

VOICE OF THE PRESS

BRITISH HUMOR

Canadians have often been puzzled by what seemed the weightiness of British humor. But what of the man looking at the one sitting at a house still left standing: "Just as I told you, any one sitting on the mantelpiece would have been perfectly safe." Or the old professor saying to the young girl: "I left a device for destroying the night bomber on this table, and now the bomber is here." Or the old lady: "I see the newspapers now down here six weeks ago, when our pipes burst."

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IN THE GARDEN

By GORDON L. SMITH

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Where the garden is larger, exports advocate screening off a portion by bringing forward the surrounding shrubbery at one point, using a hedge, wall or trees so that the whole garden will be entirely visible from any one point of observation. This will add further to that air of spaciousness and also provide a secluded corner for two for a child's swing or sundial, or possibly, a seat or trellis-covered table.

Vegetable Groups

Vegetables are roughly divided into three planting groups—hardy, semi-hardy and tender. Among the hardy are spinach, all sorts of lettuce, radish and garden peas. A little frost will not hurt these. Second planted vegetables will be carrots, beans, cabbage, potatoes and similar things. These will resist a fair amount of cold. Tender vegetables include corn, melons, cucumbers and tomatoes. Nothing but the warm weather will grow these before danger of frost is over. With most vegetables it is advisable to make at least three sowings a week or two apart in order to spread the harvest that much longer over the season. Further spreading of the season is secured by sowing three kinds of each vegetable — an early, a medium and a late variety which will yield in a continuous series of crops before danger of frost is over.

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The Individual Citizen's Army

A Weekly Column About This and That in The Canadian Army

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THE WAR WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Australia Building Up Defenses: Need For All-Out Aid To Russia

The dramatic appointment of General MacArthur to the Supreme Command of the Southwest Pacific shows clearly that there is no intent to abandon that Continent. On the contrary, its main dependence on the United States is recognized. Even with the assistance that the United States can send, the Australians now face a grim task.

The enemy may at any time effect landings on the northeast coast with the object of reaching the big centres of population. Also there is a possibility that they will extend their sea operations towards the Fiji Islands with the object of attacking convoys en route to the United States. The continued presence of Japanese troops in the Southwest Pacific is a constant reminder of the danger to the United States from the Japanese in the Pacific.

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