

**GARDENING FOR HOME AND MARKET.**

**The Wide Range of a Garden's Possibilities—The Housewife Must Know How to Grow, to Save, and to Sell.**

Messrs. Editors: In selecting a garden choose a dark, soft soil with full access of sunshine and good drainage. Lay it off sensibly and prepare the ground thoroughly. Make your rows straight, and don't plant too soon. Use papers or brush to protect young plants. Keep the soil soft and free from grass or weeds.

Haul water in barrels if you can do no better during drouths, and always keep an even moisture. Keep the plants all well trained and you will be amply repaid.

**How to Grow Tomatoes.**

I always have my tomato plants box-grown, and ready to set out very early. Somewhat of a tomato fanatic, I take especial pride in their culture. I stake each plant and tie up firmly to strips nailed across. But the most important thing is to plant far apart, give lots of room for growth and for the sun to shine in. For one plant with proper treatment is worth six crowded and untrained. Tomatoes, if fine as they should be, will sell for twenty cents per dozen at first—if you can keep from eating them. I always can for my own use and make catsup, sauce, pickle, and preserves, out of my tomatoes. I raise white okra to can with tomatoes for soups in winter. The yellow tomatoes make beautiful preserves, and the peach or acme are best to can. The very large varieties are best for immediate table use, and I usually have five or six varieties for different purposes. Nothing we raise can compare with the tomato.

**Cabbage, Turnips, and Onions.**

Cabbage plants should also be ready early, and when planted in good ground will bear crowding. I like the high pointed heads better than the flat or round kinds.

Be sure to sow some purple top turnip seed for early greens, as they come in fine, when we have nothing else.

Put out onions in the fall, and have them crisp and delicious in March.

Have an asparagus bed if you own your home; you will enjoy the fine tender shoots long before other garden goods are in sight, and once tasted one never gets enough asparagus.

**Strawberries, Celery, and Other Vegetables.**

Give generous space to strawberries,—as that is what we work the home garden for: to serve delectable dainties every day in the year; and strawberries can be preserved and pickled or canned, or even dried, if you have more than you can use otherwise.

Have a few rows of celery finely bleached for winter use, or fancy sale. Sow English peas for eating and canning. Also plenty of snap and Lima beans. I usually have about six different plantings of beans in a season, so as to have tender ones all the time.

**Pickles and Seasoning.**

Plant a good pickling variety of cucumbers and gherkins and have choice mixed pickles. Raise beets, carrots, radishes and parsnip enough to bury for winter use or sale.

Plant five or six different varieties of pepper, for pickling or seasoning, sauce-making and to stuff or dry for sale.

Lettuce should be sown quite ear-

ly. I prefer the plain white-head lettuce, as its leaves are fine even before it heads. Irish potatoes should never be planted in hard, red soil, as they will not repay seed. Choose soft, rich soil, plant very early. I like the Early Rose best. I have raised a second crop of potatoes that were even finer than the first and easier kept for winter.

Leave good space to early corn, but depend on the late corn for canning or drying.

**Hints From the Old-Time Garden.**

In the old-time gardens we had parsley and sage and every sweet herb for seasoning and medicinal properties. I knew one man to sell \$25 worth of parsley to a hotel in one year. I never did know what they did with all that parsley.

In the old-fashioned garden we had roses and hollyhocks, lilies and violets, and also lavender and balm to make perfume. But our modern greed for money has shut out many of the sweetest luxuries of life. We have no room for anything unless there is money in it.

**On Saving or Selling the Surplus.**

Now after the family has been supplied with new or canned garden produce every day in the year, if you have a surplus of fresh vegetables, it is no trouble to sell them if they are cleanly and tastily marketed, and to get a fancy price for home canned goods is the easiest thing I ever tried, the demand is always double the supply.

But a farmer's wife must know how to can anything, and to pickle and preserve, and dry, and make jelly, or sauce, or something to save everything eatable. Is there any human that must necessarily know as much as a farmer's wife? But again, is there any one else who enjoys life more or is more useful, or dearer to the hearts of those who love all our brave working women?

Hurrah for the home garden, for the woman who makes it, and for the good things she produces in it!

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Representative Pou, of North Carolina, introduced in Congress last week a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of an equestrian statue of General Robert E. Lee in a prominent place in Washington. Mr. Pou said he had discussed with Republican members of Congress the advisability of the Government erecting a monument to Lee, and that he had not encountered a single member who opposed the plan.

Increases in salary for postal employes are included in the \$209,416,802 Postal Appropriation bill reported to the House.

Representative Tawney's amendment to the Agricultural Appropriation bill prohibiting the payment of compensation to State or municipal officials who render assistance in connection with the enforcement of the Pure Food act, seems to be intended to delay and obstruct the enforcement of that act. Local co-operation is much needed to secure pure food for the people, and it will be cheaper for the Federal Government to utilize, when convenient, local experts for local inspections and analyses, than to maintain a sufficiently large army of Federal inspectors and chemists.

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