To Start an Early Garden.

It is high time that seeds for the early vegetables were in the ground. A tight board fence running east and west will force the season by two weeks or more for things planted on its south side. But for the tender species, like tomatoes, melons, cucumbers, peppers, egg plant, etc., as well as the flowering plants, more shelter is needed. Early cabbages must also be included in the list. As a cheap and easy way, we quote Ira W. Adams' method from the Pacific Rural Press: "Take a dry-goods box, three or four feet long, two feet wide and two feet or more in depth. A much larger one can be used if necessary. Into this I put fresh horse manure, and straw that has been used for bedding, and tramp it down occasionally as solid as possible, until it is within four inches from the top. Over this I scatter a little clean straw. I then use small boxes, three inches deep, and fill them nearly full with nicely prepared soil, and after sowing my seed, place each box on the warm bed and cover with a pane of glass, in order to retain moisture. Remove the glass occasionally to admit air. The main bed will soon commence to heat. Great care must be taken for a few days, otherwise the contents of the boxes might become too warm, which would cause the young plants to grow tall and spindling, thereby rendering them almost worthless. This can be easily obviated by lifting the boxes and placing under them an inch board, or a few bricks. On a cold night vary the boards or bricks as occasion may require. In a few days your plants will be up nicely, the heat of the bed will gradually grow less, and the plants will naturally favor themselves to the change.

"You will soon have what is termed a 'cold frame' and your plants will grow strong and stalky, providing care is taken to cover them during severe storms, as well as in cold days and nights. When they are yet small, and commence to crowd each other too much, transplant to an open, sheltered, raised bed, where they can be cared for until ready to set out in permanent beds or rows."

Here is a chemical dehorner, said to have been recommended by Dr. Salmon, chief of the U. S. bureau of animal industry: Prepare 50 parts of caustic soda, 25 parts of kerosene oil and 25 parts of water. An emulsion is made of the kerosene oil and soda by heating and vigorously stirring, and this is then dissolved in water. The mixture is then placed in a bottle with a rubber cork. This cork is to rub the mixture in when a few drops are applied to the coming horn of the calf, which should not be more than three weeks old. It is strong stuff and should be carefully confined to these points.

TO KEEP WORMS FROM FRUIT---The same writer says to preserve dried fruits from worms sprinkle with sassafras bark.

SAID TO BE FUNNY.

"You say he is a bad egg. How did you find it out?"

"He showed it the moment he was broke."

"This taxin' incomes ain't the thing to do to make the country rich," says Uncle Silas. "The'd oughter tax expenditures. People'd spend less'n' save more then."--Harper's Bazar.

Mrs. Watts—How is your new girl?

Mrs. Potts—Oh, she's a perfect heathen. I left her to straighten things up before the minister called and she never even dusted off the Bible.---Economist.

Little Tom K. was to have a new father, and his grandfather, who was to prepare his youthful mind for the event, said: "Tom, by this time tomorrow you'll have a new papa and your mother will have a new name."

Tom (with bewilderment) -And who will I be, grandpa?

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