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TIMELY GARDENING HINTS
FROM A RELIABLE SOURCESuggestions Furnished by the National Garden Bureau on the
Raising of Vegetables for Home Use

Handy Helps to Garden Plan

Many people make plans of gardens and then forget about them and plant as the whim seizes them when they confront the soil with a package of seeds in hand. Best results are obtained by sticking closely to a plan once it has been figured out and not trusting to chance and snap judgment. Later in the season many puzzles are likely to arise as to where to plant succession crops, and much time and effort will be wasted.

When the plan has been drawn the best way is to stake it out on the ground. This is easily done and requires only a few moments' work, after which seed sowing can go along swimmingly. Stick a pot label, little wooden picket, sold cheaply at seed house, at the head of each row bearing the name of the seed that is to go in that particular row. Stake out the entire garden in this manner and then arrange the seed packets in order to correspond with the labels, and start at the first label and the top packet and

Hiding Ugly Buildings

Many yards have unsightly garages or other small buildings that it is desirable to hide or ugly fences to disguise. Annual vines and some of the taller-growing annuals are admirable to use as screens in such cases.

The best annual to hide an unsightly object quickly is the castor bean, the most majestic annual in the flower lists. The Zinnia types are particularly fine. With the first warm days, the castor bean starts sending out its huge palmate leaves and spinning up a thick, sturdy stalk until it is six to eight feet tall with a wide spread.

The tall annual sunflowers of the old-fashioned, familiar "Russian" type now come in shades of red and full doubles, which make majestic ornaments of height and form a substantial screen.

Then there are the annual vines, the morning glory being the quickest and most effective and quickly covering any trellis or screen arranged for it and grabbing any support in sight if none is furnished. The Japanese morning glories offer a wonderful range of coloring and marking, particularly the Imperial strain. They have leaves

of varying shape, and sometimes are attractively variegated. The hyacinth bean and the old scarlet runner are valuable vines to furnish thick foliage, attractive, clean and with handsome blossoms to go with it. The moonflower is another useful member of the morning glory tribe that will reach up to the second story in a hurry, once it gets going.

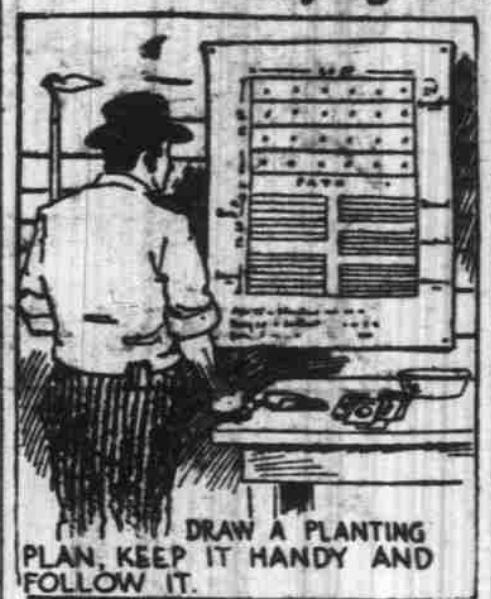
Vines of finer texture which furnish veils of concealment rather than screen are the handsome Cardinal climber, a gorgeous

sight, and the cypress vine. Cobea scandens is another handsome climber of slender growth with beautiful purple bells. The seed should always be planted edge-wise.

The old-fashioned Madeira vine, tubers of which are now on sale, is coming into popularity again as a porch vine. It has leathery, glossy foliage and fragrant white sprays of flowers.

One of the quickest-growing annual vines is the wild cucumber. The gourds also are useful.

Laying Out Vegetables



The laying out of the vegetable garden on paper is desirable for the purposes of economy of time and space, in the first place, and in order to insure the proper placing of the vegetables in regard to sun and shade and convenience in cultivating. Where practicable, the rows should run north and south to give an equal division of sunshine.

The taller-growing vegetables, such as corn and pole beans, are usually placed towards the western portion of the garden, because they will cast shade then only during the hottest portion of the day when a little shade may be helpful. The earliest vegetables usually are placed nearest to the back door for convenience in gathering in spring when the earth is likely to be muddy and where there will be no necessity for walking over the surface of the newly spaded and tilled soil.

The most practical means of

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laying out a vegetable garden is to draw a plan on a scale of half inch to a foot on tough wrapping paper which is not easily torn and which will not break with folding. On this scale a 50-foot garden patch would occupy a 25-inch square. When vegetables are charted in place, after careful study and thought, there will be room on the paper to make notes as to experiments and results in the garden and as to various insect pests. The chart will become a record of the time necessary to mature the earliest crops from sowing and will furnish an excellent guide in season to come. By reference to the chart and notes the same mistakes need not be made again.

If one has two rows of the same vegetable and uses a different succession crop in each row, the gardener may not know which was the more successful combination.

In small gardens where intensive fertilizing and cultivation is simple, the rows need not be as far apart as in larger gardens. Eighteen inches is ample for most of the vegetables.

Zinnias are bigger than ever, with new colors. The colossal types are rivals of the dahlias for fall splendor and much surer bloomers.

Start collecting stakes for tomatoes and poles for beans. Try a few hills of pole limas this year. You can get twice the beans from the same space of pole limas you can off the bush sorts.

Buy your Golden Bantam sweet corn of a reliable seedman this year. It varies considerably in quality. Selected strains are best.

GEOGRAPHY MADE EASIER

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Mar. 14.—Under instructions from the ministry of the interior, the local authorities, throughout Bulgaria are re-naming many towns, rejecting the foreign nomenclature that has existed in some instances for centuries.

Book Review

BY VERA BEADY SHIPMAN

PRIZE STORIES OF 1924.—The O. Henry Memorial Award. Chosen by the Society of Arts and Sciences. Published by Doubleday Page and Company, Garden City, New York. Price \$2.00 net.

These stories were chosen from six hundred. And my humble eye cannot hope but to kiss the dust of the society's dignified but lowly though I be, I cannot feel that these stories are representative of the stories which O. Henry—the master story teller is to perpetrate by the memorial award.

Take Chester Crowell's story of Margaret Blake. Its theme is sordid. The character is deftly portrayed but why should the second prize in such an award, oh why MUST such a theme be chosen among the history of ideas yet to be drawn? Margaret Blake is a character unlike another enchantress nor detracts, neither is charming nor despised. Chester Crowell, a Dallas young man of whom his native city is justly proud, could certainly have found a theme among all the good people of Texas which could as well have shown his writing ability.

The first prize is that of a story laid in the time of Shakespeare. Its style is foreign and its appeal adds by this to a very well presented story.

On through the book, do you not, gentle reader, feel the sordid theme which are capitalized? Is there no good left to write about?

Out of six hundred story writers, was there one Willa Cather, Gene Stratton Porter or Arthur Train?

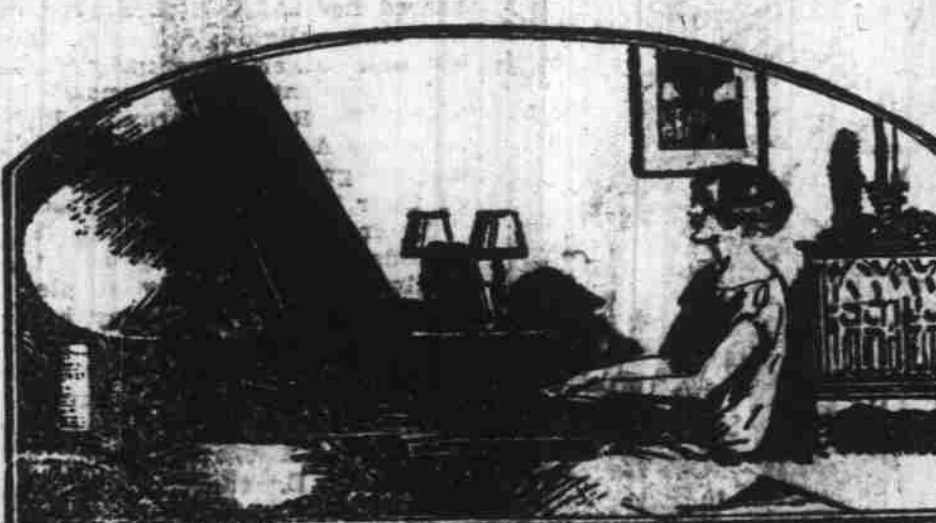
As the charge of the light brigade, I feel that the Six Hundred rode on, and left us by the wayside, with fifteen stories which were wasted talents in thorny ground!

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THE WINNING GAME.—By Elizabeth Dejeans. Published by Doubleday and Company, Garden City, New York. Price \$2 net.

A thrilling story of wasted youth, drink and devil, society scandal and uprooted teachings of a lifetime. A masked fancy dress ball, a stolen child, mistaken identity, and a long, long trail through the Mexican desert brings a story which is not lacking in today's necessary and therefore justified thrills.

This is no book for a young person and if grown members of my family take the chance of reading it, they do so at their own risk. I am not to be held an accessory to the crime of misappreciation of a so-called best seller. Let the man who sells you the book be guilty of that crime. I recommend its content to some tired business man whose wife won't let him go to the Folies tonight!



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FARM SUPPLIES
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in United States Than
They Were in 1922

United States farm supplies of wheat and corn on March 1, 1925, were very materially lower than a year ago, or two years ago, according to reports compiled by the crop reporting board, United States department of agriculture.

Oats show an increase of about 10 per cent compared with last year, and barley and hay stocks are not materially different from last year or two years ago.

Percentages of the Oregon grain crop of 1924 remaining on farms March 1, 1925, are reported as follows: Corn, 6 per cent; wheat, 9 per cent; oats 20 per cent; barley, 11 per cent; hay 12 per cent. On March 1, 1924, supplies of the 1923 crop on hand were: Corn, 7 per cent; wheat 10 per cent; oats, 25 per cent; barley, 15 per cent; hay 15 per cent. It is probable that the foregoing figures include considerable grain not actually on farms, but still owned by growers, and stored in warehouses at shipping points.

The United States figures are as follows:

The amount of corn on farms March 1, 1925, based upon reported percentage applied to the entire crop, was about 501,609,000 bushels or 33.9 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924, stocks of 1,153,847,000 bushels or 37.8 per cent of the 1923 crop, and March 1, 1923, stocks of 1,093,306,000 bushels or 37.6 per cent of the 1922 crop; the 10-year average 1915 to 1924 being 38.1 per cent. About 17.7 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 19.7 per cent of the 1923 crop and 17.9 per cent of the 1922 crop so shipped; the 10-year average being 18.7 per cent. The proportion of the 1924 crop which is merchantable is about 66.3 per cent, compared with 60.8 per cent

of the 1923 crop and 88.3 per cent of the 1922 crop; the 10-year average being 81.2 per cent.

The amount of wheat on farms March 1, 1925, was about 113,928,000 bushels or 13 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924, stocks (revised figures) of 137,717,000 bushels or 17.3 per cent of the 1923 crop, and March 1, 1923 stocks (revised figures) of 156,087,000 bushels or 18 per cent of the 1922 crop; the 10-year average being 18.3 per cent. About 71.6 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 63.4 per cent of the 1923 crop and 67.3 per cent of the 1922 crop so shipped; the 10-year average being 60.1 per cent.

The amount of oats on farms March 1, 1925, was about 550,242,000 bushels or 35.7 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924 stocks of 447,366,000 bushels or 34.3 per cent of the 1923 crop; the 10-year average being 30.7 per cent. About 7.6 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 24.7 per cent of the 1923 crop and 35 per cent of the 1922 crops so shipped; the 10-year average being 27.6 per cent.

The amount of barley on farms March 1, 1925, was about 42,127,000 bushels or 23 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924 stocks of 44,930,000 bushels or 22.7 per cent of the 1923 crop, and March 1, 1923 stocks of 42,469,000 bushels or 23.3 per cent of the 1922 crop; the 10-year average being 24.9 per cent. About 35 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 34.5 per cent of the 1923 crop and 36.6 per cent of the 1922 crop so shipped; the 10-year average being 35.8 per cent.

The amount of hay (all) on farm March 1, 1925, was about 37,386,000 tons or 33.2 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924 stocks of 33,455,000 tons or 31.4 per cent of the 1923 crop, and March 1, 1923 stocks of 36,610,000 tons or 32.7 per cent of the 1922 crop. About 14 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 13.1 per cent of the 1923 crop and 13.7 per cent of the 1922 crop so shipped.

Princess Related to All
European Royal Families

LONDON, March 14.—London society circles were much enlivened recently by the arrival of Princess Blucher from her castle in Silesia, and who, in one way or

ped. Oregon grain crops of 1925 shipped out of the county where grown are estimated as follows: corn, none, wheat, 60 per cent; oats, 30 per cent; barley, 23 per cent. Of the 1923 crop there were shipped out: corn 1 per cent; wheat 65 per cent; oats, 27 per cent; barley, 23 per cent. The 10-year average is: corn, 1 per cent; wheat, 62 per cent; oats, 29 per cent; barley, 21 per cent.

another, claims to be related to all the royal families of Europe.

Prior to her marriage to Prince Blucher, the present representative of the family of famous Field Marshal-General "Vovvart" Blucher, who fought with the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo, the Princess was Miss Stapleton Bretherton, of Rainhill, Lancashire, her parents representing two ancient Roman Catholic families. Her mother was the daughter of the twelfth Baron Petre.

After the war the princess published a book, "An English Wife in Germany," which attracted a great deal of attention. It showed all branches of the wonderful old family tree still in her possession and just how she traces her relationship to all the crowned families of Europe.

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