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GARDENING IS FINE FOR BUSINESS MEN

Home Preparedness Advocates Can Derive Double Benefit From Back Yard Farming.

By Carl Vrooman,
(Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; member National Emergency Food Garden Commission.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Now that we understand what can be done with the back yard garden the next question to take up is how to do it to get the most out of our labor. If everyone with a back yard should plant a garden in it, the result would put a big dent in the high cost of living.

The city man has an hour or two in the morning or an hour or two in the afternoon after dinner. The exercise is just what he needs, for he will be getting back to nature. The outlay is small for the return it will bring.

With a little care, here are some of the vegetables that can be raised in a back yard garden, if the instructions are followed:

Beans, cabbage, parsnips, cauliflower, onions, lettuce, cucumbers, peas, beets, carrots, radishes, asparagus. It will be seen that in this list are vegetables that are commanding record prices right now.

With prices the way they are, every available foot of ground should be made productive. In the work the interest of the children should be enlisted, for they can help, and in helping, their minds will be directed in a path that will be of value in later years.

The average back yard is 50x50. First clean it up. Get those ashes out of the cellar, and if there are no paths about the yard, use some of the ashes to make them.

Be sure the paths are straight. Trenches should be dug along the paths 18 inches deep to secure drainage away from the house if possible. The soil thus found can be scattered about the yard and used to fill depressions.

Put in these trenches the stones, broken bottles, bits of brick and the crockery that may be found. Leave the trenches in this condition until the soil is dry for spading, where the good beds are to be made.

The spade should be driven deep and the soil broken fine in turning it over. All the stones found should be tossed into the drainage ways.

Before the garden is spaded give it a good covering of manure and see that it is turned under the soil. Then rake well, making the soil as fine as you can. This should be done in sections about six feet wide across the garden, so that the soil will not be packed down again by tramping on it.

BENNY KAUFF READY FOR RECORD SEASON

Ex-Federal Leaguer Emulates Example of Georgian, and May Be Among League Leaders.

By C. C. Hamilton,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, April 13.—If reports from pre-season contests in which the Giants participated are worth anything, Benny Kauff, the blushing violet of the Federal league, has a fine chance of enjoying the best season of his career this summer.

Kauff, the box scores show, hit the ball on the nose with startling regularity and firmness, and the box

scores also showed that he occasionally drew a base on balls instead of swinging wildly at the bad ones.

When the season ended last fall Kauff was showing some of the stuff that made him a king of batters in the old Gilmore circuit. He was whaling away at the horsehide in a manner that would have soon boosted his batting average to very near the .300 class. It was the result of close study by Benny and some close tutoring by John McGraw. Kauff had been told he couldn't swing in the general direction of a National league baseball and slam it out of the lot.

When Benny entered the circuit presided over by John K. Tener it became a standing joke that he would take a smash at anything, sincere and certain in the belief that a baseball couldn't be thrown past him very often. It was a fact. He was so eager to hit that he would swing at anything.

That's all changed now. Benny has learned to wait and get the good ones. And when he connects, it means something, for there are few batters in either big league with the driving power that is contained in his stock frame.

It's partly Ty Cobb's fault that Benny is making such marks for himself, the reports say. Benny grew almost green with jealousy when he was thrown into a series against the Georgian, and when Ty attacked Buck Herzog, with whom Benny rooms, his desire to eclipse the famous Tiger knew no bounds. He out-Cobbed Cobb in some of those games, punching the ball around for base hits and turning in fielding plays that were sensational.

With his ambition, powerful arms and natural ability to hit, there is no reason why Kauff should not take his place among batting leaders of the National league. And, it is also proper to remark that Benny has learned to wear a heavy batting average without danger of it running over.

STYLES KEEP PACE WITH TARDY SPRING

Wide Range of Shapes in Hats Ready for Womanhood—Vivid Colors for Coats Appear.

By Margaret Mason,
(Written for the United Press.)

NEW YORK, April 13.—All hail gentle spring!

This is the joyous season of the year when the amorous robins and blue birds from happiness wake you at 5 a. m. as they burble under the window sill. These are the nights when you toss off the extra counter-

pane and wake in the morn with a cold in the head and an extra counter pain in your chest.

These are the happy days when the Amalgamated Union of Janitors turns off the steam heat prematurely and you have to affect the cumbersome draperies of your elderdown bathrobe on top of your customary garments around the frostbitten menage.

These are the pleasant meal-times when you struggle with the offspring to get them to consume quantities of rhubarb sauce, spinach, dandelion greens and other healthful first fruits of spring against which their childish souls and tummies revolt.

These are the intoxicating afternoons when the shop windows get full of all the fascinating frills and furbelows and frivolities that go to female heads. The little birds are on the wing and the little wings are on the hat. If only the spring bonnets knew how to use their many wings they would certainly fly away like the little birds. As it is it is

only their prices that soar. Truly, fine fathers make fine hats this spring, for almost every turban, poke, mushroom, sailor and stove-pipe shape that isn't beaded is abristle with wings. Some of them are both beaded and winged, at that.

Hats aren't the only things in the shop windows that go to the female heads, however, as there are the stunning Spanish back combs of tortoise shell, amber, demi-amber and carved jet. Wonderfully artistic and alluring they are and every woman is immediately bitten with a desire to possess one as soon as she tries their teeth in her topknot.

Like the Dutchman's breeches, violet, dogwood and all the spring flowers, the fashionable growths in the spring shop windows are prone to have as ephemeral an experience. They enjoy a brief popularity and then vanish like the crocus, to be glimpsed no more this year.

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