

How to Increase the Yield of Fruit

Increased fruit crops are more often the result of good management than of good luck. Fruit trees and fruit plants need a liberal supply of

Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers

The trees absorb plant foods—that is, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash—from the soil just the same as any other crop. Experience has shown this over and over again. This truth has become so well recognized that "return to the land" has become an axiom with the best growers.

Apple, pear, peach, orange and other fruit trees soon respond to careful fertilization. But be sure to use the best fertilizers. "I made a test with other companies' fertilizers," says Mr. H. O. Lowry, of Manatee County, Fla., "and yours proved to be the best. The yield where I used Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer was just twice as much as where the other two companies' fertilizer was used."

Hundreds of users say Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers are cheapest because of their good qualities—give better satisfaction and quicker results.

Many facts of great interest and value to fruit growers are published in the new 1909 Farmers' Year Book, a copy of which will be sent free on application to any of our sales offices.

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We want to direct your attention first to our Line of Buggies. Our Rock Hill, Durham, Corbett and Babcock Buggies embrace every feature to be desired in a serviceable and perfect riding Buggy. If it is ease of motion, finish and durability in a Buggy you want, for the lowest dollar, we have it.

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Our Line of Wagons is complete, and for lightness of draft and durability for the price we offer, is unapproached in any rival.

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Our car load of Horses was unloaded this morning. Come in and select what you want from a car that has not been picked over. We will give you the benefit of our twenty-five years experience in helping you get just what you want.

LAP ROBES and HARNESS.

We now handle the celebrated 5-A Robes, and have the best Line ever shown in the county. Five hundred satisfied customers using our hand-made Harness. In fact we carry everything in our line you want. Guarantee the quality and satisfy you with the price when you buy.

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PLOWDEN HARDWARE CO.,

want to express their thanks for the liberal and growing patronage they have had since beginning business one year ago, announce to their friends and customers that they have now a larger and more complete stock than ever.

In the thousands of useful and necessary articles carried in a Hardware Store it is hard to call attention to even the most important articles in an advertisement.

We have a Full Line of the best Ranges, Stoves and Heaters. Beautiful Enamel Ware. We make this specialty. Nursery Refrigerators, something new, useful and attractive. Guns, Rifles and Ammunition. All the latest fads in Base Ball Goods and Fishing Tackle. Pocket Knives, Scissors, Axes, one and two-horse Plows, Cotton Planters, Guano Distributors, Cultivators and Harrows. In fact, almost everything a farmer, mechanic or any other calling needs in the way of Hardware. Paints, Oils, Varnishes and Roof ings.

Agents for both the Electric Weld and Ellwood Wire Fence. No others can compare to these and all good farmers are beginning to appreciate their merit. We manufacture the very best Tobacco Barn Flues, from the heaviest and best iron, and guarantee every set we sell.

A Full Line of the best Crockery, Lamps, Glass-ware and Table Cutlery. Our prices always low as the lowest.

Plowden Hardware Company,

In The "Busy" Levi Block.

FARMERS! Fence Your Land

Control the price of your produce in the only way you can by diversifying the use of your land. More pastures will mean more pork and more profit. A hog pasture is not expensive. Bermuda Grass planted this fall will be in fine condition for pasturing next year, and once planted will afford grazing for hogs and cattle several seasons. It will enable you to keep cows at small expense and these housed from convenient pasture will help to cut down fertilizer bill.

There is no limit to the possibilities with well fenced land, and farm cut into convenient fields for pasturage and cultivation.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED.

the largest shipment of Wire Fencing (Barbed and Woven) ever brought into the county. This Fencing was bought at the lowest price named by the makers more than three years. We are going to sell this fence to our patrons at the lowest possible margin of profit. We want to sell the entire lot before the 1st of September, do not fail to see this lot and to purchase what you will want. It will be the best investment you have made in many days.

We are still selling the Ideal Deering Mower. This mower is without comparison. No other Mower has stood the same test that the Ideal Deering has. We have a full line of repairs for them. In addition to the Mowers and Rakes, we are selling a lot of Smoothing Harrows, One and Two-Horse Steel Beam Plows, (Syracuse and Oliver Chilled.

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A full line of all sizes. Remember we want your business, and we will make it to your interest as well as ours, to deal with us.

Very truly yours,

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An Awkward Player.

In 1908 King James published his famous "Book of Sports" and, thinking to render the Presbyterian form of worship less rigid, ordered that certain of the sports therein commended should be played in the several churches every Sunday at the close of divine service. John Ross, a minister of Blairgowrie, adopted a novel method of withstanding the royal ordinance. He was a strong, athletic man and seemed much interested in the recreations enjoined by the monarch. Football was selected by the parishioners of Blairgowrie from the list of "Sunday games." When the services of the church were completed Mr. Ross appeared among his people in the churchyard and joined them in their sport. None of the assemblage kicked more eagerly at the football than did the reverend incumbent. But constant misfortune seemed to attend him. Every kick missed the ball and fell heavily on the ankles of those who stood near. Apologies were promptly tendered and, of course, received, though every Sunday many of the parishioners returned home halting. Finally it was agreed that on account of the minister's awkwardness the games should be abandoned. Thus the ingenious divine gained his end and vented complacency with the obnoxious order.

Where Greek Met Greek.

The marble clock in the dining room had just announced in mellow tones the hour of 3 a. m., when the wife of the plumber nudged him and whispered nervously: "Horace, there's a burglar in the house!"

"There is, hey?" answered the husband, now thoroughly awake. "I'll see about him."

With cunning stealth he got out of bed and tiptoed out of the room. For ten minutes no sound broke the awful stillness. Then the house shook with a crash. There was a century of silence. Then a chair fell, the front door slammed and a heavy bundle thumped down the front stairs and into the street.

The terrified wife fainted, to be brought back to consciousness by the voice of her husband.

"It's all right, dear. I threw him out," he chuckled as he turned on the light. "But the scoundrel had only \$4.30 in his clothes."—Judge.

How Mayne Reid Won His Bride.

It was through his novel, "The Scalp Hunters," that Captain Mayne Reid won a bride. He was thirty years old when he met a damsel of thirteen, with whom he at once fell in love. The child took no notice of him, but he gave her the story to read. Two years later the young lady was at a public meeting where Captain Reid spoke on behalf of the Polish refugees. "An electric thrill seemed to pass through me as he entered the room," she said afterward, "and when the meeting was over she went up to him. 'I leave for London on the next train,' he said hurriedly. 'Please send me your address.' 'I do not know where,' she replied, with some embarrassment. He instantly handed out his card and was gone. A formal little note followed: 'Dear Captain Reid—As you asked me to send you my address, I do so.' By return of post came the answer, "Only say that you love me and I will be with you at once," and then the reply, "I think I do love you."

Whittier's Applause.

In his declining years the poet Whittier was extremely absentminded. He attended a church meeting where there was a large number of persons. As his presence was known, it was deemed fitting by one of the speakers to quote the poet's lines:

I know not where his islands lift their fringed palms; I only know I cannot die; Beyond his love and care.

Great applause greeted the quotation, and Whittier was noticed to join in the handclapping. "I suppose I must have had my mind on something else. I had no recollection of having written the verse," he said apologetically when his attention was called to the authorship.—Boston Post.

Legal Fiction.

Says Sir Henry Maine in his "Ancient Law": "A legal fiction is the assumption which conceals or affects to conceal the fact that a rule of law has undergone alteration, its letter remaining unchanged while its operation has been modified. The fact is that the law has been changed; the fiction is that it remains what it always was."

Frenzied Financiering.

Columbus Washington Johnson Smith—What's de price er dem watermelons, Mr. Jackson?

Mr. Jackson (cunningly)—Ten cents erpiece and I picks 'em; 20 cents erpiece and you picks 'em, Mr. Smif.

Mr. Smith—All right, Mr. Jackson. I guesses I'll take 'em all, and you picks 'em, ef you please.—Puck.

What He Wanted.

"You are a poor young man?" "I am."

"Then what you want is a thrifty, economical wife."

"Not at all. What I want is a rich, liberal wife."

In Luck.

"It's no fun being married. My wife is coming to me all the time and asking for money!"

"You're lucky! I have to ask my wife always for money when I want any!"

When a man likes to see how near the edge he can walk without falling over, there is only one thing that will cure him—falling over.—Atchison Globe.

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Hexamethylenetetramine.

The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric acid solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities, and avoid a serious malady. W. E. Brown & Co.

He Forged.

Trotter—When young Biffkins left college a few years ago, he declared he was going to forge his way to the front. Did he make good? Homer—As a forger—yes. He's now occupying a front row cell in the penitentiary.—Chicago News.

His Experiences.

Spector—You new horse doesn't look nary like the architect's original design. Victim—No, but it looks more like than the cost looks like his original estimate.—Smart Set.

If no light, no victory; no victory, no crown.—Savonarola.

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