

Horticultural Advice

GROWING OF SMALL FRUITS

Blackberries and Raspberries Most Desirable for Canning for Future Consumption.

The growing of raspberries and blackberries is not quite as easy a matter as the growing of strawberries, nor is the fruit quite as popular. For use on the table fresh the strawberry is far and away the best fruit grown out for canning for future consumption the raspberry and blackberry are much to be preferred. For this reason no farmer should be without them.

Fruits are absolutely necessary for the maintenance of good health. The farmer who does not supply an abundance for every day of the year is inviting sickness, with its long train of expense, care, sorrow, and perhaps death.

It is true tenant farmers, unless they have a long tenure of the land, cannot well afford to plant anything but strawberries. But men who live on their own farms or have long leases, can have no excuse for not growing all classes of fruit suitable to the climate in which they live. If they do not it is pure negligence or indifference to the pleasure or health of those dependent upon them.

Raspberries, both black and red, can be grown in abundance if care and proper management are given, says a writer in an exchange. Obtain plants from the nursery. These are of only a few months' growth and are simply the tip ends of the old stocks which have taken root in case of the blacks, and young sprouts in case of the reds. It scarcely pays to attempt to reset old stalks. The new ones do not cost much and are the only ones safe to plant.

Put them in rows six or seven feet apart and two feet in the row. You will begin to get fruit the second year and they are good for eight or ten years.

As the young shoots come up nip off the end with the fingers at the height of 15 to 18 inches. This causes them to branch, supplying more bearing wood. In field culture it is not customary to support the bushes in any way, but where growing in a small plot it is not only feasible, but quite an advantage in many ways to have supports. Some tie them to stakes, others hold them up by wooden stakes. One of the best ways is to set a post about every 20 feet in the row. Nail to this cross arms about four feet long, and then run wires connecting the ends of the cross arms. These cross arms should be 2½ to 3 feet from the ground. The bushes can be tied to these wires.

After the fruit is picked the old pods should all be cut out and burned, bears but one year. The new growth will bear next year. The object of

the pruning is to get rid of any diseased or injurious insects at the old bushes are likely to harm.

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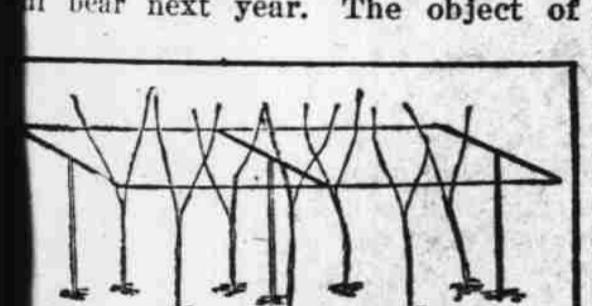
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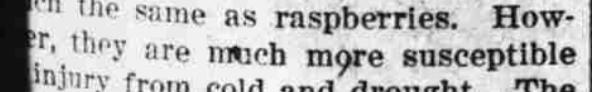
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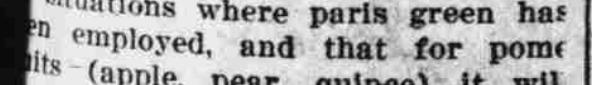
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