

Every Year a Leap Year

Among the Garo women in Assam every year is a leap year. With those not Christianized, the bride takes the initiative in marriage, and goes to fetch the bridegroom. It is etiquette for him to hide and resist until victoriously carried off.

Occasionally a man may get his wife by capture, but usually it is the woman who kidnaps him; that is to say, her male friends do it for her. One may still see such press gangs bringing home their spoil.

In the early days the missionaries were inclined to rush to the rescue, thinking that violence was being committed, such is the noise made by the struggling youth. The reluctance and resistance, though, are seldom as real as they sound. If the youth dislikes the match there is rarely any redress.

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(Olive F. Kilham)

"What is the best garden book?" That all depends. In just what things are you interested? And just how much experience have you had?

If you are interested in vegetables and flowers, and have had little or no experience, then the Beginner's Garden Book, by Allen French, will be just what you need. It is written simply (that is, non-technically), and it is authoritative. It is 7 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches, and 1 inch thick, and has 402 pages, including the index.

If you are interested in vegetables and fruits (both tree and small), and have little or no experience, then you will go a long way and spend much time hunting before you find a book better than the Home Vegetable Garden, by F. F. Rockwell. The title does not imply it, but in this little book, practically the same size as the book by French, you will find the fruit plants covered thoroughly. For the beginner in vegetable growing this is absolutely the best book covering elementary principles and practice that we know about; and it recommends varieties that are truly excellent in every way.

If you are interested in all phases of gardening (intensive horticulture work), and have had considerable elementary experience and practice, then the best book in existence today without any exception for American conditions, is the Manual of Gardening, by L. H. Bailey. It is 7 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches, and 1 1/4 inches thick. It covers in a most thorough and comprehensive manner that which has to do with the growing of vegetables, fruits, flowers, ornamental plants, and home ground improvement (landscape) work.

Dr. Bailey's book is divided into the following chapters:

1. The point of view.
2. The general plan or theory of the place.
3. Execution of some of the landscape features.
4. The handling of the land.
5. The handling of the plants.
6. Protecting plants from things that prey upon them.
7. The growing of the ornamental plants; the classes of plants, and lists.
8. The growing of the ornamental plants; instructions on particular kinds.
9. The growing of the fruit plants.
10. The growing of the vegetable plants.
11. Seasonal reminders.

Chapter 2 is divided into two parts, (1) reminders for the north, and (2) reminders for the south. The former is suited to our needs in the Willamette valley, or shall we say, west of the Cascades, except that we are about two weeks earlier, and some seasons even more.

It is not easy to get a reminder of general horticulture work to be done that is good for our conditions. In this one mentioned we need but to modify our practice to suit local conditions, and we will have a good working outline for the year.

Most folks will be more or less familiar with cultural methods for the fifty-two or so vegetables covered in this book; and will also know the main points about growing the twenty or so fruits; but no doubt all will find a fund of information and inspiration in the chapter on the growing of ornamental plants, where instructions are given for the growing of particular kinds. In this chapter alone, the culture of some 60 plants has been given, including such plants as violets, sweet peas, roses, rhododendrons, phlox, begonias, geraniums, cannas, coleus, ferns, dahlias, fuchsias, gladioli, pelegonium, etc.

Chapter 7 is invaluable to the home owner who desires to tastefully plant his grounds without the necessity of being dependent entirely on the professional (perhaps not at all) landscape improver. This chapter has in it all sorts of useful lists for ready reference.

Perhaps one of the most pleasing things about the book is the wholesome philosophy that serves as a foundation upon which it is written. Among other things for instance, Dr. Bailey says: "The satisfaction of a garden does not depend on the area, nor happily on the cost or rarity of the plants. It depends on the temper of the person. One must first seek to love plants and nature, and then to cultivate the happy peace of mind that is satisfied with little. The man who worries morning and night about the dandelions in the lawn will find great relief in loving the dandelions. Each blossom is worth more than a gold coin, as it shines in the exuberant sunlight of the growing spring, and attracts the insect to its bosom. Little children like the dandelions; why may not we? Love the things nearest at hand, and love intensely. If I were to write a motto over the gate of a garden, I should choose the remark that Socrates is said to have made as he saw the luxuries in the market, 'How much there is in the world that I do not want.'"

If you are looking for a good garden book, you will find one among the three mentioned that will meet your need. We can heartily recommend any and all of them.

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FARM POINTERS

In applying sulfate of ammonia or other strong commercial fertilizers to potatoes, it is best if the material does not come in direct contact with the seed pieces. Such fertilizers should be distributed over the soil and cultivated in rather than dropped into the potato hill.

Dock Lambs or Get Docked

Seventy-five per cent of the lambs that go into the Portland market are not castrated and have long tails. Such lambs are docked in price from 75 cents to a dollar a head. Docking the lambs when they are young should never be neglected. Demonstrations of docking, shearing and castrating will be conducted the latter part of March by the extension service in Clackamas, Lane, and Linn counties, and possibly in Douglas and Benton.

Bee Hives Empty

Many stands of bees are starving because of the hard winter and delayed spring. Stores of honey were short to start with last fall and the severe winter has destroyed all late winter flowers. No serious losses need occur, however, if a syrup of two parts sugar and one of water is supplied until spring opens up.

Test Seed Corn

There is still time to make sprouting tests of each ear of the seed corn saved. Six to ten kernels are tested from each ear. When any of the kernels from an ear fail to sprout that ear should be thrown out. Any grains developing weak or discolored sprouts indicate weak or diseased ears suitable only for feed. Good seed means better stands and better yields.—O. A. C. experiment station.

Diamond dealers don't like to pass an opinion on gems when the day is damp. It is a fact that weather has a great effect on precious stones. Murky weather will spoil the appearance of a diamond, but a really nasty, foggy day will make even the purest stone seem imperfect.

"Here, waitress, this doughnut has a tack in it."
"Well, I declare! I'll bet the ambitious little thing thinks it is a flivver tire."

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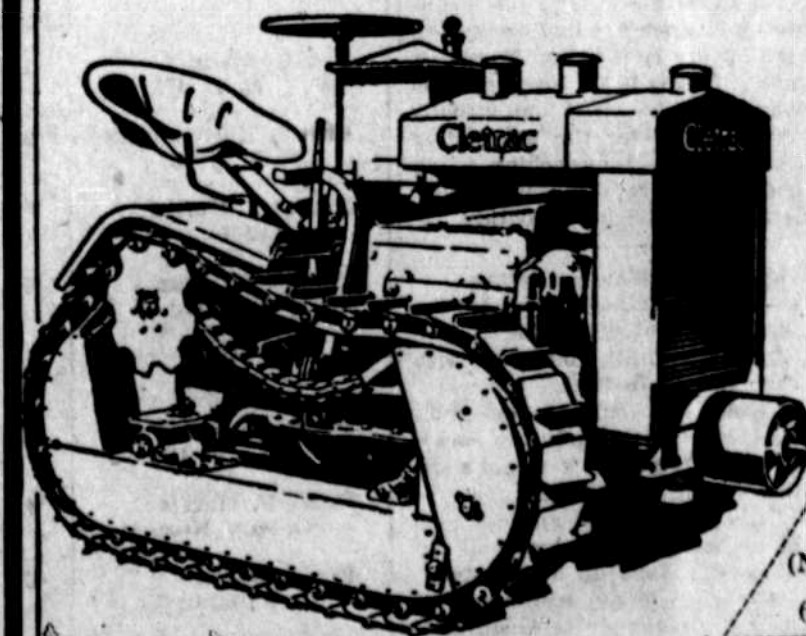
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