



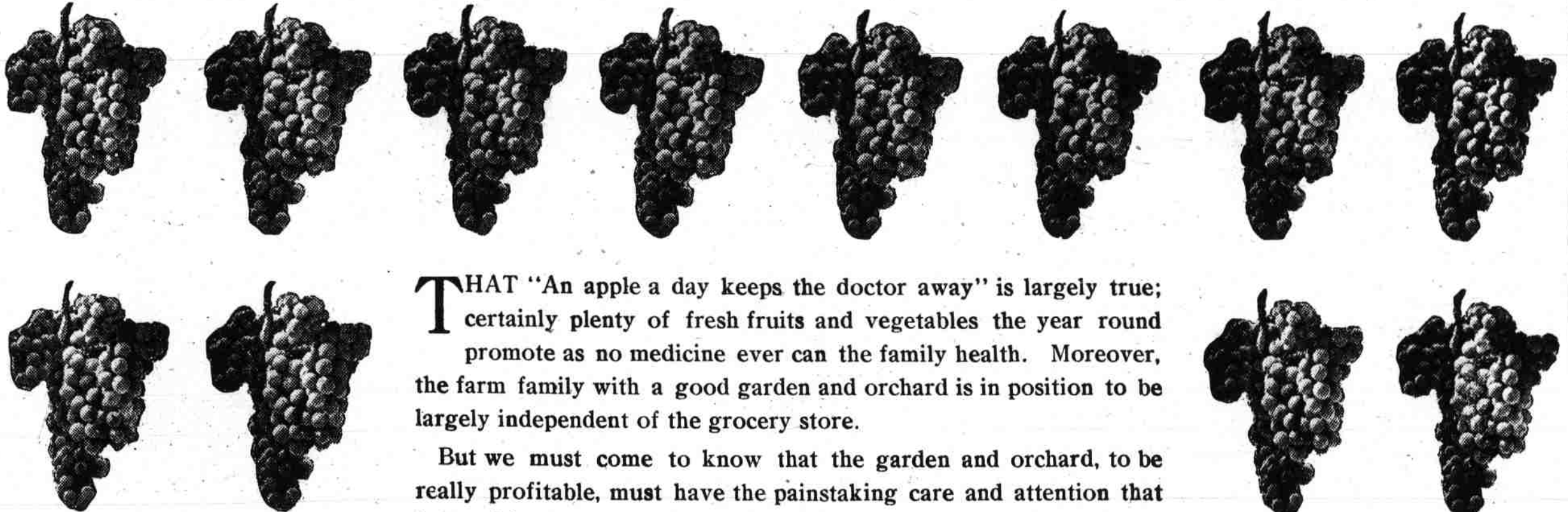
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## Good Gardens and Orchards Save Money and Health



THAT "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" is largely true; certainly plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables the year round promote as no medicine ever can the family health. Moreover, the farm family with a good garden and orchard is in position to be largely independent of the grocery store.

But we must come to know that the garden and orchard, to be really profitable, must have the painstaking care and attention that is requisite to the success of any worth-while enterprise. It is not enough that we put a fence around a piece of ground, plant a few seeds, and call it a garden. The land must be made rich, the soil must be finely prepared, varieties of vegetables best suited to our conditions and coming on so as to give us a succession must be selected, careful and thorough cultivation is necessary, and insects and diseases must be fought to a finish.

Nor is the making of an orchard merely a matter of setting a few trees and then leaving them. The soil and its plant food needs must be studied, varieties of fruits adapted to our conditions must be selected and set with the utmost care, and then pruning and spraying to give the tree the proper shape and to control insects and diseases must follow. "No spray, no pay," has come to be an axiom among all successful orchardists.

"Orchards and gardens to save grocery and doctor's bills" should be the slogan all over the agricultural South, and, with the resolution to have them, let us aim likewise, to make them the best that can be had. Doing this will mean work and study, but the returns will amply justify the effort.



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