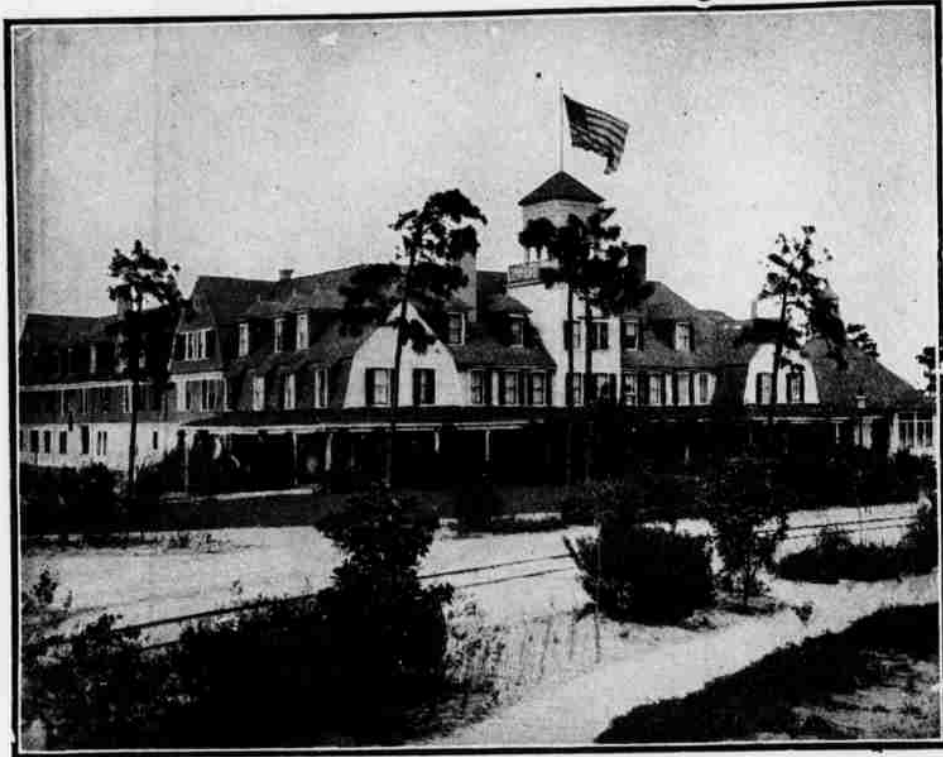


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## FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

### Practical Advice for Youthful Strawberry Growers by an Expert



STRAWBERRY raising is fascinating and in a small way, it appeals to children, especially when they can count on a reasonable amount of assistance and advice. The secret of success lies in the choice of the variety best adapted to the available soil if varieties are combined to ensure pollenization. One thing is certain, also, it is impossible to buy any such berries in the markets as one can raise in his own garden, for some of the very best sorts will not readily bear shipping. Moreover, the way to get strawberries at their best is to pick them while the dew is still on them. It is worth while getting up early, to taste them then.

The ground where the strawberry plants are to go should be dug up very thoroughly and very deeply, as early in the spring as it can be worked. If it is not exceptionally rich, a good grade of

set out until July, using the ground first for early peas, perhaps. The runners are cut from the parent plants when well started, and should have good root growth when transplanted. Great care should be taken not to allow these roots to dry out at transplanting time. If to be carried any distance, they may be first dipped in a puddle of very soft mud, if it seems necessary. New plants are often made by sinking small flower pots into the ground beside the original plants and starting runners in them, cutting off the latter as soon as well rooted.

In order to produce the best berries, water must be given with a free hand. A mere sprinkling is worse than no wetting. The best plan in the home garden is to make a little hole in the ground beside each plant, if hill culture is practiced; or every foot or two, if the matted row plan is followed; and to turn at least a quart of water into each hole. Then, there will be no waste. Afterward, a little loose earth should be thrown into the hole, to prevent rapid evaporation. If the watering can is indispensable, the hoe is almost as neces-



A "SPRING" RHEBUS FROM NEW ENGLAND

prepared fertilizer should be obtained from some dealer and worked into the soil before the plants are set out. The very best berries are produced by what is termed the hill system, each plant being grown separately and the runners cut off with a hoe as fast as they form. The plants should be set one foot apart, in rows with three feet between them. If the planting is a small one, they may be set in a square, one and a half feet apart each way. If careful cultivation is given, and the plants kept well watered, there will be a big yield of beautiful berries the second and third seasons. Of course, all the blossoms must be kept picked off the first season, or the plants will be weakened.

Another good way of growing strawberries in the home garden is to set the plants fifteen inches apart, in rows three feet apart, and to allow the runners to fill in the spaces between the plants in the rows. At fruiting time, these rows should be about twelve inches wide, and a solid mass of plants. The strawberry plantation needs to be renewed every year; but after the first season the new plantings may be made and runners cut from the bed in bearing, and need not be

sary. Cultivation should not be deep; but the earth should be kept loose at all times, and no weeds must be allowed to start. In order to get an extra fine crop of highly-colored berries, a little nitrate of soda may be worked into the ground around each plant, when the fruit is about half formed. Many people use a mulch of straw, or similar material, the second and third seasons, until after the berries are picked. That keeps the ground moist without cultivation, and prevents the berries becoming soiled. It is often possible in the home garden to scatter lawn clippings thickly around the plants, so that the berries will rest upon them and not come in contact with the earth.

It is of the greatest importance to choose carefully the varieties to be grown. Probably, the best plan is to ascertain what sorts do well in your locality. It is wise to rely on them; but one or two other varieties may be experimented with. By selecting several kinds, it is possible to prolong the season, as some varieties bear much earlier than others. Among good sorts for the home garden are Oswego, Gandy (ripens late), Marshall, Early Ozark (ripens early), Senator Dunlap (ripens early and has a