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by Elmo B. Chase, of Chase Gar- ing is done from inside the trellis in charge of potato disease investidens, Eugene, giving a very clear while watering is carried on in gations. He is now working to outline of our greenhouse cucum-

"Oregon's most important greenhouse vegetable is the cucumber. Even though the market is fairly well supplied with this semi-luxury and is not expanding as rapidly as with many other lines, the

"One of the principal problems ed to local conditions and demands. For this reason most growers in the state are following the practice of choosing their own seed. Davis Perfect and the White Spine types are the ones most fav-

"The most desirable type is dark green in color, long and slender and of even diameter, with both ends well filled out. The best grades are from 12 to 14 inches in length, though seed cucumcommon. The better grades have no difficulty in holding their own Usually about 24 to 36 thousand 200 foot house.

Method of Training "Two methods of training are commonly used in greenhouses. stretching parallel wires about six feet above the ground in the houses and running strings to the ground to allow the vines to climb to the overhead wires where they are trellised. Thus most of the fruit grows on the overhead vines

"The second method of training is by means of parallel wires form-

(The following was furnished ing an A-shaped trellis. The pick- other potatoes, says M. B. McKay, training the vines is necessary insects. may be guessed from the fact that vines often reach the length of 30 feet or more. The Watering System

"The overhead spray system of watering has succeeded the old hand watering method in most in cucumber culture is the one of greenhouses, as it is found to give developing a strain which is adapt- more satisfactory results and at the same time requires less labor. By this method the foliage is kept moist and the atmosphere is given a tropical humidity which is very a day keeps the air moist, and also keeps down insects and disease to a considerable degree.

The Principal Dangers "Three principal dangers beset lay" pullet is a growing one. One

thoroughly cleaned.

"Generally speaking, the growenterprise which demands constant a pronounced feature within the and careful attention if a really marketable and profitable product is to be obtained."

(The writer of the above is member of the firm of F. B. Chase & Sons, Eugene, Or., growers of fine celery, asparagus, rhubarb, ettuce. 'Chase Willamette Brand Vegetables" is their label. Their farm is three miles east of Eugene with rich river bottom soil. They are the largest Oregon concern in their line. Their land under glass is the most extensive in this state. Its areas are sufficiently large to allow of cultivation with teams, The writer understands that they employ 18 men in their greenhouse operations. Their produces kets, and into other states.—Ed.) nesses to the whole affair. go to all the principal Oregon mar-

FARM REMINDERS FROM THE COLLEG

(Following are Items from current bulletin of the department of industrial journalism of the Oregon Agricultural college:)

Copper Lime Dust Works currant leaf spot, Oregon growers find good success with copper-lime dust, says H. P. Barss of the experiment station. Applied just after the fruit is picked. the dust helps prevent leaf fall which seriously devitalizes the bushes. There thracnose spray on apple trees in seedlings to three or four inch little deeper but high enough so is hope, says Professor Barss, that Oregon, says the experiment sta- pots (some growers use even five that the dirt will not be washing the dust will prove equal to bor- tion. It is combined with the cod- inch); secondly, the seed may be onto the crown in watering. Most deaux for this purpose.

Potato Virus Shows plainly in the Oregon seed pota- gle season.

are readily recognized, and the plants suffering from any of them are rogued out and destroyed. Isplation of the seed plot by not less than 300 feet from any other potatoes is the only way to prevent the spread of virus to the seed crop. One station seed plot alongside another field of potatoes has some 10 per cent disease, although the seed for it was certifled last year. There is no doubt that the disease spread from the the space between the trellises. find the answer to how they got That a well planned system of it, though there is reason to blame

To one who has seen the quick Pliny, the Emperor Tiberius was and wonderful growth of the day supplied with them daily, both in favorable to the development of old chick business it is not surthe crop. A light sprinkling once prising that the "ready to lay" pullet branch of the modern poultry industry is coming to the front and Isaiah 1:8 mention cucumfast.

the path of the greenhouse cu, hears more or less of this new diagainst inferior grades which are spider. Sprays or fumigation are and large capital, hence those enshipped in from California where the only ways of killing the pests. gaged in it find little time in and both are difficult and danger- which to run incubators and cucumbers are produced in a 40 by ing with water to keep the atmos- year to maintain profitable produc-'The third enemy of the cucum- ards specialization in all direcber is a jelly-like mold which at- tions. It is already well defined tacks the main stems and will in feeds and feeding, in marketing soon kill the plant unless remov- and distribution of poultry proed. The stem must then be kept ducts, in table fowl and egg prohence we are sure to see the growing of greenhouse cucumbers is an ing of pullets ready to lay become

> The men in the Salem district already in the poultry industry, or take note of this new and promis-

ing phase of the industry. We are living in an age of specialization, and the poultry industry is simply following in this trend.

Floyd Query Tells His Story of Altercation

Floyd Query, age 17, yesterday said that he was the truck driver who hit Paul T. Rassmussen, office manager of the Hansen Planing mill, Tuesday morning, and declares that he has sveral wit-

According to the story told by young Query Wednesday, the machine he was driving did strike of the department of vegetable A soft black soil sifted containing that owned by Rassmussen, but gardening;) did little damage, chiefly bending | Cucumbers grown under glass loose is best. This should be to make such applications early a fender and the license plate. Rassmussen, he said, same out of growth from seed time to the har- down in the corners and along the ment. Rassmussen delivered the time will vary according to the smoothly and gently with a masfirst blow, Query said, striking time of the year and the temper- on's trowels or small board after him, he declared, while he was ature of the greenhouse.

ed Rassmussen to remove his cucumbers should be wide and can using tepid water. Boxes working at the car, He requestglasses, and then struck him. Rassmussen's cheek was cut, and his head struck the pavement although in some narrow lower in control of gooseberry and when he fell, this bringing about his unconscious condition. Rassmussen regained conscious-

ness yesterday morning.

-July is the best month for an- plant box and then shifting the planted to pots, placing them a ling moth lead arsenate spray for sown directly in the above sized growers use 4 inch pots, some economy of application. This apports and the plants thinned to one with the soil about 1/2 inch from plication practically cleans up even or two plants depending on the the top of the pot. The seedlings Virus troubles are showing up badly diseased orchards in a sin- size of the pot. Boxes suitable can be potted 10 days from the

son, reports the experiment station. The more serious diseases SHADE OF WHICH GAVE JONAH COMFORT

The Cucumber Has Been Cultivated for More Than 4000 Years, and it Has Various Uses in All the Countries of the World-Salem Should Have Pickle Factories and More and Larger Plants Under Glass

The cucumber originated in tro- tensively grown in the field for leaves are yellowish or stunted ill-shaped cukes. The mulch pical Asia. Few garden plants pickling purposes and for early have been known to and cultivated by man longer than the cucumber. De Candolle has proved that this plant has been in cultivation some haps it was a forcing variety of 4000 years. In China and Persia cucumber that made the cool the cucumbers are largely grown fort to Jonah; it would not take grown will be from 70 to 75 deon floats in the lakes. The cucum- a great stretch of the imagination grees in the day time and no lowber is a common vegetable in all to lead one to visualize this, after er than 60 to 65 degrees at night. parts of India. They are grown seeing one of the splendid devel-LAI AND INC. INC. I and used very extensively in the key and throughout the Near East. Cucumbers were much esteemed by the ancients. According to summer and winter. Naudin enumerates 13 well determined and eight doubtful species, and of one bers under glass. species 30 varieties, Numbers 11:5 bors and a garden of cucumbers.

The demand for the "ready-to- In Egypt the cucumber is very try make a cucumber drink. They cumber. The red spider eats parts vision of poultry culture where it stir the pulp of ripe cucumbers hers of 18 inches in length and 12 of the feaves and the plant event- has attained the highest commer- with a stick poked through a hole inch circumference are not un- ually dies from the effects. The cial rank. Egg farming on a made at the umbilicus of the fruit; white fly has a somewhat similar large scale is really an intensive close the hole with wax, and the effect to that produced by the red business demanding experience fruit, without removing it from its stem, is buried in a little pit; after some days the pulp is found to be converted into an agreeable ous to the plants. Frequent spray- brooders and grow the pullets each liquor. Cucumber juice is used as an ingredient in some pomades! phere moist is the best check to tion in their flocks. The trend of and cosmetics. One variety furnmodern poultry farming is tow- ishes the drug elaterium. Cucumbers are used in making preserves in many countries. Mainly Two Types

As a result of attempts to supply the table of man with this delicacy at all seasons and in varying forcing type, has been developed and is grown almost exclusively under glass. The other, sometimes cucumbers under glass, for the who are going in, would do well to called the American type, is ex- trade all along the coast.

Marketing

THE CUCUMBER UNDER GLASS, BEING

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the author being A. G. B. Bouquet filled with nicely pulverized soil.

require usually 65 to 75 days of smoothed off after it is pushed

vesting of the fruit cuke but this edges to settle and pressed

for starting plants are about 3 day the seed is planted and the

There are many varieties, and many strains. The cucumber is a member of the gourd family. Pershade that was a temporary com- be germinated and the plants from some of our plants in this The growing of cucumbers may

be divided into four classes: For early market in the open; for early market in cold frames; for pickling purposes, and forcing cucum-

Ought to Have Factories The cucumber industry in the Salem district is capable of great expansion. We have here mainly two branches of the industrycucumbers under glass, and cu-

Portland pickle factories, we climates, two types of cucumbers should have such plants to supwhich are very distinct have been ply pickle factories here in Salem. produced. One, the English or And we might have developed here greater and more plants growing

a quantity of sand to keep it

planted in the long beds. Where two plants are grown to a pot no less than 5 inches should be used. The Plants. Cucumbers, like melons, will not do so well after

they have been checked as they from seed time to harvest." If planted in the form a of mulch id, the plants should be O. K. If should not be allowed to get too large before being set in the permanent beds or benches. The temperature in which the seed should Soil. It is much more economi-

cal to handle cucumbers on solid ground beds raised about 12 inches or 14 inches above the level of raised benches. Cucumber soil should be rich and a soil composed of one-third rotted sod, one-third compost and one-third rotted, horse or cow manure. The soil should be deep and well pulverized and previous to setting the plants should be raked off smooth-

ly, removing all coarse material. cumbers raised in the open field, tance between the rows and the The Portland pickle factories plants in the row will depend up- fruits on the main vine. The labor contract for considerable tonnage on the method of traing of which of pruning is offset largely by the each year of cucumbers produced there are two kinds; the "upright" in the open field. The Gervais or "erect" method and the "insection furnishes a lot of these verted V" or "A" method. Both cucumbers. This branch of the of these are used commercially. ed vines. The dense growth of industry should be very much ex- In houses that are built low on the unpruned vines make gathering panded. Salem ought to have sides upright training cannot be pickle factories. Enough cucum- used. Thus the "A' trellis will be the vines are carefully pruned and bers could be produced here for necessary in such houses. Growlarge operations in this line; es- ers who train on the "A" trelis pecially fine ones are grown on our space the rows 6 to 8 feet apart beaver dam" lands. Instead of and the plants a foot to 18 inches greatest amount of satisfaction salting plants being established apart in the rows. Those who and economy by placing a hive of in various localities to supply train upright set the rows from 3 bees in the house. The bees are

feet apart in the rows. Davis Perfect are the two leading The becs should be fed with sugar varieties of forcing cucumbers, water frequently for the pollen One of the most important char- from the cuke flowers will not be acters of the variety is that it is sufficient food. productive and meets the market demands as to size and color. Se- summer months, the greenhouses give, with proper feeding, a nice time and a cheap and quick way ble color and length.

Full Directions on the Growing of This Important Market available where the roots can get with a brush, Vegetable in This District - Varieties, Harvesting, at it.

Following is Circular 106 of inches deep, 16 inches wide, and will suffer for lack of sufficient while and will rub off easily. the Oregon Agricultural college, 24 inches long. These should be water at any time. Cucumber foliage seems to

thrive best when it is given an occasional shower bath. It is best

plants then remain in the pots that the foliage will go into the two and one-half to three weeks. | night dry. If the red spiders make Then they are carried to the house their appearance, water thrown where they are to grow to matur- with force against the under sides ity, knocked out of the pots and of the leaves will usually vanquish the intruder.

Feeding. Cucumbers are rank feeders and on that account must be well supplied with plant food. As a rule the application of manure to the surface will if they are "kept on the jump of the soil after the cukes are the leaves are of normal size and will help the growth of the plants dark green and the growth is rap- very materially and will help to decrease the number of small or and slow to grow, the addition of especially valuable in preventing nitrate of soda in small doses will the soil from drying out quickly help to right them again. Plants as well as supplying a constant amount of available nitrogen. and water in the soil the watering properly done and the ventilators used judiciously, little trouble should result from cucumber

that it pays to prune cukes sys sufficiently developed to show the location of the first fruit it is cut first joint invariably bears a cuallowed to grow several joints which will produce no pickles. The second and third laterals ore develop and this process is con-Spacing and Training. The dis- tinued for the full length of the vine. There are usually a few keep the pruned vines in position the fruits more difficult than when

Pollination. Cucumber blossto 3 1/2 feet apart and the plants 2 usually put in the house when the vines are beginning to show their Varieties. The White Spine or first female and male blossoms.

lected seed of a good strain will may get entirely too hot in the day area to cover is to take air slaked Watering. As soon as the lime which has just been slaked plants are set they should be giv- dry by sprinkling lightly with waen a liberal supply of water. The ter occasionally, and spraying it root system of the plants is con- on with a spray pump. Skimmilk fined to a small area at this time thickened with whiting also makes and it is necessary that water be a good shading material to put on

Cucumbers will make use of be next to impossible to get it off large amounts of water particular- at all when not needed. But lime ly during the fruiting period and fust air slaked will stick a good

Diseases and Insects. Growers should be on the lookout for leaf diseases. Proper management is an-important factor in controlling (Continued on page 9)

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the seed is planted. Water lightly Is the BEST, SAFEST, STRONGEST, Greenhouses in which to grow with fine spray from sprinkling and, in the long run, the CHEAPEST Material out of which to build your high at the eaves for the most should be set perfectly level so economical handling of the crop, that seed will sprout evenly. It is BURNED CLAY HOLLOW BUILDhouses the "A" training may be the water to keep them moist unused and some good cucumbers til they sprout and as soon as the

Starting the Plants. There are are beginning to show their true two ways of growing, cucumber leaf, they should be carefully pick-SALEM BRICK & TILE CO. plants. First, by sowing in a ed out of their bed and trans-