

# FRUIT and FARM

## Home Storage.

In order that householders may utilize spare time during the summer to put their cellars in shape for the winter storage of the surplus vegetables which will be grown on the home gardens that have been planted this year, or that they make plans for other methods of natural storage, the United States Department of Agriculture has prepared the following discussion on the storing of vegetables:

To those persons fortunate enough to possess land for the growing of vegetables sufficient in quantity for the needs of the family, storage is an economic necessity. Likewise it is an economic necessity to grow vegetables to store. A half-acre garden should produce far more vegetables than the average family can consume during the maturing period of the crops. Only a small portion of the garden should be planted to those vegetables which must be used as soon as they reach maturity. The remainder should be devoted to crops that are to be canned, dried or stored. It is comparatively easy to keep by storing such vegetables as potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify, turnips, cabbage, celery, onions, sweet potatoes, dry beans and dry Lima beans. Some of the crops may be stored in the cellar under the dwelling, in pits or banks, or in caves or outdoor cellars. Others can be kept in any dry place, such as the pantry or attic.

Many houses are heated by a furnace in the cellar. The pipes are, as a rule, carried under the joists, thus warming the cellar to some extent. For this reason it is best to partition off a small room in one corner of the cellar to serve as a storage room for potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify and turnips. If possible, this room should have at least one window for the purpose of regulating the temperature. The floor should not be concreted, as the natural earth makes better conditions for the keeping of vegetables. Bins may be constructed for the various products, or they may be stored in boxes, baskets or barrels. This room will also serve as a storage place for fresh fruits and canned goods. The vegetables to be stored should be harvested when the ground is dry, allowed to lie on the surface long enough for the moisture to dry off before placing them in storage. The tops should be removed from beets, turnips, carrots and salsify before placing them in storage.

Outdoor pits or banks are very generally used for keeping potatoes, beets, carrots, turnips, parsnips, cabbage and salsify. Select a well-drained location and make a shallow excavation, some six or eight inches deep, and of suitable size. This is lined with straw, leaves or similar material and the vegetables placed in a conical pile on the material. The vegetables are then covered with straw or similar material, and finally with earth to a depth of several inches. The depth of the earth covering is determined by the severity of the winters in the particular locality. It is well to cover the pits with straw, corn fodder or manure during severe weather. Such pits keep the above vegetables very well but have the objection that it is hard to get the material out in cold weather, and when the pit is once opened it is desirable to remove the entire contents. For this reason several small pits rather than one large one should be constructed, so that the entire contents may be removed at one time. Instead of storing each crop in a pit by itself, it is better to place several vegetables of similar keeping quality and requirements in the same pit, so that it will only be necessary to open one pit to get a supply of all of them. In storing several crops in the same pit it is a good plan to separate them with straw, leaves or other material.

The vegetables from the small pit may be placed in the basement storage room where they can be easily secured as needed for the table.

Cabbage may be stored in a special kind of bank or pit. The excavation is made long and narrow and about the same depth as for the other vegetables. The cabbages are pulled and placed in rows in the pit with the heads down and roots up. The whole is covered with dirt—no straw or litter need be used. These pits are made as long as desired, as it is possible to remove portions of the stored product without disturbing the remainder. Cabbage need not be covered as deeply as potatoes. The heads of cabbage are sometimes stored in banks or pits in a manner similar to potatoes, turnips, etc. This method is open to the same objection as when it is used for potatoes—it is hard to get at the material when it is needed. Another method of storing cabbage consists in setting the whole plant in trenches side by side with the roots down and as close together as they can be placed. Dirt is thrown over the roots and against the stalks to the depth of several inches. A low fence is built around the storage place, and rails, scantling or other supports laid across the top. About two feet of straw or other material is then piled on top of the storage pit.

Celery—Celery may be stored in a modified type of outside pit or in the row where it is grown. When stored in a pit or trench the plants are taken up and set side by side in a shallow pit as close together as it is feasible to pack them and wide boards set up along the outside of the pit. Dirt is banked against these boards and the top covered over with corn fodder or similar material. When celery is kept in the row where it is grown the earth is banked up around the plants as the weather gets cold. When freezing weather occurs the dirt should be brought to the tops of the plants and the ridge covered with coarse manure, straw or fodder, held in place by means of stakes or boards.

## Red Cross Activities

### What It Means to Be a Red Cross Nurse in a War Hospital.

(These are some further extracts from the letters, quoted last week, written by an American girl who was serving at the time as a Red Cross nurse in a French army hospital near the trenches of the Marne.)

"I will sketch you the routine of one of my days in detail: At 5:45 a. m. I am up and sponged and well flesh-brushed. My good old lady gives me a huge bowl of coffee and four lumps of sugar, bread and butter and a boiled egg, for 12 cents. When I get to my pavilion there is sure to be 'grandpa,' my treasured old orderly, busy at brushing out the entrance. The first thing I do after a word of greeting to each of the 34 children is to review the ward and see that it is in order and start the instruments boiling. After that, begin the temperatures. Along with the temperatures go face washing and mouth rinsing, generally engineered by 'grandpa.' About 8:30 the doctor makes his appearance. When he has made the tour of the ward I am left complete mistress of the scene for the rest of the day, with 34 lives in my hand, more than half of which hang in the balance. If there is anything critical I send for the big surgeon. About 9 a. m. I begin the dressings, unless there are anti-tetanus injections to give for those who may have arrived in the night, or

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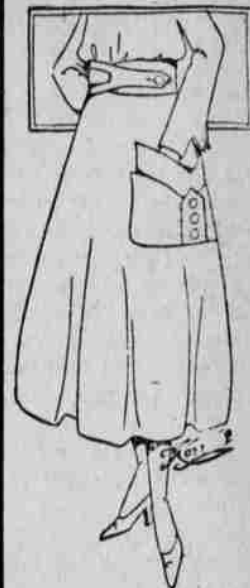
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"But we shall suppose an uninterrupted day. I begin with the important dressings, which are often long and dangerous, and I can do but three or four until the bell rings for soup at 10:45 a. m.

"I think you would sicken with fright if you could see the operations that a poor nurse is called upon to perform—the putting in of drains, the washing of wounds as huge and ghastly as to make one marvel at the endurance which is man's; the digging about for bits of shrapnel. I assure you that the word responsibility takes a special meaning here.

"After the soup for the wounded comes that of the nurses, when all crowd into a tiny plank hut and stuff meat and potatoes as fast as we can. Immediately after lunch I spend an hour or two setting to rights the surgical dressing room. It is amazing how a bit of peppermint will console a soldier when a smile goes with it!

"Dressings all the afternoon until it is time of temperatures; then soup for the soldiers, and mine, which is soon finished; then the massage for those that need it, etc., after which I prepare my soothing drinks and give the injections. It is the sweetest time of the day, for then one puts off the nurse and becomes the mother, and we have such fun over the warm drinks.

"When this is done I go around and stuff cotton under weary backs and plastered limbs, bid all the children good night, polish my instruments, clean out the surgical dressing room, and hurry home through the frosty night.

"This is the routine of an ordinary day, and into that let your fancy weave all that is too holy or too terrible, too touching or too humorous to put into words—the last kiss a soldier gives you for the family he will never see; the watches with the priest when

all is still and dark; the agonies and heroisms; the wit and affection that play like varied lights along the days."

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their sympathy expressed in beautiful flowers and kind service at the time of our sorrow in the death of our husband, son and brother.—Mrs. R. F. Sayle, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sayle and Family.

## Classified Advertisements

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND TO PRESENT CLAIMS.—Estate of Max Pracht, deceased.

The undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of said estate.

Anyone having a claim against the said estate is required to present the same, duly verified, at the office of E. D. Briggs, in Ashland, Ore., within six months from the first publication hereof.

First publication, August 20th, 1917. A. H. PRACHT, Administrator.

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FOR SALE—Improvements and relinquishment on 80-acre homestead in Jackson county. Address Mrs. C. S. Lammey, Central Point, R. 2. 26-2t\*

FOR SALE CHEAP—Having taken over the Ashland-Klamath Exchange, I have for sale cheap: One store safe 24x36x24, one new Oliver typewriter, one new electric coffee grinder, one display counter and a good one, one 250-account McCaskey cash register, one pair counter scales, one small pair trucks and one hack, two sets harness, span of good mules, one wood heater. J. N. Dennis, at Ashland Feed Store. 1t

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