

TO SAVE SWEET POTATOES.

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

To the Editor of The News and Courier: The time is near at hand when the sweet potato crop will be harvested and, as usual, put away to spoil.

It was thus that I came to make my discovery: I noticed that when I put 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?)

As soon as the first frost in October nips or bites my potato vines I put in ploughs and hand rakes and harvest my crop. I dig pits three feet wide, six feet long and five feet deep, fill in with potatoes to within two feet of the top.

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

In putting away potatoes in pits there are simple rules that must be followed: Dig or harvest potatoes before hard frost. Frost-bitten potatoes will not 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 deep as you wish, but on low lands do 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 be deep enough; fill half full of potatoes when the pit is three feet deep.

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 rotten potatoes.

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

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 they get.

There are great economic agricultural problems to solve and, like any other problems, they can be solved, at least all finite questions have an answer.

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy,

was divining a truth broader than its surface showed. A. W. Brabham. Olar, Bamberg County, Sept. 21.

Wisdom From a Barkeeper. "There's no use to theorize about whisky drinking," said the old barkeeper. "Of course it is the curse of the world, but men will drink so long 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 life would be easier if he were like that."

And in this strain the old slave rattled on telling of her younger days before the war. It is a sad but true fact that this type of the negro is now fast disappearing from our streets. So familiar to the sight some twelve or fifteen years ago, these faithful old darkeys are now almost a curiosity. It is a fact only too regrettable that they are so fast giving place to the younger generation of "colored ladies."

In 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 instinctively step forward for the bridle, his hat would come off, perhaps not gracefully but politely, and "de Cunnel'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 polite.

Next to his 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 crooned her quaint old lullabies to scare the hobgoblins away. "Mammy" was the first to arouse the little sleeper in the morning and the first to discover the reason for a poor appetite.

PASSING OF THE OLD NEGRO.

Product of old School's Influence is 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 "mammys" 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."

"Good morning, Aunt Liza; how are you this mornin'?" she said. "Well, jes' so so, Missy, jes' so so. I doan git' long as purt as I use to."

The nurse of this day, no matter how long she may live, can never become 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 "mammy" must have been born in slavery.

With the disappearance of the old "mammy," the old man servant is also dying out. Such characters as "Uncle Balla" and "Uncle Remus" no longer sit upon the back door step and entertain the youngsters with tales of the times "befo' de wah."

The modern coachman, perhaps, is as good as the old, but he can't possibly take as much pride in "de kerrige horses" as Old Balla did. He thought first of his horses and then of himself.

The passing of the old darkey is a loss which can never be remedied. The present generation will never supply the want. When the last negro, that has once been a slave, dies the "ole time nigger" will be extinct. He is a character all to himself and will never be replaced.—Jas. J. Chafee, in Augusta Herald.

Fire Conquers Fierce Horse.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 27.—Several months ago the manager of the Eagle Transfer Company purchased a horse from a country horse trader who looked simple.

Early next morning a hostler started to go into his stall. In an instant the brute was on his hind legs and started for the hostler, mouth open. The hostler escaped, but from that day no person could go near enough to the horse to curry it, and all that the stable employes even attempted to do was to put feed through the iron grating.

When a fire broke out in the building adjoining the other horses had almost all been removed, and the attendants were wondering what should be done with the "man eater."

A negro excited by the proximity of the fire rushed into the stable, and, seeing the animal standing there, thought it would surely be burned to death. Acting on the impulse of the moment, he rushed to the stall, and, 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.

The animal made some trouble, but was quickly subdued by the negro. After the danger from the fire was over the animal was driven back to the stable. It has been put to work, and the negro drives it.—St. Louis Republic.

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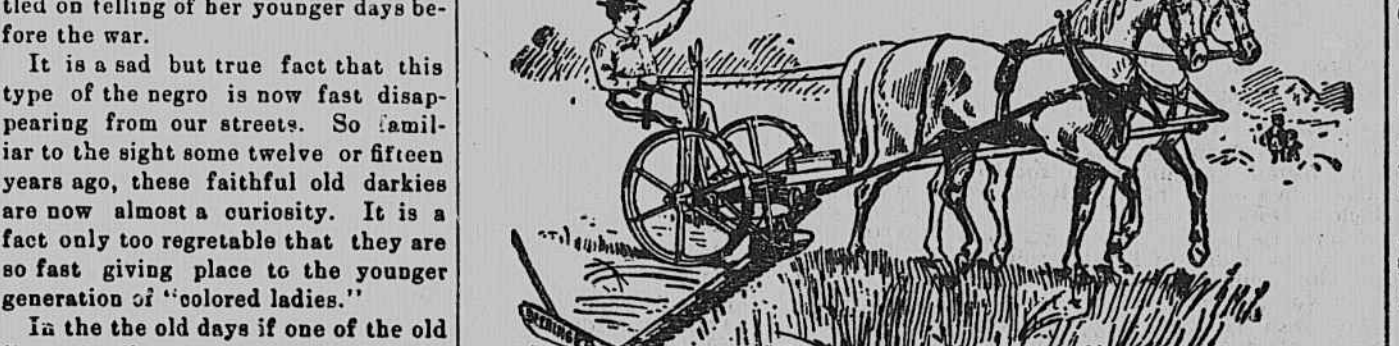
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