we all should try and arrive at a point, to construct cooler and more airy places for curing and keeping our berries.

CHAPTER XV.

FROST, AND HOW TO AVOID IT.

Hold the water late in spring until the first or fifth of June, this will save crop in spring, also keep off worms.

In fall keep your ditches full if a frost is approaching flood. This raises a mist or fog two to three feet high and saves the berries. I have on the uncultivated marshes seen berries covered with frost and not injured; as the frost was gradually removed it lost its power to destroy. Another caution against frost is to clear off all brush and weeds on islands and dams. They claim that berries on a strip where vines in a natural bog had been covered with sand, thrown from ditches being firm and hard, while on both sides of this strip they were softened.

CHAPTER XVI.

RATS AND MICE.

Trap the former or shoot them, the skin of every rat will pay handsomely for the carcass the ammunition was spent on. Mice can be knocked on the head with a stick.