrace a number of farms convenient to the city, and even extends to Rockport, Ili., where there is a plant of several million trees.

The peculiarity of the concern is the establishment of large orchards. These orchards in 24 states aggregate nearly it down and burn it; if on the branches, 50,000 acres, and more than 3,500,000 trees on the partnership plan. The firm is also interested in as many more trees on the co-operative arrangement.] The nurseries have been beneficial not it is doing little damage on trees that only to their home, but Missouri owes no little of her prestige as a fruitgrowing region to the progress and oil soap or kerosene emulsion, somework of development of this firm. The thing that will kill by contact and not exhibits of this firm, whenever made, by being eaten, as the scales live by to advertice the state. The firm pays large amounts for new varieties of fruit, and conducts the largest business of the kind in America, if not in the world.

Louisiana firms have more traveling men upon the road for them than travel out of any other city of the world of its size. This, of course, is largely due to the large number of men employed by the Stark Bros. Nurseries, who furnish their men the most complete, upto-date outfit ever issued. They are increasing their force of salesmen daily killed by the whale oil soaps, or toand room for more.

How to Roll an Umbrella.

Few people, comparatively know how to roll up an umbrella in a neat, workmanlike manner. To be successful, it is necessary to held the points | of the sticks in the right hand, then with the other hand take hold of the other end of the umbrella and squeeze it tight, letting the hand slip, little by little, while the former is being turned by the right hand. In this way a firm, tight roll will be made without a fold, and it will look as slender as the frame of the umbrella will permit,

Homescokers' Excursions South.

On July 20 and 21, and several dates during August, September and October, the Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R. will sell first class round trip tickets, good 31 days from date of sale, for one fare plus \$2 for the round trip, to all points in Florida and the South, Tracks, trains, time, all the best. For further information address C. W Humphrey, N. P. A., St. Paul, Minn. City Ticket Office, 182 Clark street, or C. L. Stone, G. P. & T. A., Chicago.

Not on the Street.

"What street do you live on?" asked the police judge.

"I don't live on that street," replied Perry Patettic, with warmth. "I live on the sidewalk. Do you take me for a horse?"-Cincinnatt Enquirer.

Perhaps.

He-"Why is it that unmarried women are usually 'girls'?"

She-"Possibly for the same reason that married men are mostly 'boys'!"---Brooklyn Life.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical fils, which vanish before proper efforts-gentle efforts-pleasant effortsrightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs. promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine arti-cle, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by

all reputable druggists. If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

AND GARDEN. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof -- Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

AGRICULTURISTS.



(Farmers' Review Special Report.) ROFESSOR TAFT spoke on pests new and old. During It under. the last few years we have had brought in, at least to our notice, a numer of new insects and diseases. The most dangerous of these is the San Jose scale.

do not know of any in this state, but it may be here in large quantities, for it is not usually discovered by the ordinary farmer till the third year, when the tree is drying from its effects. Then the orchardist begins to hunt for a name. A single scale on a tree in the spring will develop millions before the season is over, and so you see the difficulty of fighting it. If any of you have bought trees from New Jersey, you had better look them over. The trees, if infested, will look as if they had been sprinkled with coal ashes, and when these specks are examined it will be seen that there is a depression near the center of the insect and in that depression is a little yellow speck. If a tree is found with them on the trunk, you had better cut you may be able to save the tree by burning the branches.

The plum scale is in our state, but are growing properly. The only remedy for all of the scales is whale

sucking. During the last few years many peach growers in New Jersey and some other states were troubled by what they thought was the yellows, but on investigation it was found to be due to the black aphis swarming on the coots. Trees that have been brought to this state have been found infested in a number of cases and generally the trees have died. When these insects are found on the branches they can be bacco water or kerosene emulsion. But on the roots it is more difficult. Some apply kainit over the roots; but in applying, one should not dig the earth away so the kainit will come in direct contact with the roots.

Q.-When we bring oranges from California and they have the scale on them is there not a danger that they will introduce the scale into this sec-

Professor Taft .- I certainly think out those insects whether they come in stock or fruit, though it might be hard to stop it on the oranges.

R. D. Graham of Grand Rapids spoke on the New American Fruit Growers Union. He described the meeting at Chicago, which was for the organizing of an association of state and provincial (Canadian) associations. The Michigan association had not yet seen a reason for taking part in the movement. He took up the question of uniformity of packages advocated by some. He did not think it was advisable to have a uniform package for different markets have different ideas about this; but as to capacity he thought there should be uniformity. A bushel basket should contain a bushel, and others should contain what they are represented to contain. We already pave a law to that effect that should be enforced.

S. H. Comings.-We should have that law enforced, for a good many snide packages are being put on the market from this state, and it is hurting the fruit trade. There are two forces that are working for the reduction of size of packages: first, the manufacturers want a smaller package for then they sell more of them; and the transportation companies want smaller packages, so they can get more for carrying

Mr. Morrill spoke on the transportation of fruit. We are approaching a time, we'll be in it within 30 days, when the state will need better transportation facilities for fruit than at present. There should be organization in selling fruit, to prevent the many losses in various ways. The state is full of men who have lost consignments of fruit sent to men they know nothing about. They do not even look in Bradstreet's to see if the man has any standing, or that he exists at all. If we have a strong association we can sell to better advantage and induce the food on one side, his teeth need attenpackage manufacturers to make packages according to law.

of selling our fruit. We pack it and take it to the dock and that ends it. So our ability to sell has withered as although well cared for, the teeth are any other ability withers when not probably at fault. If the horse slobbers used. Now I want to see an organization, but how can we go about it?

Mr. Munson, of Grand Rapids, told of the fruit sellers' association of that | dental attention. Carrying the head to vicinity. They have a membership of one side while being driven is frequentseveral hundred members who pay \$1 ly symptomatic of a faulty condition per year membership and \$1 extra of the teeth, which is relieved by a few for every 1,000 bushels of fruit minutes' work of the veterinary sursold. They send out circulars to all geon." the great fruit-buying centers and solicit buyers, stating what fruit they have on hand. The plan has proved very successful, as buyers now come not ship to commission men in other cities, as do the fruit men in St. Joseph.

Growing Mustard.

The mustard family includes not only that what we know as mustard,

tium. For field cultivation the white and black or brown varieties of mustard are used. The seed of the white mustard is nearly white, and of the biack mustard the seed is brown or nearly black. The mustard of commerce consists of seeds of both of these varieties ground together. The black mustard seed is the strongest. Mustard is grown both as food for cattle and sheep, and for turning under in the green state. Some object to it for the reason that once on a land it is hard to eradicate, but the best way of getting rid of it is to allow it to come to the blossoming stage and then turn

For growing mustard a soft, loamy soil is preferred. The seed may be sown broadcast at the rate of one peck to the acre, or in drills at the rate of six quarts to the acre. The latter is | Manufacturing Company will doubtless preferred when the seed is to be used for commerce, as the weeds can thus be kept out, and the mustard seed will be pure when threshed. Such drills are usually put in about two feet apart, this giving room for cultivation. The harvesting begins when the pods turn brown or yellow. The crop is cut with a reaper or scythe. If the pods are yet in that state where they need to be dried, the mustard is piled up in the open field for a day or two. But often the pods are so dry that they readily break open and spill the ripe seed. In that case they are hauled at once to the barn, a cloth being put in the bottom of the wagon to prevent any of the seed from being lost, which is very likely to be the case. The greatest danger in curing is the wet weather, which often injures the crop to the extent of rendering it unfit for

What Bee-keeping Requires.

The essential thing in caring for bees is the right kind of hive. Not that the bees will gather any more honey in one hive than another. This is a fake of the patent hive vender, but some hives are more convenient than others, and enable the bee keeper to so manipulate them that he can get his boney in marketable shape. Some of the essentials of a good hive are ease of access, every part movable and interchangeable, freeness from all superfluous traps, drawers, etc., and a surplus arrangement holding boxes which may be taken out one at a time. There is no patent on anything of value in the construction of a beehive and anyone can make a modern hive if he wishes to do so. Competition, however, has so beaten down prices in these goods that in most cases they can be bought in the flat, cut ready to nail, for about what the lumber would cost in small quantities.

After the hives, come a few simple and inexpensive tools, which facilitate the work of handling bees. Chief among these is what is known as a smoker. The fact was recognized long ago that when bees are disturbed or alarmed they at once fill themselves with honey. When filled with honey they seldom sting, unless burt in some way. They dislike smoke of any kind there is. We should have a law to keep | very much, so that when a stream of it is thrown into the hive they at once fill their honey sacs. After this they may be driven from one place to another simply by blowing a current of smoke upon them. The smoker is an implement for generating smoke, so constructed that the current may be directed to any point the operator wishes. A very fair smoker may be had for 50 cents. The timid, and those who have a number of colonies to manipulate, and want to work rapidly, will find it convenient to have a bee veil to protect the face, as a sting about the head or near the eyes is apt to cause

some inconvenience, to say the least. There are other tools, such as an extractor, a drone trap, a swarming box, a bee escape, etc., which will be found necessary by those who carry on certain phases of bee-keeping, or conduct it on a large scale, but the farmers can manipulate a few colonies without any of them .- E. T. Abbott ip Nebraska Bee-Keeper.

Teeth of the Herse.

The teeth of the horse form the subject of a bulletin issued by the Agricultural Experiment Station of Virginia. It concludes with the following practical suggestions:

"When young coits are troubled with indigestion, or refuse to suckle, look into the condition of their teeth and gums. If the gums are inflamed, swollen, and painful to the touch, have them properly lanced. If at the age of from two to five years the colt refuses to eat, wads his hay and lets it drop, or eats with difficulty, have his teeth examined and properly treated by a competent veterinarian. If the eyer become weak and inflamed during dentition, the teeth may need the attention of the veterinary surgeon. If the jaws become enlarged, in nine cases out of ten the teeth need attention If the horse turns his head to the side while eating, and attempts to chew his tion. Wadding the hay and dropping

it is symptomatic of a long tooth, Mr. Ruth.-We have too easy a way which needs the attention of the veterinary dentist. If the horse gradually loses flesh without any apparent cause, while driving and pulls viciously on the bit, look to the teeth; many 'pullers" are made so for the want of proper

A few simple rules which will assist in giving one a good carriage in walking are: Always lift the heel first. Do not throw back the shoulders in your and purchase the fruit either in the efforts not to stoop, and never walk or market or in the orchards. They do the heels, but use the ball of the foot instead. Do not swing the arms nor the shoulders, and let the hands hang by the sides with the palms turned backward so that the backs of your hands will be presented to anyone meeting you. This is much more gracebut cabbage, turnip, radish, horse-rad- ful than the commoner practice of letish, water-cress, and even the nastur- | ting the palms hang against one's sides.

The Rucycle.

It has been said that when a clock was made small enough and perfect enough to be carried in the pocket it was called a watch. So when the perfection of a bicycle was achieved, the completed machine was christened a "Racycle." The Miami Cycle and Manufacturing Company of Middletown, Ohio, have certainly attained the acme of success in their 1896 "Racycle" which has every improvement that a bicycle possesses, and others which render it infinitely superior to any bicycle ever made. The direct pull on the shaft (the chain and sprecket running inside the bearings), and other features might be mentioned indefinitely. The Racycle, is, in addition, the lightest running and most beautiful wheel made in the world. It is creating a sensation already and will doubtless be to the front next year. The Miami Cycle and be pleased to send a catalogue to any making the request.

The Kaiser and His Sons.

A writer well acquainted with the household regulations of the German emperor, describes how the kaiser brings up his boys. These royal lads are awakened at 6 in summer and 7 in winter. They must retire at 8 in the evening. They are allowed but an hour and a half of their waking hours in which to "loaf," the rest of their time when not eating being spent in laborious study and physical training. There are so many prenatal influences that incline to mental weakness in royal families that only the strictest discipline can develop a German crown prince into a man strong enough to take the empire on his shoulders. The German emperor is following the rule of his ancestors in bringing up his boys.

Educate Your Daughters. At this season of the year parents have to decide upon and select the educational institution which their daughters are to attend for the coming years. In this connection we desire to call attention to the educational announcement in our advertising columns of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, Mo. Their buildings and grounds are attractive, locality healthful, teaching in all branches thorough, and terms reasonable. Parents fortunate to select this school for the education and training of their daughters will, we are sure, be fully satisfied. Terms per session of five months: Payable in advance, \$115; this includes tuition, boarding, washing, courses in French, German or Latin, use of library and physician's fee. Next session will open Sept. 1st, 1895. For further information address Mother Superior, Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, Mo.

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Among the tens of thousands of women who apply to Mrs. Pinkham for advice and are cured, are many who



did her so much good." am desperate. Am nineteen years of age, tall, and weighed 1:8 pounds a year ago. I am now a mere skeleton. From your little book I think my trouble is profuse menstruation. My symptoms are . . . etc.

Our doctor (my uncle) tells father that I am in consumption, and wants to take me to Florida. Please help me! Tell me what to do, and tell me quickly. I am engaged to be married in September. Shall I live to see the day | LUCY B. W.

Chicago, June 16th, 'os.

My dear Mrs. Pinkham:-This is a happy day. I am well and gaining weight daily, but shall continue the treatment and Vegetable Compound during the summer. as you suggest. Uncle knows nothing about what you have done for me, because it would make things very unpleasant in the family. I would like to give you a testimonial to publish, but father would not allow it. shall be married in September, and as we go to Boston, will call upon you. How can provemy gratitude? . . .

Just such cases as the above leak out in women's circles, and that is why the confidence of the women of America is bestowed upon Mrs. Pinkham.

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Women want the truth, and if they cannot get it from their doctor, will seek it elsewhere.

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