

ABOUT ASPARAGUS.

A VEGETABLE THAT ENJOYS A DE-SERVED POPULARITY.

It Grows Wild in Some Places, but Flourishes Best in a Well Kept Garden - Its Relation to the Famous Asphodel - The Seeds Used For Coffee.

As a tickler of the palate asparagus has come down the ages with all the weight of Greek and Roman approval. Plato ate it by the plateful, and Aristotle, the humorist, regarded it as a great aid in digesting the crumb philosophers of the day.

It is an odd fact that this culinary plant is closely related to the famous asphodel, which was supposed by the ancients to be the leading flower in the gardens of the Elysium, the Greek purgatory or paradise. A part of the quaintness of this lies in the fact that the roots both possess purgative qualities. The roots and fruit of both were formerly much used in medicine for this purpose.

According to the superstition of the Romans, the names of the dead are on the roots of the asphodel. They planted it, therefore, in and around the cemeteries. Hence to this day it covers with its beautiful golden blossoms as profusely as dandelions the Apulian hills and valleys, and the sheep feed on it greedily.

It belongs to the same natural order of perennials, and the only difference between the asparagus and the asphodel appears to be in the fruit, and the color of the flowers. So abundant is the wild asparagus in the steppes of Russia that cattle eat it like grass, just as Italian sheep devour its botanical cousin.

Not native to America, it has here, however, been raised to its exact perfection as a table delicacy. Perhaps no other plant gives as good proof of what cultivation can do. In its wild state it rarely grows higher than a foot or thicker than a slate pencil. Culture has multiplied its height by four and its thickness nearly as much, adding also to its flavor - not, however, to its value as a food, for it still possesses very little nutritive substance.

It was once regarded as a garden ornament in this country, and in New England rural places especially was used in making up bouquets. Dried specimens can still be found in Maine and Massachusetts parlors. Nor is this, which would strike those who know it only to eat it, as a curious old fashioned taste, without good foundation from an artistic point of view, for the full grown plant is remarkable for its delicate elegance. It has many branches loaded with fine, threadlike leaves and small bell shaped flowers of a greenish yellow luster.

Its expansiveness is also remarkable, and it has long been used as a substitute for coffee, which may yet come into fashion here. A wild variety in Spain and Portugal is considered the crown of a salad, having a pleasant bitter taste that gives not only a fillip to the tongue, but also to the appetite. The amount raised in Staten Island and in Jersey for the New York market increases markedly every year, and the quality seems to keep pace with the quantity.

The ways of cooking and serving it are likewise on the increase. Asparagus on toast, asparagus salads, asparagus patties, sauces and even soups, plain and in combination with many other vegetables, indicate by their variety the favor it has attained. A very common mistake, however, that is made in preparing it is to cook it whole. After being delicately washed, it should be cut in half, and the lowest part should be cooked for three-quarters of an hour. Then add the tops and cook for 10 to 15 minutes. By this method both parts become just right. The stalk is tender throughout, and the tops do not fall all to pieces.

So-called Prussian asparagus, an allied plant, of which the spikes are eaten in some places, is not wholesome, and cannot asparagus seems to lack not only flavor, but the medicinal virtues of the fresh. -New York World.

Chemical Perfumes. Chemistry seems to furnish substitutes for the expensive perfumes now made from flowers. It has long been known that the exact odor of the banana is produced in the laboratory. There seems a possibility, however, that even when some fragrant plants cease to be cultivated for the perfumes many may become of importance in surgery. It has been discovered that some such plants are free from the attacks of insects and from fungous growths, and may be due to the fact that their essential oils have antiseptic properties. The eucalyptus yields an antiseptic, and so do other familiar plants. -Chicago Herald.

Mr. Robt. Grand Parole, Cork, has exhibited a snake which was killed at Mr. Lane's, Varon Mount, lately. It attacked children playing in the fields. The children raised an alarm, and the snake was killed. It is not so large as the snake killed on the banks of the Transire some time ago, but it is of the same species and is said to be poisonous. How these snakes came to the Douglas district is enveloped in mystery. -Cork Herald.

A SONG OF SUNNY SIDES.

The sunny side of city life, what is it to the hills? O' sunshiny gleams, dreamlike, on the valleys on the hills? What is it to the river banks where honey-suckles swing? To the gambolers where the machinists blinks are broken by the lights?

The sunny side of city life, what is it to the hills? That is tangled in the woodlands, where the purple and the white blossoms seem blown into you. With the tangled trees a-bendin a-bowin "Howdy do!"

The sunny side of city life, the poets sing it fine. As for the girls with glintin curls their eyes roam twain. But the brightest light is beamin from a wilder, sweeter land. Where the dew wet Violets dreamin send messages to you. -Frank L. Sauton in Chicago Lacer Cassan.

He Needed Their Prayers. An aged man in a town adjoining Lewiston tells a story of the old days when every minister was not a college educated man and when churches and parishes often had no other meeting house than schoolhouses at the three corners. The congregation of the town where the story took place had been much shocked upon learning that their preacher had departed under most discreditable circumstances. On the following Sunday it seemed to be the aim of nearly every one to hush up the scandal, and under great restraint many interesting conversations were held, merely to show that the members of the church could rise above sensational gossip. Just before the services were closed an elder brother arose and said: "Brethren and sisters, since we last met in this house something which seems to have cast a gloom over this congregation has occurred. We were all much attached to our minister. In fact, we loved him, and I now propose that we offer up a prayer for the wanderer." A sensational wave went over the audience, and another brother, the senior even of the other, arose and said: "I'm astonished that you should desire the congregation to pray for our erring minister - you, above all others." "Why?" "Because he ran away with your young wife." "Yes, I know, and that is the reason why I think he will need our prayers." -Lewiston Journal.

Marriage in Urban and Rural Regions. In the north Atlantic division, which constitutes the principal manufacturing section of the country, a section made up largely of urban populations, the single are found in smaller proportion than in any part of the country and the married and widowed in larger proportions. Conversely the south Atlantic and south central divisions, which are almost purely agricultural and rural, contain the largest proportion of single persons and the smallest proportion of the married. These results are directly opposed to popular belief. It is assumed that the development of urban population diminishes the number of the nation engaged in wedded life, which naturally suggests itself is that the larger proportion of marriages in the manufacturing sections of the country is due not only to the fact that the native white population married young and in large proportion at all ages, but also to the fact that the foreign whites, who have settled in large numbers in the north Atlantic division, were either married or of a marriageable age at the time of their immigration. -Forum.

Jewelry In a Grave. The largest amount of jewelry known to be in a single grave was buried in Greenwood cemetery several years ago. The undertaker who had charge of the funeral protested against it, but was severely rebuffed for his interference. The family had its way and in that grave is buried fully \$5,000 worth of diamonds, with which the body was decked when prepared for burial. Sometimes families who desire to bury their dead in the clothing worn in life - in evening or wedding dresses, for instance - substitute less costly imitations for the jewelry worn in life, partly from motives of thrift and partly from a superstitious fear that anything taken off a body when it is ready for the tomb will bring ill luck to future wearers. -Philadelphia Times.

Ready to Accommodate. An exchange tells a story connected with a strike on the North British railway, during which much difficulty was experienced in finding engineers to keep the necessary trains running. One of the substitutes, a young fellow, ran some distance past a station, and then, putting back, ran as much too far the other way. He was preparing to make a third attempt when the station agent shouted, to the great amusement of the passengers: "Never mind, Tammas. Stay where you are. We'll shift the station." -Youth's Companion.

Wicks That Pass in the Night. An ingenious Brooklyn statistician estimates that united Brooklyn has over 100,000 cats, of which more than one-half are unsheltered. He considers it a conservative estimate that 10 per cent of the 1,000,000 inhabitants of our sister city are kept awake at night by the howling of the 100,000. This makes one case of insomnia per cat and leads one to the conclusion that Brooklyn is a very sleepless city. If cats and insomnia prevail with equal violence in other cities, it would follow that there are 6,000,000 cats and 6,000,000 cases of insomnia in America. Yet no notice is taken of this pathogenic factor by systematic writers on sleep. -Medical Record.

Posed as Bismarck. A barber in Berlin, whose features bore a marked resemblance to those of Bismarck, created quite a new profession by sitting for photographs, which were afterward sold as portraits of the prince. Like the milkmaid of our story books, his face was his fortune until one fine day the police made it his misfortune and cast him, face and all, into a dung heap. -Berlin Letter.

Uncertainties. A recipe for cheerfulness which Mrs. Edmund Cass gives in a monthly is worth repeating: "No two parts of usefulness and as much fresh air as can easily be obtained. Stir in two hours of beauty sleep, a silver tongue (from the tip of which all spite has been removed) and an eye that looks out on the brighter side of life. Into this mixture throw a pinch of humor and a sprinkling of the essence of romance. And there you are."

JAY GOULD'S NEPHEW.

The San Francisco Schoolboy Whose Name Cost Him Perhaps a Fortune.

In one of the public schools of this city is a bright-eyed lad of 15 years known as Fred Gould. No one to look at him would ever dream how near he came to being the favorite nephew of the late wizard of Wall street or what a petty trick of fortune it was that chanted him out of a million or two.

Fred, whose full name is Jay Frederick Gould, is the son of Abram Gould of St. Louis, the only brother of Jay Gould. Abram is a railroad man in the employ of the Texas and Pacific and Missouri Pacific. He never traded on his relationship to the millionaire, so that he is little known outside his immediate circle of railroad acquaintances.

Fred first saw the light of day in St. Louis. The happy father notified his mother in Wall street that he had a son, and she, in a span of formal feeling, asked that the child should be christened Jay Gould, Jr., and promised that he would do something handsome for his namesake.

The father detected the junior, which he thought his boy would have to write after his name for a good many years, so he compromised by calling the boy Jay Frederick.

The lad was left motherless at an early age, but he received a mother's care from the wife of Captain Austin of the Pacific Mail company, who practically adopted the boy. Jay Frederick was brought to Oakland, where he lived until the Austins moved to this city. He readily the captain died at Panama, and the widow lives here and sends the boy to school. The boy has the Gould features and complexion. He is very slow in his movements and in his speech, but he inherits the business sagacity of his uncle, as he generally gets the better of any of his playmates in a trade. He also shows a shrewdness beyond his years in purchasing any articles.

When his uncle died, Mrs. Austin was very anxious to learn whether the millionaire had done anything for his nephew. She knew that Jay had been worth because the father had not followed his instructions in naming the boy, but she thought the millionaire might have bequeathed. She will be glad to give Abram \$25,000, but there was absolutely no mention of the little boy whose middle name knocked him out of a chance of a fortune. -San Francisco Chronicle.

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