

hen plants are fully exposed to a northern location the soil around it should be turned over at least once a week to reach it, and, as it were,

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Of course, it is hard to get things done in a private house, but raising and lowering windows, freeze the atmosphere to all life.

Watering of importance in plant-stering. Showering is almost as good as root watering. The leaves of the plant are covered with pores, and the plant gets its life through them. If these pores become clogged with dust and dirt the plant surely suffers. Therefore, removes the dirt from the leaves, generally speaking, insures a healthy plant. To get this moisture on a plant fails to get this moisture on yellow and fall off, and the plant looks shabby.

During the winter it is a great help to have water evaporating on stoves, radiators in rooms where artificial light is used.

While sweeping or dusting indoors, it is well to cover the plants with a light paper. Another thing to remember is to remove leaves as soon as they turn yellow, and never throw them down as they decay. If a plant shows a tendency to decay, cut it back to a healthy part.

## FEEDING OF DOGS.

Dietary are probably the commonest cause of ill-health in dogs, so many mistakes being kind only to be made. A cardinal mistake arises from the fact that the canine stomach works in a different manner as those of human beings, does nothing of the sort. You never look inside the mouth of a dog to see what he is eating. The teeth were never meant to chew food that ours do. They are used for tearing it to pieces, and it is natural for a dog to bolt his food in large pieces, digestive processes being quite slow, and a sufficient interval is required between meals. This is the reason why a dog should be fed only once, or, at the most, twice, except of course, in the case of puppies or invalids. The unhappy dog receives something every time he is fed, and his mistress eats in a comfortable and miserable existence, usually resulting in a disgusting mass of obesity and a premature death.—“Country Life.”

## WORKED SNAKE.

A very stringent prohibitory law to effect in Kansas has revived an old subject. A stranger went into a saloon and asked for some whiskey. “I don't sell any whisky,” said the druggist. “I don't sell any whisky,” persisted the stranger. “What do you want?” replied the druggist. “I don't want any whisky. I can't sell you any whisky.” Well, what can you sell me?” asked the stranger. “The only thing I sell is snake bites,” said the druggist. “Hold up, now!”

entertaining volume, “some of the geese in his flock near thirty years of age, and he told me he had the best information that a gander, which happened to be killed by accident, was about eighty, and has been observed, for above fifty years, to associate with one female.”

I informed him that there is a goose alive, in a clergyman's house near Glasgow, one hundred and twenty years old, it being allowed to live about the house, and become the property of every succeeding clergyman there—a sort of perpetual “minister's man.”

About ten years ago (continues the writer) I was aware of a gander belonging to a Mr. Roddick, of Gandside, Westmoreland, which had also a remarkable record. It had belonged to his father as a pet, and Mr. Roddick remembered it well when he was a very small boy, so that at the time I was introduced to it the bird must have been over sixty years of age. The goose had one peculiarity (for an avian goose): it was an inveterate toper. I have often seen it swallow a pint of beer. But it had no speciality in the way of liquor. It took Scotch whiskey and water readily: if anything, it preferred gin, which it drank greedily. The ordinary herring gull has been known to live (as a pet) for fully a quarter of a century, and in 1903 I was introduced to one on Lundy Island which was then 26 years of age and “nearby.” My “record” for a caged lark is 25 years, and for pigeons (Barbury dove) 37 years.

## THE LATE MR. M. RYAN, BALLINGRANE.

The funeral of the late Mr Michael Ryan, Ballingrane, whose death occurred on Tuesday, September 21st, took place on Thursday last. The remains were conveyed to Rathkeale Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were—His sons, Messrs Edward, Henry, William, Alfred, and Augustus; his daughters, Misses Minnie and Lucy Ryan; brothers-in-law, Messrs Charles and Robert Switzer; nieces, Mrs Butler and Miss Lily Switzer; cousins, Mrs William Teakey, and Mrs W. Shier. The cortege was very large and representative of all classes and creeds. The Rev Treasurer Haydn, his loved and respected Rector, conducted the Burial Service in the Church. The hymn “Rock of Ages” were sung by the school children under Miss Trainor. The service was concluded at the grave, where the Rev Treasurer Haydn paid a high tribute to the many excellent qualities of the deceased gentleman. Wreaths were sent from his children, nieces, and several friends. The deceased represented Nantenan Parish in the Diocesan Synod for over 30 years.

## PLUCKY YOUNG WOMAN.

### How a Burglar was Captured

A young married woman, named Mabel Hibbert, the wife of a newsagent, of 496 Ashton-road, Oldham, detailed the way in which she pluckily captured a Bochdale man named James Wolfenden, at the Oldham Police Court, when Wolfenden was charged with burglary.

Mrs. Hibbert stated that she and her husband retired to bed about 10.30 after seeing that the doors and windows were securely fastened. She was awakened about 2.15 by a noise in the front bedroom, which is over Messrs Luckworth's grocer's shop. Wolves, who slept in another

Mr. Lynch—I think you can. Mr. Justice Dodd—I think it is it is to Limerick the case ought to go you say, Mr. Fitzhenry?

Mr. Fitzhenry—I think it is nowhere. It is a scandalous action. has sued two constables already, and to be enough for him.

Mr. Justice Dodd—That does not Court. I think it will be for the court all parties to send the case to Limerick plaintiff had brought his action as a writ it would be tried in Limerick have no doubt about my jurisdiction send it to Limerick.

## KILRUSH PETTY SESSIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

Before Mr. A. M. Harper, R.M. (Mr. W. J. Glynn, Mr. Michael S. B. Michael Mescal).

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

A publican in Francis Street was costs for selling a pint of whiskey Young, Inspector of Food and Drugs, the certificate of Sir Charles Cameron to contain 26.67 per cent of water.

In cross-examination, the police admitted that the bottle was sealed, but was supplied as delivered from the people.

NO LICENSE FOR FIREARMS.

Patrick McAuliffe, of Labasheed, prosecuted by the Inland Revenue Authority carrying a six chambered revolver without the necessary licence.

Sergeant Young deposed that the defendant was arrested for drunkenness, and in their possession a six chambered revolver fully loaded.

Defendant, who is unpopular in the which he lives, and is under close protection, said he did not think a license As his life was in danger he took the revolver for his protection.

Mr. Brews said that was all the ground why defendant should take out a license revolver was so important and useful. The Chairman said McAuliffe must have a license.

Defendant relied on some words in notice he produced, that, as the firea for sporting purposes the order could be regarded.

The Chairman—The defence is in it is not enough.

A fine of £2 10s was imposed magistrates recommended be further 10s. The defendant was further take out a license forthwith.

NON-BONA FIDES.

Two young men named Breen and whom the police described as below corner boy class, were summoned for licensed premises in Vandeleur Street, week, not being bona fide travellers.

The men were found in the rear publichouse by a police sergeant.

Defendants strongly denied the charge. A fine of 5s was imposed in each majority of the magistrates.

## RUSSIAN RAILWAY

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