THIS very impressive 9-room house can be erected for \$3,200, upon a stone foundation. The size upon the ground is 30x40 feet. The sizes of the rooms are shown on the plans.

A veranda is under one corner of the building. The living room is very large and has several good features, such as a

Plastering, two-coat work. Painting, three-coat work. Floors, double with felt paper between.

Exterior sheathed with fence flooring. First floor exterior, 4-inch siding. Second-story exterior, dimension shingles

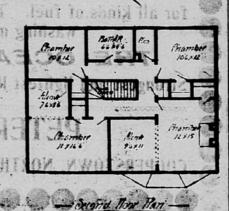
Stone wall, 16 inches thick; chimney



AN ATTRACTIVE NINE-ROOM RESIDENCE.

et mantel, stairway leading to secone floor and a large bay window.
The dining-room has a beamed celling and is at the back of the sitting-

On the left of the hall, on entering, a find the reception and music rooms.



above roof, red pressed brick; inside

finished with Georgia pine; finished floors of Georgia pine.

First-story ceiling, 91/2 feet high; sec

ond-story ceiling, 9 feet high; basement

ceiling, 8 feet high. Hardware, up-to-date kind;

floor have alcove rooms in connection. All chambers have large closets.

Size of studding, 2x4; 16-inch centers; size of joist, 2x10; 16-inch centers; size of roof rafters, 2x4; 24-inch centers.

SELECTING A RAZOR.

No Blade Is Good That Does Not Give Out a Clear Sound Like a Tuning Fork.

More than two-thirds of all the men in the civilized or are shaved by barbers, therefore the razor is an implement always in good demand. Few know how to choose one. Dr. Edouard Di Prato, who has used many hundreds, went into a cutlery store near City Hall park, in New York, to make a purchase of 25. "Please let me see your stock," he said. Several dozen large cases were placed before him. He took each razor for examination. All looked alike. They were made by one firm and guaranteed, but he cast aside more than half as undesirable. In testing he laid the blade flat upon his thumb nail and drew it slowly from end to end, pressing just drmly enough to show the hardness or softness of the temper. At first it eemed that he was about to sever his thumb. Satisfied with the temper, he occeded to flip the edge with the tips of his angers, making a tuning fork of the metal. If it had the right ring he accepted it. "It took me 25 years to learn this," he said.-N. Y. Post.

Study of Ordinary Clay.

An investigation extending over many years has shown H. J. Cambie that all ordinary clay loses its cohesive properties on being dried until nearly all its moisture is expelled. On being drenched with much water such clay becomes almost liquid mud; but clay that has not been so dried does not absorb more water, and loses only some of its putside particles in the washing. A block of the dry clay absorbed 50 per cent. of its weight of water without change of form, suddenly collapsing into a said condition when the amount reached 60 per cent. Landslides and washouts seem to be largely due to this overlooked change in clay; and river bluffs remain unaffected because the clay has never dried sufficiently to acquire the property of soaking up an excessive proportion of water.

Waspa' Sense of Location.

There is no doubt among naturalists that many insects have certain senses that human beings have not. The sense of location shown by the wasp, for example, is remarkable. The bombex species builds its nest in a sandbank that is only a part of several acres of such soil, and, when it leaves in search of food, it covers up the nest so carefully that no ordinary eyes could distinguish its location; that is to say, it is just like all the surrounding surface. banish red ants. Borax is also useful, And yet the wasp files back to it without hesitation, and finds it without making a mistake. There is another wasp that unerringly locates the eggs of the mason bee under a thick layer of sunbaked clay, and deposits her own eggs in the same cells that her young may have food when they are hatched.

The two large chambers on the second | room fixtures, up-to-date kind. American glass throughout. Shingles dipped in creosote stain. All work to be done in a workman-like manner. All material is to be of the best of its respective kind.

GEORGE A. W. KINTZ.

PREDESTINED TO BULLET.

Deadly Diphtheria Culture Did Not Affect Man Doomed to a Different Death.

In the experience of Dr. Adolph Gehrthere has been at least one man under his observation who, born to die by a bul let, has been immune to the germ of diph theria under most aggravated circumstances.

Dr. Gehrmann was speaking of the infrequency of laboratory infection of any kind, and, failing to recall one instance of such infection where it had occurred in laboratory work, he recalled a case where, in class in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, an act that ordinarily would be classed as suicidal was made simply a story for laughter, that the subject of it might become the victim of an Arizona bullet several years later.

Before a class in the school on tha particular morning a specimen of diphtheria was passed down the line in a cup the tendency is to lower heads. The with a small brush in it, in order that more recently, planted apple orchards the students might put a touch of the are rarely over two to three feet to matter upon the slides for microscopic examination of the germs. This particular student, who seemed to have been marked for an Arizona graveyard, mis took the purpose of the cup and brush: When it was passed to him, thinking it was a wash in the treatment of the disease, and desiring to feel its effect, he took the brush, opened his mouth wide,

and swabbed his throat vigorously. "We got him out in a minute and applied antiseptics until you couldn't rest," said Dr. Gehrmann. "The whole performance had been so unexpected and so horrible that the class was stampeded for a moment. As for the student, he was a big, husky fellow, and he was less concerned than most of us. Well, the infec; tious matter didn't feaze him. There were no consequences following it, and the boy went the even and uneven tenor of school life to the point of graduation. Then he took to the even and uneven tenor of life in Arizona, and in a mixep with a native a few months later he was

shot and killed. "It doesn't prove anything, of course," admits the doctor. "It leaves us guessing, as we always have been guessing, over the question and the possibilities of predestination. But at least this example that I have spoken of is made the stronger from the fact that the man escaped diphtheria and died by a bullet. To escape a bullet and die by diphtheria would not have seemed have so significant."-

Chicago Tribune. How to Drive Away Ants. Broken bits of licorice sprinkled about pantry shelves will, it is said,

Coal from Ohio Valley.

the crystal and not the powder being

The output of bituminous coal from the Ohio valley last year was 165,000 .-000 tons, which was nearly four-fifths of the entire production of America.



A CELLAR FOR CELERY.

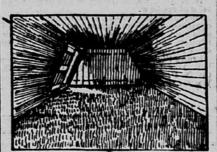
mproved Storage System, Rec mended by the Cornell (N. Y.) Experiment Station.

When celery is grown in considerable quantities it is necessary to have a place in which to store it. It is also advisable to construct the place early in the season to make sure that it is ready when needed. We show two cuts of an improved storage for celery that has recently been illustrated by the Cornell Experiment station. The



EXTERIOR OF CELLAR.

first cut shows the exterior of such a cellar, and the second the interior. The storing of celery for the winter trade is an important problem in the north, and the present methods of keeping celery are defective for commercial purposes, being either too wasteful of requiring too much labor. B. M. Duggar, of the Cornell station, says: "To continue its vitality, succulence and crispness, celery must continue in the storage house a very slow growth, a growth sufficient to establish the roots in the soil and to complete the devel-



INTERIOR OF CELLAR.

opment of the inner leaves. Thorough freezing is fatal, but the lowest temperature at which freezing will not take place is most desirable. only does this temperature hold the plant in the desired condition of greatly suspended activities, but it renders next to impossible the growth of injurious fungi, which would speedily wilt and rot it. In order, then, to approach the temperature sought, the house should be so snugly constructed as to provide against freezing. Again, it should be so provided with ventilating appliances that at any time advantage may be taken of any cold in-tervals to rapidly and effectively chill the house, after which it might be securely closed for a warmer period, and, with this inclosed lower temperature remains for a time at a point more nearly that desired .- Farmers' Review

HEIGHT OF FRUIT TREES.

Tendency of Progressive Orehardists Now Is to Lower Heads for All Kinds of Fruits.

There is considerable difference of opinion among orchardists as to the height at which fruit trees should be headed. In the eastern states there are many who think the trunks should be four to five feet, and some of the apple orchards have bodies taller than this. However well this may be for the eastern conditions, it is not the proper way to train trees anywhere in the central and western states, and in the east the lower branches, and the pear or-

chards from one to two feet. Any one who has had experience in the west knows that the hot suns and almost constant summer winds work havoc in orchards that are headed high. The flat-headed apple tree borer works in the trunks and large branches that are exposed to the sun. I have seen apple trees in northern Texas that were badly attacked by this issect al-most ten feet from the ground. In Kansas and Missouri it is not so abundant and destructive, but nearly all the apple trees with tall, bare trunks have borers on them.

Tall heads give the wind greater power over the roots, which strains them unduly, often causing the trees to incline to the northeast or fall to the grounds. The fruit is much harder to gather from tall headed trees than from

those with low heads. .

Spraying is much more easily done on low-headed trees, and the same is true of pruning. There does not seem. to be any good reason for heading fruit trees high, except that they are troublesome to cultivate when the branches are very close to the ground. This can be largely overcome by using tools that are made to meet these require-

ments.-Midland Farmer. Points on Plant Breeding.

Hand-pollination has a very limited field of usefulness, as it is difficult to do a large volume of work. When two varieties of apples are to be crossed, one tree can have some of its branches topworked, after which natural forces will do the work of pollinating. In crossing different plants it has been found that the true hybrids do not appear till about the third generation. It is therefore, a mistake not to sow the seeds from the first plantings. Scions for scion-ortrees .- Midland Farmer.

CLEANING PRUIT FIELDS.

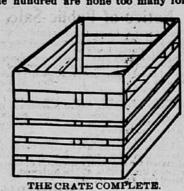
fring Dividends in the Coming Fruiting Season.

In many districts it is not until spring arrives that the work of cleaning the field begins, and then hurry ensues. While the decayed weeds and grass covering the roots of the plants may serve as a mulch, and partially protect against the severity of the winter, the question comes up as to the cost. Apparently it is cheaper to allow the weeds to grow and remain, if they are valued as mulching material, as no labor is required in their use, but weeds are very expensive and very costly if the matter be viewed from an economical standpoint. The storing of the material for the production of next year's crop of fruit goes on in the vines now, and the greater portion of the effort of reproduction is when the condition of heat and moisture are most favorable. Some plants bear fruit before the summer comes on, but it is during the summer that the growth of new canes and vines is greatest. All the elements of growth come from the soil and as no plant will thrive as well under competition as without it, it is plain that the weeds simply rob the plants not only of nourishment but also of moisture. When they die in the fail they do not return to the soil that which is derived from it, as during the process of decomposition much of the ritrogenous matter is dissipated in the atmosphere. The duty should be to cultivate between the rows of strawberries, raspberries and blackberries, thinning out the surplus plants and either hoeing or hand pulling the weeds. If some kind of winter covering be needed it is more economical to use salt hay or some cheap material that can be easily applied. .It is also best to cut back the tops of tall canes. If growth is to be made let it be of laterals. It is much better to cut back early than to wait until the plant, has wasted energy in producing vines that must be removed in the spring. All the energy saved now will be brought into use next spring in the effort to produce fruit, which will then be of better quality.-Troy (N. Y.) Times.

CRATES FOR VEGETABLES.

They Are Easily Made and If Wel Taken Care Of Will Last for a Number of Years.

Slatted Crates for handling vegetables and other farm products are very convenient and economical. They are in use by only a few farmers, and those who have them speak very highly of them. In husking corn they will almost pay for themselves in one season. One hundred are none too many for a



farmer to have. They should be made 13 inches square, and 14 inches high. which will hold nearly one bushel heaped measure. The corner pieces should be made of maple one and onehalf inches square, cut in two diagonally. The slats should be three-eights by two inches, preferably of elm, and nailed three-eights or one-half inch apart. The top slat should be at least fiveeights or three-fourths inch thick, and the space between this and the second slat one and one-half inches wide, to permit of getting the hands through for lifting. The bottom slats on two sides must also be five-eights or threefourths inch thick, to permit of nailing the bottom slats. Such crates made of good seasoned material and kept under cover when not in use, will last

for many years.—Orange Judd Farmer.

New Methods in Dairying. Inferior butter lowers the price of the good butter, and injures trade in that afticle. It would be considered an offense to inform the wives of some farmers that they do not know how to make good butter, yet thousands of pounds of butter reach the market that could be of a higher grade if the farmers and their wives were not prejudiced against "fancy farming." A silo, a pure bred animal or improved methods of farming are regarded as innovations, being forced on farmers only after more progressive neighbors leave the former methods behind and find profit in so doing.

Use Sonpauds for Scales. Common soapsuds will go far towards keeping plants, vines and bushes free of scales and insects in general: On washday the soapsuds may be utilized to "douse" the leaves. With a common sprayer one can wet the under sides of the leaves thoroughly with the suds. Where it is possible to reach the leaves the treatment may be easily done Make a soap lather and apply it to all vines and bushes within reach by dipning them into the vessel. Or take one handful of lather and with the other hand draw the infested leaves through it, so that the under sides are wet .- Midland farmer.

Whitewashing Fruit Trees. The old-time method of whitewashing the trunks of trees is not usually credited with its full value. Farmers follow it considerably, though, perhaps, more from & country habit than with a definite reason before them. Prof. M. T. Macoun horticulturist for the Canadian department of agriculture adds that it is mos efficient composed of 60 pounds of lime 24 gallons of water and six gallons of skimmilk, or those proportions. The milk makes the wash stick better, giving chards should be selected from bearing the lime more opportunity to exercise its caustic properties.

Prof. George Lincoln Burr, of Cornell, who lately toured New England on his bicycle in order to gather facts about witch-craft, is an anthority on the history of superstation and persecution, and is also as indefatigable wiselmans. Prof. Burr, with his bicycle, has penetrated many primitive and secluded parts of the United States.

From these journeys, says an eastern exchange, he returns with little stories that are now quaint, now strange, now humorous. A story of the latter sort concerns a visit to Tennessee.

"I arrived one night at a mountaineer's cabin," said the professor, "and asked for shelter for the night. The good people were very hospitable. They gave me a comfortable bed and an excellent meal.

"While I was eating the meal my host watched me narrowly to see that I had everything I wanted. He kept ordering his wife to fill my glass, to bring me more bread, and so forth. Finally, when I began to eat a piece of apple pie, he exclaimed in an indignant tone:

"Une why don't you bring the gentle."

"'Jane, why don't you bring the gentle-man a knife? Don't you see him here tryin' lo est his pie with a fork?'"

The modern Sheriock was told to spot the suspected man.
"Well," said Sherlock, "I have at least found that his wife is away on a vacation."
"How did you find that out?" asked the mystified friend.
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ALL TIRED OUT.

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