

MAKING A HEDGE FENCE.

Starting It Is Not So Very Hard, But to Keep It Up Requires Much Care and Labor.

First make the soil in the hedge now fine and mellow to a good depth. A foot deep is generally better than a less depth under the plants. It is preferred to have the plants set on a slight ridge, four to six inches above the general level. Good one-year-old plants are generally preferred to older ones. These should be root-pruned to about 10 or 12 inches in length of root, and the top cut back to about the same length. Then with a bright spade open a space large enough to take in the plant, placing the plant slanting with the row, at an angle of about 45 degrees. This will induce two or more shoots to start from each plant, insuring a thick base. The plants should be set about one foot apart in the row. After being well cultivated the first season, any that have failed to grow should be replaced with good, strong plants the following spring. In June of the second year the young hedge should be cut back to about two feet high. A year later cut it to three or 3½ feet, and the following June to 4½ feet, at which height it should be kept permanently. With a sharp corn knife, or piece of a scythe, the needed clippings quickly done. Sometimes two clippings a year are needed.—Troy (N. Y.) Times.

The Good Roads Agitation.

Good roads are admittedly for the benefit of the section in which they are located. In fact, it is not too strong a statement to say that permanent good roads are for the permanent good of the communities through which they pass. How long, then, will it be before good roads become the rule instead of the exception. Will there ever be an end to the miserable patchwork repair business that ruins horses, smashes bicycles and wagons and

of their teams, as well as the people who, having no teams, are still compelled to walk mile after mile in carrying their products to market? The L. A. W. has still a large field before it in the education of the masses and the state legislators.

At the conclusion of Wu Ting-fang's address at the Fourth of July celebration in Philadelphia, one of the young women seated on the platform passed a small American flag to the distinguished Chinese diplomat, with the request that he write his autograph on one of the white bars. A fountain pen was forthcoming, and Minister Wu graciously complied. The incident was witnessed by others, and in a short time a perfect avalanche of small flags poured down upon him, with similar requests from their owners. Wu took it good naturedly and for quite awhile was kept busy inscribing his autograph.

At Wichita a small boy went into the studio of a photographer and said he wanted his picture taken. "I want it taken on my horse," said the boy, and jokingly the photographer answered: "All right, bring your horse up." The boy disappeared, but in a minute there was a smash and a bang on the stars that almost shook the building, and in came the boy leading his saddle pony. The photographer was game, however, and, finding his bluff called, he mounted the boy on his pony and took his picture.

GREAT BEAUTIES.

Many Handsome Faces Are Found Among the Women of Cashmere, India.

Many of the women of India, and especially those of Cashmere, are beautiful. In a typical Hindu beauty the skin is just dark enough to give a rich, soft appearance to the complexion, says a London journal. The features are regular, the eyes mild and black and shaded by long silken lashes, the hands and feet are small and well formed, the demeanor is modest, the manner is gentle, the voice low and sweet. There are fine-looking women among the middle class Hindus, as well as among the upper ten, and even among the lower class the faces are often very pleasing. Many a Hindu woman who has, perhaps, little pretensions to beauty of face, has, nevertheless, the step and carriage of a princess, and if one is not too fastidious about perfection of eyes and mouth and nose her figure as she walks down the street with her load on her head is truly a beautiful sight.

File Off Alligator's Teeth.

A remarkable operation was performed by a dozen keepers on a 13-foot alligator which is kept in the Bronx zoo at New York. The alligator, which is a powerful animal, showed signs of fierceness for some time. He wound up one morning by killing an eight-foot companion in the same tank. Then it was decided that the big one's teeth should be cut. A rope with a sling was lowered over his head and drawn taut; the tail was similarly treated. Each one of the legs was next secured in a like manner. By patience and repeated trials a lasso was got into the ponderous jaw. The alligator gave a bite and the rope parted like thread. Then a wire rope was secured. This was finally got into place.

Sticks were pried between the jaws

Thus held, the reptile lay helpless and the work of sawing off some of the longest and most dangerous teeth was soon accomplished.

Assistant Secretary of State Adee, who is very deaf, has a unique device for appraising him of the intrusion of a visitor. He has a teapot slung over the back of his chair by a string, the end of which is tied to the doorknob. When a visitor enters, the door, swinging open, raises the teapot to a level with the assistant secretary's head. As the visitor advances, the door, closing, lets the teapot swing down till it touches the floor with a crash. The visitor usually gives a leap of surprise and fear, and the assistant secretary state, apprised by the crash, looks up with a glad smile, extends his hand, and says to the unnerved visitor: "What can I do for you?"

Texas is becoming very gay. State Geologist Dumble has disclosed to the people of that state sources of mineral wealth that are astounding. He says that in one county alone, that of Cherokee, there are 60,000,000 tons of rich iron ore in sight, and that in east Texas, as a whole, there are 3,000,000,000 tons. And by the side of this ore lies all the coal necessary to work the ore into shape. The geologist makes the flat statement that "no country in the world has cheaper material for something iron than east Texas."

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