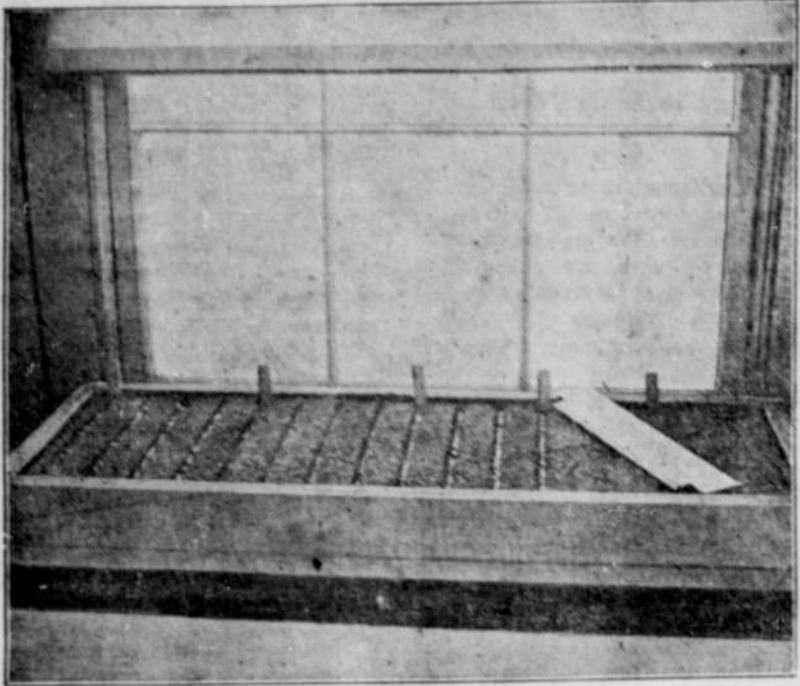


THE COTTAGE GARDENER

WINDOW BOX FOR STARTING EARLY PLANTS



POT-GROWN TOMATOES

Sturdy Plants Assure the Grower an Early Crop.

Indoor Product, Carefully Transplanted to Different Sized Boxes, Profitable to Gardeners.

The majority of home gardeners have a hobby on some sort of vegetable or on some certain kind of flowers. Tomatoes, being easy to grow, find popular favor with the small garden man.

While there are many who grow any kind of tomatoes, not caring as to the variety, there are others who seek the best varieties for two purposes—slicing for table use and for canning.

There are some families that prefer the medium-sized, smooth tomato, while others desire the largest that can be grown. The larger tomato is suitable for slicing, but the housewife complains that it is usually too large for canning, so the medium-sized tomato seems to be more in the limelight.

In either instance, a strong, healthy plant is necessary if the best results and early fruit are desired.

The very best plant obtainable to be set outdoors as soon as the weather will permit is the indoor-grown plant—first raised in the flat, then transferred from small pots to larger ones. That is the certain way to obtain the choicest of plants.

Form Home Athletic Club
Boys from 11 to 17 years old of Myrtle park district recently organized the Home Athletic club. Eino Hommila, 5725 35th avenue, is president.

"Patriot's Progress"
1917—"The flower of our youth."
1918—"Our young heroes."

TO HAVE AN INDOOR GARDEN

Make Your Basement Work for You by Producing Vegetables Before Outdoor Planting Time.

Nearly every cottage, as well as the larger houses and the city bungalows, are equipped with large basements. Many of these basements have space that is not utilized and many of them have excellent southern and eastern exposures whereby the sun has a chance to play through the windows a large portion of the day.

Make the basement work for you. It is an easy matter to have a miniature greenhouse in most any basement where there is sufficient heat to keep the soil and plants from freezing. At least, plants for setting out when the danger of frost is past can be easily raised in the basement, and small vegetables such as radishes, onions and lettuce can be raised and eaten by the owner long before it is time to plant such things outside.

If the window space in the basement is sufficient a long tray arrangement such as used in greenhouses may be used for the indoor garden. Such a tray will be sufficient to produce a good quantity of small vegetables until time to plant outside and at the same time the tomato, pepper, cabbage and other plants may be started, later to be transplanted to individual boxes for more intensive cultivation, and to be ready to transplant in the open with large, healthy plants.

TEST THE SEEDS YOU SAVED

Use Small Box in Basement Window to Try Out Corn or Other Seed to See if Good.

Experienced agriculturists take no chances on corn and other seed if there is any doubt as to whether or not it will germinate. It is just as important to the small gardener to know that he has good seed. The best way to determine this is to plant small quantities of the various varieties of seed that have been saved. If the seed sprout up in the window boxes it is a good test. If the seed do not sprout and make reasonable growth you may be sure that it will be useless to plant the seed in the open later when regular planting time comes. It is worth while to know if the seeds are all right.

DANTE'S INFERNO OUTDONE IN ARMENIA

Walls of Starving Children Assault the Ears of Relief Workers at Erivan.

The tragic progression of famine conditions in Armenia is strikingly shown in the personal reports brought back by State Director J. J. Handsaker of the Near East Relief when he visited that section last August, and in the letters that have been received at intervals since.

"When I was there in the late summer," said Mr. Handsaker, "the conditions were truly appalling, despite the fact that the orphanages were filled to their utmost capacity and everything possible was being done. I myself selected a little naked girl with nineteen others from among hundreds of starving children to fill the only possible vacancies in the orphanage at Erivan at that time. However, the weather was warm, and the refugees could manage in some way to keep alive. Reports from Erivan in late September told of the coming of the cold weather, and how the reserves were drawn upon for the opening of additional soup-kitchens. Starving men women and children from all sections were flocking desperately to the Near East Relief stations in the hope of getting work, food and clothing. Two months later, under date of Nov. 29, we have news of the frightful situation that followed. This news came to Dr. Esther Lovejoy, of Portland, Oregon, who is national chairman of the American Women's Hospitals, from Dr. Mabel Elliott, in charge of the American Women's Hospitals in the Near East section. This organization is co-operating with the Near East Relief, and is handling the medical work of the latter at Erivan. Below is an excerpt from Dr. Mabel Elliott's letter to Dr. Lovejoy:

"I cannot begin to tell you, doctor, of the misery here in spite of the enormous amount of work being done. Since I have been here 852 is the lowest number of cases we have had in our hospitals at any one time, and yet they are dying on all corners of the city. Last Sunday we went out on horseback to see how things were beyond the town; we passed a dead horse by the side of the road, and three wretched human beings were sitting beside it, taking the flesh off with their hands. It was a most repulsive sight.

"All day long you can hear the groans and wails of little children outside our building in hopes we can and will pick them up. If the sun shines for a little while they quiet down, and then when it rains they begin again. One day the rain turned into snow and it was awful to listen to them. The note of terror that came into the general wail was distinctly perceptible, although my room was upstairs and the window was closed. They well know what a single night out in the snow would mean to them. We are picking them up as fast as possible. You can see by my report how many more patients we have than beds, and the same holds good in the orphanages. There is no use crowding them in so that they will all die."

AREN'T YOU THE BOY WHO WAS HERE A WEEK AGO LOOKING FOR A POSITION?
"Yes, sir."
"I thought so. And didn't I tell you then that I wanted an older boy?"
"Yes, sir; that's why I'm here today."

PRETTY OREGON BRIDE MOTHERS 2000 ORPHANS



Mrs. Ethel Long Newman, Oregon Agricultural College, 1920, who is now in charge of a Near East Relief orphanage in Armenia. She mothers her family of 2,000 little war victims while her husband runs a 20,000-acre farm which is a part of the constructive work being done in Russian Armenia by the Near East Relief.

RULES FOR THE MARRIED

Two American magistrates, a man and a woman, we read in a Canadian paper, have laid down a number of rules of selfishness in married life. Agreeing that half the cases of marital difficulties take their rise from a lack of domestic "share and share alike," the magistrates outlined remedies as follows:

The woman magistrate's program:

- 1.—That wife get her husband hot meals. Down with tinned or cold meat affairs night after night.
- 2.—Husband should dry the dishes where there is no maid.
- 3.—Husband should take wife out at least two evenings a week and wife should allow husband to rest at home other evenings.
- 4.—Wife should pay rent, grocery and butcher bills before she decks herself out and refurnishes her home.

The man magistrate would sentence a selfish husband to one of a combination of the following:

- 1.—To prepare the breakfast every morning.
- 2.—To take care of the children one hour a day.
- 3.—To have one evening a week.
- 4.—To take the family out every Sunday—to church in the morning, and for a walk in the afternoon.
- 5.—To buy chocolates and fruit for the wife and children once a week.
- 6.—To allow the wife to handle the family finances.
- 7.—To open a savings bank account.
- 8.—To refrain from asking his wife to wait on him, but on the contrary to wait on himself.
- 9.—To respect every day at least once the promise he made to his wife when he married her—that he would love, honor and cherish her.

THE DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF AN EDUCATED MAN
Speaking at an assembly of Columbia University, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia, pronounced the following to be six traits of an educated man that distinguish him from an uneducated one: Correctness and precision in the use of the English tongue, gained only by association with good English; the refined and gentle manners which are the expression of fixed habits of thought and conduct; standards of feeling and appreciation; the power of reflection; the ability to work efficiently, without nervous agitation. The last Dr. Butler said is the rarest of the six traits.

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You often see a door ajar, but not a jar a door;
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You often see a coal bin "full," but never see it "tight";
You often see a rubber stamp, but never see its feet;
You often see a crooked stick, but never see it cheat;
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