SWEET PEAS.

"The sweet pea is a peculiar plant," says Eben E. Rexford, "in some respects, and requires treatment quite unlike that given other plants if we would have it do its best. It must be planted very early —as soon, in fact, as the ground can be dug up to receive the seed. This because it is a plant that does better in cool weather than in heat, and the conditions which prevail in spring are precisely those best suited to it in getting a start. If it form strong roots before the hot weather is upon us, and these roots are deep in the soil, where they will remain moist and cool, we may expect fine flowers, and a great many of them, but if we give it a shallow planting, which brings its roots near the surface, and a late one, which obliges it to get its start in weather not to its liking, we need not wonder if it disappoints us. The plan I follow with it is this : In April I dig V-shaped trenches about six inches deep. I sow the seed in the bottom of these about an inch apart. I cover it with about an inch of soil, which I press down firmly. When the plants have grown to a height of three inches I fill in about them with some of the soil thrown out from the trench. I continue to do this at intervals as the vines reach up until the trench is filled. In this way I succeed in getting the roots of the plants deep in cool, moist soil. The best trellis for them is one made by fastening coarse meshed wire netting to posts. It should be at least six feet wide, as the sweet pea makes a rampant growth under favorable circumstances. In order to assure a bountiful crop of flowers throughout the season it is absolutely necessary to prevent the formation of seed. Go over the vines daily and remove every flower past its prime. If this advice is followed, we can have fine flowers, and plenty of them, from June to November."

NOT TOO LIFELIKE.

"You just let me have that photograph for two weeks and I'll send you a life-size portrait of Mrs. Herlihy that'll be a really speaking likeness," said the agent for a new "crayon process" in his most persuasive tone.

An expression strongly akin to apprehension appeared in Mr. Herlihy's dim blue eyes, and he passed his hand twice across his mouth with a nervous gesture.

"Well, now, Oi don't know as that 'd be annyways nicessary," he whispered. "She was wid me in this loife thirrty-foive years, and that gives toime for a good dale of talkin'. Oi'll jist have a picture that shows her looks, widout anny mechanical controivance to reprojuce her v'ice."

A TERRIBLE NAME.

The King of Greece has an aide-de-camp who rejoices in the name of Pappadiamantopoulos. In the ordinary course of things, the gallant colonel would accompany his Hellenic Majesty on his travels abroad every summer, but his name was found to leave a train of dislocated jaws in the royal wake ; moreover, it was charged as two words in telegrams and was mutilated by telegraphists beyond all recognition; so he is now left at home, and a gentleman of the name of Thon takes his place in attendance on King George on his annual visits to Aix-les-Bains and Paris.

STONE SUITS.

The weaving of stone into material for clothing, the making of flexible and lasting granite trousers, black marble coats, and fancy onyx waistcoats may be a possibility of the future, says one of the scientific papers. Already curtains are made of asbestos and cloth manufactured from chalk, while a certain spinner has an arm-chair covered with a soft and silky fabric of Titian red which he wove toilsomely out of a rock-red shell.

A CHANGE, AT LAST.

Like many good, fresh jokes, this one is built on a very old and very common experience :

"Your daughter has improved wonderfully in her piano-playing," said Mrs. Nexton.

"I'm glad to hear you say so," replied Mrs. Homer, "if you are really sincere."

"Why do you think I am not sincere ?"

"Well, you see, we didn't know whether she was improving or whether we were merely getting used to it."

A well-known business man is gifted with a keen sense of humor, which sometimes bubbles forth unexpectedly, as in the following instance. Just before he started for a short holiday he called one of his clerks to his room and said : "I always notice that you look very well when you work hard." The clerk looked up, wondering what his employer would say next. "Now, I am going away for a few days. I hope you will enjoy good health while I am gone."

"What can I do for you ?" the physician asked the good woman who had entered his consulting room. "I think I should have a commission," she returned, respectfully but firmly. "Every child in our street caught the measles from my baby."

What shrunk your woolens ?
Why did holes wear so soon ?
You used common soap.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar. 25

½ tf.

SCENT SECRETS.

The Monks of the Convent of Santa Maria Novella at Florence have been famous for more than four centuries for the precious secret recipes of perfumes and healing balms handed down to them, which they prepare entirely from herbs and flowers grown in the convent garden.

"I thought all the toasts to-night were to be of a light and amusing nature." "They are." "But you have Binks down for a topic that is decidedly heavy and serious." "Of course. If there is anything funnier than Binks trying to tackle a great principle that he doesn't fully understand I don't know what it is."

Little Boy—"Father, may I have that big encyclopaedia a little while ?" Proud Father—"Of course, you can. Your thought are turning to higher things, I see." Little Boy—"Yes, father." Boy's Mother (to herself, two hours afterwards)—"Hump ! More of that jam gone. I can't understand how that boy can reach it."

King Leopold of the Belgians will visit the United States in 1904 to see the St. Louis Exhibition. He will be the very first European monarch to visit the United States.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

So long ago as 1879, a field at Sermaize, in France, was ploughed by an electrically-driven plough.

HAMBURG DROPS.

Thousands of people have good cause to be thankful to the memory of that eminent German authority, Dr. August Koenig, who originally discovered Hamburg Drops (more than 60 years ago), which restores the wasted energies, creates an appetite, overcomes exhaustion, weariness, languor, and that tired feeling, makes pure blood, cures constipation, dyspepsia, hysteria, nervousness, fullness after meals, torpid liver, sluggish kidneys, ringing noises in the head, all skin diseases, and is a general restorative. It cures where all other remedies and prescriptions fail. A circular description of Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops will be found round each bottle of St. Jacob's Oil. Undo the wrapper carefully and read the circular.

A new play to be financially successful should attract at least 50,000 spectators in its first three months' run.

C. C. RICHARDS & CO.

Dear Sirs — For some years I have had only partial use of my arm, caused by a sudden strain. I have used every remedy without effect, until I got a sample bottle of MINARD'S LINIMENT. The benefit I received from it caused me to continue its use, and now I am happy to say my arm is completely restored.

R. W. HARRISON.

Glamis, Ont.

8—59

HARVEST FROM THE SEA.

In a recent year the fish caught around British coasts weighed 800,000 tons, being worth in money from $40,000,000 to $45,000,000. A year's catch in the United Kingdom comprises, among other things, 250,000 tons of herrings. It is not easy to conceive what the figures mean. Packed up in thousands, the herrings would fill 2,500,000 barrels. Nor would the wealth of three millionaires buy them all. Eight million cod are caught in a year, and 6,000 tons of salmon, with a value of between $3,000,000 and $3,500,000.

TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES.

Many are the substitutes used for tobacco. Dried holly leaves, the bark of the willow, and leaves of the stag's horn sumach are used by the American Indians. In Switzerland a weed called mountain tobacco is smoked in great quantities. It causes the smoker to become a mental and physical wreck. The natives of South Africa are rendered nervous imbeciles by smoking the dried leaves of the camphor plant. The wild dagga, another South African plant, poisons slowly anyone using it.

Biggers—"Old Graball tells me that he began life by running away with a circus." Sniggers—"I don't doubt it. He would run away with anything that wasn't nailed down."

16—03

HORSE SAVES ITS MASTER.

A remarkable subsidence occurred the other day at Little Lever, a village on the boundary of Bolton, England. Joseph Jenkins went to attend to his horse for the night, nnd found it evidently in a state of terror. He attempted to pass it, but it prevented him. Whilst he was persisting in the attempt he heard a loud crack. He clutched at the hayrack just in time to save his life, as the floor gave way under him. Investigation revealed the existence of a brick well, 15 yards deep with 12 feet depth of water, into which Jenkins would inevitably have been plunged but for his horse.

TABLETS ON WARSHIPS.

The practice has just been introduced into the German navy of setting up memorial tablets on board ships to sailors who have fallen in action. Fifteen warships up to the present have earned the distinction of possessing tablets.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous services.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The ratio of school children to population is 17 in 100 in England, 19 in the 100 in the United States, and 3 per 100 in Russia.

For Over Sixty Years.

An Old and Well Tried Remedy. — Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. Is pleasant to the taste. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind. 1-9

Strikes are by no means modern institutions. Three hundred years ago the workmen at Dover, England, struck for a minimum wage of 12 cents a day.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

Cycling is falling off in Canada. In Montreal only 2,240 licenses have been taken out this year, against 3,755 last year, and 6,347 in 1900.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Belgium and Holland use Greenwich time. In Germany, Austria, Denmark, Italy, Scandinavia, and Switzerland one hour before Greenwich time rules.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

ELEPHANTS AS ROAD MAKERS.

The Congo Free State Government is constructing a road in the northern part of the State for the transport of passengers and goods by means of motor-cars. The new route, of which nearly 450 miles have been completed, will join the important trading centres of Dongu and Lado. While making the road a local engineer hit upon the happy idea of driving forty elephants up and down the profected highway until the thick undergrowth was trampled down, allowing the natives to complete the task.

The Gate to Health

is a hale heart, and the better the blood pump the more vigorous the vitality.

Some know they have weak hearts ; others only know that they're ill and don't suspect the heart.

But cure the heart cures every part. No heart is too sound ; ninety-nine out of a hundred are disordered or diseased.

Doctors do not get to the heart of the subject; to be effective that is what medicine must do.

Dr. AGNEW'S HEART CURE enthrones health where disease reigned, in the great center of the system, the heart. Then good blood pumps in full measure, sends new life quivering through every organ and tissue of the body. It means new courage, new cheer, a new lease of life.

Dr. AGNEW'S PILLS scavengers of the digestive system and healers of the disordered apparatus. Purely vegetable and mild, forty doses for ten cents. One-fifth the price of the next best competing pill. 13

t-f

A lot of people think we're too careful in putting up

Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea

We can't be too careful when we're retaining the original flavor and aroma of the best withered tea in Ceylon.

Black. Mixed. Ceylon Green. Ask for Red Label.

FORTY CENTS—SHOULD BE FIFTY 2

t-f

THE RIGHT PAINT

TO PAINT RIGHT

If our name is'nt on it, you'll have trouble with it.

Ramsay's Paints, paint most and paint best. Ready for use and price just right.

Write us, mentioning this paper, for booklet showing how some beautiful homes are painted with our paints.

A. RAMSAY & SON, Paint makers, MONTREAL. Estd. 1842.

14—26

½ t-f

OUR BRANDS.

King Edward 1500s

"Headlight" 550s

"Eagle" 100s & 200s

"Victoria"

"Little Comet"

EDDY'S PARLOR MATCHES

HULL, CANADA

Don't Experiment with other and inferior brands, USE EDDY'S

In Ireland there are 22 landlords who own over 50,000 acres of land apiece, and in Scotland there are 47 who possess an equally large area.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Martinique, which will probably be totally abandoned, is 35 miles long, and from 7 to 16 miles in width.

AN ADMIRABLE FOOD

EPPS'S COCOA

FOR MAINTAINING ROBUST HEALTH

IN COLD CLIMATES.

1-18

PATENTS SMITH & CAMERON solicitors of Patents Canada Life Build'g, Toronto. Write for free advice

1—4—55

Wanted to Purchase

Any quantity of dry, mixed wood suitable for brick burning, for early delivery. State cash price, f.o.b. your station. Address, S MILSON BRICK CO., 1 Toronto St., Toronto. Telephone Main 707.

7—19

Gents' Suits Cleaned

or Dyed ; also Ladies' Wear of all kinds, and House Hangings of every description. GOLD MEDALIST DYERS.

BRITISH AMERICAN DYEING CO'Y, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa & Quebec.

1-44

Libby's Natural Flavor Food Products

These delicious preparations allow of all sorts of impromptu spreads without the impromptu appearance, and permit the hostess to enjoy rather than slave. Our booklet, "How to Make Good Things to Eat," free to housekeepers." Libby's Atlas of the World, containing 32 new maps, published expressly for us by the largest map and atlas publishers in America, is ready now. Indexed, and gives new maps of China, South Africa, the Philippines, Cuba, Porto Rico, and is of as much practical use as any atlas published. We mail it to any address for 5 two-cent stamps

Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago

The World's Greatest Caterers

½-tf

RUBBER GOODS

Latest Novelties, all styles. Correspondence invited. Enclose 2c stamp for circular.

THE UNIVERSAL SPECIALTY CO., P. O. Box 1142, Montreal.

6-57

Brass Band

Instruments, Drums, Uniforms, Etc.

EVERY TOWN CAN HAVE A BAND

Lowest prices ever quoted. Fine catalogue. 500 illustrations, mailed free. Write us for anything in Music or Musical Instruments.

WHALEY ROYCE & CO., Limited, Toronto, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man. 1-20

Dominion Line Steamships

Montreal to Liverpool. Boston to Liverpool. Portland to Liverpool. Via Queenstown.

Large and Fast Steamships. Superior accommodation for all classes of passengers. Saloons and Staterooms are amidships. Special attention has been given to the Second Saloon and Third-Class accommodation. For rates of passage and all particulars, apply to any agent of the Company, or

Richards, Mills & Co, 77 State St. Boston. D. Torrance & Co., Montreal and Portland.

1-8

ORANGES We have Mexicans, California Navels, Valencias, and Sevilles.

LEMONS WE HAVE THE BEST

BANANAS.

Carload every week. All the above at market prices. We can also handle your

Butter, Eggs, Poultry,

Maple Syrup and other produce to advantage for you.

THE DAWSON COMMISSION CO., Limited., Cor. West Market St., TORONTO.

1-45

FOR THE PROTECTION OF DEPOSITORS AND DEBENTURE HOLDERS,

Interest paid or compounded twice a year.

Every Facility.

THE Canada Permanent And Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, Toronto Street, Toronto.

PAID-UP CAPITAL $6,000,000

RESERVE FUND $1,600,000

ASSETS $23,600,000

YOUR SAVINGS SAFE

½—2—27