

THE HOME GARDEN

What is Home without a Garden?

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The Blossoms of the Cauliflower.
There is no more desirable or delicate vegetable for the home garden than the cauliflower, yet there are a great many failures with it. Every garden ought to have a few of these vegetables. If perchance you have a few "flowers" in your vegetable patch, here are a few essentials to observe to conduct it to a snowy, close-headed maturity.

The cauliflower to be at its very best must be personally conducted, which is the reason the greenhouse caulis are by far the finest. The most necessary part of growing a cauliflower is to keep it growing. A stoppage in

growth due to drought means that the flowerets are likely to spread, and it will be a scraggy-looking affair and worthless. A dry spell sets in, don't hesitate to water the cauliflowers.

It is an excellent plan to give them some high-grade commercial fertilizer along toward the middle of their career, hoeing it into the soil. Some of the so-called "balanced" fertilizers are generally used. Market gardeners who specialize in cauliflowers sometimes put on as much as 1500 pounds per acre.

The flower or "curd," as it is generally known among professional gardeners, appears early in the life of the cauliflower, a little white knob down in the center of the rosette of leaves. This is the time to put in your best efforts. Encourage that little white knob with frequent cultivations, keeping the soil stirred. When it is about two inches across, it is time to start earling for its completion, seeing that it doesn't tan and comes to a snowy maturity.

The best plan is to tie the tips of the leaves so that the "curd" is fairly well enclosed, pulling the leaves up in a bunch, but not too tightly to hamper the growth of the "flower," or exclude all air. This is not necessary and it is too tedious a process if you are growing any considerable number.

A quicker method, and one which serves the purpose very well, is merely to bend the big leaves inward so that the thick midrib cracks and leaves the leaves lying over the center.

Both these operations protect the "flower" from insects. The cauliflower should be picked when it is just right. Left too long, the "curds" start to separate and string out and it loses its table quality. Examine the heads every few days after they have been tied up.

Non-Skidding Spinach.

Is spinach too slippery for you? Does it skid toward the stomach too much like an oyster? Well, just eat it in chunks, not soggy, but light and airy.

Chop a quart of boiled spinach fine. Beat the yolk of an egg thoroughly and stir it into the spinach. Then beat the white stiff and fold that into the spinach. Put the spinach in individual dishes and bake until the egg sets thoroughly. You will have an elusive mouthful, but it won't skid.

Transplanting Technique.

Transplanting is one of the fine arts of the garden, upon which its success or failure depends. A little study of the why's and wherefores of transplanting is well worth while. There are some few plants which cannot bear transplanting, but the great majority will and are all the better for it, as a stronger root system and a sturdier growth is the result.

Here are a few pointers on transplanting:
Be sure the ground is worked fine to receive the young plant.
Clip off at least a portion of



SEEDLING IN PAPER POT. IN PAPER DRINKING CUP. SECTIONS OF EGG CRATES ARE IDEAL AS A TRANSPLANTING DEVICE.

the leaves; half their length if the plant is fairly sizable is a good rule.

Set the plant nearly to the depth of the seed leaves or first true leaves if the seed leaves are gone.

Water thoroughly when transplanting and firm the plant in the ground.
See that the roots are well spread out and not bunched in a lump when transplanting. The better the spread the sooner it will take hold.

Shade for a few days after transplanting, if possible.

Transplant just before a shower, if possible, but don't wait. Either moisten the earth about the seedling so it can be moved with a good lump of earth attached or allow the soil to become partially dry, so the roots can be taken up complete and moved. The latter is advisable only in the case the soil is light and sandy. The first method is the better.

It is best to transplant in the cool hours of morning or evening, unless a cool day can be selected. Water only at night on hot days.

Pour water into the hole when transplanting, rather than on the surface after the plant is in position.

Clipping a portion of the leaves is one of the most neglected features of transplanting and one of the most essential. It is impossible to move seedlings without destroying part of the root system unless they have been grown in individual pots or boxes so they can be turned out without disturbance. The leaf growth and root growth are theoretically equal in extent, so clipping a portion of the leaves equalizes for the breakage of the roots. If the tops are left entire, an extra burden is thrown upon the broken roots and it takes longer for the plant to re-establish itself. The evaporation from the leaves, if left entire, is greater than the moisture the roots can supply.

There are various devices to make transplanting easy, such as the paper flower pots in various small sizes, which may be bought cheaply. Transplanting from seed box to another box is easy, as the plants can be managed as to conditions of shade and moisture until established with little trouble. Making bottomless boxes of oiled paper or heavy wrapping paper about the individual plants, which may be placed in the ground without disturbing the roots, is an excellent plan. This is convenient for larger growing plants, like tomatoes and eggplants.

The sections in which eggs are packed are a ready-to-hand transplanting device. Merely place the sections in a box filled with earth and place a tiny plant in each section.

A Succession of Sweet Peas

The sweet pea, beloved of every grower of fragrant flowers as well for its scent as for its graceful form and gorgeous and delicate colorings, has one fault in that the season of bloom is rather short compared with many other annuals which bloom all summer. It is therefore necessary to have succession plantings of sweet peas to supplement the early plants, started in the house or in frames. For the successional crops planting outside may be done now, and as the vines will encounter warmer weather when their blooming time arrives, they should be planted deeply enough to guarantee the roots a cool run.

An excellent plan is to plant the seed in trenches six inches deep, covering them about an inch at the start and filling in the trench as they grow until it is level again. The roots then have a depth which will protect them from the scorching sun upon the surface of the soil. Aiding the depth of root with cultivation so that there is always a mulch of loose earth around with copious watering when needed will prolong the sweet pea season materially and also add to the length of stem. The sweet pea's later crops of bloom, after its first grand display, incline to shorter stems and hot weather produces much the same result. The best forcing the plant into bloom before a good length of stem has developed.

Heavy, rich soil, plentifully provided with humus to retain moisture, should be used for the later sowings of sweet peas, as coolness at the root and a liberal supply of moisture without stagnation are essential.

Success in Succession Cropping.
Succession cropping is one of the secrets of a successful garden. There is often a tendency to plant, not too much of any one vegetable, but too much of the same vegetable maturing at the same time.

For instance, suppose there are 50 feet to be devoted to string beans. Planted all at once, a gardener will have the vines come into bearing, from four to six quarts a day if the beans are picked when they are just right in quality. If the family had to devour the output they couldn't be able to look a bean in the eye in a short time. The way to solve this problem would be to plant half the row one week and the rest of it the next. Then there would be a succession. Or perchance divide it in three.

The same scheme applies for beets, carrots to be used young, radishes and all of the quick maturing vegetables. Grade them along, planting just enough to furnish a full meal with succession plantings to continue the season. If full length rows of 50 feet are planted, the owner of the garden should be prepared to dispose of the surplus.

Canning is the best way. String beans canned are a delicious winter vegetable, easily put up, easy to keep, and they are always expensive to buy at the grocers. If of canning methods will be given when the season arrives. It is well to study in advance just what is wanted. If a surplus is desired, plant for it. Other-

56-YEAR-OLD HIKER IN ANNUAL CONTEST



When the annual ten-mile walking race is held in New York City James H. Hocking, 56 years old, but one of the most famous walkers in the country, will step spryly off with the rest. "I have found the secret of keeping young," says Hocking. "It's walking." Last summer Mr. Hocking footed it from Montreal, a distance of 325 miles. He has been walking many years and has hung up a number of records. A 50-mile jaunt from New York to Cleveland is among his accomplishments.

wise, economize space and continue the season by successional planting. It takes a pint of beans to plant 50 feet.

Cooking Young Carrots

Why sweeten sweetness? Just to make it sweeter. Candied sweet potatoes are all the better to most palates for the addition of their characteristic taste. A little sugar makes a new vegetable out of too mature peas, and a little sugar helps the young carrots, which, while much tenderer, haven't developed the full sweetness of the grown vegetable. Carrots and soup seem made for each other. This recipe will be greatly improved if a little soup stock is at hand.

Slice a dozen young carrots into half inch cubes. Place in a sauce pan with half a tablespoonful of butter; more will do no harm. Add half a pint of soup stock, if handy, otherwise water. Add two or three leaves of parsley, depending upon the size of the leaves, two good-sized ones or three smaller, a teaspoonful of sugar, and salt and pepper seasoning. Cover and boil for about ten minutes. Then set the pan in the oven for half an hour to bake slowly. Pick out the parsley and serve hot.

Young beets are popular when cooked with the leaves as greens.

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All of this class of vegetables will stand considerable frost so they may be put into the ground as soon as it can be worked. The crops should be well under way in the more southerly sections and a succession crop is due to go in just about this time.

General Finance Company Has Half Million Backing

The General Finance Company of Portland filed articles of incorporation yesterday at the offices of T. B. Handley, state corporation commissioner, showing a capitalization of \$500,000. The incorporators are R. O. Stranahorn, Roy H. Koagy and J. C. Arnold. A related corporation which filed articles yesterday is the Associated Securities company with the same incorporators, and capitalized at \$25,000.

Other concerns filing articles were:
Packagery Grocery company, Portland; incorporators, Clyde Jones, Manuel S. Cohn, I. Swett; capitalization, \$50,000.

Bow Optical company, Salem; incorporators, L. R. Hurdette, Carl Wanner, Donald W. Miles; capitalization, \$15,000.

Supplementary articles were filed by the Saari-Tally Lumber company of Portland, changing the name to the Saari-Tally Lumber company. The firm is capitalized at \$100,000.

Resolutions showing an increase in capitalization from \$75,000 to \$150,000 were filed by the Western Spar company of Portland.

Resolutions of dissolution were filed by the New Home Development company of Grants Pass.

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Reservoir Construction Is Asked by Mr. Becker

Charles O. Decker of Westfall, Or., has filed with the state engineering department an application for permission to construct a reservoir for the storage of 150 acre feet of water from the north fork of Indian creek for irrigation purposes in Malheur county.

Other applications have been filed as follows:

By Marion Darby of Tillamook, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed stream in Tillamook county for domestic purposes and power development.

By Clarence Buck, of Jacksonville, covering the appropriation of water from Big Applegate river for irrigation of 34 acres in Jackson county.

By E. J. Bowen of Juntura, Or., covering the appropriation of water from Malheur river for irrigation of a 12-acre tract in Malheur county.

By O. K. Porter of Paisley, covering the appropriation of water from Morgan and Farrows creek for irrigation of 60 acres in Lake county.

By Ansil and Emma Gilson, of Jacksonville, covering the appropriation of water from Little Applegate for irrigation of 30 acres in Jackson county.

IN THE DAYS OF GALLANTRY.

Lord Houghton (writes W. H. Mallock in "Memories of Life and Literature") was once sitting at

dinner by the celebrated E. J. Bowen, who was indulging in long lament over the modern decadence of the rising male generation.

"When I was a girl," she said, "all the young men in town were at my feet."

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