

Horticultural Department.

A Defense of Birds.

Like other benefactors of the human family, birds come in for more than their share of misrepresentation and abuse.

The stomach of a robin in March contains worms, grubs and seeds. April, insects, worms and grubs.

Another bird that comes under the ban of the destroyer is the golden oriole.

The quail (gentle Bob White) is not a fruit-eating bird.

This bill of fare ought to satisfy every unprejudiced mind that the feathered tribes are not the enemies but the friends of man.

We always expect sordid and grasping men to raise an outcry against the birds as being enemies to the agriculturist.

of which would be the destruction of all fruits and every green thing, and this desolation and famine would stalk triumphant throughout the land.

Pruning Evergreens.

Upon pruning evergreens, Mr. M. B. Bateham, secretary of the Ohio Horticultural society, writes as follows, what experts know, and what every person who cultivates evergreens ought to know:

"Many people do not understand that evergreen trees bear pruning as well as most other kinds, and in many cases need it quite as much.

Gas Tar for Curculio.

I have seen in your paper a remedy for the depredations of the curculio, by smoking the trees with gas tar.

Apple Trees.

Prof. Beal, in a recent communication in the Fruit Recorder, takes occasion to object to the practice of scraping the trunks of apple trees.

ly to give other good management and culture. Fertilizers and a clean, mellow soil will do far more to promote growth than any outside treatment of the trunks.

The Household.

Duty of Mothers to their Daughters.

Dear Rural Sisters:—You who are mothers of daughters, do you ever realize the responsibility which is resting upon you?

To prepare her to fill her position in life should be our great study. She should have a thorough knowledge of household affairs, so that she may be able to take proper care of her home or superintend those who do.

Many a bright life is shadowed and many a soul darkened for the want of a little knowledge.

Then let us teach our children to read these unmistakable signs of character. It is an open book, and he who wills may read.

Mothers, you who have to perform your own household labor, let your daughters wear plainer clothes.

teaching do for them? Have you fulfilled your mission wisely and well?

I met a fair young creature once. A look of woe filled the dark eyes and a terrible trouble darkened the bright young life.

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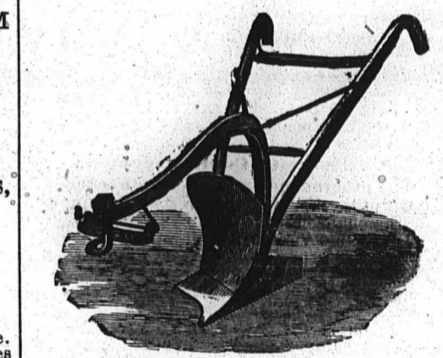
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