

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Putting Away Potatoes.

Every method has been tried by farmers to store and preserve their potatoes through the winter, and we may say until potatoes come again. It is the most valuable of all vegetables, though here and there we find a person and a writer who undertakes to tell us of its unwholesomeness. It is universally consumed in all civilized countries, as where it cannot be grown it is imported, which can be done long distances without injury when ventilation is attended to.

In storing potatoes several methods are adopted, yet they are all practically the same, the object being to protect them against freezing, whether buried in pits or stored in cellars. The first consideration is to keep them in perfect darkness; the next is the bins should not be too deep—not over three feet—to produce warmth and cause them to sprout. When stored in the field, straight trenches are dug, say twenty feet in length four or five wide, which are filled to the depth of three feet with potatoes, then well-covered with straw, on top of which put eighteen or twenty inches of earth. In a pit twenty feet long there should be about three gas escapes or ventilating openings, which should be plugged with straw and covered with a board set at an angle to turn the rain. If in cellars, barns, or otherwise, the bins should be covered with rugs, old carpets, or straw. Those intended to be kept for late spring sales should be frequently examined and all sprouts removed, for as soon as a potato begins to sprout it loses its solidity, dryness and quality.

What is Castile Soap?

A subscriber wishes to know how this differs from other soap. The hard soaps made in this country are almost exclusively from animal fats; in the south of Europe, where the olive grows abundantly, the poorer kinds of olive oil are used. Common soaps are soda and animal fats, castile soap alkali and vegetable oil. In making castile soap great care is taken to avoid an excess of alkali (the soda), only just enough being used to neutralize the oil. On this account the soap is made milder and may be used on wounds and other surfaces where common soap would irritate and give pain. The mottled appearance is due to a small solution of copperas (sulphate of iron) which is stirred into it before it hardens; this leaves a bluish oxide of iron in the soap which when exposed to the air, becomes changed to the red oxide. White castile soap is sold, which is the same as the other, without the coloring. Though called castile, it is by no means exclusively made in Spain, the largest share coming from the south of France, and, indeed, it is generally known in Europe as Marseilles soap.

Hotbeds with Muslin Sashes.

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