

Home Town Helps

TREES COMPLETE THE HOME

Importance of Proper Shrubbery Is Becoming More and More Recognized.

The primary object of setting the state was to make homes, not to make fortunes or increase the taxable wealth of the county or state. One can have a shelter or abode without trees, but no home which will appeal to the wife, and to which the children will look back with fond remembrances in after years is truly a home without the sense of beauty, repose and protection afforded by trees and shrubbery.

The trees and shrubbery should be located on the grounds to give certain effects or make a part of a living picture. The fruit orchard can be planted at regular intervals, in order to be conveniently cultivated and to use fully the ground occupied, but the trees in the yard should not be spaced like orchard trees; they should be grouped, in order to make vistas, screen unsightly outbuildings, afford shade where needed, add touches of color to the picture, provide a pleasing "sky line," and to lend variety and interest to the home surroundings. Trees and shrubbery are the setting of the jewel; the quality of the jewel is not dependent upon its size, but upon the spirit, the purity, the harmony which dwells within. Yet no jewel is shown to best advantage without a suitable setting, and no home is fully a home without its setting of trees and shrubs.

SIGNS WOULD AID CAR RIDERS



Cleveland street car officials are considering a plan to put signs on the public square showing the corners at which various car lines pass. The plan is to put sign posts at each corner of the square, hanging from them neat signs giving the list of car lines which pass that corner.—Cleveland Press.

SEE VALUE OF PLAYGROUNDS

No Community Is Now Considered Complete Without Properly Laid-Out Breathing Places.

It is a fact which ought to be of intense interest to the people of this city that during one week the attendance of children at the public playgrounds of Charleston reached the unprecedented figure of 10,575. It is estimated that about 2,509 different children visited and made use of the playgrounds during this period.

That ought to give the people of the community a clearer idea than they have heretofore possessed of the immense value of the playground system and of the effectiveness of the system as it is being applied in Charleston. Probably a majority of the Charleston readers of this newspaper have not been aware all this time of the importance which the few playgrounds now available have assumed as a factor in the life of the children of Charleston. That these grounds have been made use of in one week by something like 2,500 different children and that these children have resorted to the playgrounds so constantly and so regularly that the total attendance during the week has been over 10,500 are facts which furnish convincing proof of the value of these places of outdoor recreation.—Charleston News and Courier.

SAYS ACTION IS NOT INSTANT

Gravitation, as Electrical Phenomenon, Explained by Scientist of Worldwide Fame.

Gravitation is an electrical phenomenon and does not act instantly across space, but is transmitted with the velocity of light, thus coming from the sun to the earth in eight minutes.

So says Prof. Thomas Jefferson Jackson See, famous astronomer, in his 600-word memoir entitled: "Electro-dynamic Theory of Magnetism and of Universal Gravitation: Discovery of the Cause of Gravitation, With Proof That This Fundamental Force of Nature Is Propagated With the Velocity of Light." He claims to have discovered the secret of gravitation and has put the information in the hands of the Royal Society of London. Professor See is an astronomer of note. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri and has received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Berlin, for which institution he was later an observer. He is now a naval observer for the United States government and is stationed at the Mare Island navy yard.

Professor See holds that gravitation is due to elementary currents of electricity circulating around atoms of matter. Ampere, the celebrated French scientist, discovered in 1820 that two parallel currents of electricity floating in opposite directions repel. Following the lines first taken by Ampere, Professor See has worked out his theory of gravitation.

TIN HAT IS INNOVATION

Designer Puts Forth Many Reasons Why It Should Be Accepted as an Article of Attire.

The latest innovation in men's apparel has been sprung by W. H. Whiting of Jonesboro, Me. It is a tin hat, with a band made of copper. He fashioned the natty headpiece himself. It is not only very light in weight, but he claims that it is cheaper than a straw "bonnet," lasts longer and is absolutely rainproof.

Whiting's tin hat has a luster all its own, something that takes the shine off all other hats. It is more showy than Mambrino's helmet, made famous by Don Quixote. Whiting's hat is made of tin, common sheet tin, the same kind of tin that baked beans and sardines and tomatoes are put in. It is built on a 1915 model and no fashionable youth of the town can "put anything over" on him in the matter of style. It is neat, but not gaudy, a tin body with a copper band, not quite as brilliant as a ribbon with college colors, but more substantial and quite as attractive. At least, it attracts plenty of attention when Whiting wears it on the streets.

Career of Duke of the Abruzzi.

The Duke of the Abruzzi, commander-in-chief of Italy's navy, comes of a famous fighting house—the House of Savoy. He is forty-two years old, and is mainly known to the world as an intrepid explorer, particularly as a mountaineer. In 1897 he ascended the frozen heights of Mount Elias in Alaska, a feat, it is said, never theretofore performed. Two years later came his polar expedition, in which he made a point farther north than Nansen had reached. This was followed by mountaineering feats in Africa and among the Himalayas. In early boyhood the duke showed a fondness for the sea, and entered the Italian navy at the minimum age. He was educated at the naval school at Leghorn, and had had a most successful career as an officer of the fleet, having risen in the service by his own merits and industry.

Battle Famous in History.

The capture of Warsaw antedated by a day another historic anniversary in German history, the battle of Woerth, August 6, 1870. Here the French under Marshal McMahon, fresh from their defeat by the Prussians at Weissenburg, ten miles away, were again overwhelmed by the victorious Germans. The fiercest fighting occurred in the village of Freschweiler, which had to be stormed, the struggle in the streets being of the most desperate character as may be judged by the fact that the Prussian loss was 10,000 and the French 8,000 with 9,000 prisoners.

Replacing Fallen Soldiers.

Even if the number of permanently invalidated equaled a million more, this drain would have little effect. Half of the world's population is less than twenty-one years of age. Out of three or four hundred million of people now at war, the number of young men who will have within the year become of military age will far exceed the number killed and disabled. And it is absurd to say that this means no reparation of fighting strength because wars have always been fought in large part by boys.—Carl Snyder in Collier's Weekly.

One Cost of Tuberculosis.

In a pamphlet on "What Tuberculosis Costs in Wages," the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis says that an investigation of 500 cases in Boston shows that these men lost more than \$425,000 in wages as a result of this disease.

Definition.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is a jingo?"
"A jingo, my son, is a man who is perfectly willing to start a fight, if someone else will attend to the subsequent details."

CHICKEN A LA KING

By PAYNE MORRIS.

Mr. Peck didn't realize that it was Monday until he was upon his own pavement. When the fact crashed upon him with stunning force, he began nervously to unbutton his coat. By the time he was in the living room both coat and waistcoat were off and he was hurriedly turning back his cuffs. He knew there would be a checked apron behind the kitchen door and a note concerning dinner on a nail above the sink. It was club day, and he knew that that meant that when Mrs. Peck returned at 6:30 she would expect dinner to be ready to serve.

Mr. Peck found the apron and read the note. "Great days!" he exploded. "Chicken a la king, page 76 in the cook book, potatoes au gratin, page 104, banana fritters—you know how—the dessert's made (on ice), cucumber and tomato salad, French dressing. Put down the lace mats and yellow candles and an extra place. I'm having company."

A staccato knock sounded upon the kitchen door, and Mr. Peck opened it. A young woman stood there—a very pretty young woman. Even in Mr. Peck's perturbed state of mind, he had enough gallantry to fling the door quite wide and say pleasantly: "Good evening. Won't you come in?"

She nodded appreciatively and stepped into the kitchen. "I am Mrs. Harmon from next door. I came in to see if Mrs. Peck could lend me a lemon."

"If you'll just sit down, I'll go look in the pantry. Mrs. Peck is out and I'm getting dinner."

"Oh, how cute! Imagine my Harry getting his own dinner! I can just see him in an apron!" She threw back her head and laughed merrily.

The laugh was very contagious and Mr. Peck smiled. He wanted to hear her laugh some more. "Besides," he added proudly, "I'm not only getting my own dinner, but that of my wife and—and company."

Mr. Peck procured the lemon and was holding the door open for her when a happy thought struck him. "Do you know how to make chicken a la king?" he asked.

"Heavens! Do you have to make that?"

"Yes, and—wait, I'll read you the note."

"You poor man!" when he had finished. "You never can do that in the world. It's almost six now."

Mr. Peck looked at his watch anxiously. "So it is! Why, I'd no idea it was so late."

"Don't you want me to stay and help? I'd love to, if—if you don't tell." Mr. Peck promised with suspicious promptness.

So Mr. Peck and his pretty neighbor dissected chicken, made cream dressing, grated cheese, made batter and altogether were so busy for the next half hour that neither had time to talk.

Mr. Peck set the table while the fritters were frying. He knew where to find things—lace mats and all.

"Well, Mr. Peck, I guess it's time I was going. The whole dinner's ready to serve." She laughed amiably.

Mr. Peck turned the knob of the kitchen door when he had thanked his neighbor for her heaven-sent help. The door stuck. He turned the knob the other way. Still it stuck. He rattled the knob and kicked the door. No use! He looked anxiously at his watch. Six-thirty! "It's time for Tillie, Mrs. Harmon, and the door doesn't seem to open. Will you try the front way?"

"I'll have to, I guess. Wouldn't it be dreadful if I'd meet Mrs. Peck!"

"You're just right, it would!" snapped a woman's voice from the shadow of the front hall. "You didn't hear me come in, eh, John? Well, here I am! And the gentleman I've brought with me will be just as interested as I am, I guess." Mrs. Peck reached for the switch in the living room and turned on the light.

"Harry!" gasped Mrs. Harmon. "You didn't tell me you were coming here tonight. I didn't expect to see you."

"No, I guess you didn't," said Mrs. Peck. "This is a pretty how do you do!"

Mrs. Harmon looked nervously from one to the other. Then she made the speech of her life.

"Don't you dare to speak to me until I'm through, Mrs. Peck, nor you either, Harry Harmon. You are both so busy with clubs and lectures you forget you have homes—both of you. I came in here to borrow a lemon for my solitary supper. I ought to be accustomed to them, but I'm not. This poor man here was panic-stricken for fear he couldn't cook the meal he'd been ordered to get. So I offered to help and I did. What's more, you've no more business being out with my husband than I have trying to kill myself for yours. So there!" She rushed for the door sobbing.

Harry caught her in his arms, saying remorsefully: "Wait a minute, Toots! See here! I have been a selfish old cad, but I promise to reform this minute. You're a little peach, that's what you are. There—that's better, dry your eyes, dearie."

Mrs. Peck surveyed her husband with contrition. "John Peck, take off that apron and don't you ever put on another as long as you live or go into that kitchen either. Mrs. Harmon, have you any appetite for your own cooking?"
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