

# MELONS OF EGYPT ARE GROWN IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Direct Descendants from the Very Melons Which Our Hebrew Brethren So Loudly Bewailed While Traversing the Desert.

A new melon in which the seeds are separate from the flesh, and is probably a type of the earliest melons known.

"And the children of Israel wept again and said: We remember the fish which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers and the melons; . . . And now our soul is dried away, there is nothing at all beside this manna."—Numbers 11:5.

This is perhaps the first well-recorded case of a riot over the menu of a camping-out party; but that is not the point of interest so much as that this also is the first record of the melon. Nor, really, can it be wondered at that there was some disappointment at the loss of the melons, though we have no real idea in these days of what manna was, or its tooth-someness.

The melon of Egypt is supposed to have been of African origin, though

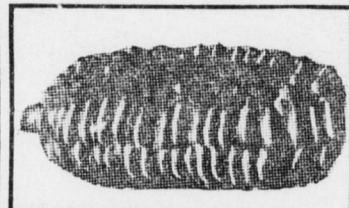
tirely different from anything raised in America. The outside is a pale yellow, and ribbed. In size they are as large as the usual run of muskmelons. The flesh is a deep orange in color, very thick, very sweet, and deliciously fragrant. The peculiarity of this melon is in the arrangement of the seeds. They are not spread through the flesh, as in the American melons, but are all in a hard mass in the center, looking exactly like a nubbin of corn. The second photograph shows these seeds. When the melon is cut, this core is taken out, a stick thrust through it, and it is hung to the rafters of the kitchen until melon-planting time of the following year. Before planting, the seeds are separated and then planted as any other melons are planted. Both sorts are prolific growers, come early and go late. They are among the first melons on the place to ripen, and there are



A Bunch of Melons.

this is not certain. The muskmelon has never been found in a wild state, and is supposed to have originated in India and to have been brought thence by way of Persia. Melons from seed brought from Armenia were cultivated three centuries ago at Cantaluppi, near Rome, and thence were introduced all over Europe under the name of cantaloupes, whence our present name for them, which is being supplanted in the market by the cognomen of Rocky Ford; for once the cantaloupe gets into the hands of the dealer, it may be raised in Indiana or any other seaport, but it is always a Rocky Ford.

The two accompanying photographs have great interest from two reasons: They show melons which are new in this country and which are no doubt direct descendants from the very melons which our Hebrew brethren so loudly bewailed while traversing the desert. I found them on the garden of Martin Doerksen, whose farm is in the flourishing Mennonite settlement numbering a half-hundred families, near the beautiful little city of Meade, Kan. There are two kinds of melons shown in the first photographs—watermelons and muskmelons. The watermelons are in the heap in the center. They are not strictly peculiar as compared with our American watermelons, except that they are small, nearly round, very light in color on the outside and also on the inside, and very sweet. The three muskmelons at the bottom of the picture are en-



The Seed.

brought from the shores of the Caspian sea, and it is called there the Klumelon.

It requires very little research, when the history of the Mennonites is considered, to connect these melons with the most ancient and historical forms of this fruit of the vine; and the peculiarity of the arrangements of the seeds in the Klumelon would make it very attractive to the housewife because they are not "mussy" to serve. The eater would enjoy the absence of the seeds also. Properly cultivated it would probably produce a melon which would be in great demand.

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## PRESERVE THE SPRING LAID EGG

Best Product of This Time of Year.

Recent investigations show that eggs laid in May and early June keep better than those laid at any other time of the year, and for that reason eggs laid at this particular time of the year should be preserved.

It has been found that water glass when properly made seals the eggs and prevents further infection when set at a comparatively low temperature. Water glass can usually be obtained through druggists at from \$1.75 a gallon, a gallon of the water being made into ten gallons of preservative by simply dissolving it in ten gallons of water which has been cooled before use. The preservative should be kept in a cellar at a temperature of 60 degrees.

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kept in a dry, cool room or cellar, where the sun's rays do not fall directly upon them. Only clean eggs should be used for preservation, and these should be placed in the preservative within twenty-four hours after they are laid.

If care is taken to select clean, sound eggs, and proper precautions are observed in carrying out the details of the method of preservation as above indicated, it is believed that water glass furnishes a cheap, reliable and easily employed preservative for domestic use, and by its use everyone having a supply of fresh eggs in the spring can make a considerable saving and at the same time have a larger number of fresh eggs to use in the winter.

Sell Nothing But the Best.—If farmers will make it a rule to send only the best to the market they will get more money for one-half of the crop when prices are low than for the whole. When the markets are well supplied only the best will sell. Not only should the articles be selected, but they should be uniform—of the same quality—at the bottom of the basket as at the top. Instead of reducing the price of potatoes by sending the very small ones to the market, keep those that are unsalable, feed them on the farm and they will then be more valuable.

Potatoes from Sprouts.—The British agricultural colleges have been testing the growing of potatoes from sprouts with great success. A Daily Scotsman forwarded by Vice-Consul Charles Drysdale of Dunfermline says that the yield and quality have both been increased and the disease-resisting power strengthened.

## THE HINT GENTEEL.



Mr. Saphead—By Jove, it's nearly 12 o'clock. Perhaps I had better be goin'.

Miss Smart—Well, they say "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day."

## SKIN ROUGH AS BARK.

Baby Eloy Had Intense Itching Humors—Scatched Till Blood Ran.

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"Our son, two years old, was afflicted with a rash. After he suffered with the trouble several weeks I took him to the doctor but it got worse. The rash ran together and made large blisters. The little fellow didn't want to do anything but scratch and we had to wrap his hands up to keep him from tearing the flesh open till the blood would run. The itching was intense. The skin on his back became hard and rough like the bark of a tree. He suffered intensely for about three months. But I found a remedy in Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. The result was almost magical. That was more than two years ago and there has not been the slightest symptom of it since he was cured. J. W. Lauck, Yukon, Okla., Aug. 28 and Sept. 17, 1908."

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## Prominent Women Aid Good Cause.

A large number of women occupying prominent positions in society, or on the stage, are taking an active interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt has recently given \$1,000,000 for sanitary homes for consumptives. Mrs. Kath Spaulding of Chicago has erected a sanitarium for the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute at a cost of about \$50,000; Mrs. Collis P. Huntington and Mrs. Borden Harriman have given largely to the consumption fight. In Porto Rico, Mrs. Albert Norton Wood, wife of a prominent army officer stationed at San Juan, has stirred the entire island through the anti-tuberculosis crusade she inaugurated. Mrs. Emma Calve is a most enthusiastic worker, and has given largely of her talent and money for the relief of tuberculosis sufferers, and Miss Olga Nethersole has even lectured before the public on tuberculosis.

Englishman's Withering Reply. The best of us sometimes forget the beam in our own eyes while we search for a mote in another's. An American traveling abroad met an Englishman with the rather remarkable name of Pthorne, which was pronounced Thorne.

"What's the good of the 'P'?" the American queried; "you don't pronounce it, do you?" The Englishman gazed at him with the manner of one who, while he pitied, is bored.

"What's the good of 'h' in 'orser'?" he questioned, convincingly.—Spare Moments.

Obedience. Prompt and unquestioning obedience is the corner stone of the foundation of success in life. No man can give orders properly who has not learned to take them, and "save he serve, no man may rule." It will be found that the men who have won their way to positions of power and responsibility have invariably been the men who did not reason or argue or even "respectfully represent," but who promptly did as they were commanded without questioning. It is the large man, not the little man, who recognizes a superior authority.

## MAKING SUNSHINE

It is Often Found in Pure Food.

The improper selection of food drives many a healthy person into the depths of despairing illness. Indeed, much sickness comes from wrong food and just so surely as that is the case right food will make the sun shine once more.

An old veteran of Newburyport, Mass., says: "In October, I was taken sick and went to bed, losing 47 pounds in about 60 days. I had doctor after doctor, food hurt me and I had to live almost entirely on magnesia and soda. All solid food distressed me so that water would run out of my mouth in little streams.

"I had terrible night sweats, and my doctor finally said I had consumption and must die. My good wife gave up all hope. We were at Old Orchard, Me., at that time and my wife saw Grape-Nuts in a grocery there. She bought some and persuaded me to try it.

"I had no faith in it, but took it to please her. To my surprise it did not distress me as all other food had done and before I had taken the fifth package I was well on the mend. The pains left my head, my mind became clearer and I gained weight rapidly.

"I went back to my work again and now after six weeks' use of the food I am better and stronger than ever before in my life. Grape-Nuts surely saved my life and made me a strong hearty man, 15 pounds heavier than before I was taken ill.

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