

# Farm and Garden

## BLACKBERRY CULTURE.

Planting May Be Done in the Fall or

The blackberry may be planted in the fall or early in the spring. But if planted too early in the fall young growth may start, which is likely to be winter killed. The soil should be well prepared and the plants set a little deeper than they were in the nursery in rows about eight feet apart and three feet apart in the rows. Some growers prefer planting them in hills seven or eight feet apart each way, thus finding them easier to control. Larger fruit is so produced, as they can be kept cultivated both ways. Summer pruning is important with the blackberry, as the lower canes can be kept the better they are likely to come through the winter and the center they are to handle. Summer pruning consists in merely plucking back the young growth to within about eighteen inches of the ground, after which side shoots will be thrown out. It is better to err on the side of low pinching than to let the canes get too tall.

The summer pruning may be delayed cause late growth, which will not ripen; hence it should be done in time or not at all. In the spring the laterals should be headed back to within eight-



PROLIFIC BLACKBERRIES—100 BUSHELS TO FIFTEEN OF AN ACRE.

een inches or two feet of the main canes. Old canes and the weakest of new ones should be cut out in the fall or early in the spring each year. There will be a light crop of fruit the second year and a full crop the third year. Four or five full crops are about as much as should be taken from one plantation.

The blackberry is not grown so largely as it might be. It is one of the most profitable fruits to grow where it succeeds well. Where there is not danger of winter killing a well drained clay loam is probably best for the blackberry, as it is cooler and more retentive of moisture than lighter soils. The blackberry must have plenty of soil moisture when the fruit is ripening, otherwise but little of the crop will develop. In the north, where hardness is of greater consideration than conservation of moisture, the poorer and warmer soils are preferred, as the blackberry on these soils does not make as rampant a growth and hence ripens its wood better.

The berry patch shown in the cut was pruned late in August. One-fifth of an acre yielded 100 bushels.

### Moles Friends of the Farmer.

A distinguished naturalist carefully examined the stomachs of fifteen moles caught in different localities, but failed to discover therein the slightest vestige of plants or roots; on the contrary, they were filled with the remains of earthworms. Not satisfied by this fact, he shut up several moles in a box containing some earth, on which fresh grass was growing, and a smaller cage of grubs and earthworms. In nine days two moles devoured 349 white worms, 108 earthworms, 25 cutworms and a mouse (skin and bones), which had been alive in the box. He next gave them nothing but vegetables. In twenty-four hours two moles died of starvation. Another naturalist calculated that two moles destroyed 20,000 white worms or grubs in a single year. If this is correct it is a strong argument in favor of multiplying rather than destroying the moles.

### The Open Top Tree.

It is not necessary to go over the tree trying to cut off every little twig. The leaders are the ones that need attention. When heading in these leaders it is best to cut them off to a side branch rather than to a dormant bud. Frequently when an inexperienced man practices heading in he is tempted to shear the tree all over and leave it a smooth, oval form. It will be seen that this is very different from the method described above, where only the leaders are cut but the side shoots thinned so as to leave an open top. The amount of heading in to be done should vary from year to year, according as the crop promises to be large or small. As the tree gets older less heading in is usually necessary.

### Sugar Beets.

Last year was a banner year for sugar beets, but the estimate is made by the United States department of agriculture that the present year will show a very noticeable loss of beet sugar will be made.

### INDIVIDUAL HOG HOUSE.

An Expert Breeder's Plan for Housing Swine.

A practical breeder says in regard to the housing of swine: The ideal of most men who grow hogs regularly and to the capacity of their farms is a large house that will accommodate all their sows at once. A majority of growers never reach this ideal. Those who do more often than otherwise and out that they have made a mistake in building their ideal. I think that the construction of individual hogs will prove very serviceable to the hog raiser. This house is 2 1/2 by 4 feet inside, 6 feet high in front and 2 1/2 feet at the back. It is roofed with shingles and is built for the front to be toward the south. There is an 18-inch timber used as possible for framing purposes. The sills are cut from 2 by 6 inch stuff, two of these 4 feet inside and two 5 feet 2 inches and applied together so that the frame will be 2 1/2 by 6 feet. Then two 2 by 4 inches are cut 6 feet long for back and front to hold the siding or weather boarding in. In setting on the siding these two pieces are dropped about two inches from the upper end of the siding. Then when the rafters are cut, four of them

they are fitted inside the weather boarding. The rafters at the end are used for nallers for the weatherboarding. The rafters or nallers are dropped far enough below the ends of the siding so that when the laths are put on they are even with the top of the siding. Then a strip about three inches wide is nailed on the outside of the weather boarding flush up against the ends of the weatherboarding on the sloping sides. Then when the shingles are put on they can be nailed to these strips and extend about half an inch over them. This gives a slight projection over the side or end of the house. The creep or door for the sow should be cut in the east end as near the southeast corner as possible and should be eight or ten inches wide and twenty-six inches high. The large door should be cut in the south side as near the southeast corner as can be.



THE INDIVIDUAL HOG HOUSE.

It should be twenty-one inches wide and at least four feet high. The door should be made to fit tight. For the creep there is no need for a door. In extremely cold weather when necessary a gummy sack can be tacked above the door and allowed to hang down, but not overlapping the bottom or sill. By having these doors close together there is the least possible exposure from wind and cold.

These individual houses are always best with a floor. Inch boards can be cut to fit inside the sills and laid on the ground and a strip nailed across the ends to hold them in place. But little bedding is needed. The house should be cleaned out once a week, and if the weather is extremely cold a lantern or two will make it very comfortable.

### New Invention to Weigh Cream.

The Wisconsin hydrostatic cream balance is a new invention just produced at the University of Wisconsin dairy school by members of the agricultural experiment station force, which meets a long recognized need for a simple, inexpensive and accurate device to weigh the cream in the Babcock test bottles. Accurate balances of a delicate construction have been made before, but they are far too expensive for the ordinary farm and dairy uses. There are also cheap scales, but these are inaccurate. The first model of this new balance, the first cheap and accurate instrument of the sort, is on exhibition at the national dairy show as a part of the exhibit of the dairy department of the College of Agriculture.

The hydrostatic balance consists of a brass float specially devised on the lines of a hydrometer to float in a cylinder of water in a vertical position. This supports a small platform, on which are placed a cream bottle and a nine gram weight. Small one-tenth gram weights are added until the float sinks to a line on the spindle supporting the platform. The nine gram weight is then removed, causing the float to rise again. When the cream is poured into the bottle through a pipette in sufficient amount the platform sinks again to the line on the spindle and the cream is weighed accurately to the drop. Although so delicate that a single drop affects the balance, the weighing can be done rapidly.

### Dairy Water.

Every dairy farm should be well supplied with pure water. It may come from a well or a cistern, where the country is level, and in hill countries the water may often be brought in gravity pipes from the spring to the house and barn. Iron pipes are cheap, and it is easy to carry the water to any point desired in the house or other place if only you have a good spring on a higher level. For cooling the milk or butter it is better to have a large cold spring and set the milk products in the water as near the head of the spring as possible, where the water is coldest. For watering the cows and other purposes it should be brought in pipes when possible.

### Cure For Hard Milkers.

Many valuable cows and heifers have been sold at a sacrifice by the owner owing to the fact that they were hard milkers, says the Agriculturalist. The cause of hard milking cows is a little understood by the average stockman that the disposal of such animals is accounted for in that way. But if stockmen knew how easy it is to overcome hard milking in both cows and heifers we are sure that no animal would be disposed of for lack of treatment. Hard milking is due to an abnormal contraction of the sphincter muscle, regulating the stream of milk from the point of the teat. On the other hand, when a cow loses her milk it is due to a relaxation or an abnormal expansion of the sphincter muscle at the point of the teat.

### Good Ewes Should Be Selected.

See to it that the ewes for breeding purposes are not thin and emaciated, for if one has passed through the feeding season and is in this condition there must be something wrong with her. Make sure that there are no broken mouthed or aged ones in your flock. Neither should the ewe be too fat. A good frame is essential for the producing of healthy progeny. The open market is the best place to select your stock, unless some neighbor can recommend you with a surplus from his flock. The beginner should never select his ewes without having along a competent judge of sheep who will advise with him as to selections.

### For Good Cheese.

In making cottage cheese skim milk is allowed to sour, and the curd is then broken up and held at a temperature of about 100 degrees for three to four hours, or until it has become sufficiently firm. The whey is then drained off and the curd placed under slight pressure for a time. The curd is then removed immediately or is packed in tubs and placed in cold storage. It is prepared for eating by moistening with either milk or cream. Sometimes it is made up into shapes and wrapped in tin foil. No ripening is ever allowed.

### A Move For Good Roads.

Nearly 1,000,000 voters of Pennsylvania have signed petitions asking the state legislature to start the movement which in 1913 will give a bond issue of \$50,000,000 for building good roads. The sum of \$5,000,000 will be asked to begin immediate work.

### Street Improvement Notice.

To B. H. Grant et al., P. J. Chapman, George W. H. Campbell, Miller Est., U. S. Grant, Nellie Grant, Ed Eddie, Loretta M. Campbell, Nellie I. Bolman, J. M. Laursen, School Director No. 1, A. F. Toner, Lola M. Bookman, A. K. Wilson Est., W. R. Howe, S. B. Forbush, J. M. Mansion, Moses Mansion, Ida M. Mansion, Oscar Hayer, City of Dallas, James Wilson, Salome Faldy, Edward E. Gerlinger, W. L. Soehren, Elie R. Brown, N. G. Brown, A. J. City of Dallas, Street Commission, Edwin Jacobson, Almona R. Browne, A. Shultz Est., Mark Hayer, M. V. Hayer, Polly Siefarth, D. J. Riley, Dallas Woodmen Association, George E. Cutler, E. R. Cutler, J. R. Shibley, H. G. Campbell, E. Hall, C. B. Burson, Amy G. Chitty, Alice L. Dempsey, Eugene Ryerly, Trustees of the 7th day Adventist Church, Cora McCallister, A. J. Crowthers, John Steinfield, Ella E. Cutler, Laura L. Brown, W. R. Bookly, E. G. Soehren, Mary A. Graham, Henry Gozke, Nettie E. Hutton, John Monaghan, A. J. White, Cook, P. E. VanNortwick, A. D. Norton.

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of Dallas, Polk County, Texas, in its regular session held on the 25th day of December, 1909, contemplates the passage of an ordinance requiring the improvement of those streets and parts thereof described as follows:

All that part of Main Street lying between the south side of Washington Street and the north side of Cherry Street; all that part of Washington Street between the east side of Main Street and the west side of Uglow Street, commonly known as the "City of Dallas," in the City of Dallas, Polk County, Texas.

That said improvement will consist in general of the widening, repaving, and placing of cement curbs thereon, and will be made to conform in the manner to be hereafter prescribed by such ordinance.

The cost of such improvement will be assessed to the real property fronting and abutting upon said parts of streets.

That the City Council of said City will sit in the Council Chamber in said City on the 7th day of February, 1910, at the hour of ten o'clock in the evening of said day, and at said time and place will hear and determine upon all objections and contentions thereon, if any there be, and

That all owners and other persons interested in the improvement of said streets, and the placing of cement curbs thereon, and will be made to conform in the manner to be hereafter prescribed by such ordinance.

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### Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executor of the estate of Gust Peterson and Matilda Peterson, his wife, both deceased, has filed his final account as to two said wards, viz., Anna (or Annie) Johnson, nee Peterson, and her minor children (now deceased), in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and that the said final account and the settlement thereon.

H. S. BUTZ, Guardian Aforesaid. Oscar Hayer, Attorney.

### Administrators Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas H. Denny, deceased, by the Hon. County Judge of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and that the said administrator is hereby notified to present the same duly verified to the undersigned at his residence in Dallas, Oregon, on or before six months from the date hereof, and all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement of the same with the undersigned administrator.

Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 17th day of December, 1909.

ZIBA DENNY, Administrator of the estate of Thomas H. Denny, deceased. Sibley & Eakin, Attorneys for estate.

### Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Taylor, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and that the said administrator is hereby notified to present the same duly verified to the undersigned at his residence in Dallas, Oregon, on or before six months from the date hereof, and all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement of the same with the undersigned administrator.

Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 17th day of December, 1909.

CLAY S. TAYLOR, Administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Taylor, deceased. Address: Rickreall, Oregon. Oscar Hayer, Attorney.

### Summons.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County. D. L. Key, Plaintiff vs. Preston Lung, Defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 28th day of January, 1910, and if you fail to so appear and answer the complaint the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum demanded in his complaint, to-wit: two hundred and fifty dollars and for his costs and disbursements herein.

This summons is ordered to be served upon you by publication thereof once a week for six successive weeks in the Polk County Observer, a newspaper published weekly at Dallas in Polk County, Oregon, by order of Hon. Ed. F. Coad, County Judge of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, duly made and entered on December 15, 1909.

The date of the first publication of this summons is December 17, 1909, and the date of the last publication thereof is January 28, 1910.

N. L. BUTLER, Attorney for Plaintiff. Dated December 15, 1909.

### Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk. Department No. 2. Nina Kahler, Plaintiff, vs. W. T. Kahler, Defendant. To W. T. Kahler, the above named defendant, the above named

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 29th day of January 1910, that the plaintiff will take judgment against you, fixed by an order of this Court for the publication of this summons, unless you appear and answer the complaint on or before the date of the first publication of this summons.

By order of the Court, the undersigned will apply to the above entitled suit on or before the 28th day of January, 1910, and if you fail to so appear and answer the complaint the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum demanded in his complaint, to-wit: two hundred and fifty dollars and for his costs and disbursements herein.

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