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## LETTER BOX.

[From time to time there are received questions of general interest which require relatively short answers. Whenever the questions are of wide enough application to warrant it, the answers will be published under this heading.]

1. How can filet lace medallions be washed in the frames?

*Answer.*—Use Ivory soap. Make a lather and rub by hand. Rinse well with clean water, and dry in the bright sunshine.

2. Has poultry raising ever been tried in connection with girls' work in central primary schools?

*Answer.*—No; but the rules of the boys' and girls' agricultural clubs provide for the girls as well as the boys taking up this work wherever conditions seem particularly favorable. For further information see pamphlet on the organization of agricultural clubs for Filipino boys and girls.

3. Why should garden paths be straight and plots carefully aligned?

*Answer.*—Straight paths running from one side of the garden to the other and the careful alignment of plots are important factors in gardening, and are directly related to order. The teacher who is careless in this matter misses a valuable opportunity to serve the best interests of his pupils.

4. Is it important that paths and margins of gardens be kept free from grass and weeds?

*Answer.*—It is almost as important that garden paths and margins next to the fence be kept clear of grass and weeds as that the plots themselves should be kept weeded.

5. Should pupils use laundry soap for washing their hands?

*Answer.*—Laundry soap is unfit for washing the hands because of the free alkali present, unless the hands are very much soiled from such work as that in machine shops. Then it is more effective in removing the oil, tar and dirt than a mild soap. Ivory soap will not roughen a delicate skin as laundry soap would. For such work as scrubbing or washing seats, laundry soap should be used.

### ERRATUM.

In answer No. 2, on page 156 of the August issue of this magazine, the formula for a solution to kill weevils should have read: "Five ounces of chloride of mercury to one and one half liters of alcohol."

It has been suggested that this treatment is too expensive. At the Manila Trade School, when bamboo was being prepared for shipment to the San Francisco exposition, weevils were eliminated by giving all of the bamboo two coats of turpentine.