

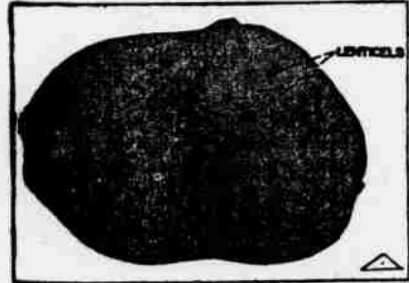
Farm and Garden

POTATO CHARACTER.

Signs of Good Keeping and Good Cooking Quality.

The characteristics of potatoes as to keeping quality and general excellence become very apparent about this time of year and should be borne in mind when the question of seed for another crop comes up.

Potatoes of a corky appearance or touch are usually preferred to the smooth and clear skinned tubers. This appearance or touch is in some instances a variety characteristic, but in



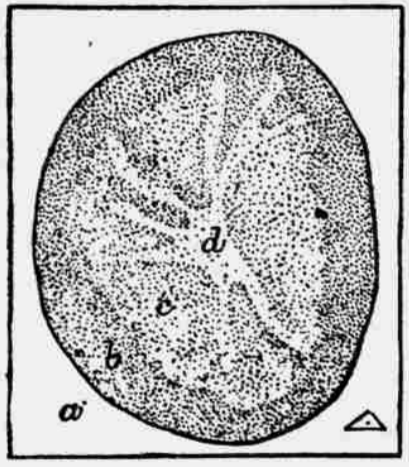
TUBER SHOWING SKIN RUPTURES. general it indicates a degree of maturity or development which promises good cooking quality. On the other hand, the potatoes of smooth and clear skin are oftentimes excessively watery or immature.

The presence of lentils—that is, bodies of cells which during growth enlarge and rupture the skin—is not objectionable, for they usually indicate normal growth and development in a healthy environment.

In an investigation of the quality of potatoes carried on by J. W. Gilmore at the New York Cornell experiment station parts considered in the physical examination were the surface or skin, the cortical layer or portion immediately under the skin and varying from .1 to .5 inch in thickness, the external medullary area—that is, the main starchy part of the tuber—and the internal medullary area or central portion of the potato, which often branches into the external medullary area and is more or less translucent on account of its high moisture content.

As regards the skin, it was noted that uneven tubers with deep eyes were undesirable for market, while a netted skin indicated maturity and, as a general rule, good quality. A smooth skin indicated immaturity, and hence poor keeping quality and a tendency toward undesirable flavor. Scabby potatoes were often mealy and of good color, but undesirable from the market standpoint. Tubers which had grown in part exposed to the air were heavy and soggy when cooked and of poor color and undesirable flavor.

In general it was found that when the cortical layer is thick and dense the tubers are of poor quality, and this condition is an indication that they grew near the surface, where the temperature and moisture conditions were more variable than deeper in the soil. A uniform external medullary area indicates an even distribution of starch cells and of starch grains within the cell. When this layer is not uniform it is an indication that the starch cells are unevenly distributed and interspersed with watery areas. A large



TRANSVERSE SECTION OF POTATO. [A, skin; B, cortical layer; C, outer medullary layer; D, inner medullary layer.] and branching internal medullary area indicates that there is a large proportion of the potato substance which does not contain enough starch grains to rupture the cell walls when the tuber is boiled, and hence a soggy rather than a starchy cooked product results. When the internal medullary area is small it is an indication of uniformity in the starch area and a small proportion of watery substance.

Horse Talk.

Overhead hayracks compel the horses to inhale dust. This is bad for the lungs. Hay should be well forked and shaken and slightly dampened and fed on the floor or in slatted mangers.

The farmer should not buy his work horses. He should raise them. He can grow them at a profit.

It is better for the average farmer to raise draft colts.—Farm Journal.

Continuous Cropping.

It has been observed by S. Fraser of New York that mangels and sugar beets grown continuously on the same land for four years were much more susceptible to leaf spot than when grown in a rotation with other crops.

Pigs in Pasture.

The damage done by hogs to alfalfa pastures is estimated by a Nebraska man at one-half the crop or less.

HOG HOUSE.

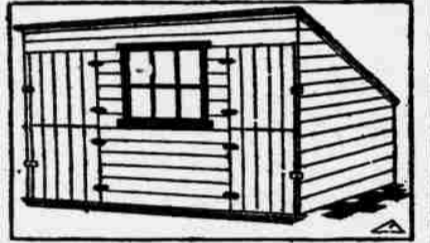
Portable and in Use in Various Ways the Year Round.

We send herewith a sketch of what we think the best, handiest and cheapest hog house we have ever used. Two doors in front make it convenient for ventilating, as we have them face south in the winter time. If there is a cold wind from the southwest the west doors are closed and the east ones opened. Should the wind be in the east or southeast they are reversed. The house is divided inside by a portable partition which should be nearly four feet high and made of good oak boards with very narrow cracks between them, especially near the bottom. With this partition in place it makes good, roomy beds 5 by 8 feet each for the sows, and when through with it for sows the partition is removed and placed by the back wall and held there by a large wooden button turning down over the top board. In this shape we use it for twenty to twenty-five pigs and find it better than any of a half dozen different patterns that we have used and are using, as it affords better ventilation and is easier to clean, as there is plenty of room.

We use these houses in spring and fall for the sows. In summer they are used for hens with little chickens, being pulled into the chicken lot or orchard, and they would make excellent colony houses for laying hens. In winter they furnish beds for fall pigs, thus making themselves useful the year around.

One good horse or ordinary team will move one of them anywhere on the level ground, and as they are only eight feet wide they will pass through any ordinary gate. The bracket arrangement seen at the ends of the house is for attaching portable fence which we use.

Size of house is 8 by 10 feet, four feet high at back and seven feet in front. The runners or foundation are 4 by 4 oak, beveled off at each end with an ax so as to run easily. The



PORTABLE HOG HOUSE.

two center runners are fourteen feet long, so that they may extend out two feet at each end of the house. Across these outer ends we spike 2 by 4 or 2 by 6 pieces to hitch to. The floor should be of good oak boards, but need not be very tight. The sides are matched lumber, and the roof should be as light as possible. We have used felt paper for roofing for five years, but the kind we used became leaky in about two years, and now we have four or five houses to reroof. We expect to try galvanized iron or tin. The uprights or studding are 2 by 2 placed two feet apart, except that there are 2 by 4's placed at each side of doors. Doors are fastened shut by means of strong wooden buttons, each held by a spike.—Olin H. Dobbins in National Stockman.

Lime Corrects Acidity.

Most cultivated soils possess a slightly acid reaction. This is generally due to decomposition of the remains of plants in the soil forming organic acids. On wet soils this condition is more noticeable than on dry soils. The sour humus and organic acids are not only unfavorable to the growth of nitrifying ferments and the root tubercles of leguminous plants, but also are likely to dissolve iron and other compounds which are poisonous to microbes and crops. Water culture experiments have shown that slightly acid solutions are favorable to the growth of plants, and, while most soils possess this character to a slight degree, yet any excess of soluble acid in the soil would be highly detrimental. While most of our cultivated crops seem to need a slight acidity, it is probable that they have the ability to create this condition to a sufficient degree through the medium of the solution sent out by their roots. This being the case, it would seem that the aim should be to keep soils in a neutral or slightly alkaline condition so as to favor the growth of root tubercles of the legumes and the desirable soil ferments.

Liming is excellent for correcting any excess of acidity and is probably the most effective and economical substance for bringing about these other desirable conditions.—H. J. Patterson.

Farm Scales.

"I consider that on a farm of 160 acres a good scale would be worth \$50 to \$75 a year, possibly much more. I use scales mostly for weighing stock, hay and grains. There are times when I use scales every day," says a writer in Farm and Home. "In feeding stock you may take a small bunch of cattle or hogs and by weighing each day both stock and feed you can tell just what the gain is per pound of feed. You may change the feed and see which gives the greatest gain if you keep a record of your feeding while making the test. The scales are the only sure way to determine profit or loss in feeding stock."

Progress of the Sugar Beet.

The beet sugar industry has grown very rapidly during the past fifteen years. In 1892 the beet sugar factories turned out 13,460 short tons of refined sugar; in 1897, five years later, 45,246 tons; in 1902, at the end of another five year period, 218,405 tons, and in 1907 the estimated product reached 500,000 tons.

These Have Registered.

Up to yesterday noon the following number of voters in the various precincts have entered their names on the registration books at the clerk's office:

Corvallis No 1.....	55
Corvallis No 2.....	75
Corvallis No 1.....	77
Corvallis No 4.....	41
Fairmount.....	12
Soap Creek.....	23
King Valley.....	11
Summit.....	19
Blodgett.....	27
Wren.....	7
Philomath.....	19
Willamette.....	18
A'sea.....	73
Bellefontaine.....	13
Monroe.....	18
West Philomath.....	13
Total.....	496

Portland and Return, Only \$3.50.

The Southern Pacific Company and Corvallis & Eastern Railway are selling round trip tickets to Portland from Corvallis for \$3.50, good going on any train Saturday or Sunday either via Albany or west side and good returning either via Albany or west side, Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

R. C. LINVILLE, Agent.

DANGER OF CATARRH.

Unless Properly Treated with Hyomei, Becomes Serious.

Catarrhal troubles are far more dangerous than they seem at first thought. If you have catarrh there is an irritated state of the mucous membrane and weakened tissues which afford an ideal lodgment and culture medium for disease germs, especially those of consumption. You should get cured as quickly as possible before any dangerous germs that you may breathe lodge on the diseased tissue and work destruction in the throat and lungs.

The easiest, simplest, quickest, surest and cheapest way to cure catarrh is by the direct method, breathing Hyomei. This wonderful medicated air treatment does not drug and derange the stomach, but is breathed in, directly following and destroying all disease germs that may have been inhaled.

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Block No. 6, original town of Marysville, now City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1—Owner, J. W. Ingle.....	\$42.78
Lot No. 2—Owner, Henry Gerhard, Elizabeth Gerhard, Mary Gerhard, Katharine Gerhard.....	42.78
Lot No. 3—Owner, Henry Gerhard, Elizabeth Gerhard, Mary Gerhard, Katharine Gerhard.....	42.78
Lot No. 4—Owner, Henry Gerhard, Elizabeth Gerhard, Mary Gerhard, Katharine Gerhard.....	42.78
Lot No. 5—Owner, Henry Gerhard, Elizabeth Gerhard, Mary Gerhard, Katharine Gerhard.....	42.78
Lot No. 6—Owner, C. A. Gerhard.....	42.78
Lot No. 7—Owner, John Beach.....	42.78
Lot No. 8—Owner, Ernest Weigand and Maggie Weigand.....	42.78
Lot No. 9 (south half) Owner, Ernest Weigand and Maggie Weigand.....	21.39
Lot No. 9 (north half) Owner, Ernest Weigand.....	21.39
Lot No. 10—Owner, John Bier.....	42.78
Lot No. 11—Owner, John Bier 1/2, Herbert Hodes 1/2.....	42.78
Lot No. 12—Owner, Virgil Waters.....	42.78
Block No. 1, Dixon's First Addition to the City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1—Owner, Carrie Barden.....	42.78
Lot No. 2—Owner, Carrie Barden.....	42.78
Lot No. 3—Owner, Elizabeth McBea, George McBea, Ida McBea.....	42.78
Lot No. 4—Owner, Maggie E. Austin.....	42.78
Lot No. 5—Owner, O. W. Beckwith.....	42.78
Lot No. 6—Owner, O. W. Beckwith.....	42.78
Lot No. 7—Owner, Mary Stewart.....	42.78
Lot No. 8—Owner, Mary Stewart.....	42.78
Lot No. 9—Owner, Mary Stewart.....	42.78
Lot No. 10—Owner, Harley L. Hall and Grace E. Hall.....	42.78
Lot No. 11—Owner, F. G. Clark.....	42.78
Lot No. 12—Owner, F. G. Clark.....	42.78

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Block No. 11 in Dixon's Second Addition to the City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1—Owner, Catherine M. Tharp.....	\$29.78
Lot No. 2—Owner, Catherine M. Tharp.....	29.78
Lot No. 3—Owner, Catharine M. Tharp.....	29.78
Lot No. 4—Owner, Prudence Chipman.....	29.78
Lot No. 5—Owner, Prudence Chipman.....	29.78
Lot No. 6—Owner, Prudence Chipman.....	29.78
Lot No. 7—Owner, Anna Hodes.....	29.78
Lot No. 8—Owner, Anna Hodes.....	29.78
Lot No. 9—Owner, Anna Hodes.....	29.78
Lot No. 10—Owner, Prudence Chipman.....	29.78
Lot No. 11—Owner, Prudence Chipman.....	29.78
Lot No. 12—Owner, Prudence Chipman.....	29.78
Block No. 12 in Dixon's Second Addition to the City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1—Owner, Geo. B. Willis, Miles Hendricks.....	29.78
Lot No. 2—Owner, Geo. B. Willis, Miles Hendricks.....	29.78
Lot No. 3—Owner, Evan McLennan.....	29.78
Lot No. 4—Owner, Martha A. Francisco.....	29.78
Lot No. 5—Owner, M. C. Miller.....	29.78
Lot No. 6—Owner, M. C. Miller.....	29.78
Lot No. 7—Owner, Geo. B. Willis, Miles Hendricks.....	29.78
Lot No. 8—Owner, Geo. B. Willis, Miles Hendricks.....	29.78
Lot No. 9—Owner, C. H. Keeney.....	29.78
Lot No. 10—Owner, Albert J. Chess.....	29.78
Lot No. 11—Owner, Mary O. Wyatt.....	29.78
Lot No. 12—Owner, Mary O. Wyatt.....	29.78
Block No. 13, in Dixon's Second Addition to the City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1—Owner, Sarah F. Elgin.....	29.78
Lot No. 2—Owner, Sarah J. Fletcher.....	29.78
Lot No. 3—Owner, R. L. Buchanan.....	29.78
Lot No. 4—Owner, R. L. Buchanan.....	29.78
Lot No. 5—Owner, R. A. Hurlburt.....	29.78
Lot No. 6—Owner, R. A. Hurlburt.....	29.78
Lot No. 7—Owner, W. F. Gay.....	29.78
Lot No. 8—Owner, W. F. Gay.....	29.78
Lot No. 9—Owner, W. F. Gay.....	29.78
Lot No. 10—Owner, R. A. Hurlburt.....	29.78
Lot No. 11—Owner, R. A. Hurlburt.....	29.78
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Block No. 1, original town of Marysville, now City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1, owner, Alfred H. Will.....	\$37.11
Lot No. 2, owner, Alfred H. Will.....	37.11
Lot No. 3, owner, Alfred H. Will.....	37.11
Lot No. 4, owner, Alfred H. Will.....	37.11
Lot No. 5, owner, John Will.....	37.11
Lot No. 6, owner, John Will.....	37.11
Lot No. 7, owner, Robt Franklin.....	37.11
Lot No. 8, owner, Robt Franklin.....	37.11
Lot No. 9, owner, Robt Franklin.....	37.11
Lot No. 10, owner, J. T. Phillips.....	37.11
Lot No. 11, owner, J. T. Phillips.....	37.11
Lot No. 12, owner, J. T. Phillips.....	37.11
Block No. 2, original town of Marysville, now City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1, owner, C & E R R Co.....	\$37.11
Lot No. 2, owner, C & E R R Co.....	37.11
Lot No. 3, owner, J. H. Wortham.....	37.11
Lot No. 4, owner, John Rickard.....	37.11
Lot No. 5, owner, John Rickard.....	37.11
Lot No. 6, owner, John Rickard.....	37.11
Lot No. 7, owner, J. T. Phillips.....	37.11
Lot No. 8, owner, R. H. Colbert.....	37.11
Lot No. 9, owner, R. H. Colbert.....	37.11
Lot No. 10, owner, R. H. Colbert.....	37.11
Lot No. 11, owner, R. H. Colbert.....	37.11
Lot No. 12, owner, R. H. Colbert.....	37.11
Block No. 3, original town of Marysville, now City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1, owner, Corvallis Water Company.....	\$37.11
Lot No. 2, owner, Corvallis Water Company.....	37.11
Lot No. 3, owner, Wm Broders.....	37.11
Lot No. 4, owner, Bertha Woltd.....	37.11
Lot No. 5, owner, Bertha Woltd.....	37.11
Lot No. 6, owner, Bertha Woltd.....	37.11
Lot No. 7, owner, R. H. Huston.....	37.11
Lot No. 8, owner, Manuel Knight.....	37.11
Lot No. 9, (North 25 feet) owner, Manuel Knight.....	20.78
Lot No. 9, (South 25 feet) owner, E. W. Thompson.....	16.33
Lot No. 10, (North 3 feet) owner, E. W. Thompson.....	2.22
Lot No. 10, (N. 25 feet of S 47 feet) owner, E. W. Fischer.....	18.56
Lot No. 10, (South 22 feet) owner, Willamette Valley Company.....	16.33
Lot No. 11, owner, Amasa Hathaway, Mary J. Hathaway.....	37.11
Lot No. 12, owner, A L Hathaway, O. C. Hathaway.....	37.11

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Block No. 10 in the original town of Marysville, now City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1—M. S. Woodcock.....	\$53.89
Lot No. 2—(South 20 feet) J. G. Wuestefeld.....	21.56
Lot No. 2, S. 19 of N 30 ft., P. G. Greif.....	20.48
Lot No. 2, N. 11 ft. Moses Kline.....	11.85
Lot No. 3, South half, Moses Kline.....	26.95
Lot No. 3, North half, Amelia Zierolf.....	26.94
Lot No. 4, South 12 ft. 4 in. Amelia Zierolf.....	13.29
Lot No. 4, N. 12 ft. 8 in. of N. half Jacob Webber.....	13.64
Lot No. 4, S. 24 ft. 3 in. of N. half A. Hodes.....	26.14
Lot No. 4, North 9 inches, L. F. Wilson 1/2, Thos. Whitehorn 1/2, E. R. Bryson 1/2.....	34.49
Lot No. 5, South 32 ft., L. F. Wilson 1/2, Thos. Whitehorn 1/2, E. R. Bryson 1/2.....	34.49
Lot No. 5, North 18 ft., Thos. Whitehorn, E. R. Bryson.....	19.40
Lot No. 6, The First National Bank of Corvallis.....	53.89
Lot No. 7, C. E. Hout.....	53.89
Lot No. 8, C. E. Hout.....	53.89
Lot No. 9, A. Hodes.....	53.89
Lot No. 10, Amelia Zierolf.....	53.89
Lot No. 11, Amelia Zierolf.....	53.89
Lot No. 12, M. S. Woodcock.....	53.89
Block No. 11, original town of Marysville, now City of Corvallis:	
Lot No. 1, south half, Pauline Kline.....	26.95
Lot No. 1, North half, Ferguson Chapter No. 5 Royal Arch Masons of Corvallis, Oregon; Corvallis Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.....	26.94
Lot No. 2, South 7 feet Ferguson Chapter No. 5 Royal Arch Masons of Corvallis, Oregon; Corvallis Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.....	7.54
Lot No. 2, South 23 ft. of N. 43 ft., Lillian Taylor.....	24.79
Lot No. 2, North 20 ft., Thos. Whitehorn.....	21.56
Lot No. 3, South half, Thos. Whitehorn.....	26.95
Lot No. 3, North half, W. T. Small, O. E. Small.....	26.94
Lot No. 4, South 12 r-2 ft., W. T. Small, O. E. Small.....	13.47
Lot No. 4 North 37 1-2 ft., Mary E. Henderson, S. L. Henderson.....	40.42
Lot No. 5, North half, Leland W. Fisher, Elsie May Fisher.....	26.94
Lot No. 6, South half, Anna Haete.....	26.94
Lot No. 6, North half, E. W. Fisher.....	26.94
Lot No. 7, A. M. Tucker.....	53.89
Lot No. 8, A. M. Tucker.....	53.89
Lot No. 9, A. M. Tucker.....	53.89
Lot No. 10, J. R. Smith, T. W. B. Smith.....	53.89
Lot No. 11, East 1-4, Lillian J. Taylor, Byron Taylor, Cecil Rennie.....	13.47
Lot No. 11, West 3-4, City of Corvallis.....	40.42
Lot No. 12, East 1-4, Lillian J. Taylor, Byron Taylor, Cecil Rennie.....	13.47
Lot No. 12, West 3/4 City of Corvallis.....	40.42

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