

cause the bulbs, which increase rapidly, make an autumn growth. Other lilies may be planted later.

Other spring bulbs which need attention during early fall are snowdrops, crocuses, narcissi, daffodils, jonquils. These bulbs grow best in partial shade, in rich, deep, stiff, natural soil. Crocuses and snowdrops should be set three inches apart, snowdrops in holes four inches deep, crocuses in holes three inches deep. Daffodils are planted six or seven inches deep, jonquils five inches deep.

A Plea for the Teacher.

Dear Aunt Mary: I find in looking over the list of topics you have given us for discussion the question, "What are your ideas concerning the teaching of agriculture in the rural schools?" It is an interesting one, but I shall leave it to those more competent than myself to discuss, yet I would enter a plea for the teacher.

It often happens that the hard-working, conscientious teacher who is doing his best to make true men and women out of the boys and girls in his school is severely criticized in the home by the parents or older brothers and sisters in the presence of the young children, thus weakening the teacher's influence over them and making it much harder for him to control his school. If there is a person in all the world for whom we should cherish the kindest feelings, and with whom we should work in the truest sympathy, it is the person who is trying to make a man of our boy or a woman of our girl.

Think about this.

JEMIMA RINGGOLD.

Cumberland Co., N. C.

Recipe for Canning Green Beans.

Dear Aunt Mary: Last summer one of our readers wanted a recipe for canning green beans in glass jars. I watched the paper and have never seen an answer yet. Then a gentleman in Virginia wanted the same recipe several weeks ago, and still no answer. So I decided that it must be my duty to send the recipe, but just kept putting it off from day to day, until I fear it will be too late for many to use it, but possibly some of the Home Circle have late beans they wish to can. I have some nice late ones that will soon be ready to can.

I send my own recipe and I have another clipped from the Kansas City Star. The main difference between the two is in the time of cooking. Cooking three hours instead of five will save a lot of time and wood. My own recipe I have used several times, so can recommend it. It is as follows:

To Can Beans in Glass Jars.—String and break the beans up tolerably fine. Have the jars perfectly cleaped and aired. Wash beans and pack the jars perfectly full; pour fresh cold water over them until jar is full, wipe with a dry cloth, place a good rubber on the jar and seal up air-tight. Prepare as many this way as your pot or kettle will hold, then scatter a few chips in the bottom of pot or kettle and cover with straw. Place the jars in, tops up, with straw between them, and put a light weight on top (a board with a small stone on it will do), fill the pot with water and bring to a boil. Notice the clock and boil exactly five hours. Keep a kettle of boiling water by the fire to fill up with, and never let the tops of the jars get out of water. When done, take a little wooden paddle, a yarn rag, and an old quilt, place the paddle under jar, raise it above water and catch with rag, place on quilt and cover as quickly as possible with other side of quilt. As soon as cool enough, slip your hand under and tighten all the tops that have gotten

loose in cooking. When jars are cool enough to handle, set away in a cool place, and the beans will certainly be good; that is, if you started with good beans. When served I detect scarcely any difference between them and the fresh beans of the summertime. SUSAN.

Davie Co., N. C.

Interested in Poultry Raising.

Dear Aunt Mary: I am one of your readers who greatly appreciates your letters, and was very sorry you didn't get around to our community when you were doing Institute work, and do hope that you will visit our county sometime in the future. Your work is a noble one, and inspires us to try to lead higher lives and to make the best of our opportunities. Farmers' wives and daughters generally have a busy life, and no matter how generous and considerate the husband and father may be, there is always a feeling of dependence unless we have some way to make a little money of our own to spend as we please. If we live near a good market we can generally have milk and butter and vegetables to sell, but I find more profit in poultry raising than in anything else. I don't mean scrub stock that you can sell at only twenty-five cents each, and eggs at ten or fifteen cents per dozen, but improved breeds, the very best that can be obtained, and kept up to the standard by culling out the inferior ones and introducing new blood of the best strains. I have been using pure-bred poultry for more than fifteen years, and without neglecting in the least my household duties, I always raise quite a number of fine fowls, and realize a good profit from selling eggs in the spring. This spring I sold nearly two hundred settings of eggs and raised a fine lot of fowls besides. My favorites are the S. C. R. I. Reds. They are the best layers I have ever tried, are very easily raised and mature early. I have several pullets hatched this spring, that have been laying for some time. My greatest trouble and one for which I can find no remedy is that the greater per cent of my eggs generally hatch out males. I try mating the fowls in different ways, but the results are nearly always the same. I now have as fine a lot of cockerels as I have ever seen. They are finely shaped, deep red, with bright, yellow legs, and I am now advertising them in The Progressive Farmer.

MRS. H. P. McPHERSON.

Moore Co., N. C.

The Boy Who Does Not Have to Be Told.

One of the rarest qualities in a servant in the house is the doing of things that need to be done without being told. One of the finest qualities in a workman is this quality. Young men working their way through college are invaluable if they have this quality. A tool is left out on the lawn; there is a nail off the fence; there is a lock broken from a door; there is a window pane gone somewhere. The boy who tends to these things because they need attending to without specific directions is the boy who, other things being equal, is going to be in demand when he gets out into the great world, and it is the attention to little things and the habit of observation, which sees what needs to be done and then does

it, which makes exceedingly useful men and women.

There will always be a position for such persons. There will always be a call to come up higher. It is in one sense a small thing to do these little things without orders, but it is the doing of them that makes great captains, great engineers, great artists, great architects, great workers in any department, and it is the absence of this quality that makes commonplace men and women, who will always have to live under the dominion of petty orders, men and women who do nothing unless they are told to do it.

It is this quality which makes volunteers in church work, and the invaluable men and women who do not have to be stood over. They are the joy of the pastor's heart; they are the persons who do not have to be watched.—Rev. Charles M. Sheldon.

Domestic Happiness.

The foundation of all domestic happiness is laid on a clean hearth. There can be neither health, prosperity, nor peace in an ill-kept home. Some people's idea of a poor housekeeper is a woman who runs the house on business principles. We know that no man can make a success of his business without paying strict attention to detail and system; also, systematic housekeeping has a telling effect upon one's success as a housekeeper. It is all accomplished by being well versed in all parts of household work and doing it by a systematic plan. System means planning. Try formulating a plan for the day while dressing in the morning, making the allowance for any disarrangement of your plan, which is almost sure to occur every day. Plan and arrange the work of each member of the family so that all may work together for the good of the whole.

In order to meet the pressure of modern life, a home-maker needs exact knowledge and scientific training. The modern American girl has received a man's education, and in the majority of cases has no knowledge whatever about home-making. Sad experience teaches many lessons, but much money and untold nerve energy is wasted in the process. American mothers, more than any others, err in not teaching their daughters the proper care of a household, and every year sees hundreds of girls marry with no more idea of how to cook or keep house than they have of the North Pole.—Mrs. W. W. Simon, in Farm Stock Journal.

If you want to be at peace with yourself, do not mind being at war with the world.—Prof. Max Muller.



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