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Orchard and Garden Work This Week and Next

THE Home Garden for 1921.—A bountiful supply of vegetables throughout the year insures better health and more economical living. It is the solution of the housewife's difficulties in providing a variety of palatable dishes at the minimum cost. Canned vegetables from the grocer's are good, but fresh vegetables from the garden are far superior and much less expensive. Therefore plan to have an all-the-year garden during 1921.

A Well-thought-out Plan Is an Essential.—Put your plan on paper and use it as a guide for all garden work. Include in this plan varieties of crops to be grown, time of planting and planting distances. Group perennial vegetables together, such as asparagus, rhubarb, horse-radish and artichoke, as well as those crops that mature at the same time. In starting the garden, begin planting on one side of the garden, extending to the other side as the season advances.

Convenient Location.—Convenience is of first consideration in locating the garden site. It should be thought of as a part of the kitchen equipment and so located. The size will depend upon the number in the family and their preference for the various garden crops, although it should be of sufficient size to supply the table throughout the season and to furnish a surplus for canning purposes.

Purchase Seed Early.—After having made the plans for the garden, place the order for the different varieties of seed desired. Order the catalogs now and secure your seed before the first of the year and start off right with the new year.

Plant Several Pecan Trees About the Farm.-The pecan is one fruit that may serve in a dual capacity-that is, for ornamental purposes as well as for fruit production. November is one of the best months of the winter season for the transplanting of this tree, although they may be set any time during the dormant season. The Stuart and Van Deman are two good varieties that are offered by the nurserymen, and it is advisable to set only grafted trees. Seedlings-that is, trees grown from seed and not budded -will produce excellent trees, but very few ever produce nuts in quantity or of quality. Trees three to five feet in height are excellent for planting, and 60 feet apart each way is a good planting distance.

Figs for the South.—With very little difficulty, this delightful fruit may be had on the farm. In the extreme altitudes, the trees winter-kill each season, but this should not be a source of discouragement, for by planting them in sheltered places and covering up during the winter months, satisfactory results are often possible. Brown Turkey and Celeste are excellent varieties and will prove satisfactory, under most conditions.

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OUR HEALTH TALK Cross-eyes in Children

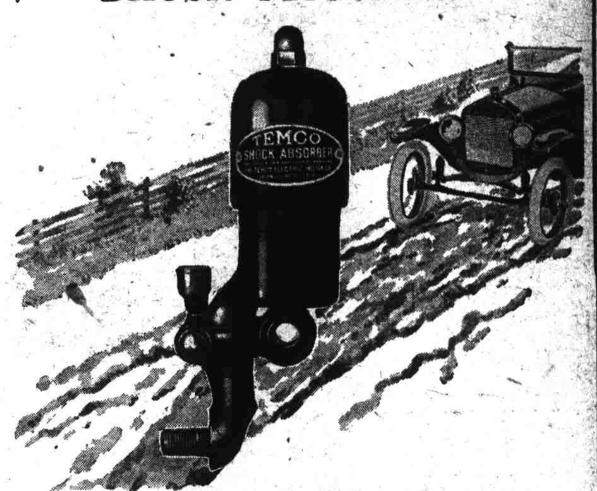
Many young children suffer from a condition known as squint or "cross-eyes" which is too often neglected or ignored by parents. This condition of the eyes comes on gradually, usually occurring between the second and sixth year. Many people think that children will outgrow cross-eyes, but this is not true. In fact, the tendency is for the condition to grow worse.

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