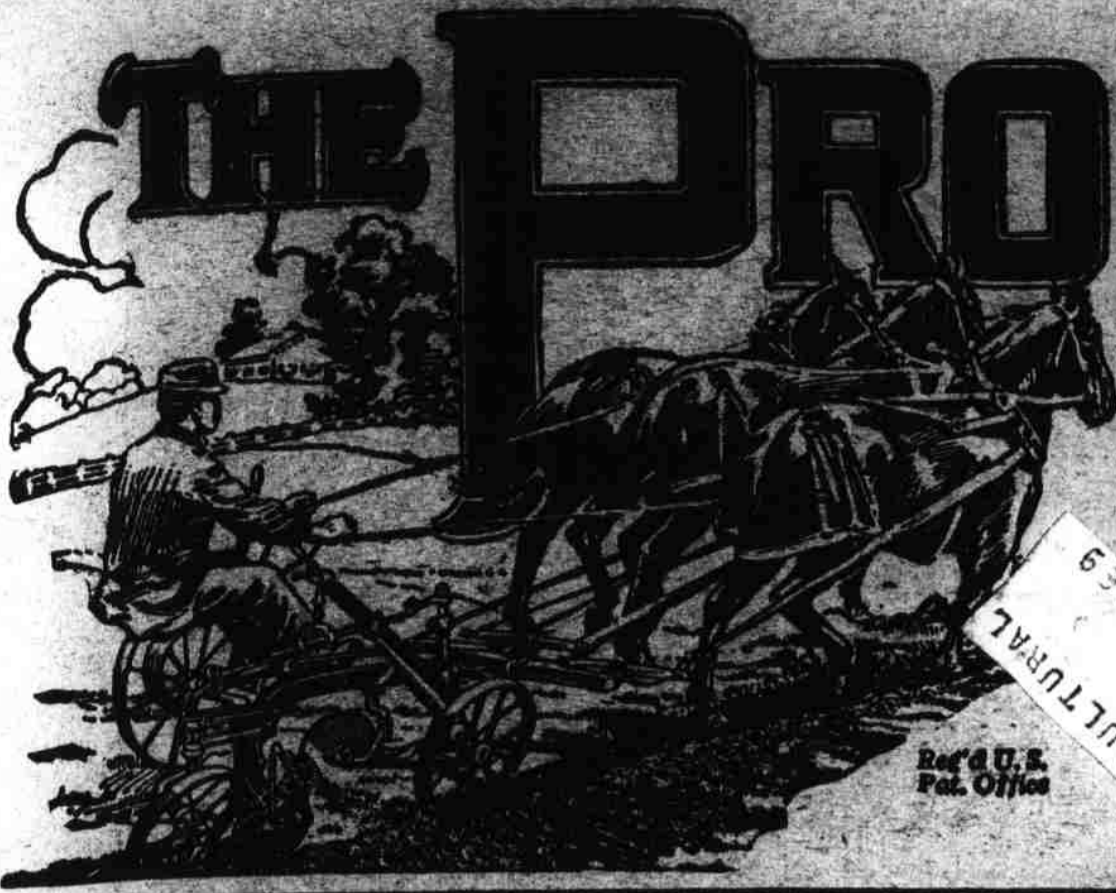


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MAKE THIS YEAR'S GARDEN WORTH WHILE

THE *Progressive Farmer* firmly believes that no farm home is complete unless it has a real garden—one in which the soil has been properly prepared, fertilized and cultivated, and one that furnishes a succession of vegetables during a goodly portion of the year. When you think of the garden as an unimportant piece of ground near the house you not only do the garden an injustice, but take the first step towards a garden failure.

It is not our purpose to give any detailed instructions as to how best to handle a garden, yet we would like to bring out the point that to have a successful garden means not only the growing of vegetables in abundance, but the growing of them throughout the greater part of the year. It is true that vegetables can be canned, but there is no necessity for eating canned vegetables during the summer, if the garden is handled properly. In fact, we feel that it is almost as important to plant a succession of vegetables as it is to plant a garden at all. The planting of a few vegetables early in the spring to be followed after they are harvested by a crop of weeds and grass is a common practice, but nevertheless such a procedure does not result in a real garden.

Not only does the garden pay from the standpoint of dollars and cents, but it is an acknowledged fact that the addition of fresh vegetables to the diet helps to keep the doctor away. The person who consumes a comparatively large quantity of vegetables and does not depend entirely on a meat and bread diet, is usually the one, other conditions being equal, that escapes the attention of the doctor. It therefore follows that from the standpoint of good health, if nothing else, the garden is well worth the time and expense of making it.

Another point which we wish to emphasize is that as a rule the best gardens are found near the house. We know Mr. French has intimated that this nearness of the garden to the house is recommended in order that we may inveigle the women folks into doing the garden work, but there are more substantial reasons why the garden should be easily accessible to the house. If it is near the house it will be cultivated more, cultivated better, and will receive more attention from every standpoint.

In any farm home where there are four, six or eight people to be fed, an average sized home garden can be made to save a couple of hundred dollars per year. In making this saving it is not necessary to place an unreasonable value on the garden produce for if the vegetables are figured at the lowest market price, it will be found that the amount of vegetables consumed, provided the garden is a good one and is properly attended to, will amount to far more than \$200 per year.

For these good reasons we feel that every reader of *The Progressive Farmer* should make up his mind right now to have a good garden this year. Have it near the house, prepare it well, fertilize it well, cultivate it well and plant a succession of vegetables, starting right away and planting not only during the spring, but on into the summer and the fall. Such a garden is a splendid investment for it brings not only profit but pleasure as well.



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