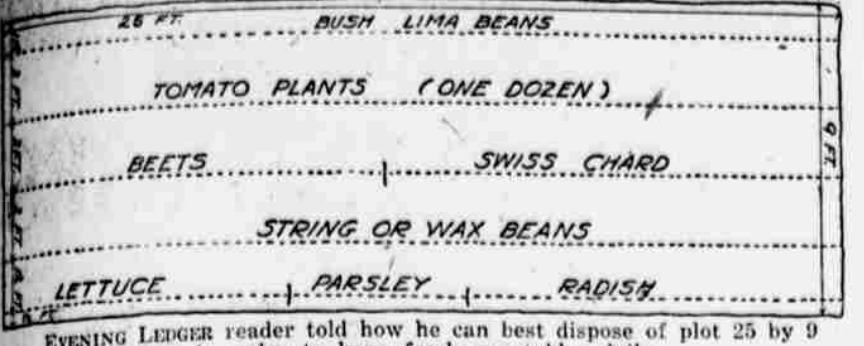


IS TIME FOR INDOOR GARDENING; DRAW PLANS; PLANT SEED IN BOXES

Preliminary Sketching of Rows and Space to Be Devoted to Varieties Means Time-Saving Later—Starting Plants in House—Garden Queries Answered



Evening Ledger reader told how he can best dispose of plot 25 by 9 feet in order to have fresh vegetables daily.

By JOHN BARRAM

SEEDS for planting the home vegetable garden should be ordered at once, so as to be on hand as soon as the weather and condition of the soil make planting possible.

On this plan indicate the spaces to be used for each variety and also where a colored pencil or eraser should show where a second crop is to be planted or interplanted between growing rows, and which are for the second and third crops which are to follow those previously harvested.

When the preliminary sowing and working of the garden has been done, it is as easy to raise two or three crops as to keep the garden clean of weeds for producing only one picking. Those who are not used to gardening or who wish to have their children take an interest should have some one else do the heavy sowing or breaking up of the soil.

Many plants can be started in the house, both vegetable and flower, and be ready to plant out when the ground is dry and warm.

SEEDS so planted germinate and are ready for transplanting by the time it is safe to sow the same kind of seed in the open ground.



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of ground I am thinking of planting in potatoes. This ground will have to be broken, plowed and seeded, and could you tell me of a good place to get seed potatoes, when they should be planted, how many bushels it would take for that amount of ground and what, approximately, would be the price per bushel. Also could you tell me, after the potatoes start to come up what is the necessary treatment, how many times should they be sprayed, etc.

There is no reason why you should not be able to make success with potatoes. You would need from seven to nine bushels. You can get good seed potatoes from any reliable grower advertising in a newspaper that you can trust.

Most soil hereabouts is clayey underneath. It can be lightened by sand, about half a ton for your space. Finely sifted ashes will also help. By all means put the manure that you can get it cheaply.

Any sort of wooden box filled with good soil answers the purpose. The following directions for making seed boxes and handling the plants have been prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture for the guidance of the canning and gardening clubs in the North and West.

Seeds of early tomatoes and cabbage, as well as cauliflower and pepper, should be planted in a seed box in the house at once. The seed box should be three to four inches deep, twelve to fourteen inches wide, and twenty to twenty-four inches long.

Soil should be pressed down firmly with a small piece of board and rows made one-fourth to one-half inch deep and two inches apart crosswise of the box. The seed should be distributed eight or ten to the inch in the rows and be covered. The soil should be gently watered, so as not to wash up the seeds, and the box set in a warm place in the light—in the sun by a window being best.

When the plants are from an inch to an inch and a half high they should be thinned to one or two inches apart in the row, so as to give them space enough to make a strong, stocky growth. If it is desired to keep the plants which are thinned out, they may be set two inches apart each way in other boxes prepared as mentioned for the seed box.

When the weather becomes mild the box of plants should be set out of doors part of the time, so that the plants will "harden off" in preparation for transplanting to the garden later.

GARDEN QUERIES ANSWERED

Planting Potatoes Friend John Barram—I have about an acre

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Il Ripiegamento delle Forze del Kaiser in Francia Continua Si Attende la Battaglia

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ROMA, 20 Marzo.

E' stato annunciato ufficialmente oggi dal Ministero della Marina che una squadriglia di idroaeroplani italiani e francesi ha bombardato la grande base navale austriaca di Pola, lasciandovi cadere tonnellate di esplosivi che colpirono l'arsenale con ottimi risultati.

Durante il bombardamento una squadriglia di aeroplani austriaci si innalzò per dare battaglia ai velivoli italiani, ma essa fu messa in fuga dagli idrovolanti francesi. Piu' tardi velivoli austriaci bombardarono Grado, ma gli italiani risposero subito al bombardamento attaccando i cantieri di Muggia, nelle vicinanze di Trieste.

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Telegrammi da Parigi dicono che il grande ripiegamento delle forze tedesche la cavalleria francese ed inglese cerca di ostacolare il movimento quanto piu' può ed infliggere al nemico le maggiori perdite possibili.

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hanno ristabilito l'equilibrio rotto di gia'.

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Infatti lo stesso guadagno viene agli alleati da un accorciamento delle linee di battaglia. In sostanza rimane, con la variante dello spostamento possibile, la stessa proporzione di truppe avversarie sulla fronte francese. Nondimeno si parla della possibilità di un nuovo tentativo di von Hindenburg di raggiungere il mare a Calais.

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

Terzi sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca:

Su tutta la fronte di battaglia si e' avuta aumentata attivita' delle artiglierie che e' stata piu' violenta nella Val Lagarina. I nostri ospedali da campo a Gorizia ed a Ronchi sono stati colpiti da proiettili austriaci e si sono avute poche vittime.

dirigibile riuscì a sfuggire ad un lentissimo bombardamento da parte delle batterie antiaeree nemiche.

ROMA, 20 Marzo.

Una squadriglia di aeroplani nemici ha lasciato cadere bombe sulla laguna di Grado. Non si sono avute vittime e i danni sono stati insignificanti.

Telegrammi da Parigi dicono che Alessandro Ribot ha formato il nuovo gabinetto con l'aiuto del Ministero della Guerra e Lascari alla Marina. Ribot tiene il portafoglio degli Affari Esteri oltre alla presidenza del Consiglio.

IN ASIA MINORE

Le notizie che giungono dall'Asia Minore fanno credere imminente il collasso della resistenza turca. Il generale Maudo, comandante delle forze inglesi, che si sono spinte su per la valle del Tigri e che hanno conquistato Bagdad, hanno battuto di nuovo i turchi sul fiume Dialah che hanno attraversato ed hanno occupato Bakubah, che formera' un ottimo centro di rifornimenti.

Le due armate alleate continuano la manovra che dovrebbe portare all'accerchiamento delle forze ottomane, e infatti la vittoria inglese ha spinto i turchi verso le forze russe. Insomma pare che si proceda a grandi passi verso l'annientamento delle forze ottomane che difendono l'Asia Minore perche' anche le forze russe operanti sul Caucaso continuano a spingere le forze turche verso occidente ed a minacciare le linee di comunicazione con Costantinopoli, poli.

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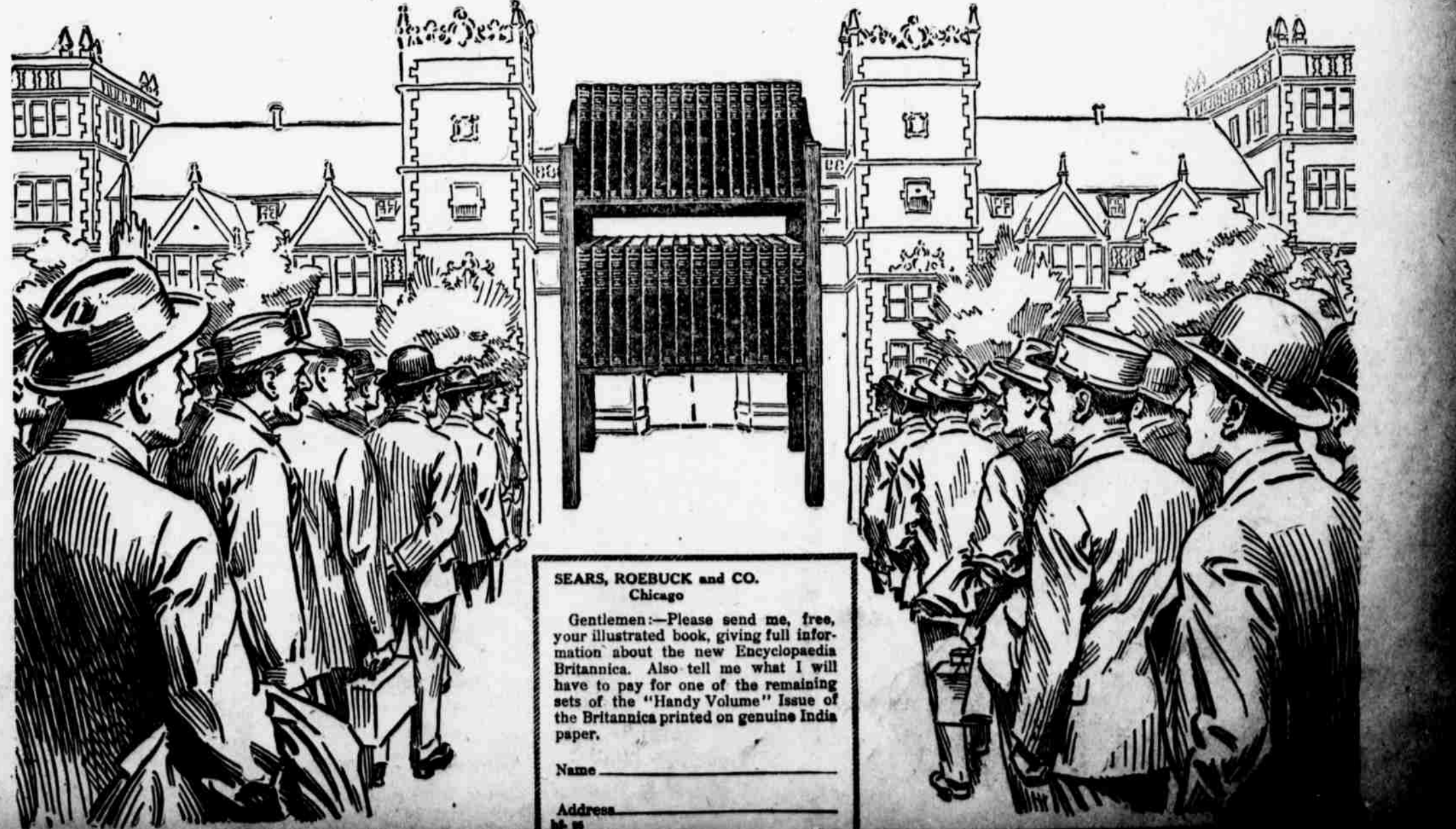
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