

GREEN THUMB

An Inexpensive Hobby

Like bird watching, hiking or camping, gardening is an inexpensive hobby. Golfing, yachting, or even picture taking require a lot of costly equipment and they take one a long piece from home. But gardening is just as healthy as any of these other recreations and the initial cost and the upkeep amount to only a few dollars. Moreover when vegetable growing is included there is a nice dividend in the freshest kind of food, right at the kitchen door.

Equipment

One can do wonders with a few cents worth of seed, a spade and a rake. For all the technical information necessary the directions on the seed packet and in the seed catalogue will suffice. These directions tell the gardener when to plant and how deep, and how big to grow the things he has planned to be can allow sufficient room.

Of course these are minimum requirements and for just a tiny plot, a few extra like a cultivator or two and a little more variety in the seeds and plants will increase the satisfaction and enjoyment. For extra and detailed information too there are excellent gardening books and government bulletins available.

If one is really ambitious, one can expand almost indefinitely. There are literally hundreds of different flowers and vegetables at one's disposal, and more hundreds of perennials, shrubs and trees. There are specialties like rock gardening, perennial borders, rose gardens and garden pools. There are also power gadgets for cultivating, trimming, spraying, clipping, leaf gathering and such jobs for the person who is mechanically inclined or who has a really big piece of ground.

Better Than Ever

Not so many years ago one could not grow corn squash, peas, fruit and dozens of other plants except in the very warmest parts of Canada. These things were not hardy enough, or they took too long to mature in our relatively short season and the early frosts struck them down.

Now over the greater part of the country the gardener has hundreds of flowers and vegetables from which to choose. And not only have we been given earlier maturing and hardier varieties, but also better quality, or more vivid or striking colors. In the old days, too, the garden was sort of a feast or famine proposition, a few days when the peas, corn or beans were ready, a few days of vivid bloom, then nothing else. Today with improved varieties and by using several sorts with different maturing periods of flowering dates one can have a wonderful and producing garden from a few days after frost in the spring until far into the fall.

In ordering seeds and plants for the coming season one should remember these changes and improvements and by selecting carefully insure more satisfaction and a fuller return. The Englishman with his flower garden and the Frenchman with his plot of vegetables expects results almost 365 days in the year. Our climate is a bit too severe in the winter or that sort of continuous production, but even in the cooler parts of the country there should be six months use and pleasure at least. From the tiny snowdrops and crocuses, which bloom right after the snow, until the chrysanthemums in October and November, there should be almost continuous bloom. And in the vegetable line by starting early and storing the surplus in the fall, there need be hardly a week without something from one's own garden.

CREAM OF POTATO SOUP

- Chop 4 large stalks celery and leaves
- 2 medium-sized onions
- Add 1 1/2 c. water
- Simmer 30 minutes.
- Strain through sieve or food mill. (Should be about 1 cup.)
- Stir in 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- Pour hot stock over 1/2 c. mashed potatoes
- Stir until dissolved. Rub through strainer to make sure no lumps remain.
- Add 1 tbs. butter
- 2 c. milk
- dash paprika
- Heat through. Serve with chopped chives or parsley. Serves 4 to 6.

POTATO PUFF BUNS

- 1 pkg. dry granular (or 1 cake compressed) yeast in 1/2 c. lukewarm water
- 1 c. milk
- While milk cools to lukewarm, cream together 1/2 c. shortening well
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 well beaten eggs
- 1 c. mashed potatoes

Penina Miss-Princess Marjke, youngest daughter of Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, appears to be in deep thought in this charming photo. It was taken for her sixth birthday.



Hobbies for the Handicapped—Giving handicapped children interests as well as treatment is important in the work done by the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. Here three kiddies and their instructors are busy at an hobbycraft table. The Society seeks \$475,000 in its Annual Easter Seals campaign March 5 to April 5.

TABLE TALKS

by Jane Andrews

What to do with left-over mashed potatoes—except to make them into patties—is a problem that puzzles many home cooks at times. But it won't be a problem if you try using them in some of the ways I suggest herewith. They're fine for thickening a savory stew or creamy soup; mixed into a yeast dough they give a light, feathery texture to your rolls; and when blended in to the batter, they even add goodness to a cake.

Indeed, instead of worrying about mashed potato left-overs, I often wish I had more of them on hand.

BEET-POTATO POT PIE

- Cut in 2-inch cubes 2 lbs. stewing beef
- Combine in paper bag 1/2 c. flour
- Shake beef cubes in bag until thoroughly coated with flour mixture.
- Melt in Dutch oven, or other heavy kettle, 2 tbs. shortening.
- Brown beef in hot shortening.
- Add to beef 1 c. vegetable stock or water
- 3 medium onions, quartered.
- Cover and simmer 1 hour. Add more water if necessary.
- Add 1/2 tsp. marjoram
- Cover and simmer gently for 1 hour. The mashed potatoes will thicken the stew so that no other thickening is necessary.
- About 15 minutes before stew is done, add 3 carrots, cut in strips
- 1 c. fresh or frozen peas
- 1 c. chopped celery
- 1 c. cut in 1-inch pieces
- Pour into 2-qt. casserole.
- Cover with rolled pie dough (recipe using 1 c. flour will be sufficient) or biscuit topping.
- Brush with melted butter.
- Bake in hot oven (450°) 15 minutes. Serves 8.

POTATO CHOCOLATE CAKE

- Heat 1/2 c. milk
- Add and melt 3 (1 oz.) squares unsweetened chocolate
- Set aside.
- Cream 1 c. shortening
- Add gradually 1/2 c. sugar
- Cream until light and fluffy.
- Add some of the hot chocolate mixture to 1 c. hot mashed potatoes
- Blend into creamed mixture.
- Bake in well 4 egg yolks
- Sift together 2 c. baking cake powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Stir into batter, mixing well.
- Beat until 4 egg whites
- Are gradually 1/2 c. sugar
- Fold into batter and pour into 3 greased, waxed-paper-lined 8-inch layer cake pans.
- Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
- Turn out on rack, cool, and frost.

ONE OF US

An orthodox Jewish lady on Delancey Street was deeply distressed when her only son fell in love with a girl with red hair, a turned-up nose, and an Irish brogue. She grieved about the situation for weeks, but one day turned up for her weekly pincheon game in high good humor. "That girl my boy is making eyes at," she announced, "is Jewish after all! I got a look at her compact last night when we all went to the movies together, and there was her name plain as day: HILINA RUBINSTEIN."

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Have You Booked Your Trip To The Moon Yet? If Not, There Are Plenty Ahead of You

In the Hayden Planetarium, New York, are twenty-five thousand completed applications for trips to the Moon, Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars. They come from all over the world. It started two years ago when the Planetarium presented "Conquest of Space." This was an imaginary journey to the planets interplanetary journeys by rocket ship to the Moon, Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars. They come from all over the world.

The response was immediate and startling. Within a short period of time 25,000 of those slips had been returned to the Planetarium, duly completed. About a thousand letters also arrived. "Curiously, adventure, insecurity, and all three blended together are reflected in these letters," writes Mr. Frank H. Forrester, the Planetarium's Supervisor of Guest Relations.

Those reservation slips and the letters remain on the files, pointers nevertheless to the excitement that is being kindled in the hearts of the people. "The excitement," writes Mr. Forrester, "is the excitement of the young people who are eager to see what lies beyond the earth's atmosphere."

DISAPPEARANCE

Renowned World War I general, Marshal Foch walked to a Paris night spot late one evening and listened to a young songstress singing "The March of the Toys." He was so touched by the presentation that he refused to take the medicine he was offered. At last never before been by songstress. "A week later, every one in the country had the story, and every agent and manager in France was looking for the young singer, but she was never found."

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They Call Whiskers 'Grass' Because Face'

The British island dotted with the South Pacific is spoken of the strangest and most colorful languages in the world. One of these is the language of the grass. It has been described as "a beautiful attempt to simplify speech by turning things back into grass." Instead of saying "pocket," you have to say "grass pocket." In this way "whiskers" have become "grass along face," and the sun "lamp along jaw."

Some years ago the South Sea Islands had a scourge of the dreaded hookworm. Doctors were sent out to rid them of the disease, but the superstitious natives refused to take the medicine they were offered. At last a British doctor learned the language and tried to tell them about the disease and the "one good fella medicine" he had brought to cure them.

By the time he had mastered the language he was able to tell an illiterate audience of natives, cannibals, headhunters and all about the complicated life-cycle of the hookworm. "You look along this fella picture (picture). Two fella snakes. You look one fella like man make (male and female snakes). One fella fella, him be makin' small fella eggs. Boy be makin' something along ground. Egg he look much to cure them."

Every time he recited his lecture the doctor reported that a "brightened sigh fluttered through the audience." By the time he reached the end of his speech the natives were only too glad to receive the medicine, with the result that the epidemic was very soon stamped out.

U.S. Department of Agriculture poultry breeders, who have tried hundreds of combinations of chickens in the past 20 years to find something "better," believe that they have what they've been looking for in this cross.

It's made by breeding a White Leghorn cockerel to a Rhode Island Red hen. Of course, any old birds won't do. But recent tests demonstrate that birds from high-producing strains work very well.

Recently Dr. F. A. Hays crossed a medium weight, high-producing strain of Leghorns on a strain of Rhode Island Reds averaging 240 eggs per bird.

Several lots of cross-bred chicks were hatched at different times, brooded with straight Rhode Island chicks, put out on range with the Reds, and then put in the laying house with the Reds, so that conditions would be identical all the day.

The cross-bred pullets out-layed their mothers by about 10%—or two dozen eggs per year!

They were slightly smaller birds than the Reds. When they were full-grown the cross-bred hens weighed 5.66 pounds apiece, compared to 6.4 pounds for the Reds. They were mainly white feathered, with occasional red feathers.

They're meaty birds with good body type, but if you're selling them to wholesale buyers you may find them classified with Leghorns because of their appearance.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

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2. A small person
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Answer Elsewhere on This Page

Cashmere Sweaters, Elegant Yet Practical

THE cashmere sweater, like a diamond, is a gem that can be regarded as a luxury. And yet, like many fine things, it's a sound, long-range investment. It wears beautifully, rarely goes out of style and always carries its own air of distinction. It is, then, well worth the money.

This season, cashmere sweaters by Hadley have been given broad exposure. The designer has translated the Lord's Prayer into a new style of sweater. The new cashmires have fine ribbed collars, crocheted edgings and turtle neck tops. Some have wide scoop necks for evening wear and some are in white, red, or soft blues. Others appear in the classic black, neutral beige, and whites. The Hadley cashmires are made of the finest wool that makes them resist intrusion of salt water or even perspiration.

In choosing your cashmere, pick one that best suits your way of life. If your choice happens to be the classic pullover or cardigan, you can change it by using bright colors and adding a dash of novelty to the decoration which goes along with a pullover, also in pure cashmere.

Velvet flowers with jeweled centers are applied to this pure white cashmere cardigan. The sweater has a decorative collar and a dash of novelty to the decoration which goes along with a pullover, also in pure cashmere.

Other buyers may pay top prices for them, because they're ideal in market weight. Their medium weight and high production makes them as good as birds as far as feed is concerned. So far, their biggest drawback is their limited eggs.

Here's another idea from south of the border which might be worth some of your readers' considering. You've got trees on your place—enough to put up several buildings. But you can't get them sawed into lumber. It would cost you what they're worth to haul them to the nearest mill.

Plenty, say a group of farmers in Medina County, Ohio. It was because they found themselves all facing this same problem that they decided they could do something about it.

In January, 1943, they went together and bought a portable sawmill, with the SCS district board signing the notes. Since then their co-op mill has cost about a million and a half board feet on more than 200 farms. There are several non-portable mills operating in the area according to Harold D. Guither, writing in "Farm Journal."

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All but \$2,000 of the original \$8,000 which the mill cost has now been paid off out of mill earnings. John Keiser, one of the co-operators, believes it would have been better to buy the tractor and truck along with the mill, because their rental payments now add up to more than their value.

Calls for the mill are increasing. In fact, requests have piled up as much as a year ahead. Co-operators get first chance, but any

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. R. Barclay Warren B. A., B. D.
Accountable to God
Matthew 23:1-46

Memory Selection: Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me, Matthew 25:40.

Daniel Webster said, "My most solemn thought is that of my personal accountability to God." This life is not the end. It is the proving ground where we make the decisions which determine where we will spend Eternity. Most people welcome the thought that Nero, Hitler, and Mussolini will have to give an account of themselves to God. We would think that injustice ruled the universe if these villains were not rewarded according to their deeds. But "every one of us shall give account of himself to God." No. 1417. Jesus said, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Jesus Christ, the Son of man, will be the judge. His judgment will be fair. He knows man for he lived as a man upon earth. But since He is also the Son of God He will make no mistakes. Human sinners sometimes err. But Jesus Christ will not.

Is our life being used for God as it should be? Or are our talents being used selfishly? "Whoever will save his life shall lose it; whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 10:25. As we minister to others, hungry, sick, imprisoned, for Jesus' sake, we are really ministering to Him. Those who have caught this truth count it all joy to spend and be spent in the service of their Lord. They do it for the pleasure derived now—and then there is a crown awaiting them.

Let it be noted that in both parables of today's lesson the sin was one of omission rather than commission. In our courts the emphasis is on the commission of wrong acts. In God's sight it is sin not to use our gifts and strength for Him.

There is no appeal from this judgment. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.

Used-down to Prevent Peeking

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A City Already Old in Abraham's Day

In the heart of the desert near Bagdad is a collection of ruins worn smooth by the constant rubbing of sand grains. They look insignificant, but are really some of the most important ruins of the world.

The desert Arabs will not go near the place. They would rather travel miles out of their way than follow any tracks that leads near to it. They call it the Mound of Pileh, a strange name for what once may be the greatest city on earth. — Ur of the Chaldees, city of magicians, soothsayers, and dealers in witchcraft.

At one time every royal court in the East boasted at least one magician from Ur. The court magicians of Pharaoh, who came to power, does not understand why.

By Arthur Pointer

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