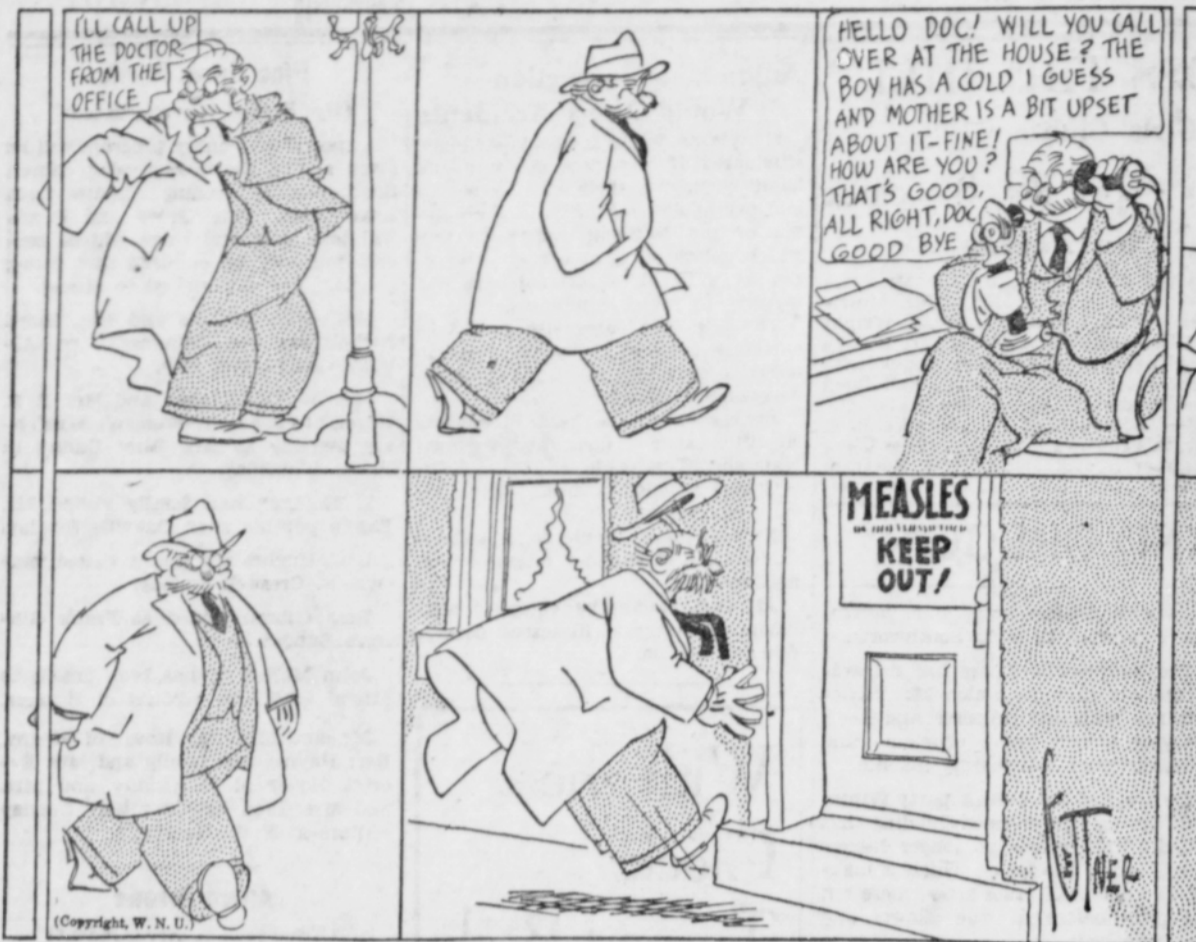


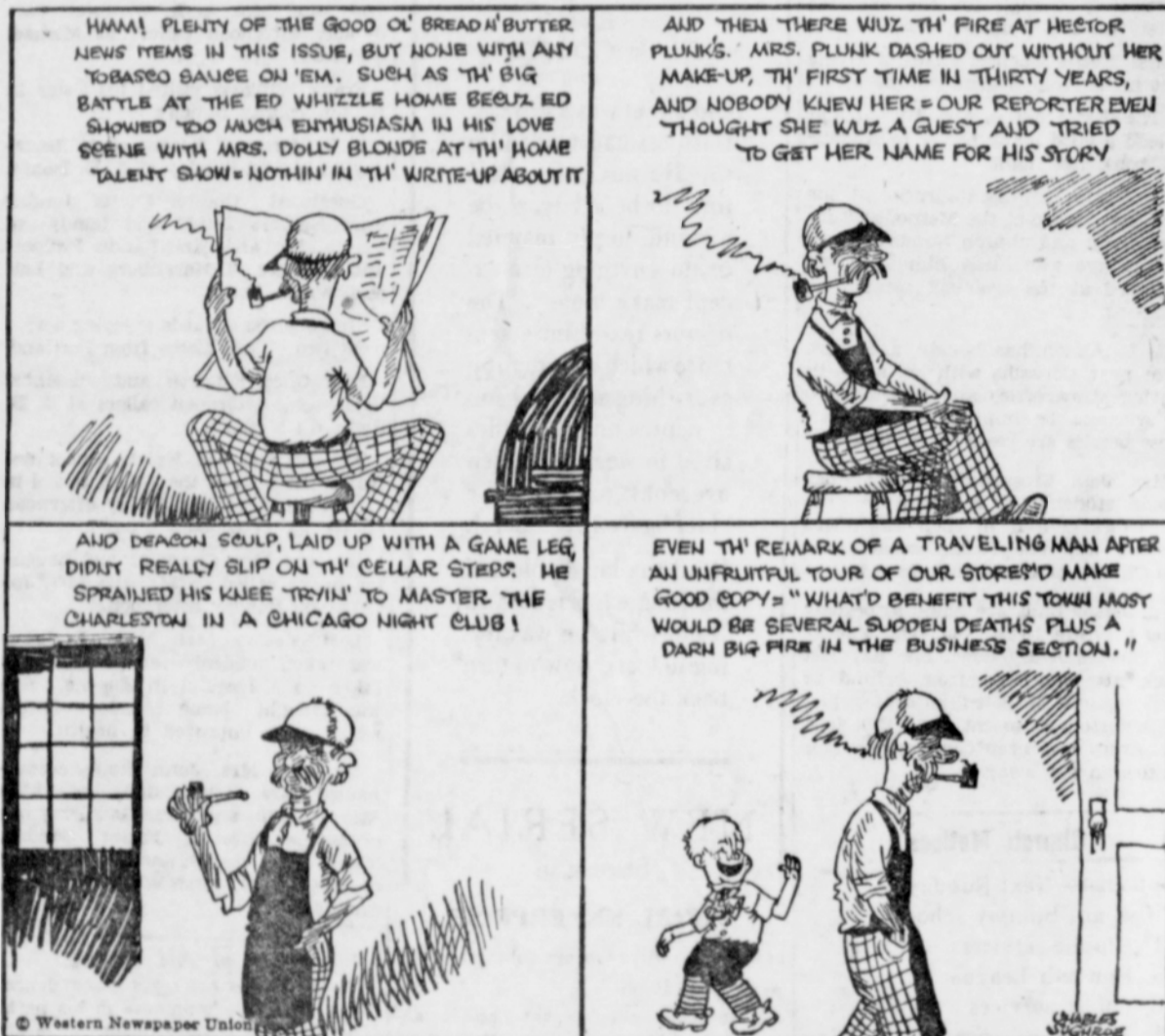
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Orchard Information

UNADAPTED FRUITS CAUSE HEAVY LOSS

Thousands of dollars are being spent annually in attempts to make fruit trees bear which are unprofitable simply because a given variety is not at home in the particular section where it was planted, according to W. S. Borek, of the pomology division, college of agriculture, University of Illinois. Most of the time and money thus spent is wasted, thus giving at least one incentive to choose varieties carefully, using as a basis the experiments and observations of reliable agencies such as the colleges and the experiment stations, he said.

"The variety is the key to successful fruit growing, but varieties of fruit vary widely in adaptability, both to soil and climate. A variety may thrive on some of the fertile, well-drained soils of western Illinois, but refuse to bear profitable crops when planted on other types of soil in the same latitude. Still other varieties are quite tolerant of poor soil conditions, but need such a long season for proper development that they can be grown only in the South.

"For horticultural purposes, Illinois, for instance, may be taken as consisting of three districts each comprising roughly one-third of the latitude covered by the state. Varieties adapted to each district have been tabulated and such variety lists are available for free distribution to residents of the state who request them of the experiment station of the college of agriculture.

"In addition to adaptability, choice of variety depends upon the use for which a fruit plantation is to be planted. A home orchard may consist of many varieties, the ripening season of which should extend from the earliest to the latest. A commercial orchard should have few varieties in order that a large volume of fruit is ready at one time to facilitate economical marketing. Thus a farm apple orchard might contain 20 varieties with only 30 trees, while a commercial orchard of 1,500 trees should have not more than 5 varieties.

"A peach orchard for home use would be incomplete with less than a dozen trees, but a commercial peach orchard of 100 acres will in most cases contain but two varieties.

"The variety question is a local one and no orchard should be planted without considering all of the above questions in addition to securing such information as may be obtained by visiting fruit plantations in the neighborhood."

Peach Growers Advised to Get Rid of Poor Ones

New Jersey peach growers should now be convinced that our old commercial varieties of peaches, with one or two exceptions, no longer meet the present-day requirements for either growers or consumers, yet there are still large numbers of trees of such varieties as Carman, Hiley, and Belle, joints out a recent issue of the New Jersey Horticultural Society News.

To quote: "Some of these are young trees in full vigor, while others are old and on the decline. Get rid of the latter as soon as possible.

"New varieties equal to Hale in appearance are in sight. You will want to plant some of them as soon as trees are available. Be ready to give them a fair start.

"The site of an old orchard should be put in shape for a new planting by liberal fertilization and the growing of a crop that will return a large quantity of organic matter to the soil. If an old orchard site can be devoted to other crops for several years, so much the better. Clear the land that is in old, unprofitable varieties of peaches and get ready for better days."

Grafting Pears Is Not Highly Recommended

The pear will grow on the quince and mountain ash as well as on itself and upon the hawthorn. Yet it is thwarted by being grafted upon anything but the pear, and becomes more a novelty than a practical orchard plant. Grafting can be done in early spring just before growth starts, using the common cleft graft. The orchardist will be more successful, however, if a tongue-graft is made during the dormant season, using a piece of hawthorn root about the size of a pencil and a corresponding length of scion wood from the pear. If one enjoys playing with a thing of this kind, go ahead and try it. If, on the other hand, a man is looking for pears, he will do better by purchasing his pear trees from some reliable nursery concern.

Protection for Trees

To protect fruit trees from rabbits, take one gallon of ordinary house paint, add one teaspoonful of sulphur well stirred in. Dig away two inches of dirt from the base of the tree and let dry for two hours. Apply the mixture with a paint brush. This is a cheap and sure way and will last for two years. Paint two or three feet, or up to the forks, for jackrabbits stand on their hind feet and gnaw as high as they can reach. One man can paint 100 trees per day.

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Toward "Poteen" King

Accused of manufacturing "poteen," the famous Irish moonshine, the king of the bootleggers of the Galway region was sentenced recently to pay a fine of \$50 or spend three months in the jail. On the day appointed for his choice he appeared at the gates of the prison and announced that he would serve his time, as he was unable to pay the fine.

He had not, however, complied with the rule of the prison to provide himself with a police escort and a committal warrant. Admittance to the prison was refused. The following day he again applied for admission, with the same result. Vowing that he would pay off the fine by distributing more of his troublesome "poteen," he turned away from the inhospitable prison and went back to Connemara.

Sore eyes, blood-shot eyes, watery eyes, sticky eyes, all healed promptly with nightly applications of Roman Eye Balsam, Adv.

"Two-Manual" Piano

Emanuel Moor, the English composer, has invented a piano whose upper keyboard has a register one octave higher than the lower. It can be coupled to play with the lower. This overcomes certain technical difficulties for pianists; octave runs can be played with single fingers, tenths as thirds, etc.—Scientific American.

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Divers to Use Wireless

Divers of Berlin are experimenting with the use of radio in connection with the signaling to those at the surface of the water. New diving suits contain radio head phones and connections to a small broadcasting set carried by the tenders. In this way water workers may keep in constant touch with the outside world.

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