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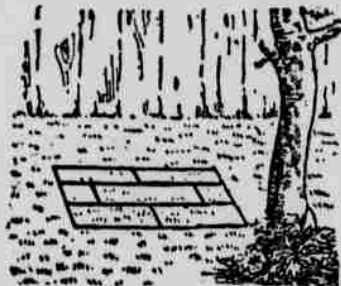
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Renovating Lawns

THE BEST season for sowing grass seed to make new lawns is in the early spring or in the autumn before the autumn rains. To repair worn spots on lawns the best method is to use sod and this can be laid almost any time. Given plenty of water the new sods will become established very quickly.

In cutting away the worn patches cut the sods with straight edges so

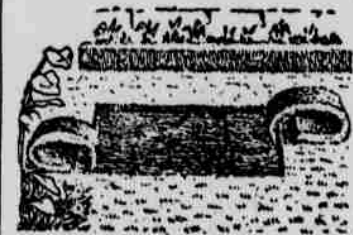


Where Sod Has Been Removed, Replace With New Sod In This Manner.

the new sod will fit tightly. After cutting out the old sod fork up the ground, and if the soil is poor remove it to a depth of six inches and fill up the space with good soil. After

the new sod is laid it should be well rolled or beaten down.

Defective edges are best repaired with new sod, the plan suggested being advisable only when new sod is difficult to obtain. When the repairing is done as shown in our illustration the defective portion that is turned inward must be tightly packed with good soil, sown with grass seed and well rolled.



Sod Rolled Back to Remove Hump or Fill Up a Depression.

Before rolling fresh laid sod should stand a little above the surrounding level. Beaters are only used when a roller cannot be obtained.

The most frequent cause of thin grass is impoverished soil. Every lawn should be treated with a dressing of manure or rich soil at least once a year, in spring or autumn. At such times grass seed may also be sown. Before doing this every weed should



A Small Hump May Possibly Be Reduced With a Pounder.

be removed and the surface of the lawn scratched over with an iron rake. The soil or manure or both may then be spread lightly and the seed sown,

afterward scattering a little more soil and finally rolling.

At the present time lawns will be greatly benefited by an application of nitrate of soda, at the rate of half an ounce to the gallon of water, applied once a week or once in two weeks. Dried and pulverized stable or sheep manure can also be applied now by sprinkling it lightly over the lawn once every three or four weeks.

Canning Suggestions

ANY ONE with ordinary intelligence can make a success of canning tomatoes at home by exercising care in following the instructions given in this bulletin. Common sense, good judgment and experience will make for success in every way. One's individuality is quite as important as rules and formulas.

All fruits, vegetables, juices, meats, and foodstuffs must be completely sterilized and kept in airtight containers. Insist upon sanitation. The decay and spoiling of fruit and foodstuffs is due to bacteria, spores, ferment germs, etc. Sterilize and cleanse all containers, vegetables and fruit before proceeding with the work.

Open boilers are less desirable than the closed boiler or steam-pressure outfit, as the heat of the water in them cannot exceed 212 degrees F., and the fruit jars must be kept completely covered with the water, thus requiring more time and labor than with the closed outfits.

The hot-water canners with close-fitting covers on the boilers do successful work with the ordinary fruits and some vegetables. They operate with little water and much of the sterilizing is done with live steam in the upper section of the boiler. Some of these boilers carry heat from 212 to 216 degrees F.

Steam-pressure canners are most successful for canning all kinds of vegetables and meats, because the greater heat and pressure effect complete sterilization. Steam under pressure raises the heat to about 250 degrees F. and readily destroys all bacteria and spores in fruit and vegetables. From 5 to 15 pounds pressure to the square inch is used in successful canning work.

Use only fresh fruit and vegetables, and always can fruit the same day it is picked.

Tomatoes should first be dipped in boiling water, then chilled in cold water to make them firmer. They will also pack better.

Let the water come to the boiling point before you lower the fruit into the boiler. Begin to count time for sterilization when the fruit enters the boiling water.

Different varieties and different degrees of ripeness require variation in the length of time given to processing. Soft fruit requires longer boiling than sound fruit. Overripe tomatoes will need to process a few moments longer than if they were just ripened, firm and sound.

Some vegetables contain acids that must be destroyed or eliminated before final processing and sealing. This is usually done by blanching or boiling the vegetables in a weak brine before tilling the cans.

Differences in climate, soil and fertilizer make changes in the chemical and physical properties of tomatoes and affect slightly the time required for sterilization.

In spraying with insecticides or fungicides, be careful not to make the solutions too strong. It wastes material and may injure the foliage.

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