A. W. Brabham Tells How He Puts Away Potatoes For The Winter.

Courier : The time is near at hand when the sweet potato crop will be harvested and, as usual, put away to spoil. Perhaps there is no crop that spoils upon the farmers' hands equal rotten potatoes. to the potato crop. It is safe to say that half of all the potatoes put away for winter and spring use spoil, either by rotting in winter or sprouting and get into the pit. drying out too much in spring.

Such heavy losses on this valuable crop put me to thinking and to experimenting. Of course, success did not come the first year, but it did come, they get. and now I do not lose I per cent. of my potatoes, and I believe I can keep them in an absolutely perfect condition till August.

It was thus that I came to make my discovery: I noticed that when I put ones all the time? away my potatoes that those nearest the bottom of the pit, lying on the damp earth, in contact with no straw or other foreign matter, kept better than those that were protected (?) by straw or other covering, and I reached have neither time nor business in a conclusion that should I put my questioning them. But all the mystubers deep enough into the earth, problem owas solved. This I have proved beyond doubt.

ber nips or bites my potato vines I And the great philosopher, Shakeput in ploughs and hand rakes and speare, when he said : harvest my crop. I dig pits three There are more things in heaven and feet wide, six feet long and five feet deep, fill in with potatoes to within two feet of the top. Any kind of clean dry stuff, such as hay, fodder, rice, oat or wheat straw may be used to fill in the remaining space up to the surface, then a roof of boards is made to shed off the rain, and upon this roof is thrown two or three inches of earth to keep out the cold.

Potatoes thus put away will not rot, or lose one pound per bushel in weight, or sprout till mid-summer. And they sweeten and get softer as they age and mellow in their recepta-

Just here I am led to think that this method would be an ideal one for keeping apples, late peaches, pears, grapes; in fact, all kinds of fruits and another.

Fruits and conserves were exhumed only a few years ago at Pompeii and other buried cities of the East just as fresh as they were when put away in handed liquor to a customer. Our are now almost a curiosity. It is a cans and jars nearly two thousand life affords unlimited study of human fact only too regretable that they are the great canning industry of to-day tions; and after years of thought I generation of "colored ladies." sprung.

In putting away potatoes in pits there are simple rules that must be followed:

Dig or harvest potatoes before hard keep and, even could they be kept, they are not edible.

Do not dig your pit deep enough for the water to seep into the pit. On a high elevation you may dig the pit as not go so deep.

Do not put any straw or any foreign substance on the bottom of your pit. Put the potatoes on the cool, damp earth.

Use no "sidings" of anything against the walls of your pit. Let the tubers be in contact with the cool, damp earth.

Do not make your pits too large. Three feet wide, six feet long and five feet deep will give good results on high land. On low lands three feet will de deep enough; fill half full of potatoes when the pit is three feet

If the top filling of straw is not

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To the Editor of The News and | sound and dry, free from all mould or rot, use no straw at all.

> Be sure that the roof of the pit does not leak. Use boards free from holes or sun cracks. A leaky roof means

> Keep all cold wind out of the pit by putting earth upon the roof and around the gables. Allow no water to

By following these simple rules you can have delicious potatoes on your table the year round. The longer the potatoes stay in the pit the better

Prof. J. S. Newman's plan of drying potatoes will not compare at all with my plan. To use a street slang, Prof. Newman is not "in it." Why use dried potatoes when you can have fresh

There are great economic agricul tural problems to solve and, like any other problems, they can be solved; at least all finite questions have an answer, those infinite have none and we teries making doubtful the way of keep out all rain and cold, that the progressive man will be cleared up as the sunlight banishes the morning mists and the crooked ways made As soon as the first frost in Octo- straight and the pathway made plain.

earth, Horatio,

Than are dreampt of in your philosowas divining a truth broader than its

surface showed. A. W. Brabham.

Olar, Bamberg County, Sept. 21.

Wisdom From a Barkeeper.

as men are men. Since I have been passing drinks across the counter I have seen all manner of tragedies. and it is a mistake to suppose that a bartender grows callous, though his fore the war. vegetables, fresh from one season to life would be easier if he were like that. We must be polite and attentive; but I have seen the time when it pearing from our streets. So familwas hard to keep from being a mere man and preaching temperance as I years ago, these faithful old darkies years ago. And from this discovery nature. I have seen all the gradua. so fast giving place to the younger ave reached a few conclusions that are not new. One may in a thousand may drink safely. The others are threatened always, and this side the three drinks a day is a miracle. A father and grandfather may be a teetotaller until he is 50, but he may expect delirium tremens any time after deep as you wish, but on low lands do he seases to be a total abstainer. I have seen a town bum scher up and become a respectable member of society, and I have a good deal of faith in the Keely Cure; but the gentleman who begins to get drunk after he is 30 years old might as well shoot himself and save his family physician the necessity of lying as to the cause of his death. I have never known but one man who had the jim-jams to escape the drunkards death. Paralysis saved him. Whisky is mankind's strongest common love. It is the best med-

> Death."-Charlotte Observer. Absent Minded.

icine in the world and as a means of

killing off surplus population it is

surer, though slower, than the Black

Espjohn, a Swedish gentleman, fond of telling anecdotes and incidents gathered during a recent visit to his native country, is responsible for this addition to the "absent minded man"

A professor in one of the Swedish universities, having finished his labors for the day, was about to start home when a fellow professor called his attention to the violent storm raging outside and said: "Why go home?

Better remain at the college tonight.' He walked over to the window and surveyed the situation. "Yes, I think I will," he replied, nonchalantly, an all absorbing topic of the class room yet in mind.

Soon afterward he was missing, says the New York Times, and it was supposed that he had changed his mind and gone home; but later he reappear ed with a bundle under his arm and showing evidence of having been "xposed to the storm. Something was

said regarding his errand.
"Why," he replied, "I've been home after my night shirt."

- Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

PASSING OF THE OLD NEGRO.

Product of old School's Influence Fading Away.

A conversation which the writer heard some time ago between a young lady from the North and one of the few typical old negro "mammies" which are still left in the South, brings to mind the fact that there are few, very few of these aged characters left, who remained faithful to their masters not only during the war, but for many years after as well.

The young lady in question was seated on the wide piazza of an old Southern home, situated not many miles from Augusta. Absorbed in her book she paid no attention to her surroundings until she was aroused by a cheerful, "Good mornin', Missy." The young lady closed her book,

smiling. "Good morning, Aunt Liza; how are you this morning?" she said.

"Well, jes' so so, Missy, jes so so. I doan git 'long as purt as I use to.' And the old darkey seated herself on the steps with a view to continuing

the conversation. Aunt Liza was the typical "mammy. ' Refusing to leave her owners, the old negro has long since become a land mark and still clings to the old plantation where she was reared.

The Northern girl had her own ideas about slavery and finally brought the old woman around to the subject of the days before she became free.

"Now, Aunt Liza, aren't you glad that slavery days are over and you can do just as you please all the time?"

The old woman looked up in surprise. "Lord, chile!" she exclaimed, "Dis ole nigger ain' ben rale happy sence de wah. O' cose de Cunnel ben jes' as good to me ef he ain' ben better, but dey ain' ben no big times sence dem Yankees cum tho de place. Chrismus is jes a odinary 'casion now. Lord, Honey! you ain' never seen a Chrismus fo' de wah, is you? No? Well you sutiny is gut somethin' to live fur. O' cose we hes good times yit, but dey ain' like dem we use to hab. De Cunnel'd cum out arter he done eat he brekfas' on Chrismus and "There's no use to theorize about | gin all de niggers fifty cents and sot whisky drinking," said the old bar. um free fer all day. De missus would keeper. "Of course it is the curse of cum down to de quarters, too, and gin the world, but men will drink so long all de chillun a present. Naw, Missy, de doan had no mo times like dem."

And in this strain the old slave rattled on telling of her younger days be-

It is a sad but true fact that this type of the negro is now fast disapiar to the sight some twelve or fifteen

In the the old days if one of the old 'war time'' negroes happened to be standing near when a gentleman dismounted from his horse, he would indanger-line they are traveling with a stinctively step forward for the bridle, frost. Frost-bitten potatoes will not curb bit. The man who sticks to his hat would come off, perhaps not gracefully but politely, and "de Cunman who inherits a thirst from his nel's" horse would stand anchored to a faithful hitching post.

Uncle Remus, so truthfully and naturally portrayed by the pen of Joel Chandler Harris, gives it as his opinion that the education of a negro ruins a good plow hand. The truth of this assertion is left to the great educators of the country to determine. However, the old time negro gained the love of his owners. He was uneducated. He was also faithful, unselfish and, above all, humble and

Next to its parents, a child of the sixties generally loved its old "mammy." It was "mammy" that bound up the stumped toe or the cut finger and "mammy" that was ever careful

of its safety. It was the same good faithful old "mammy" that sat by the bedside at night and croaned her quaint old lu!labies to scare the hobmorning and the first to discover the ed simple.

reason for a poor appetite. Few children new enjoy the bless- to go into his stall. In an instant the ings of being cared for by a real old brute was on his hind legs and started negro "mammy." Most of them have for the hostler, mouth open. The already gone to a land of everlasting hostler escaped, but from that day no freedom and those that are left are person could go near enough to the fast disappearing before the scythe of time. The white turban and the ble employes even attempted to do red bandanna, once so familiar on our was to put feed through the iron gratstreets, are now almost things of the ing.

nurse of the present day would be apof today all know how safe they knew | be done with the "man eater." the children were if "mammy" was first to grieve when one of the "chillun" fell ill.

come a "mammy." It took the old school to make her, and the old school gave its last diplomas in the year that Lee surrendered. The genuine "mam-South, not of the New. She must have been attached to her masters through the war and through the period of suffering and distress that foilowed it. Above all she must have been faithful.

With the disappearance of the old 'mammy," the old man servant is also dying out. Such characters as "Uncle Balla" and "Uncle Remus" The modern coachman, perhaps, is as public. good as the old, but he can't possibly take as much pride in "de kerrige

The passing of the old darkey is a The present generation will never Evans Pharmacy. supply the want. When the last in Augusta Herald.

Fire Conquers Fierce Horse.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 27-Several months ago the manager of the Eagle goblins away. "Mammy" was the Transfer Company prechased a horse first to arouse the little sleeper in the from a country horse trader who look-

> Early next morning a hostler started horse to curry it, and all that the sta-

When a fire broke out in the build-To compare "mainmy" with the ing adjoining the other horses had almost all been removed, and the atproaching sacrilege. The grandmother | tendants were wondering what should

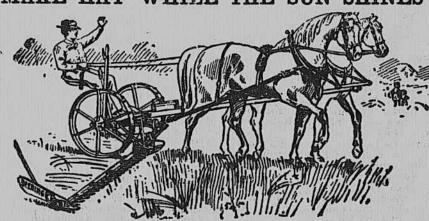
A negro excited by the proximity of with them. They knew that "mam- the fire rushed into the stable, and, my" loved them and would be one of seeing the animal standing there, thought it would surely be burned to death. Acting on the impulse of the The nurse of this day, no matter moment, he rushed to the stall, and, how long she may live, can never be- opening the door, which had been fastened ever since the animal was purchased, grabbed the "man killer" by the head and led him from the stall. After he had the horse on its way out my" must have been born in slave- of the building he noticed a wagon ry. She must have been of the Old standing in the center of the floor, which he thought might be burned. He stopped the horse suddenly, and, running to the side of the stable, pulled down a set of harness, which he placed on the horse, and without the least trouble hitched it to the wagon and drove to a place of safety.

The animal made some trouble, but was quickly subdued by the negro. After the danger from the fire was no longer sit upon the back door step over the animal was driven back to the and entertain the youngsters with stable. It has been put to work, and tales of the times "befo' de wah." the negro drives it .- St. Louis Re-

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