

## RULES OF 3-YEAR HOMESTEAD LAW

From The Irish News

Under the provisions of the Three Year Homestead law, the compulsory period of residence is reduced from five to three years. As in the General Homestead Law, however, two years leeway is given, and final proof may be submitted at any time after three and up to five years. With regard to this latter, one point must be borne in mind and that is that no matter what the length of residence before submitting proof, entryman should not be absent from his homestead for more than six months at any one time.

Another provision of the new law states that an absence of not more than five months out of each year in consecutive term may be granted, but letter should be first written to the local land office giving number of entry, description of lands, and the dates on which entryman expects to be absent. On his return from such absence another letter should be written giving the date on which he again took up residence. Leave of absence cannot be continued from one year to another, as for instance taking in the last five months of 1912 and the first five months of 1913.

While the period of residence has been reduced as above indicated, the new law is made more severe in that it requires a certain number of acres to be put into cultivation, as follows:

Beginning with the second year from date of entry, at least one sixteenth of the area; beginning with the third year from date of entry and until proof is offered, at least one eighth of the area. This provision applies to both 160 and 320 acre homesteads, or any part thereof. For instance, on a homestead of 80 acres, 5 acres should be put under cultivation beginning with the second year and 10 acres beginning with the third; on a homestead of 160 acres, 10 acres should be put under cultivation beginning with the second year, and 20 acres beginning with the third; on a homestead of 320 acres, 20 acres should be put under cultivation beginning with the second year and 40 acres beginning with the third, etc. By "cultivation" is meant not merely a breaking of the soil, but in addition there should be planting or sowing of seed and tillage for a crop other than native grasses. In extreme cases a reduction in the cultivable area is allowed by the General Land Office, Washington, D. C., provided it has been found impossible to cultivate the amount required by law, and further provided that an application or statement showing the facts in the case is filed, before submission of final proof with the local land office.

Homesteads of from 160 to 320 acres which were taken up under the enlarged Homestead Law, Act of February 19, 1909, came under the new Three Year Homestead Law. A homestead filing of over 160 acres can be made only on such lands as designated by the Secretary of the Interior for dry farming purposes, notations of which are made on the land office tract books.

Further, a man may file on 160 acres of such "designated" lands, under the Act of Feb. 19, 1909, and later file on an additional 160 acres, provided same adjoining his original entry contiguous farm and had been designated; and provided also that he is otherwise entitled to make filing on same.

Note—This is the first of a series of articles on the Government land laws prepared especially for this paper by Hon. A. W. Orton, Register of the local U. S. Land Office. Other subjects to follow in the order named are the "Desert Land Law," and the "Isolated Tract Law." It is not intended that these articles shall go into detail; they are meant simply to cover some of the more important points and explain same more fully. In this connection it may be well to add that any question pertaining to these or other Government land laws will be readily answered by Mr. Orton if sent through us. Copies of circulars will also be sent on request. Address all such inquiries to the "Irish News," Land Dept., Lakeview, Oregon.

## HOW FIRE WATER DERIVED NAME

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The origin of the words "Fire Water" has been a mystery to many people and the following may serve to clear up any misapprehension on the subject.

When employees of the Hudson Bay Trading Company began trading among the Indians it was found that by selling Indians liquor they could more easily be induced to dispose of their peltries. The whiskey was brought over from England in large barrels and on arrival here was divided up into small kegs for transportation over land. Traders soon became aware of the fact that by diluting the whiskey with some water more whiskey was obtained, even though inferior to the original, and more furs could be secured from the sale of it. This practice of diluting the whiskey was carried on for some time, but it did not take the Indians long to learn that good whiskey poured on a fire would cause it to flame, whereas the whiskey which had been diluted would quench the fire. It was by this simple experiment that the term "fire water" became a common one among the Indians.

**HIS STOMACH TROUBLES OVER.**  
Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

## MAKE YOUR BACK YARD BEAUTIFUL

Suggestion For Transforming the Rear of Homes.

### THE LESSON OF ONE WOMAN.

How Yard In Back of the House of Mrs. Dennison in Scranton, Pa., is Utilized in All Seasons of the Year. It is Economical.

There is a study in contrasts in back yards, and it demonstrates what may be accomplished by the expenditure of some effort and a little skill in floriculture. Anybody with a back yard, no matter how lilliputian in size or how steep, may have a pretty little flower or vegetable garden. In many large towns and cities there has long been a successful movement for the beautifying of that traditional eyesore, the back yard, where most people appear to think all kinds of rubbish and debris should be piled up and displayed in a conspicuous manner.



A BACK YARD GARDEN IN THE TENEMENT DISTRICT.

Flowers and vegetables in the back yards keep the young folks—and the older ones, too—out of mischief, and a housewife who has to care for a few plants has not much time for gossiping and conferring with gossipy neighbors over the rear fence. Aside from having this highly beneficial effect, a yard full of nice things is most instructive. It takes people back to the soil and gives them something more to think about than the ordinary workaday matters of prosaic life. As a rule, those interested in land culture not only take their work seriously, but find in it one of the greatest pleasures of life.

During an investigation of towns and cities for the betterment of back yards one that was a pleasure to the eye and a credit to the city of Scranton, Pa., was the rear yard of Mrs. F. E. Dennison. There is quite a plot of ground in the rear of her house which was a sight to make the spirit rise up and rebel when she first saw it. There were old tin cans and boots, and weeds sprouted in hunch confusion. But she soon changed all this.

Pushing some seed, she fell to, and in a very short time that mighty back yard blossomed like the proverbial rose garden. Now she has ever so many kinds of plants. She has made it a practice in the morning before attending to her household duties to take hold of hoe and spade and to work in her garden. The rest of the family lend their assistance also. "She has a procession of flowers. Before the snow leaves the ground in the late winter the snowdrops appear in the beds; then when March winds blow and bluster pretty earnestness peep out, followed by jonquills and bleeding hearts; then as summer rolls round her garden is a mass of beautiful flowers and a variety of vegetables. Now, this little woman is prepared to enlighten not to tell them of the pretty yard of this industrious woman, but only to demonstrate just what can be done with that small space in the rear of their homes. So let those that are not affected with hookworm and interested in the improvement of their towns band together to see that the small piece of ground back of their homes is tilled and made beautiful and useful.

**Law on "Common Towel."**  
In accordance with the provisions of chapter 59 of the acts of 1912 the Massachusetts state board of health at a regular meeting has voted to make these regulations as announced by Secretary Mark W. Richardson: It shall be unlawful to provide a common towel in any building used as a public institution, hotel, restaurant, theater, public hall or public school or in any railroad station, railroad car, steam or ferry boat. The term "common towel" as used in these regulations shall be considered to mean a roller or a towel available for use by more than one person.

**FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN BY FETRIGG**  
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It is all right to eat mushrooms if one is dead sure they are mushrooms, but it doesn't pay to take any risks considering their rather limited food value.

The vacuum cleaner is said to have proved the best flea eradicator yet discovered for the use of the scratchy dog. The suggestion would seem to be worth a trial.

Statistics show that there are consumed the world over in a year 1,500,000,000,000 matches. Folks living in the United States scratch over one-half of this number.

About the only thing to stop the depredations of the cat that has acquired a taste for young spring chicken is to give it a dose of chloroform or hit it on the head with a club.

Watch the small boy closely and see what he does with his spare time and spare money. This will be a pretty fair indication of what he will develop into when he gets to be a man.

Succulent and appetizing messes of string beans may be had the latter part of September and early in October if the seed is planted in July. We have tried this and find it well worth the trouble.

Experience with ground grain in feeding tests seems to indicate that with animals that are provided with good teeth the advantage of grinding is just about offset by the cost of the operation.

It is little wonder that alfalfa laughs at dry weather when once it gets well rooted, for in some sections of the west its roots have been found to penetrate to as great a depth as thirty feet in alluvial soils.

An effective spray for the protection of garden truck from the attacks of plant lice may be made by boiling one pound of tobacco stems or any cheap tobacco in a gallon of water, straining and diluting with cold water to two gallons.

It's a pretty stingy old codger that has the nerve to take any of his wife's poultry money for tobacco after she has set up nights with incubators and trotted around in the rain to keep the chickens from drowning during a heavy rainstorm.

Next to the birds that frequent the garden, the best friends its owner has in the capacity of insect destroyers are the toads that make headquarters in it. The little clumps are not handsome to look upon, but they should be protected in every way possible.

It is a matter of congratulation that so far this season practically no damage has been reported as a result of forest fires. Things may get dry as tinder between now and October, but present weather indications do not seem to point in that direction.

### Confusing

The teacher asked: "When did William the Conqueror invade England?"

After the silence had become painful she said: "Open your history books. What does it say there?"

A boy answered: "William the Conqueror, 1066."

"Now," said the teacher, "why didn't you remember the date?"

"Well," replied the boy, "I thought it was his telephone number."

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### Back to Nevada

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Pete Fox, a miner who came here sometime ago from the High Grade District, left January 20 for Goldfield, Nevada to look after some business interests. Mr. Fox is a native of Ireland, and during his stay here met and became acquainted with many of the local Irish boys. In fact, Pete is so favorably impressed with Lakeview and its people that he expects to come back here after his business interests have been attended to in the Nevada city.

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