

Method for Summer Blanching of Celery

Inch Planks Made Use of to Exclude Light.

Early planted celery will be developed to the point where it is ready to bleach by the middle to the latter part of August. Because it is proper to bank up the plants with soil in late October many folks make the mistake of trying to blanch the plants in the same way when the weather is warm.

Early maturing celery can be blanched by placing inch planks that are 12 to 16 inches wide on edge on either side of the row. The boards can be held in position by tacking a small strip across either end. The boards must be drawn as close together as possible so as to exclude the light. This may leave from two inches to one foot of the tops above the planks.

Some growers use 12-inch strips of roofing that are stood on edge on either side of the row and that are held together at the top by pieces of No. 12 and 14 wire, that have been fashioned somewhat like a hairpin.

Folks that have only a few plants for early blanching, and who have a few pieces of 4-inch diameter tile can do the job nicely by setting one section of the tile carefully on end over each plant. Extremely hot weather will sometimes cook the plants within the tile, although this happens but seldom.

It takes about ten days or two weeks to blanch celery after the tile or boards are put in place. For home use with planks ten feet long, as soon as the celery is used at one end of the row the planks may be moved along the row so that a constant supply is available.

Methods of Controlling Granary Weevil Given

The granary weevil, known for centuries as a pest of stored grain, may be killed when exposed for a few hours to a temperature of 155 degrees Fahrenheit. Although the weevil is very resistant to low temperatures, if the infested grain is sufficiently chilled by running from one bin to another, it can be protected from weevil attack, says the United States Department of Agriculture in a new department Bulletin No. 1393-D, "The Granary Weevil."

The granary weevil is sometimes confused with the rice weevil, a much more destructive pest, but unlike the latter in that it possesses only rudimentary wings. It is thought to have originated either in Asia or the Mediterranean region. This pest does not appear to thrive in tropical and semi-tropical climates. Because of its habit of breeding in grains of all kinds, it has been carried by commerce to all parts of the civilized world.

The weevil apparently is not well equipped to meet present-day methods of handling and protecting grain, with the result that, in the United States at least, it is seemingly becoming of less importance as a pest in grain and certain grain products.

Detailed information relative to the granary weevil, its economic history, origin and distribution, life history and habits, nature of injury, and control measures, along with other data is given in the bulletin. A copy of the publication may be obtained free, as long as the supply lasts, by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Infertile Egg Is Best for the Summer Trade

Summer heat has the same effect on fertile eggs as the setting hen or incubator. The germ, in hot weather, will quickly develop a blood ring which spoils the egg for food and market purposes.

"Fresh eggs for table use should be infertile," says Allen G. Oliver, poultry extension specialist at State college, Raleigh, N. C. "Those who keep poultry should either sell, kill or confine the male birds as soon as the hatching season is over. Those males which are good enough for breeding purposes should not run with the hens all the year round. By this method the males will produce stronger germed eggs that in turn will produce stronger chicks."

Mr. Oliver states that if the hen is properly fed, if the nests are clean, the eggs gathered twice daily, stored in a cool, dry place and delivered to the consumer in prime condition, the consumer will be willing to pay the highest market price. But if the rooster is allowed to run with the flock after hatching season, if the hens are not properly and regularly fed, if the nests are dirty and crowded and the eggs are gathered every few days and stored in a warm place before delivery some days later, the consumer wants a gas mask when the food comes to him at the table.

Best Weight of Hogs to Hog-Off the Corn Crop

Hogs of any weight may be used in hogging off corn, but best results are secured with the hogs weighing from 70 to 125 pounds. With good mature corn, a daily gain of from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds can be expected. With an average crop, we figure that an acre of corn will supply sufficient feed for about five pigs of the above weights for a 60-day period, providing that good pasture is available while on corn. Hogs should have access to a pasture which is rich in protein and minerals.

Avoid Injecting Serum Into Hams

Veterinarians Urged to Be Careful in Immunizing Against Cholera.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Veterinarians and others are cautioned by the United States Department of Agriculture against injecting serum and virus into the hams when immunizing hogs against cholera.

Frequently infectious material is carried into the ham by a contaminated hypodermic needle and damage results through the formation of abscesses at the point of the injection. When such unsound hams are discovered at the packing house they are condemned as unfit for food, but in some instances the abscesses are so deep-seated in the meat that they cannot be detected at the time the hams are trimmed and inspected preparatory to curing. Instances have been reported where the presence of such abscesses was not revealed until after the ham had reached the consumer.

Heavy Loss to Packers.

In July, 1923, the Department of Agriculture called to the attention of those who administer the anti-hog-cholera treatment the heavy losses to packers through this sort of damage. A case was cited where abscesses were found in 40 out of 110 hams as the result of ham injections of serum. There has been a marked improvement since 1923, but recent reports indicate that some operators continue the old damaging practice.

More Suitable Places.

Immunization can be accomplished just as effectively when the serum is injected into the axillary space under the shoulder (corresponding to the armpit in man), where no damage will result should an abscess form. The same applies when the virus is injected under the skin at any place where the conditions are favorable for absorption. Losses can be avoided if hog raisers will refuse to allow either serum or virus to be injected into the hams when their hogs are being immunized against cholera.

Practical Swine Houses Described in Bulletin

Proper housing is an important factor in the successful raising of hogs. Too often this is neglected, when little expense and effort would be required to provide good, serviceable, well-ventilated houses which give ample protection from cold and admit much needed sunshine.

The same kind of housing for hogs does not apply to all parts of the country, however, says E. Z. Russell, in charge of swine investigations, United States Department of Agriculture. In Farmers' Bulletin 1487-F, just issued by the department, he describes a number of practical hog houses for several sections of the country. One of the chief criticisms which may be made of the average hog house, he says, is that it is poorly lighted and ventilated. If in fact any provision at all has been made for ventilation.

The bulletin contains illustrations and floor plans showing how proper ventilation and lighting is secured in the different styles of houses. A copy of the publication may be secured as long as the supply lasts by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington.

Pails With Small Tops Preferred for Milking

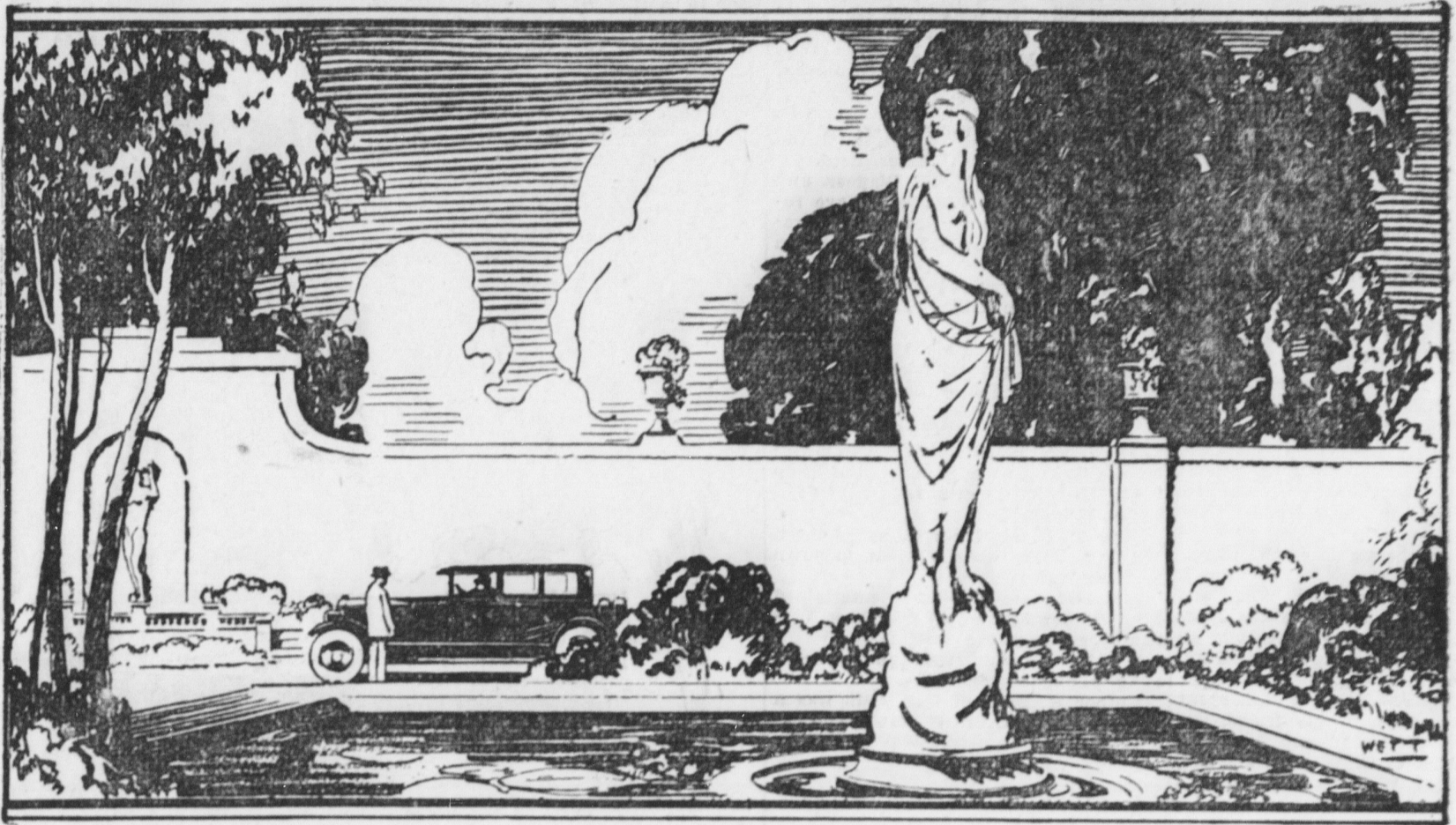
The ordinary milk pail is usually about ten inches high, much wider at the top than at the bottom and holds from twelve to sixteen quarts. An exceptionally well arranged vessel for catching all the foreign matter that may fall from the cow's udder, flanks or belly. Intelligent farmers and dairymen are abandoning these old time pails for the more sanitary small top pails. Pails with small openings in the top reduce the bacterial content approximately 50 per cent. Such pails are not expensive and will last as long as the old style. All milk vessels should be of good material, well fitted and have all the crevices well filled with solder. It is quite difficult or almost impossible to thoroughly clean and sterilize a milk vessel that has deep crevices along the seams.

Farm Hints

- Cattle on pasture need to be salted regularly.
- The loss to farmers from infertile eggs is more than \$15,000,000 each summer.
- Sudan grass is an excellent hay crop and a few acres should be planted on every farm.
- Horses aren't human but they get thirsty and overheated in hot weather just the same.
- A cow cannot eat enough pasture grass to supply nutriment for 25 pounds of milk.
- Cost accounts point the way to the most profitable pursuits and throw the spotlight on the doubtful ones.
- This is the proper time of the year for all shepherds to dip their flocks for ticks or lice. If sheep are not dipped it means the feeding of high-priced grain to ticks.

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Hotel Gossip

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Canada Protects Railways

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In 1930

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"May be a little late myself. Been invited to try some new golf links in California."

Marriage is a business failure when a man puts his property in his wife's name.

Interesting Light on Early American Tribes

Explorers sent out by the Ohio Historical and Archeological society to open the great central mound of the Selp group, near Bainbridge, Ohio, recently, revealed another page in the amazing history of the ancient race which populated the interior of the North American continent.

They discovered that, like the Egyptians, the American mound builders sometimes buried their princely dead in heavy-timbered mausoleums under canopies of exquisitely fashioned cloth, and that when these tombs were built the tribesmen carried earth in baskets and heaped it on the sepulchers until they had reared mounds 30 feet above the level of the surrounding country.

Discoveries made were centered around the disinterment of four skeletons believed to be the remains of members of a royal family. In the sepulcher was found the first bit of cloth ever seen in a North American mound.

Where Age Counted

Little Emily had been spending the afternoon with Uncle Will and had been quite fascinated by his stories. She was particularly impressed with some exploits of a famous man before he became President of the United States.

"And do you remember him?" asked the little girl.

"Yes, indeed," replied her uncle. "You see I'm much older than you."

"Well, then," she asked, how much older will I have to be before I can remember him?"

"Ye Good Old Days"

"Ye" in this expression is merely the Anglo-Saxon or Old English method of printing the article "the." The pronunciation of "the" does not change when it is printed "ye." However, frequently it is incorrectly or humorously pronounced "yee" like the old pronoun "ye."—Pathfinder Magazine.

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How It Was

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