FARM AND GARDEN

PLAN FOR WHEELBARROW.

For Ordinary Farm Purposes This One Is Just as Good as Those Found in Stores.

A wheelbarrow is a great convenience for many kinds of farm work. While several strong, durable, light barrows, and of various styles and sizes may be procured of advertisers, yet not infrequently it is desirable to make one at home. Two pieces of tough, durable wood 1½x1½ inches and five feet long, f f, for the frame, are 16

HOMEMADE WHEELBARROW.

inches apart at the axle and 24 at handles. Mortising is not required the bottom being nailed to f f. A 16 inch board is nailed to bottom with two iron cleats or catches on each side, a a, to hold side boards, b, on; these are braced with two braces, g g. The iron, c, riveted on b, extends through a staple in the frames f f.

The legs are made of band iron, 1x¼ inch, having cross braces of same size iron and riveted together at the bottom or where it rests on the ground. It is attached to the frame and the bottom with wood screws. Side braces are at d d; cross braces at e. The wheel should be 18 or 20 inches in diameter to run easily over uneven surfaces and be made as light as possible. An iron wheel can sometimes be found on the farm which will answer the purpose.—D. L. Allen, in Farm and Home.

ABOUT SEED POTATOES.

When Placed in the Ground and Covered with Earth and Straw They Keep Well.

American Gardening tells how some have kept their potatoes intended for seed. Selecting them when digging, they store them in a dry shed or barn until the weather gets cold. About the middle of November they sort them, rejecting all that show signs of decay. They then spread a layer of straw eight or ten inches thick upon the ground, and place the potatoes on this. The best results are from mounds about three feet wide at the base and rising like a cone to about the same height. This is covered with straw and then by a layer of soil from six to eight inches thick. Before the weather gets too severe more soil may be added, and when the ground is frozen, put on more straw or strawy manure. They seem to winter much better than in cellars or when put in mounds or pits as soon as dry. We would say that we think it would not injure the germination of the sprouts if the tubers were frozen solidly in such a mound, if they were not disturbed until they had thawed out in the earth in the darkness. We have plowed out potatoes in the spring that had lain within six inches of the surface of the ground all winter, where the ground had been frozen two or three feet deep, and they were apparently as sound and fresh as those dug in the fall.

Cow Peas in the North.

If cow peas are planted this far north about June 1, the early varieties will be right to turn hogs on the last half of August, and will furnish the right food at this time to finish on new corn, and the ground may be seeded with winter wheat afterward without any preparation, if a disk drill be used, or rye may be seeded for a green winter cover crop and turned under for spring crop, especially potatoes. For beginners I would advise: Get seed that will mature in your latitude, or farther north; drill 15 pounds per acre in rows 30 to 36 inches apart, and cultivate clean until vines interfere. A few years' trial with cow peas will suggest many ways to utilize them to good advantage on every farm.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Protection Against Weevils.

After cleaning beans and peas ready for use, take a tight box, barrel or cask (dry) and put the peas or beans into it. Take a small bottle and put into it two ounces of bisulphide of carbon. Put the bottle into the peas while it is corked up. Press the seeds about the bottle some so it will not tip over. Then take out the cork and cover the receptacle in which the peas or beans are. This covering should be so perfect that the fumes of the gas will not get out. Do not uncover it for some time, nor carry a lamp or candle near it, as the gas from it might take fire.—D. C. Prosser, in Farmers' Review.

The 1902 cranberry crop of the United States is estimated by the secretary of the American Cranberry Growers' association to amount to 725,000 bushels, against 1,040,000 bushels in 1901.

Before the use of drainage tile was thoroughly understood two-inch and three-inch tile were quite generally used. To-day four-inch tile is considered as small as should be used in any case.

SUGAR CURED HAMS.

Method of Salting and Smoking Which Has Been Tried with Success for Years.

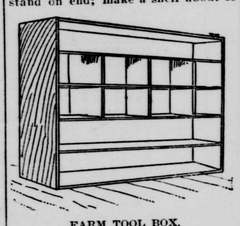
At a recent meeting of a farmers' institute the subject discussed was the best method of curing and keeping hams. All members agreed that the quality of the meat depended in a great measure upon the kind of hogs and the way they were cared for. Much better meat is obtained from the pure-bred than the common scrub. In order to be perfectly healthy they need plenty of range, with as great variety of feed as possible, and plenty of fresh clear water. They should be killed in cold frosty weather, and after scalding and cleaning, hung up to cool over night. Several methods of salting and smoking were presented, but the following, which was given by a farmer who, after years of experience, has gained the reputation of having the best sugar-cured hams in the county, was accepted as the most satisfactory:

Cut the meat up in the morning and shape the hams nicely. Salt lightly to bring out the blood, and allow it to remain a day or two. Prepare a brine, using two pounds of salt, two ounces of saltpeter, two pounds of brown sugar, one ounce of red pepper and five gallons of water for each 100 pounds of meat. Let this brine, which should be strong enough to float an egg, stand until the ingredients have dissolved, then place the hams in a tight barrel and pour the brine over them until they are covered. After ten days pour the brine off and cover with fresh brine prepared as the first was. When they have been in the brine a month, take them out, wipe them with a dry cloth, and while still damp sprinkle powdered borax over them, using a tablespoonful to ten pounds of meat. A large pepper box is a great help in applying it. Hang them up and smoke with hickory chips two or three weeks. Slip each ham into a flour sack, tie the ends securely, and hang them up in a cool dry place until you wish to use them. The preservative qualities of borax are recognized by all who have tried it, and it is now used in all the large packing houses. The best meat is made of hogs weighing 180 to 200 pounds. It has long been a question among progressive farmers as to whether it paid to produce hogs weighing over 300 pounds, and we are quite certain that when the object is to obtain meat of a superior quality it does not.—Rural New Yorker.

COMPLETE TOOL BOX.

No Farmer Who Believes in Keeping Up House or Barn Can Do Without One.

Here is a sketch of a handy tool box that ought to be on every farm: Take a box 4½ feet long, 3 feet wide and 15 inches deep; knock one side out and stand on end; make a shelf about 15



FARM TOOL BOX.

inches deep in the top part to keep saws, squares and planes; make a deep door, hinged at top instead at the bottom; make eight partition drawers 6 inches wide and 6 inches deep to keep different sizes of rivets, buckles, nails, screw taps, bolts, etc.; then make two drawers, 12 inches deep, to keep hames, hatchet, chisels and auger bits.—Perry McClain, in Epitomist.

SENSIBLE FARM NOTES.

There still remains much land that can be rendered more valuable than it is now by thorough drainage.

Hard, clayey soils should be turned up to the air in the fall so that the frost can have a chance to work on them during the winter

Drain tile should not be laid above the frost line, especially if it be unglazed tile. The hard frosts will pulverize it. Many a ditch has had to be redug on this account.

It is difficult to keep books on the farm, but it must be done if the farmer is to know where he stands and whether or not he is making anything by his farm operations. Farming must be conducted on the same basis as any other business. The sooner the farmers realize this the sooner will some of them be saved from going the downward road to bankruptcy.—Farmers' Review.

A Hint from the Gypsies.

The gypsies, who devote their time to horses and horse trading, are experts in taking an animal that is in poor flesh and getting him in good condition in a short time. One of these gentlemen gives the following as his favorite ration used for this purpose: Mix a bushel of flaxseed with a like amount of barley and corn and grind them together. These proportions can be increased or decreased to meet the necessities of any particular case. This mixture is to be fed three times a day, after being mixed with a peck of chopped hay or straw. Commence with giving him a small amount at first, gradually increasing it, until he is fed all he will eat. It is recommended as being much better than any drug treatment for young or old horses.—Farmers' Voice.

A Hummer.

First Space Writer—That article of yours, "Truth is Stranger Than Fiction," is a hummer. Bound to attract attention. Where did you get the facts?

Second Space Writer—Made 'em up.—N. Y. Weekly.

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SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

BANKRUPT IN VITALITY.

If You Overdraw Your Bank Account of Energy Physical Failure Is Sure to Follow.

You have a deposit of nerve energy placed to your account in the bank of your body. It may be large, in which happy case you are a millionaire in strength and accomplishing power. Or it may be so microscopic as to need careful husbanding and little expenditure to keep it from dwindling out altogether.

But many millionaires become paupers, and some "dime savings" swell into millions. It depends upon the way the capital is managed. You may think you have so much that there is no need to be economical. You get up in the morning, and feel the blood bounding through your veins like mountain cataracts, and you think you can turn the mill wheels of the world.

You work day and night, or you play day and night, which is sometimes more exhausting, and go at the limit of your speed all the time. You are overdrawing your bank account of energy, and that needlessly, for you probably have enough to last a long and useful lifetime. It pays to sit down and sharpen your tools, and it adds cent per cent. to your body bank deposit.

Another with not half your brains or bustle will get ahead of you in the end, for he makes every act, every thought, go straight to the mark. He wastes no efforts. Everything he does means something; it helps toward some given end. You spend a great deal of ammunition on your quarry, because you are over-anxious. He keeps cool, takes steady aim, and wings his bird.

You get wrinkles and frost tipped temples and become a bankrupt in vitality when you should be in your prime. You have overdrawn the best and most valuable bank account the Lord ever placed on the books of life—the ability "to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars."—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE LATEST IN FROGS.

Batrachian, Newly Discovered in Africa, Is Equipped with Real Fingers and Toes.

The strangest of all strange animals recently found in Africa is attracting widespread attention from naturalists just at present. It is a gigantic frog, with remarkably human-like fingers and toes, and it belongs to the class technically known as Batrachians.

This frog's man-like appendages do not appear on any other animal of this class, and the specimen whose photograph is reproduced herewith from the Chicago American is the first to be captured.

Scientists are unable to account for such a unique and marked difference over existing types, and it has been accepted as an entirely new species, hitherto unknown. The frog has just been received at the Museum of Natural History, London, where it is being mounted. The following details of this extraordinary animal are outlined by Mr. G. P. Bates, who discovered it.

Mr. Bates was stationed on the Benito river, in what is known as the Gaboon district, forming a part of

FROG WITH REAL FINGERS.

West Africa, and in the French Congo. This territory is wild and partly explored. The river region teems with alligators that are very fierce and dangerous.

The new frog was discovered while Mr. Bates was on a canoe journey and was shot just as it was about to plunge into the stream. On examination the frog proved to be a new and unknown species. Besides the man-like fingers and arms, the frog possesses another remarkable feature, having a long bearded growth running along the sides of its body. The color of the animal is olive-brown, some parts of the body being covered with dark brown spots. A black cross-bar runs between the eyes to the center of the body. The head is large, broader than it is long, and much depressed.

The fingers are the main and all-absorbing feature. They vary in length and are capped by a round bony substance. The toes are half webbed and are furnished with large tubercles. The skin and sides of the body are smooth. A large, dark stripe runs along the upper surface of the thigh. In size the frog measures over one foot in length. It was capable of leaping some ten feet or more at a time. The huge Congo frog, aside from being a great curiosity, is considered a rare and valuable contribution to natural history.

FACTS ABOUT CANCER.

Paris Authority Declares That There Has Been No Increase in Victims of the Disease.

The impression has gained ground among medical men that in England and some parts of America cancer was increasing more rapidly than population. Dr. Roswell Park, of Buffalo, who has made a special study of the subject, expressed the opinion a few years ago that there was a perceptible, if not alarming, growth in the mortality from this cause in New York state. He did not speak for the rest of this country or for Europe, though.

In a recent number of a prominent medical weekly published in Paris, Prof. R. de Bovis takes a somewhat more hopeful view than other experts do. He is skeptical as to any increase in frequency. He also denies that cancer attacks more women than men. When all ages are fully considered, he thinks that the two sexes are affected about equally. Still another theory which he antagonizes is that the percentage of mortality is greater in cities than in the rural districts. He points out two important sources of error in this matter. Statistics are not collected so carefully in the country as in the city, and many cases which originate in the former are sent to the city, where the victims die. The deaths are then credited to the wrong locality.

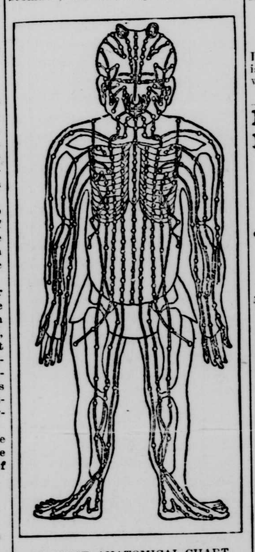
As for the organs in which cancer most often appears, he says that its frequency in the lower extremities of the intestinal canal remains about unchanged, while in the breast it is on the decrease. Cancer of the mouth and upper air passages seems to be increasing slightly, while cancer of the extremities has decreased. The chief increase in the number of cases appears to be due to the increase of cancerous visceral affections, and this increase, shown in tables, is probably more apparent than real. He states emphatically that there has not been a great deal of increase in this disease in the last few years; nor does he believe that the theory advanced that caricinoma attacks patients earlier in life than heretofore is founded on fact. The contrary opinion has been conclusively proven. The age of maximum frequency of cancer appears to be, in round numbers, 70 years for males and 75 years for females. He reviews the influence of race, and states that there seems to be a somewhat less receptivity on the part of the southern races than those of the northern, but the exact measure of this receptivity cannot be determined yet.

CHINESE CHART OF MAN.

Anatomy, as We Understand It, Is an Unknown Science in the Celestial Kingdom.

Chinese physicians have some curious notions in regard to human anatomy. The truth is, they know nothing about anatomy as that word is understood by American physicians, their principal authority on the subject being a work entitled "Neitjing," of which Huang-ti, who lived from 2697 to 2597 B. C., is said to be the author.

According to Chinese physicians, the human heart occupies almost the same position as is assigned by European and American physicians to the stomach, and bile, they maintain, has



CHINESE ANATOMICAL CHART.

its origin in the back of the head. They also claim that a human being has 365 bones, which correspond to the 365 days of the year; that a man has 12 ribs and a woman 14, and that a man's skull is composed of eight and a woman's six pieces.

Moreover, they say that in every human body there are 22 parts which are important and 56 which are unimportant, and they lay great stress on the necessity of taking good care of the important parts.

American and European physicians do not rate their Chinese colleagues very highly, yet ample testimony has been furnished by missionaries and others that there are in China many men who are wonderfully skilled in the art of healing.—Detroit Free Press.

Idiomatic Blunder.

"Mr. Henpecque, let me introduce you to the Count De Dippee."

"Ah, eet eez ze honor to meet a musician. I hear, sar, zat you an' your family play ze music."

"Why, I don't know the first thing about music."

"Why, I hear eet all around zat you 'play second fiddle, to your wife!'"—Baltimore Herald.

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Bookkeeper—Yes, sir. Since I have been with you I have managed to save $5,000.

Boss—Umph! As I always try to pay my clerks according to their needs I'll have to cut down your salary.—N. Y. Times.

Reassuring Him.

She had been shopping, and he was naturally disturbed.

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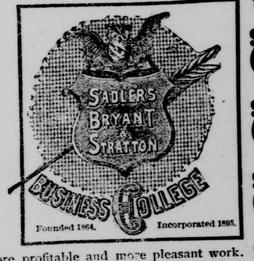

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