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From the fact that the melon growers of the State have suffered immensely in the past from the attacks of the melon plant louse, as in many instances the melon crop has been reduced one-half to two-thirds in quantity besides being greatly impaired in quality, we particularly advise them to be on the watch this spring and summer for the first appearance of the insects in their patches. The eggs that were deposited late last fall on weeds and other plants, that will afford nourishment in the early spring, will hatch with the return of the warm days, the young developing into adult winged viviperous females. By means of these winged forms the species is transferred from the weed patches and other situations to the melon fields, where their offspring, like their winged mother, continue to multiply rapidly by bringing forth their young alive. In the meantime the winged insect has left for other parts of the patch to start more colonies.

Since these melon aphids feed upon a large variety of plants, including many of our common weeds in addition to cucubitous vines, clean cultivation will do much to lessen their chances of rapid development in the early spring.

As soon as the young vines get four to six leaves, they should be carefully and frequently examined for the lice and at the first appearance of the winged females, they should be fumigated with carbon bisulphide. This is accomplished by covering the young vines with tight boxes or other covers, twelve to eighteen inches in diameter, the same in length, and introducing under each box a vessel containing one or more teaspoonful of carbon bi-sulphide. One teaspoonful should be allowed for every cubic foot of space under the cover and this will easily kill all the plant lice in three-quarters of an hour, though it will do no harm to leave the cover in place for an hour. A cheap tin cup, a clam shell, a saucer or other open dish will answer to hold the carbon bi-sulphate. This chemical is a colorless volatile liquid with a disagreeable odor. Its vapor is heavy and about as inflammable as gasolene, a spark from a cigar or pipe being sufficient to ignite it. The vapor is also very poisonous to all animal life, but no one need fear inhaling small quantities of it in the open air.

Kerosene emulsion at the rate of 15 per cent may be applied to the vines in the form of a spray against the melon aphis, but it must be remembered that the solution must hit all the plant lice in order to kill them. Any further information in regard to treatment for this or any other insect pest or plant disease will be gladly given by the State Horticultural Department, Collegepark, Md.

THOMAS B. SYMONS,
Acting State Entomologist.

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Modern Machinery contains some interesting facts about the minuteness of some of the screws made in an American watch factory. It takes nearly 130,000 of a certain kind to weigh a pound. Under a microscope, they appear in their true character—perfectly finished bolts. The pivot of the balance wheel is only one two-hundredth of an inch in diameter, and the gage with which pivots are classified measures to the ten-thousandth part of an inch. Each jewel hole in which a pivot fits is about one five-thousandth of an inch larger than the pivot to permit sufficient play. The finest screw for a small-sized watch has a thread of 260 to the inch, and weighs one-hundred-and-thirty-thousandth of a pound. Jewel slabs of sapphire, ruby or garnet are first sawed into slabs one fiftieth of an inch thick and are shellacked to plates so that they may be surfaced. Then the individual jewels are sawed or broken off, drilled through the center, and a depression made in the convex side for an oil cup. A pallet jewel weighs one one-hundred-and-fifty-thousandth of a pound; a roller jewel a little more than one two-hundred--and--fifty--six-thousandth. The largest round hairspring stud is four-hundreths of an inch in diameter and about nine-hundredths of an inch in length.

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It seems peculiar that most women want to live long but they have no desire to be old.

Down The Drill Hole.

From Youth's Companion.

Jack Paisley did not know how long he had been lying there on the ground, with his face hidden in his arms, and he could not have told of half the thoughts—rejoicing, desperate, sorrowful—that had been passing through his brain. The wonder of it was, that when at last he sat up and drew his sleeve across his eyes and looked about him, he realized that he had somehow been conscious all the time that boring had ceased at the new Hub Well.

Yet neither the Hub or any other gas-well on the ridge had been in his mind when he came out of the house. Of that he was sure. Great news, part glad, part terrible, had crowded out everything else. First the doctor had said that Jack's father had safely passed the crisis of a long and dangerous illness. Jack jumped for joy at that.

Then Jack's mother had reported the doctor's next words, that Mr. Paisley must have nourishing food, delicacies, chicken! She had cried as she had said it, and Jack's face had paled, remembering his three pets, Tiny and Hoarsy and Dick. But Jack knew the money was about gone, and there was enough of the hero in the boy to make him stiffen his chin and answer, "Then father must have one of my chickens, but I don't know which—"

At that his courage faltered, and he rushed out of the house. He could not choose. He would not wait to learn which chicken his mother selected for the slaughter.

Of course his first wretchedness lessened a little as the moments went by. The blessed hopefulness of youth came to his relief. A chicken would not have to be killed for two or three hours, anyway—and something might turn up!

Then it was that he became distinctly aware that they had stopped drilling at the Hub Well. A kind of defensive instinct—urging him to guard against unhappy thoughts turned his feet that way.

He found Eric Simpson, the driller, and Jim Dodd, the tool-dresser, sitting and smoking in philosophic ease; but Mr. Johnson, the contractor, was stamping back and forth, pausing now and then to glance gloomily at the two-and-a-quarter-inch drill line that hung over the mouth of the well. The frayed end told the whole story; the rope had parted.

"How deep are you?" Mr. Johnson demanded.

"Jest about two hundred and fifty feet," was the driller's placid answer. Jack noticed that his calmness seemed to irritate the contractor.

"Well, can't you think of anything?" Mr. Johnson cried. "Have we got to lose all our work and the tools into the bargain?"

Jack had drawn nearer. He waited with interest for the answer.

"'Twon't be so easy to get 'em. You know we're using our fifteen-inch bit, and that cuts a sixteen-inch hole, about. Well, the tools are not more than four inches at the top, and since the bit isn't fast they must be leaning against the wall, where there's about one chance in ten thousand of getting a slip-socket over them. There's a stub of rope sticking up, too that would interfere with the fishing-tool."

"Have you no idea at all that would help us, Eric? It is a shame to abandon the well. Could we dig the tools out? Two hundred feet isn't so much."

"Yes, but most of it's blue limestone. I've been thinking of a way. Some would call it risky, but I can't see how."

"Out with it!"

"Well, I'd lower a boy down there and have him take a hitch around the rope-socket."

Jack positively shivered—his quick imagination had so clearly grasped the horror of a decent into that hole. Mr. Johnson looked doubtful. "That's dangerous. Suppose a boy lost his head—did something so you couldn't get him out?"

"What could he do? Let me tie the rope around him, and I'll guarantee to pull him out."

"What about gas—bad air—water?"

"We know there's no water to amount to anything, and we haven't gone through coal or anything to make bad air. Maybe a little gas settled near the bottom, but he won't need to go that far. The tools are sixty feet long, remember, and he'll only go down to the top of em."

"Where'll I find the boy?"

"There's one right behind you would do."

Mr. Johnson turned and eyed Jack's slim figure. Apparently the inspection satisfied him. "Boy would you like to earn twenty-five dollars?" he said.

Jack had been shuddering at the bare thought of that descent. But twenty-five dollars! It would save the necks of Tiny and Hoarsy and Dick. It would be wealth to the family just now. Would he like to earn twenty-five dollars?

"Yes, sir!" he answered, eagerly.

"I'll give you twenty-five dollars if you'll go down this well—its pretty deep—and tie a rope around the tools."

"I'm ready, sir." Inspired now by the thought of twenty-five dollars, Jack was sure he'd be all right. So would Tiny, Hoarsy, Dick and father.

"Good boy!" said Eric. He detached the sand line from the bucket and showed Jack how to make the "hitch," having him do it a number of times with his eyes shut. Then Eric tied the line under the boy's arms, and to relieve the strain on his body, looped the end for his feet. The end of the main sand line in Jack's hands, all was in readiness.

"All right. Lower away!" Jack said, bravely.

For the first twenty feet the drill had passed through clay, hollowing out a big hole which had been cased with wood to keep it from caving in; so here there was plenty of room. As Eric had cautioned him, Jack refrained from looking up, but watched the wooden walls rise slowly in the dim light, and wondered if he would not soon be at the bottom. But the descent was only begun.

The wooden casing ended at a stratum of sandstone, and here the hole had funnelled down to sixteen inches in diameter, and there was barely room for the boy to pass. Slowly he sank, rubbing against the damp walls. The men were lowering him by hand very carefully. Jack wished they would hurry.

The darkness deepened until he could not distinguished the rock before his face, and still the downward course continued. He closed his eyes and waited what seemed a long time. When he opened them again utter blackness encompassed him.

His imagination was going wild now. Terrible stories of men deceiving and killing boys came to his mind. Of course that story of the lost tools was a cruel falsehood, invented to induce to go down. The well had no bottom! How warm it was! They would let him down into the center of the earth, where there are lakes of fire and molten rocks; He would not go!

Desperately he thrust out his feet to stop himself. But the smooth walls of rock afforded no foothold, and, utterly helpless, he sank down, down, down!

He closed his eyes again and tried not to think. Suddenly his foot struck some yielding substance, the lowering process stopped, and a voice that seemed to come out of the solid rock and fill all space with sound said:

"Hello! Have you reached them yet?"

Amazement, added to his fears, made the boy dumb. Presently the voice came again:

"Hello, down there! Can't you hear?"

"What is it?" Jack asked, in faltering accents.

"Have you reached the tools yet?"

Ah, then there were tools there—miles under ground! Then there must be a bottom for them to rest on! Jack's confidence returned.

"My feet are on something that moves," he said.

"That's the cable. Push it aside."

"All right! I have!" Jack called.

The lowering began again. Jack managed to worm past the cable end, and then he felt the iron rope-socket.

"That's far enough!" he cried.

Making the hitch with such limited elbow room was no easy matter, but at last it was accomplished.

"All right!" he called. "It's fast!"

The return began. Jack looked up. Not a ray of light reached him. the well was blackness. Were they really lifting him? After a long time he saw a disc of light, but it was no larger than a saucer. Had the well closed in while he was below?

To be sure, the opening enlarged as he gazed, but still it was so very small! And he was wild now to get out. Suppose the rope should break!

Just then he felt the air cold about him; he was pulled out of the hole, and stared round on the sunlight and the sky with a keener joy than any he had ever known.

"Good boy, again!" said Eric.

"Here's your coat," said Jim. "And you're a bully one for grit!"

"Here's your twenty-five dollars," said Mr. Johnson. "And thank you, too! You're a mighty brave little man!" But he did not say this till the heavy iron rose by Jack's hitch in the dark.

With his money in his hand, Jack set off at a run. What if his mother had already killed one of the chickens!

But no, there they were, clucking and pecking as usual. He held out the roll of bills to them like a pardon from the governor. They did not seem at all impressed.

But mother! He did not know what a fearful thing he had done for that blessed money until he saw her pale as he told the story and felt her shudder as she clasped him, worse than he had shuddered in the hole.

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The "Farm Hand" Problem.

Jacob A. Riis makes public a letter recently received from a Vermont farmer, who complains that it is utterly impossible for him to procure "help," although he is willing to pay current wages and sure that any person entering his employ will be able not only to make a living, but to save a little money. The fact is here referred to because this letter voices a general complaint that rises from the agricultural community in every section of the United States. Apparently the problem of securing sufficient labor to carry on the farming industry of the country is one of the most serious with which we are confronted. The "hired hand" of our boyhood days is becoming extinct.

There are reasons for this. Farm labor is arduous. Its hours are very long, sometimes including both sunrise and sunset. Its remuneration, especially if one considers only the cash involved, is meagre, wages running all the way from $18 to $25 a month. It involves, too, a certain isolation that is not agreeable to the average man, the worker being alone during the major portion of the day and never having much society. Indeed, from the point of view established by organized labor, agriculture offers little encouragement to the average toiler, who is therefore flocking to the centres of population, where labor hours are short and cash wages are large.

It does not seem to occur to these men that their money wages is practically "velvet." They have a home. They receive generous living. Their environment, however distasteful in its loneliness, involves no great expense in the matter of clothing. They are mercifully shut off from the thousand and one drains on their pocketbooks which characterize city life. Long hours in summer are compensated for by short hours in winter. Best of all, on the farm is fresh, pure air, wholesome diet, refreshing slumber and an utter absence of the demoralizing temptations incident to town life. All this should figure in the farm wage scale, but it doesn't—at least in the view of the ordinary "hand," who is inclined to see only the summer twelve-hour day and the $18 pay therefor.

In Kansas and Nebraska the farm hands are organizing for shorter hours and more pay. In New England they are rushing to the cities. All over the country the spirit of discontent is rife among them. The signs of the times, in fact, point to a radical readjustment of the agricultural conditions parallel to that in progress in other industries. No man can forecast the result, but it is pretty safe to say that in whatever way relations are finally established, the "farm hand" will, as in the past, be the most favorably situated of any of the unskilled laborers of the country.

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Making Eggs Tell Their Ages.

According to the Backer and Konditor Zeitung the age of an egg is now discovered by immersing it in a solution of salt containing about eight ounces to the pint. When the salt has thoroughly dissolved, the egg to be tested is dropped gently into the glass containing the solution. If the egg is only one day old it sinks immediately to the bottom; if three days old it sinks just below the surface only, and from five days and upward it floats.

Another process has just been awarded a medal in Saxony by the National Society of Poultry Breeders and is described in a German contemporary. It is well known that the air cavity at the blunt end of the egg enlarges as the age of the egg increases. Consequently, if the egg be placed in a solution similar to the one described above it will have an increasing tendency to float with the long axis vertical. A scale of angles is placed at the back of the vessel, and from the inclination of the egg to the horizontal the egg can be gauged almost to a day. A new-laid egg lies horizontally at the bottom of the vessel. When three to five days' old the egg raises itself from the horizontal, so that its long axis makes an angle of about 20 degrees with the horizontal. At eight days this angle increases to about 45 degrees; at fourteen days it is 60 degrees; at about three weeks it is about 75 degrees, while after four weeks it stands upright on the pointed end.—*Scientific Ameaican.*

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For Thoughtful Contemplation

Silence is often more eloquent than a superabundance of words.

Poverty of possession need not be discreditable; poverty of life always is.

Perhaps two can live as cheaply as one but most people would rather be the one.

The anarchist seems to lose sight of the fact that some rich men were born that way.

The attention paid to inconsequential things causes us to overlook many that are great.

The mother who sees all the virtues in her own child is blind to those in other children.

Many men fall by the wayside because of unwillingness to take hold of the timely warnings.

When you step up on one promise you will always find a higher and a better one before you.

If men were as anxious to do right as they are to get their rights, the world would soon be righted.

How easy it is for one to suggest a sure way for some one else to manage a troublesome affair.

The man with the striking autograph is not always as important as he would thus make believe.

The roots of a strong tree do not make much rustle, but they do the hanging on in time of storm.

Our business undoubtedly is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.

The idler that dreameth of good living suffereth hunger, but he who hath dug for it liveth in a palace.

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	A M. *	A M. †	A M. †	P M. †	P M †	A M. ‡	P M ‡
New York							
Philadelphia							
Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.23	10.12	4.25	6.15	9.35	2.35
Arlington		8.44	10.39		6.42	9.58	2.58
Mt. Hope		8.47	10.42	4.48	6.45	10.03	3.02
Pikesville		8.53	10.49	4.54	6.55	10.10	3.09
Owings Mills		9.02	11.02	5.03	7.05	10.21	[illegible]
Glyndon	5.11	9.13	11.14	5.14	7.15	10.33	[illegible]
Emory Grove		9.14	11.15		7.16	10.34	[illegible]
Finksburg		9.22	11.26	5.22	7.25	10.46	3.47
Carrollton		9.36	11.38		7.37	10.59	[illegible]
Westminster	5.40	9.51	11.53	5.44	7.52	11.15	[illegible]
Avondale		9.58	12.00		7.58	11.23	4.16
New Windsor	5.53	10.08	12.10	6.02	8.08	11.34	4.28
Linwood		10.14	12.16	6.07	8.13	11.40	4.45
Union Bridge	6.00	10.20	12.20	6.12	8.17	11.45	4.50
Middleburg		10.26	P.M.	6.18	P M	AM.	P.M.
Bruceville	6.07	10.28		6.22			
D. P. Creek		10.32		6.26			
Rocky Ridge		10.39		6.34			
Thurmont	6.25	10.51		6.46			
Edgemont	7.05	11.37		7.31			
Waynesboro	†7.22	11.51		7.52			
Chambersb'g	†7.57	12.34		8.28			
Shippensburg		1.00		8.55			
Hagerstown	7.30	12.05		8.00			
Williamsport							
	A M.	P M.		P M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22.	4.	8.	12.	18.	52.	5[illegible]
	P M. *	A M. †	A M. †	P M. †	P M. †	A M ‡	P M ‡
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4.12		7.02		2.10		
Shippensburg	†2.55		6.00				
Chamb'rsburg	†3.30		6.28		1.45		
Waynesboro	†4.10		7.01		2.19		
Edgemont	4.40		7.35		2.41		
Thurmont	5.17		8.16		3.21		
Rocky Ridge	5.26		8.26		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8.33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.38		8.37		3.44		
Middleburg			8.39		3.46		
Union Bridge	5.45	6.25	8.45	12.55	3.55	6.45	4.05
Linwood		6.30	8.49	12.59	3.59	6.50	4.09
New Windsor	5.53	6.37	8.54	1.04	4.04	6.58	4.15
Avondale		6.50		1.13	4.14	7.11	4.26
Westminster	6.07	7.00	9.09	1.19	4.20	7.20	4.34
Carrollton		7.15	9.24	1.32	4.34	7.37	4.49
Finksburg		7.25	9.35	1.42	4.44	7.53	5.02
Emory Grove		7.34		1.50	4.52	[illegible]	5.14
Glyndon		7.41	9.43	1.51	4.53	8.07	5.15
Owings Mills		7.53	9.52	2.01	5.03	[illegible]	5.27
Pikesville		8.04	10.00	2.09	5.14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mt. Hope		8.11	10.06	2.15	5.21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arlington	[illegible]	8.14		2.19	5.24	8.42	5.49
Baltimore	—	8.38	10.27	2.40	5.43	9.07	6.10
Washington							
Philadelphia							
New York	P M						
		A M.	A M	P M	P M		

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

Accomodation train No. 2, going East, leaves Union Bridge, daily except Sunday, at 5.25 A. M., Linwood 5.29, New Windsor 5.38, Avondale 5.56, Westminster 6.05, Carrollton 6.20, Finksburg, 6.32 Glen Falls 6.34, arriving at Baltimore at 7.42 A. M.

Accomodation train No. 17, going West, leaves Baltimore, daily except Sunday, at 2.25 P. M., Glen Falls 3.30, Finksburg 3.32, Carrollton 3.45, Westminster 4.03, Avondale 4.14, New Windsor 4.26, Linwood 4.33 Union Bridge, 4.38 P. M.

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Through Trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Baltimore and Harrisburg Division leave Baltimore daily, except Sunday, at 7.35 A. M. and 3.32 P. M. Through cars for Gettysburg and intermediate points leave Baltimore also daily, except Sunday, at 10.12 A. M.

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