

Universal Military Training Best Insurance for the Future

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The most awful war in history, after nearly three years, is still raging with unabated fury. It is noteworthy that none of the fighting has been done upon German soil. It is a question today whether the central powers or the allies are the nearest to exhaustion. The one overshadowing and disturbing fact is the enormous loss to merchant shipping due to the new type of submarines. Unless this can be checked, the allies will surely be starved into submission, and then Germany will rule the seas. What this will mean to us is beyond our mental grasp. We shall be at the mercy of the kaiser, and he will be able to make good his boast that America will have to pay the cost of the war. Those in the best position to judge, believe that we have entered a war that will tax our resources and endurance to the utmost.

In view of the situation, one of the most important steps that this nation may take is to establish universal military training so that the nation may have, now and hereafter, an abundance of men willing, able and ready to defend our liberties. If this plan had been established when the war broke out, we would have a million and a half of trained men now ready for service, and had it been the policy of our country for the last ten years, this war undoubtedly would not have been forced upon us.

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HORSE-RADISH IS GOOD CROP

Excellent Variety Discovered by Explorer of United States Department of Agriculture.

An excellent new variety of horse-radish was discovered by the United States Agricultural Explorer David Fairchild in Bohemia, a few years ago. Cuttings from this planted in April will produce fine large roots for grating the following October, and if left in the ground until spring, will grow to very large size. It is white



Horse-Radish

and of excellent quality. Horse-radish grows on almost any kind of soil, and will stand the dry weather as well as potatoes. In planting horse-radish, fit the soil the same as for strawberries, and cultivate the same as any other garden crop.

Many persons plant horse-radish in some out-of-the-way spot and dig a piece of the root as often as needed, leaving the fragments of roots in the soil to grow for further use. This method results in having nothing but tough, stringy roots, very unlike the product of a properly planted and well cared for bed. The best roots are those planted in the spring at the time of setting early cabbage, and dug as late as the same fall as the weather will permit. It becomes therefore, an annual crop.

INCREASE YIELD BY PRUNING

Pinch Off Center Buds, Thus Throwing Energy of Plants to Formation and Ripening of Fruit.

The yield and quality of many vegetables can be increased by pruning and pinching off center buds, thus throwing the energy of the plants to the formation and ripening of fruit.

With muskmelons and cantaloupes I always pinch off the center bud of the main vine when it reaches a length of four or five feet, says a writer. Cucumbers are treated in a like manner. Such treatment results in increased size of the fruit and a hastening of maturity. For the same reason the ends of pole and lima bean vines are pinched off when they reach a height of six feet.

Tomato vines expected to yield an early crop are pruned severely. But three stalks are allowed to develop, all side shoots being pinched off as soon as they begin to form. The three stalks are firmly supported by a stake four feet in height.

When the vines reach the top of the stake the center bud is pinched out. This stops height growth and throws all the energy of the vine to the developing and ripening of fruit already set. By following this method I have obtained as high as 40 fine, perfect tomatoes from a single plant.

WAR GARDENS FOR EVERYONE

Supplies Are Needed for Armies Fighting for Brotherhood and Peace, Says Dean Woods.

Every family should have its own garden this year. "To do so will be to release supplies for the armies that are fighting for brotherhood and peace," says Dean A. F. Woods of the Minnesota College of Agriculture.

"To hasten the close of the war," adds Dean Woods, "we must feed the people in the armies. The farmers are doing everything possible and the people of the towns should assist by avoiding waste and extravagance. They should make gardens not only in their back yards, but in their front yards as well, and on vacant lots. They should organize garden clubs, including women and children, and grow enough to supply their needs not only through the summer, but through the winter. They can do this by intensive effort."

Dean Woods urges boys' and girls' clubs, Boy Scouts, teachers, preachers and all public-spirited citizens to lead in this work.

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The Dying Thief

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TEXT—And he said, Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom. And he said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.—Luke 23:42-43 R. V.

The highway robbers of Christ's day were often popular heroes. Jewish Robbers, full of zeal to deliver their people from the Roman yoke. The two crucified with Christ may have been companions of Barabbas. One of them cries, "If thou be the Christ—the Messiah—save thyself and us;" he was doubtless thinking of the Jewish hopes for deliverance. But the other, who seems himself to have repented just a little before, turns to rebuke his companion and shows that a change has been wrought in him which continues to be an astonishment to all who read of it.

The malefactor was an unlikely person to be converted. The disciples had forsaken Christ and fled but this sinful man joins himself to him. He was the first of a long line of trophies from among the foes of Christ. The chief persecutor of the early church became its chief apostle, and the power of the cross over Christ's enemies abides. Elijah P. Brown, for many years editor of a well-known religious weekly, was once a leader of infidel clubs, yet God brought him to Christ under a simple plea from D. L. Moody. We should count no man hopeless but should covet Christ's enemies for his cause.

Unlikely Place for Conversion. A cross was an unlikely place for conversion. The cross has been glorified in our eyes, but we are not to forget that it looked no more attractive to those who first saw it than a gallows looks to us. John Wesley declares that at one period he would have thought it a sin to seek to save souls outside a church building, but he was driven to the fields to preach and learned that any place can become holy ground. Samuel Hadley started heavenward from the back room of a low saloon.

The dying hour was an unlikely period for conversion. This story forever rebukes the idea that acceptance with God depends upon a round of sacraments or good works, for he had time for neither. This lesson still needs to be learned. Wesley was for many years a professing Christian, and even an ordained minister, before he learned it. He tells how he was thrilled in first preaching salvation, by faith alone, to a condemned prisoner and his joy when he heard the man say: "I am now ready to die. I know he has taken away my sins and there is no more condemnation for me."

Interesting Points. There are several interesting points connected with the thief's conversion. It began with the fear of God. He asks his companion, "Dost not thou fear God seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" His heart had been solemnized by the darkness which spread over the land and by all the scenes of the crucifixion. "Nobody fears God any more"—so we are told today. And indeed this frivolous, self-satisfied age is not marked by the fear of the Lord. It may require the horrors of an awful war to bring us to seriousness and a sense of the majesty of God. Alas, for the fact that sometime even God's judgments fall in this matter, just as one of the robbers was unmoved by all he had witnessed!

It was accompanied by frank confession of his sin. "We receive the due reward of our deeds." How refreshing when visiting in prisons, to find one who acknowledges his guilt and expresses contrition; there is hope for such a man.

Remarkable Faith. But we would speak especially of

the remarkable faith of this man. He prays, "Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom." To the multitude, and even to the disciples, the inscription declaring Jesus to be king of the Jews must have seemed a mockery indeed. The life of Jesus appeared a complete failure and his claims exploded. Yet, in that hour, there was begotten in the heart of this rough fellow a faith that saw the kingdom even beyond the cross. It was a faith akin to that by which Abraham was justified, of whom it is said he believed God "who quickened the dead and calleth those things which be not as though they were."

Somehow, men are prone to abuse God's gifts. We presume upon such mercy as it is set forth in this story and turn the grace of God into lasciviousness. Men argue that because the dying thief was saved, they too may be saved when dying, and so they put off repentance for their deathbeds. But how knowest thou, O man, that such an opportunity will be thine! Even if time be given at the last, the heart may be adamant and repentance an impossibility. "True repentance is never too late; late repentance is seldom true."

PROFIT FROM THE BACK YARD

Any House Owner, at Small Expense, Can Build Garage Which Will Soon Pay for Itself.

Most house owners have a rear lot that is of no use to them, and is generally a source of expense. Why not turn the back yard into a moneymaker; at a reasonable expense you can build a concrete or brick garage big enough to hold four cars on the average lot that will earn for you 25 per cent profit on the cost of the building, or pay for itself in four years.

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If a person also wishes to have a garden he can by putting up trellis work conceal the garage so that persons in the street cannot see it, also a roof garden can be maintained on the garage when desired.

Special Conditions.

In planting out street and highway trees, the fundamental principle governing the work should be as in all the broad field of agriculture, the creation of conditions suitable to the particular plants to be used. If proper conditions do not exist, they must be made. If rainfall is insufficient, irrigation sufficient to overcome the natural deficiency of water supply must be practiced. If rainfall is excessive, drainage must be had by blasting to free soil or digging deep holes and mixing sand, wood ashes, lime or decaying vegetable matter with the soil before replacing it in the holes. Physical condition of soils is of far greater moment than the chemical properties, therefore deep holes, dug or blasted, together with deep preparatory cultivation is essential to success.

Beauty Demanded in Suburbs.

"Beauty is a necessary factor in the development of suburban property," says H. A. Jones, a Detroit real estate man. "City people who move out to those communities which are sure to surround Detroit as the city develops, will expect city conveniences and rapid transit to their employment, but they will also expect something of country pleasures. Therefore no suburban property unless laid out with the idea of beauty in mind, is likely to become fully built up. People will not have their homes squeezed into 90-foot lots, with no parks, trees or landscape beauty, when they have gone away from the heart of the city just to get such surroundings."

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