

FARM GARDEN

BRUSSELS SPROUTS.

As Easy to Grow as Cabbage and More Profitable.

Anyone who can grow cabbage can grow brussels sprouts. Everyone who likes cabbage will like brussels sprouts better. But the same carelessness that produces woody, rank-flavored cabbage will have a like effect on brussels sprouts. Yet people who give the plant a fair trial in the garden and the kitchen soon swell the ranks of the lovers of this popular vegetable.

Any garden soil that will grow good



Typical Brussels Sprouts.

cabbage can be relied upon to produce good sprouts. An ample supply of humus and nitrogenous food in the soil is desirable as in the case of any other leaf crops. The seed may be sown at the same time and in the same way as cabbage seed. For very early crops it may be sown in a cold frame in late fall, protected during winter with mats or shutters, and the plants set out as early in the spring as the ground can be worked.

For second early, says Orange Judd Farmer, it may be sown in early spring and transplanted in April. But since the plant makes most delicate flavored heads during cool weather the most popular time of sowing is June.

When thus grown the young plants are set out in the garden 3x2 feet apart at six weeks old and given clean cultivation for six weeks. From September until hard freezing they need little or no attention unless the season be very dry.

In such cases liberal watering will improve the quality and quantity of the sprouts. The bulk of the picking is done between October and December, though in mild winters, especially in the middle sections and in the southern states, some may be gathered until March and even April.

LEAF CURL IN POTATOES.

Can Be Prevented by Handling of Potatoes Before Planting.

To prevent leaf curl in potatoes do not expose the tubers on dry shelves in the winter where they are likely to fluctuate with external conditions, and thus lose a certain amount of moisture after every frost when the temperature rises outside again. Instead, pile the tubers down for the winter, exclude air and thus prevent shriveling, which is a greater evil than the loss of a sprout.

Allow sufficient time to elapse before covering for the winter, so that heat is not generated when a quantity is placed together; this is regulated according to the soil and the kind of weather in lifting time.

Never use the well-nipped, highly ripened tubers for planting purposes. Plant much later for stock purposes, especially if you persist in retaining your own produce. This applies to all soils, only doubly so to cool, dry, sandy land.

I do not think, says a writer in Farmer's Voice, anyone can realize the importance of planting unripened tubers for giving increased vigor unless they themselves set to work and test it.

Earth, plaster, cement or brick floors are far better than dry boarded floors for storing upon, because they are colder. If the tubers are not tied down, cold underground cellars are the best places to store in for the winter.

Planting a Few Cowpeas.

For a small crop I find the following method very good: First turn your ground in the winter, so it can mellow up. Then take the double plow, with 4-inch plows, and crossbreak early in May, or before weeds begin to come up. About May 10 or 15 take your double plow with 15-inch plows, and let a good, fast cropper go behind the plow and drop the seed in the last furrow. Then the man with the plow comes along and covers, and at the same time lays off another row. When the vines get large enough to plow use the plow with the 3-inch plows and run once in a row. Give them about two plowings and in a reasonably good season you will have a good crop.

BUILDING WIRE FENCES.

How One Man Can Put it Up and Stretch It Himself.

One man can build a wire fence unassisted if he has a chance to drive a horse with a pair of front wheels near to the fence. Put an iron rod about two feet long, or a crowbar, through the holes in the wire reel and let it go down in the hole where the rocker bolt goes through the axle.

Fasten one end of the wire to a post or tree where you wish to start from, then drive the horse as near to the posts as convenient, and in most cases you need not stop, unless the wire catches, until you have run out a whole reel. Then fasten the wire around the axle, tie a rope about ten feet from the axle and bring it around a post or tree. Start the horse, and when you get a hard strain on the wire fasten the rope to hold it. You will need a steady horse, as one that does not pull steadily is liable to break the wire.

After the wire is stretched, says Farm and Home, and made fast by the rope start with hammer and staples where you first fastened it. Lift it 1 1/2 feet or more from the ground, and go along to each post and drive your staple about half way in until you reach the end. If the posts are not on a straight line you may have to slacken the wire, otherwise you may have to draw a strain on it the second time. Start again at the further end and drive the staples in tight.

In putting up the next two wires proceed in the same way and spread them apart the length of your hammer handle on each post and you will have a fence that no cow can get through, and if they go over a fence of that height they are only fit for the beef barrel.

SOIL FOR POTATOES.

Characteristics of the Ground Best Adapted to the Tuber.

The success of the potato crop depends very much upon the texture of the soil in which the potatoes are planted. It is a fact well understood by many farmers that there are many soils on which potatoes do not do well. A too heavy, compact clay does not permit the potatoes to develop to advantage. It may be, too, that in such a soil the organisms that elaborate food do not have the same opportunity to secure air and therefore the carbon with which to work.

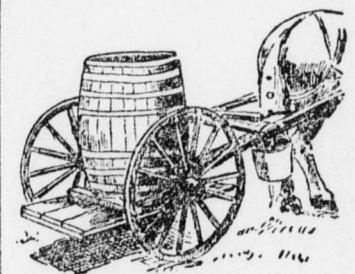
On the other hand, a too loamy soil, a soil with too much of humus, does not give a large enough tuber, as related to the top. The best soils seem to be those that have been created by the southward movement of the great glaciers, which ground to atoms the stones taken from northern latitudes and made a soil that was just loose enough to permit the air to work downward without drying out the films of moisture surrounding the soil particles. At the same time such a soil permits the easy penetration of the roots of the potatoes.

A good potato soil is frequently inclined to rockiness, the rocks being the coarser remains of the glaciers that helped to make the soil. That the soil has an enormous influence on the successful growing of potatoes is abundantly proven by the way in which the crop succeeds in spots. Thus, in Wisconsin, there is a section of country near the middle of the state, a wedged-shaped piece, on which wonderful yields of potatoes have been obtained even in years when the crop generally was a failure.

CART FOR HAULING WATER.

Convenient Device Which Can Be Made Out of Old Material.

Any available wheels may be used in the construction of the device shown in the accompanying illustration.



Water Barrel on Wheels.

The axle, which is made of iron, can be bent close to the hub of the wheels, so as to bring the barrel near the ground and thus facilitate the matter of handling the water, explains the Prairie Farmer. The platform can be made any desired size, large enough for two barrels if necessary.

FARM JOTTINGS.

The kitchen garden should be heavily fertilized annually. If by bad management you now get behind with your work, it will crowd you all summer.

A moderate application of manure, say, ten tons per acre, will for most crops give a greater profit than twice that quantity.

Take the fishing pole on a drizzly day and get some trout. There is nothing like becoming a boy again, even for a day. With the boyhood recollections of the best pools in the stream and how to fish them a good catch can usually be made.

If you would kill Canada thistles cut them off once a week, beginning early in spring, and keep at it regularly as long as they appear. It may be necessary to keep at it the whole of one season and part of the next but regular weekly cutting will exterminate the most persistent patch.

FOUND THE CAUSE.

After Six Years of Misery and Wrong Treatment.

John A. Enders, of Robertson Avenue, Pen Argyl, Pa., suffered for six years with stinging pain in the back, violent headaches and dizzy spells, and was assured by a specialist that his kidneys were all right, though the secretions showed a reddish, brick-dust sediment. Not satisfied, Mr. Enders started using Doan's Kidney Pills. "The kidneys began to act more regularly," he says, "and in a short time I passed a few gravel stones. I felt better right away and since then have had no kidney trouble."

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INTERMITTENTLY.



Tourist—What are you jumping up like that for, me good man? Howling Dervish—Yeow! Dog of an unbeliever, I'm elevating my mind.

If an Advertisement Convinces You, Stay Convinced.

When you read in this newspaper the advertisement of a manufacturer who has paid for the space used to convince you that it is to your interest to buy his goods, and you go to a dealer where such articles are usually handled for sale, do not let the dealer or any one of his clerks sell you something else which he claims is "just as good." If an advertisement convinced you, it was because of the element of truth which it contained.

INSIST ON GETTING WHAT YOU ASK FOR.

Too Strong.

"The traveler in Ireland who did well," recently remarked an attaché to our embassy at London, "when he engages a jaunting car to make sure of the step to which, in mounting, he must trust his weight. The carman does not help him to mount."

"I am afraid that step is loose," an American once said to the driver he had engaged.

"The man took hold of the step and shook it. 'Ah! sure,' said he, 'it's too strong, it is. What are ye afraid of?'"

"As he was talking, the thing came off in his hand."

"This mishap did not, however, embarrass the Irishman, for, with the sunniest of smiles, he turned to his fare saying:

"Shure, now, I've saved yer honor from a broken leg!"—Harper's Weekly.

Too Much of a "Drawing Card."

"Dear William," wrote the old man to the youth at college, "I'm shore glad to hear that you air sich a 'drawin' card' that, but I knowed it long 'fore you tol' me. Howsomever, thar's drawin' an' drawin', but thar's one kind which I must draw the line on here an' now, an' that is the sort that draws on me fer \$50 when I'm least expectin'. You put Greek an' Latin in yer letters, sometimes, fer good measure, I suppose, but I notice that when you draw on me it's allus in plain United States. I want you to go through all right, but I don't want you to bill me through. Gimme a livin' chance to rest up. I'm tired!"

De Organ's Busted.

In a little church in Maryland, not far from Washington, the motive power for the organ comes from the strong arm of an industrious Irishman.

During a recent service there the choir got into trouble and, to cap the climax, during the confusion that ensued, the organ suddenly stopped.

The situation was not greatly relieved when there came floating out into the auditorium a hoarse whisper: "Sing, all youse! Sing like the devil! De organ's busted.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

FIT THE GROCER

Wife Made the Suggestion.

A grocer has excellent opportunity to know the effects of special foods on his customers. A Cleveland grocer has a long list of customers that have been helped in health by leaving off coffee and using Postum Food Coffee.

He says, regarding his own experience: "Two years ago I had been drinking coffee, and must say that I was almost wrecked in my nerves."

"Particularly in the morning I was so irritable and upset that I could hardly wait until the coffee was served, and then I had no appetite for breakfast, and did not feel like attending to my store duties."

"One day my wife suggested that inasmuch as I was selling so much Postum there must be some merit in it and suggested that we try it. I took home a package and she prepared it according to directions. The result was a very happy one. My nervousness gradually disappeared, and today I am all right. I would advise everyone afflicted in any way with nervousness or stomach troubles, to leave off coffee and use Postum Food Coffee." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

STOPPED TO SALUTE HOGS.

One Man at Least Grateful to the Source of His Wealth.

"The Interpreter" in the American Magazine says of a respectful father he once knew:

"Isn't it time we took off our hats and thanked this pleasant land for the good things it has done for us by going on patiently covering up our blunders, rectifying our mistakes, and responding cheerfully to our every intelligent effort?"

"I knew a man out west who had the right idea about it. His father had made a great fortune in the pork packing business. The heir was not puffed up by his millions. Long after he had grown accustomed to the money and might reasonably be expected to look down on butchers, if in walking in the country with his children they saw a drove of hogs on the road, he would make his little boys stand at attention and take off their hats. 'I want them to respect the sources of wealth,' he said."

SEVERE HEMORRHOIDS

Sores, and Itching Eczema—Doctor Thought an Operation Necessary—Cuticura's Efficacy Proven.

"I am now 80 years old, and three years ago I was taken with an attack of piles (hemorrhoids), bleeding and protruding. The doctor said the only help for me was to go to a hospital and be operated on. I tried several remedies for months but did not get much help. During this time sores appeared which changed to a terrible itching eczema. Then I began to use Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills, injecting a quantity of Cuticura Ointment with a Cuticura Suppository Syringe. It took a month of this treatment to get me in a fairly healthy state and then I treated myself once a day for three months and, after that, once or twice a week. The treatments I tried took a lot of money, and it is fortunate that I used Cuticura. J. H. Henderson, Hopkinton, N. Y., Apr. 26, 1907."

Not Such a Fool.

John was a Chinaman. He had been employed as a cook in a family in San Francisco. During many years he never failed to be at his post of duty. One morning, as usual, the family assembled for breakfast, but John was nowhere to be seen, nor did he send word what had happened to him. After several weeks he re-appeared with the symptoms of a severe cold still clinging to him. The master of the house greeted him by saying: "Well, John, we were wondering what had happened to you; but I see you have caught cold." John indignantly protested, saying: "Oh, no, sir; me no catchee coldie, me no such foolie; coldie comie to me."

His Elusive Memory.

Employer—William did that man who called to see me while I was out leave his name?

Shaggy-Haired Office Boy—Yes, sir; his name is—is—well, the last part of it is "shaw."

Employer—What's the first part of it?

Office Boy (making a strenuous effort to recall it)—Well, sir, it's either Grim, or Hawk, or Hen, or Brad, or Pan, or Ker, or Rick, but to save my bloomin' life, Mr. Townsend, I can't remember which.

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Suggestive.

Towne—There was a spelling-bee down at our church the other night. The pastor gave out the words. Did you hear about it?

Brown—No; was it interesting? Towne—Rather. The first three words he gave out were "increase," "pastor," "salary."—Stray Stories.

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M. Rodin, the celebrated sculptor, has been asked to paint some frescoes for the new art gallery at the Luxembourg palace.

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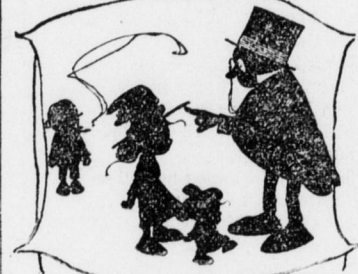
Mr. Newrich's Visiting Card Left Friend in the Shade.

Mr. Newrich, the dust contractor, having made a fortune, part of which he had invested in house property in the east of London, wished to rise, like a Phoenix, from his ashes into some sort of society. His golden key, applied to the coffers of an impecunious aristocrat, opened the way.

His new friend, among other things, advised him that visiting cards were a necessity, and, as a guide to drawing one up ready for the printer, handed him one of his own, which read, "Harold De Vere, Iona House, Portsmouth Square, W."

Two days later, as De Vere was sitting in his dressing room at breakfast, a servant brought in on a salver a visiting card bearing the following: "Ephraim Newrich, I Own 23 Houses, London, E."

HER PROTECTOR.



"Here, nurse! Who's that young chap that's always following you around? I he a beau of yours?"

"Oh, no, sir. Dat's Jimmie Hawkshaw, de detective. I hires him to protect me from kidnapers an' things!"

Ask Your Grocer for "Our-Pie."

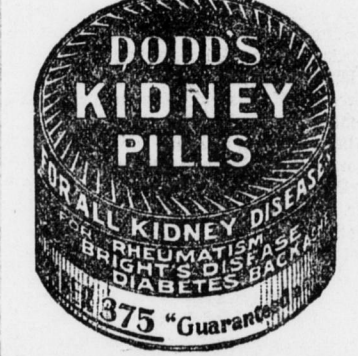
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If, in replying to a toast at the political banquet, you lost your head, don't be unhappy, for, if you only stay late enough, you'll be sure to get it back again all right in the morning.

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