

HOW TO GROW TOMATOES

"I want to grow an acre of tomatoes next summer, in Jackson county, N. C.," writes a friend. "The soil is clay bottom land that was in corn last year and now has a fine stand of crimson clover on it. It is only moderately rich. Would you haul manure on the clover this winter? Horse or cattle manure? How much fertilizer would you use and what sort? In short give me all the information you can."

If the object is to grow tomatoes on the clay bottom upland, and to get early tomatoes, you must start early, under glass, to get the plants. That is, you will need a hot bed for starting the seed and plenty of frame room for transplanting and hardening the plants. I start my tomato seed for early plants about the first of February. That is, I aim to sow the seed about ten weeks before it will be safe to set the plants in the open ground. In your mountain section you cannot set them as early as I can, and hence would not need to start so early. I sow the seed in shallow boxes in a greenhouse, and as soon as they are large enough to handle I transplant to other boxes of rich soil, and finally to frames four inches apart each way, to get strong and to harden them off for moving to the open ground in April. You could hardly set them out in the open ground, especially in the bottom before the middle of May. Hence, in your case, it would be as well to sow the seed in a frame covered with hotbed sashes in March, and you can have frame room for transplanting, covered with cotton cloth. But whatever way you grow the plants, the essential thing is to have stout plants ready when the time for setting comes, and not plants that have been crowded and weakened in the beds.

I would cover the clover now with manure, and it does not matter much whether it is cattle or horse manure. Then I would turn all under early in the spring, not waiting till the clover is in bloom so that the mass can get somewhat decomposed before planting. In the preparation of the soil I would add 1,000 pounds an acre of a fertilizer, made of 900 pounds of acid phosphate, 100 pounds of nitrate of soda, 600 pounds of cotton seed meal and 400 pounds of sulphate of potash to make a ton. Apply this broadcast and work it into the soil well. Of course, you can start the plants outside in a border and transplant directly to the field if the fruit is only wanted for canning, but they will be much later than if started early.

I set the plants in rows three feet apart in my garden and two feet apart in the rows, and train them to single stems on the stakes that are set to each plant and about five feet tall. Of course, it is a good deal of trouble to keep tying and pinching out the side shoots, but you get finer fruit in this way. In planting an acre for horse cultivation it had better be planted four feet between the rows. You can make a large crop by setting four feet each way and letting them tumble on the ground, but late in summer they are apt to be smothered up in crabgrass, while if trained to stakes, the ground can be kept clean.

The plants should be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture in the seed-bed, and after they are set out, every ten days till the fruit is half grown. This to prevent rot and leaf blight. For the Southern bacterial and fusarium wilts there is no preventive but to avoid infected soil.—Progressive Farmer.

A Full Stop.

He was a great poet—or thought he was; and he bore the equally poetic name of Wordsworth Tennyson McCullum! Unlike many other celebrated geniuses he was married.

But even this state did not quench the flames of poetic fire, and he was often inspired during the dark hours of the night.

"Maria! Get up!" he would cry excitedly, "I've thought of a good word!"

And then poor Mrs. Wordsworth McCullum would rise sleepily, light a candle and write for ten minutes or more at her husband's dictation.

At last the patient, long-suffering wife grew tired of the game. A night came when her husband awakened her with more than the usual excitement: "Maria! Maria! Get up quickly; I've just thought of a good word!"

But Maria did not move; instead she retorted angrily: "Oh! Get up yourself! I've just thought of a bad word!"—Exchange.

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COMMANDER VICTOR BLUE GIVEN IMPORTANT POST

South Carolina Naval Hero to be Head of Navigation.

Washington, March 26.—Secretary Daniels of the navy department last night announced the resignation of Capt. Phillip Andrews as chief of the bureau of navigation and the appointment of Commander Victor Blue to succeed him. Captain Andrews, who as bureau chief held the rank of rear admiral, goes back to the line, and probably will be given command of one of the larger ships of the navy.

Commander Blue, who is a native of South Carolina, has had a conspicuous career in the navy. During the Spanish war he was promoted for heroism as result of daring reconnoitering tours around Santiago to locate the enemy's fleet. Later he was commended for conspicuous gallantry while commanding the gunboat Alvarado. During the past two years he has been assigned to duty in connection with the general board. He is a brother of Rupert Blue, surgeon general of the public health service.

A statement issued from the navy department announced that hereafter the navigation bureau chief would not have the assignment of officers senior to him in rank, and that the secretary himself would assign to duty captains and rear admirals.

"Since coming into office," the statement added, "the secretary has received reports showing that there is some dissatisfaction among the enlisted and commissioned personnel of the navy, and he has found Commander Blue thoroughly in accord with his ideas as to the necessary steps that should be taken to advance the interest of the enlisted men and of the sea-going officers."

The Young Man's First Call on His Girl.

In an article entitled "The Social Problem of a Girl," in the April Woman's Home Companion, appears the following:

"In connection with calling arises at once the question of a girl receiving a young man alone. Shall a chaperon be present while he is calling, or not?"

"Again the habit varies. In some of the more sophisticated localities it is customary for an older person to be in the room when a young girl receives men callers, but this is the rare exception. None the less it is a social blunder to keep the parents strictly out of sight when strangers come to the house. The first time a man calls at a house the girl whom he visits should plan to have him meet her father and mother. This may be arranged without any stiffness. The young man may be ushered into the room where the parents are sitting and be introduced to them there, or, better still, they may come into the parlor while he is there and sit down for a few minutes' chat."

"At other times when the man calls, the girl's father or mother may stop in the room for a word of greeting or a little talk without feeling it essential to remain during the entire visit. With all due deference to parents, it cannot be denied that a man and woman of any age, like two men or two women, become better acquainted when alone together than in the presence of others. The occasional presence of the seniors seals the acquaintanceship of the young people with the approval of the parents, and incidentally gives the latter the opportunity to discern if the caller is a desirable friend."

"The hours of evening calling vary with the locality. As a general rule they may be said to last from eight or eight-thirty to ten or half past. Later hours than these are decidedly bad form either for arrival or departure, except when a good deal of intimacy exists. For a first call a man should not remain, at the outside, for more than an hour or so, and a girl should not encourage him to do so."

HOW CYNICAL! HOW TRUE!

I shot a scandal into the air, It fell to earth I know not where; For, so swiftly it flew, the sight Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a tribute into the air, It disappeared I know not where, For who has such a hawklike gaze That it can follow the flight of praise?

Long years after, by chance, I heard That whispered scandal word for word; While the praise that I loudly had sung I found had died when it left my tongue.

—MORTON.

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HEALTH RULES.

Formulated and Adopted by the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Washington, D. C. Avoid badly ventilated, badly lighted, dusty, dirty, overheated, crowded or damp rooms. Breathing dust, notably house dust, often causes disease.

Have no tacked down carpets and matings. Have loose pieces of rugs, and clean them frequently outdoors.

Keep lower sashes closed while sweeping or dusting. Open upper sashes.

Never sweep rooms with a broom that raises dust.

Drink pure water. Avoid water from shallow and unprotected wells, and from ponds and streams.

If in doubt boil the water. Avoid public drinking cups. Tuberculosis, typhoid fever and other diseases are often caused by drinking dirty, raw milk and raw cream.

Investigate your dairyman. Patronize the dealer with clean, up-to-date methods.

Take a bath or sponge daily, and a warm bath, followed by a cold splash, plunge or shower, once or twice a week or oftener.

Use soap freely. Wash your hands before handling food.

Don't put fingers, money, paper or pencils in your mouth.

Don't eat raw food that was exposed to flies or dust or touched by unclean hands.

Fruit or vegetables so exposed should first be rinsed or washed thoroughly.

Chew your food well. Tea, coffee and alcohol are stimulants, not foods.

Get enough sleep. Sleep with windows open. Sit and stand erect.

Practice deep breathing. Breathe through your nose. Don't eat or drink when overheated by exercise.

Avoid tobacco and liquors. They are especially injurious to the young.

Alcohol is a preservative, but not of the health.

Don't neglect coughs or colds. If you do not get well soon, go to a doctor for treatment.

Never cough, sneeze, or breathe into another person's face. Don't spit on floors, sidewalks, or street cars.

Admit plenty of sunshine into houses and into your lives.

Cultivate cheerfulness and kindness; it will help you to resist disease.

Your mind acts on your body.

Pardoning Murderers.

A favorite mode of celebrating Thanksgiving, in recent years at least, is for the governors of certain states to pardon condemned murderers. In one of the Southern states this year a governor is said to have issued a pardon to a murderer as the redemption of a promise made before election. Altogether in that state the governor has pardoned some 33 criminals, six serving life sentences and 16 convicted of homicide in varying degrees.

The United States is the most homicide-ridden country on the face of the earth. We have a great many more murders in proportion to our population than any other of the civilized countries of the world. Human life here is more insecure than it is in many so-called barbarous countries. The reason is manifest. We have fewer executions to the numbers of our murders than any country in the world. Our homicide rate is constantly increasing.

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We all know how difficult it is to get conviction in murder cases. It is said that something less than five per cent of our murderers are convicted of murder in the first degree. To have the sentences after such convictions set aside for anything less than manifest perversion of justice makes for further disregard of law and encourages the man of criminal intent to think that somehow he will escape the full measure of punishment.

Many of our Southern states have an appalling homicide rate. Interference by the executive branch of the government with the judicial function can only serve to make this even worse than it is. Our judicial system is on trial and seems almost to have failed in our time in meting out justice. Its successful efforts should not be interfered with unless there are absolutely compelling motives. If there are such, then the community should be taken into the confidence of the executive, for only thus can he hope to preserve public respect for law.—The New York World.

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—A. S.

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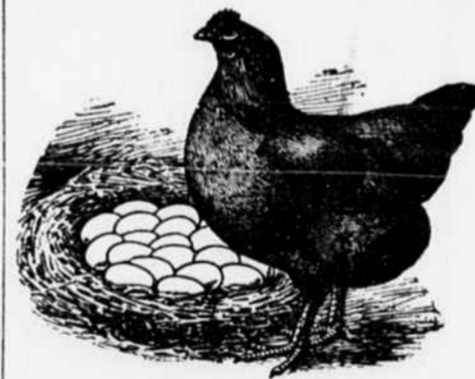
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