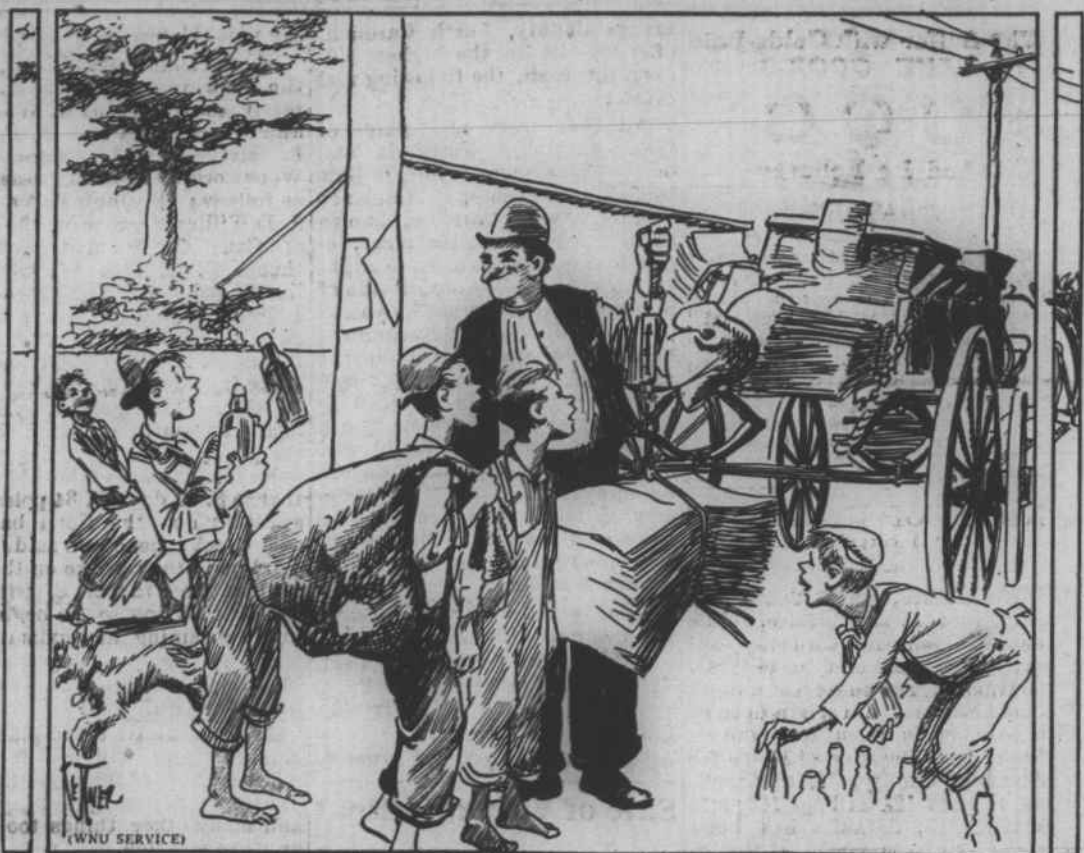


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FARM TOPICS

GROWERS TRY NEW STRAINS OF CELERY

Combine High Quality and Disease Resistance.

By R. A. EMERSON

Celery growers are testing four new strains of cross-bred celery this spring, combining high quality and disease-resistance of the parent stocks.

Developed by the joint efforts of the departments of plant breeding and vegetable crops at Cornell, the new strains are a cross of the old Golden self-branching variety with the high quality and disease resistant green variety Giant Pascal. The growers have selected four strains for trial.

The new strains are said to be highly resistant to the yellow fungus, a serious celery disease in New York state. Though not all the celery land in the East is infested with the fungus causing the disease, the affected areas are extending more widely every year.

However, if growers continue to raise varieties that are susceptible to this disease, most of the muck land suitable for celery production will be infested before many years.

The cross-bred celery has better quality than most of the celery on the market today, he says. The plants were bred on the basis of length of stalk, thickness of stalk, and firmness; the resulting strains form thick stalks of celery that are "less stringy."

Good Breeding Birds

Worth Protecting

Poultrymen who pedigree breeding are confronted each year with the problem of keeping breeding males in good condition from one breeding season to the next.

Since the progeny test is the basis of progressive poultry breeding operations, it is necessary that all males tested during their first year be kept until their breeding worth is determined. It is discouraging to discover that the best male, according to performance of his daughter in the laying house, has been beaten up by his mates during the summer months and cannot be used again for breeding purposes.

F. P. Jeffrey, instructor in poultry husbandry at the New Jersey college of agriculture, Rutgers university, says that because of their tendency to fight each other, it is unwise to allow male birds to run together in any large number unless they have access to a very large range which also provides a certain number of hideouts where the male can take refuge.

"A better system," Mr. Jeffrey says, "is to allow the males to run with females. It has been observed at the experiment station that three males with 100 females generally works out satisfactorily. This practice, however, is not desirable from the standpoint of sale of market eggs unless the eggs are given immediate cooling and retailed as quickly as possible.

"In case a valuable male breeder has been detected, it is worth while to keep him in a roomy, individual cage equal in size to one used for stud mating. The extra labor required in caring for him is well spent if he can be kept in good physical condition for the next breeding season."

Industrial Cycles Are

Important to Farmers

Some of the nation's most important industries are "cyclical" in nature; their booms and poor times come in cycles, according to G. E. Brandow of the department of agricultural economics, Cornell university.

He cited buildings, textiles, and automobiles as the principal examples of industries that show these periods of activity and inactivity.

"The importance of industrial cycles to the farmer," he stated, "is mostly their part in causing changes in total business activity, which, in turn, influence the demand for many farm products. A long cycle in building is most important; its influence can be detected in the price of eggs and milk and in farm prices generally."

Mr. Brandow said the most important influence on profits in farming is the general level at which prices fluctuate or change. Industrial cycles and business activity do not cause changes in the general level of prices, he said, but they do explain many of the short-time ups-and-downs in prices and the time at which major changes occur in price levels.

Gardens Profitable

The farm garden returns as much from time invested as does any farm enterprise. The better the garden, the more returns it can make in food, fun, and profits to the family. Have the garden near the house. Odd moments can be spent there, and the lady of the house can easily gather the vegetables without waste of time. Nearness to the house also gives some protection against animals and thieves, but a permanent fence is the best insurance.



COOLING DRINKS FOR SUMMER

See Recipes Below.



Cooling Summer Drinks

Can you think of anything more cooling and refreshing than a frosty glass of ice cold beverage sprigged with mint and tinkling with ice cubes? Neither can I! There's something about a cold, tart-tasting drink that seems to lower the temperature several degrees.

I like to keep a variety of chilled drinks in my refrigerator to meet the demands of sultry weather; a sparkling punch to serve during mid-afternoon when everyone is wilted and weary; old-fashioned lemonade for thirsty youngsters and grown folks, too; or cool, refreshing iced tea to serve with meals, or whenever the occasion warrants.

Iced tea is a summer standby, and properly prepared it's truly delicious. Follow these simple rules for making it, if you like to serve to your family and your guests the clear, sparkling, faintly fragrant tea that's delightfully refreshing.

Iced Tea.

1. Rinse teapot with boiling water.
2. Place tea in teapot—allowing one teaspoon of tea per cup to be made.
3. Pour freshly boiling water over the tea leaves.
4. Allow tea to steep—not boil—for 3 to 5 minutes according to strength desired.

5. Cool hot tea infusion quickly by pouring it over a generous supply of chipped ice.

6. Serve at once. Lemon slices or a sprig of mint may be used as an accompaniment if desired.

Ginger Julep.

(Serves 4-5)

- Few sprigs mint
- 2 lemons
- ¼ cup superfine powdered sugar
- 1 quart gingerale
- Cracked ice

Place the mint leaves and the lemon rind, cut in strips, in a pitcher. With the back of a spoon, crush the leaves and the rind. Add lemon juice and sugar, and place in refrigerator for about an hour to ripen. When ready to serve, add gingerale, and pour into tall glasses filled with crushed ice.

Old-Fashioned Lemonade.

- 1 cup sugar
 - 2 cups water
 - ¼ cup lemon rind (grated)
 - ½ cup lemon juice
 - 1 quart cold water
- Place the sugar, 2 cups water, and the lemon rind in a saucepan. Cover and cook for 5 minutes. Add lemon juice and cold water. Chill thoroughly, and garnish with a sprig of mint or a marshmallow in each glass.

Spiced Syrup.

- 2 cups granulated sugar
 - 1 cup water
 - Pinch salt
 - 3 teaspoons whole cloves
 - 6 inches stick cinnamon
- Bring sugar, water, and salt to the boiling point and boil one minute. Remove from fire and add spices. Cover and cool. Strain before using.

Frosted Grape Juice Ade.

(Serves 6)

- 4 cups grape juice
 - Juice of 3 oranges
 - Juice of 1 lemon
 - 1 pint water
 - ¼ cup sugar
 - Crushed ice
- Combine the fruit juices and water. Add sugar. Dip the rims of tall beverage glasses in lime juice, then in confectioners' sugar to make a frosted edge. Allow to dry. Half fill glasses with crushed ice, and pour in the beverage.

Iced Coffee.

Prepare hot coffee in the usual manner making it a little stronger to allow for dilution. Then pour

over crushed ice or tea cubes in tall glasses, and serve at once.

Mocha Freeze.

Pour chilled coffee into tall glasses. Add a generous spoonful of vanilla ice cream to each glass and top with whipped cream.

Bowling Green Punch.

(Serves 8-10)

- 3 cups orange pekoe tea infusion
- Ice
- 1½ cups spiced syrup
- ½ cup lemon juice
- ¼ cup orange juice

1 pint gingerale
Four warm or hot tea over ice.
Add lemon and orange juice and spiced syrup and mix thoroughly. Add gingerale just before serving.

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Make Modern Laundry Out Of Waste Space Upstairs

Waste space upstairs can easily be fashioned into a modern laundry, brightened up with paint and hung with some of those attractive low-priced curtains that are always bobbing up in such variety. If you read floor plans of modern houses you have discovered the growing trend for off-the-kitchen-laundries. Equipment designed for such rooms includes washers that pump themselves empty.

Ironing has always been an upstairs operation, possibly because it is easier to transfer ironed clothes to proper storing places without danger of over-mussing. Many ironers have table tops that serve a real purpose in the small kitchen, and there are washers tailored to kitchen size, too.

House Cleaning Is Made Easy by Use of Vacuum

The days are gone forever when, to clean a rug thoroughly, it was necessary to hang it on a clothesline or lay it on the grass and beat it with a bamboo or steel wire contraption.

Today, thanks to electricity and the vacuum cleaner, rug beating is a thing of the past in millions of homes. Moreover, in addition to eliminating much work and drudgery, the vacuum cleaner raises practically no dust and thus greatly reduces the time required for dusting.

Household Refrigerator

To get the best results from the household refrigerator, it is well to decide in advance which foods are to go in and which ones to be taken out instead of pondering the question while the door is open. Every time that happens the temperature goes up and the longer the door stays open the higher up it goes. Another wise precaution is to make sure that cooked foods are well cooled before putting them into the food chest, otherwise the heat and moisture generated will also cause the temperature to rise.

Yellow for Light

To brighten a poorly lighted bedroom, a color scheme includes walls painted daffodil yellow, a paler yellow ceiling and white woodwork with thin lines of orange color.

Care of Dishcloths

To save your dishcloths use a medium-sized cork dipped into scouring powder when polishing paring knives or other cutlery.

Smart Patterns in Midsummer Styles

IF YOU'RE looking for a gracious, sophisticated afternoon fashion in women's sizes, you will be delighted with 1763. Cut on true princess lines, it is beautifully slim and graceful. The shirred vestee and narrow roll collar give a pretty, soft, dressy touch, and it has the simplicity that you like in midsummer. For this, choose silk crepe, georgette or chiffon.

Dutch Mode for Tots.

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No. 1763 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 requires, with short sleeves, 4 yards of 39 inch fabric without nap, ¾ yard of contrast for collar and vestee.

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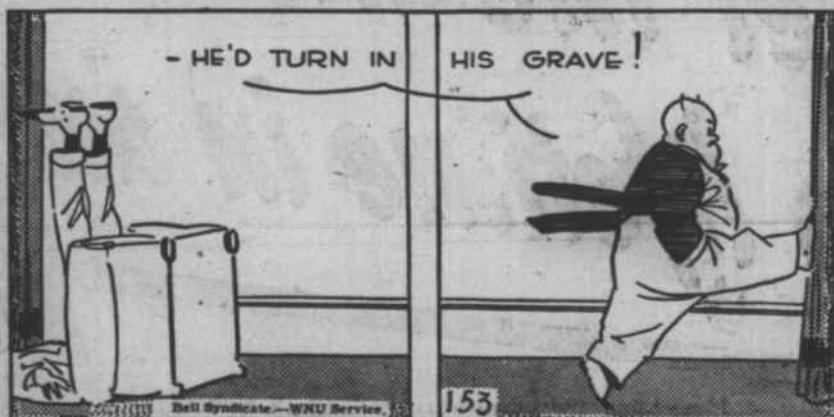
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Menagerie Man—Don't be afraid of that tiger, sir, he's as harmless as your wife.
Meekton—Good-by, I'm gone!

NOT REASSURING
He was a stout man, with large, broad feet, and although several pairs of boots were shown to him he refused them.
"I must have square toes," he explained to the assistant.
The young man sighed. "But square toes are not stocked now, sir," he insisted. "Pointed toes are fashionable this season."
The stout man gave an angry stare. "That may be," he retorted, "but I happen to be wearing last season's feet."



WHAT A MISTAKE!
Jimmy Skeet—Good gracious, what happened?
Bobby Skeet—Bit a man with a wooden leg.