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SUMMER ANNUALS ARE MUCH ALIKE

Cowpeas, Soy Beans and Velvet Beans Have About Same Climatic Adaptations.

COMPARISON MADE OF CROPS

Among Important Points in Determining Value of Legume Are Its Value for Forage and Its Ability to Supply Nitrogen.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Cowpeas, velvet beans and soy beans are all summer annuals, agriculturally much alike, and for the best results are adapted to nearly the same regions. A comparison of these crops is not so much a matter of determining which is the best crop as it is a careful consideration of their climatic and soil adaptations and the special uses of each on the farm.

The soy bean has about the same climatic adaptations as corn, and therefore its culture is much more extended than that of either the cowpea



Cowpeas and Johnson Grass.

or velvet bean. The velvet bean is especially adapted to the well-drained portions of the Atlantic and Gulf coastal plain areas, while the cowpea can be grown successfully not only there, but throughout the cotton belt and the lower half of the corn belt. The velvet bean and cowpea are quite sensitive to cold, whereas the soy bean withstands considerable frost in spring and fall. Cowpeas and velvet beans both succeed on poor soils better than the soy bean. For soil improvement the velvet bean is, in general, superior to either the cowpea or the soy bean, although the cowpea succeeds under a greater diversity of conditions.

The soy bean is to be preferred for forage purposes on account of its upright growth. The cowpea and velvet bean are viny plants and therefore more difficult to harvest and cure.

As a grazing crop for cattle and hogs in fall and winter the velvet bean cannot be excelled. However, the cowpeas and soy bean can be grown over a more extended area, and some of their numerous varieties furnish earlier pasture.

For the production of seed, the soy bean has many advantages over the cowpea and velvet bean. The soy bean matures all its seed at one time and can easily be handled by machinery. Hand picking is most commonly practiced in gathering cowpea seed, although machinery can be used to advantage. It is necessary to pick velvet beans by hand because of the abundant, tangled mass of vines. The seeds of velvet beans, cowpeas, and soy beans are all excellent feed for cattle and hogs. Cowpea seed, however, is rarely cheap enough for feed, but it is extensively used, especially in the Southern States, for human food. Soy-bean seed, in addition to its value for feed, is valuable for the production of oil and meal, and its use for human food is increasing.

The cowpea will undoubtedly continue to be one of the most important leguminous crops in the Southern States. No other crop sown under such a diversity of conditions or receiving so little attention in soil preparation and cultivation succeeds so well. Under the most varied conditions forage, soil improvement and human food are obtained.

ATTENTION TO WORK HORSES

High Prices Asked for Animals Make It Necessary for Farmer to Get More Service. The time has come when the life and the usefulness of the work horse must have more attention. The high prices asked for horses of good size and ample form make it necessary for farmers to get more and better service from their teams.

High Blood Pressure Curable. High blood pressure can be overcome to most cases by exercise, says the Canadian Life. This cause of the many rejections in life insurance is not usually a permanent disorder. It can be cured by exercising, gently at first, and increasing up to a reasonable amount. Clients who have been rejected on this account should be advised to take up some moderate form of exercise, and in the course of a few months they may be acceptable.

'GIANT' KEARSARGE PASSES AS WARSHIP

Naval Wonder of Spanish War Days Becomes Only a Plooding Craneship.

Launched amid the Spanish war strife of 1898, the old battleship Kearsarge, then expected to revolutionize naval warfare, has passed out of the fighting line of the navy without ever having fired a gun in anger.

The big ship, a giant of her own day, was thrust aside long ago as a naval "frank." Memories that lurked in her historic name, proud imaginings of her future that filled the press at her launching, could not save her. She is to become "Naval Craneship No. 1," a powerful plooding handmaiden to the fighting craft of today and tomorrow.

At League Island navy yard the old ship of the line is being stripped of war gear and military trappings. Guns that have fought only mimic battles are going to the scrap heap. The great superimposed turrets that housed them—a new word in naval architecture when installed—are being torn out. Crane masts must go by the board. Steel walls of the conning tower will disappear. Much of the side armor will be stripped away, and only the hull and engines will be left.

On this base will rise a monster electric crane capable of lifting 250 tons. To support it the ship's sides are to be bulged to a beam of 92 feet amidships, as compared to the 72 feet of her fighting days. The lifting machine will be used to hoist aboard modern battleship sections of the three-gun turrets for 16-inch rifles, which weigh 200 tons, and the great rifles themselves.

Proceeding under her own power, the former Kearsarge will go from yard to yard as needed, being used where no shore crane of sufficient size is available. She will have storage space on deck for two complete three-gun turrets and haul them to destination as well as swing them into place.

QUAINT CLOCK ONE OF SIGHTS IN OLD ENGLAND



A quaint old clock, attached to a private residence at Abinger Hammer, Surrey, England, is of considerable interest to visitors to Old England. The little man strikes the bell on the hour. This residence faces the highroad running through the village and at all times has its quota of admirers.

OLD LOVE SNAPPED REASON

Sight of Sweetheart, Jilted 22 Years Ago, Drove Woman Insane. Driven insane by a sudden meeting with a sweetheart she had jilted 22 years ago, Mrs. Grace Dreyer of Kenosha, Wis., became violently insane and later was taken to an asylum.

Twenty-two years ago Mrs. Dreyer then Grace Standard—and Ben Ames were much in each other's company. While friends were expecting an announcement of their engagement, Miss Standard suddenly married Otto Dreyer, a merchant of Flint, Mich.

BILLS TO CURB LOBBYISTS

Measures Would Require Report of All Money Received and Expended. Two bills designed to circumscribe the activities of lobbyists in Washington have been introduced in the Senate, one by Senator Kenyon (Rep.) of Iowa, and the other by Senator Overman (Dem.) of North Carolina.

Both would require lobbyists to register and report the money received and expended by them and its source. Destroyed 348 Still in One County. A total of 348 illicit whisky stills were destroyed in Mobile county, Alabama, during the last year, according to the records of Sheriff W. H. Holcombe, Jr. This is believed to be a record for the nation.

Starting Slips. More house plants are grown from slips than from seeds. To do this take a branch half an inch and cut a slit three inches long. Take off all the leaves except the upper two and root it in wet sand several inches thick, putting one and one-half inches of the slip under the sand. Keep this thoroughly moist. When the roots begin to grow put your plant, with its sand, into a pot provided with other soil. Some slips, such as oleander and try, will root in water.

'Macaroni Verse.' This is a kind of humorous verse in which Latin as a base, words of other languages are introduced, using Latin inflections and constructions. The term was selected since it implies a mixture of languages—comparable with the mixture of ingredients found in a dish of macaroni. The name is sometimes applied to verses which are merely a mixture of Latin and the unadorned vernacular of the writer. This type of verse has long been known in Italy.

Uncle Walt's Story

BEGINNING THE DAY

"IF A MAN begins the day in a good humor," observed the professor, "everything will prosper with him."

"You talk as though beginning the day in a good humor was as easy as falling off a log," said the low-browed man. "I suppose you have been reading one of those fool sunshine books, and you think a man can be in a good humor just by saying he is going to be. But a man can't control his humors any more than he can control dreams."

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"After a few days the glad feeling passes away, and instead of being as sunny as I was at first, I become a mournful fellow. I have all kinds of presentiments of evil. I have a firm conviction that the bottom is about to drop out of everything, and that I'll be mixed up with the wreckage. I take a pessimistic view of everything, and go grumbling around until even the crows are sick of seeing me, and they give me a lift with their hind feet as a gentle hint that I should come out of my trance."

"If a leading business man asked me to explain my melancholy I couldn't do it. The world seems to be moving along as though nothing had happened. The same old sun is shining on the day shift, and the scented scaphyras are blowing through my whiskers as of old."

"Often a man begins the day wrong, through some accident or unpleasant experience. Then he knows why he has a grouch, but that doesn't help him to get rid of it. This morning I was lying in bed dreaming that I was the only original white hope, and that I was making a heroic effort to bring the laurels back to the Caucasian race. I was just administering an aperient that seemed destined to bring home the bacon, when I fell out of bed and practically ruined my head against the floor."

"I came downstairs in a beastly humor, and after breakfast I went over and picked a quarrel with old Doolittle, so that he had to shun up a tree to escape violence, and all because I was feeling ornery. It wouldn't have been safe for any man to tell me that in order to begin the day right all a man has to do is to begin it right."

"I have gone out from the house to milk the cows in the morning, many a time, feeling as blithesome and glad as a dickerbird, and quite satisfied that the day was going to be one round of pleasure. Then a cow would give me a poke in the ribs with one of her celluloid horns, or put her big spiny foot into a brimming bucket of milk, and the joyous stuff was all off, and I'd be so sore all day that Aunt Julia would hand me my meals with a pitchfork."

"The other morning I got up feeling so mean that I was ashamed to look in the mirror. I went downtown after breakfast, in the mood to rob a blind organ grinder of his few plugged nickels. Then I went to the post office and got a registered letter. A man who had owed me \$2 for five years had an ingrowing conscience at last, and sent the money to me. When I left the post office everybody commented on my winning smile, and said I was the little sunbeam of the town."

Twins Strangely Linked. Albert Grierson and Walter Grierson, St. Louis twins, were members of the same company, and each wore a small diamond ring and a watch and chain in France. Albert lost the stone of his ring and a few days later Walter lost the stone of his. Then Albert lost his watch and chain and soon afterward Walter's disappeared. Then Albert was wounded and Walter followed suit. And now they intend to marry twin sisters, Geradine and Blendine Smalley of Sheldon, Ill.—Indianapolis News.

All Depends. "Can you support my daughter in the style she's been accustomed to?" asked the father of the young man who sought his daughter in marriage. "Well," replied the young man thoughtfully, "is she strong for a \$500 grand piano or a \$5 talking machine?"

A Good Wish. Candidate—Election day is also my birthday. Friend—Good! I hope you will have many happy returns.

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THE FIVE VICE COMMANDERS

New Legion Officers Are Particularly Well Fitted for the Places They Hold.

The national constitution of the American Legion calls for the election of five vice commanders, no two from the same state and not more than three from among the men who served in the army. The men chosen by the recent Legion convention not only fill the above requirements but are peculiarly fitted by their records for the places they hold.

John G. Emery is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., being born and reared in that city. He is a real estate man. He entered the second officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and was commissioned captain of infantry. He went overseas shortly thereafter and served with the Eighteenth Infantry of the First Division. As a major, commanding a battalion, he was severely wounded by shell fire. Mr. Emery was prominent in Legion circles in his home state from the early days and was one of the Legion committee that drew up the bill, passed later by the house, that would give a bonus to all service men.

Thomas Goldingay began his career as a sailor before the mast. Later he was mate of the first steel ship ever built in the United States. After giving up the sea he wandered through the United States and finally located in Newark, N. J. In 1884 he was one of the men who organized the naval reserve of New Jersey and became commanding officer of the Newark division, with the rank of lieutenant. He saw service in Cuban waters in 1906. In 1902 he entered business in Newark. During the World war he had the grade of lieutenant, senior grade, and served as gunnery officer on the U. S. S. Massachusetts. He has been an attendant of the American Legion of New Jersey.

Claudius G. Fendill was born in Marquette, Mich. He was graduated from Michigan university in 1913. He is engaged in business in Racine, Wis. He enlisted May 8, 1917, as an apprentice seaman in the United States navy and received a commission as ensign May 1, 1918. He was assigned to the U. S. S. Oklahoma as signal officer and served in foreign waters from the summer of 1918 to December of that year. He was elected commander of Kenosha (Wis.) post in January, 1920.

James G. Scragham was born in Lexington, Ky. He was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1900, and received a degree of mechanical engineer in 1906. Since 1914 he has been dean of the engineering college of the University of Nevada. In 1917 he was made state engineer of Nevada. He was commissioned a major of artillery in December, 1917, and assigned as production engineer in the ordnance department at Washington. He served as commander of the Nevada department from May, 1919, until August, 1920, and has been a member of the national executive committee. His home is in Reno.

E. J. Winslett is a native of Dadeville, Ala. He prefaced his service in the Legion by taking part in five major operations with American, French and British troops. He was wounded in action, and was attached to the general staff. He attended the first caucus of the Legion in Paris, and on his return to Alabama organized five posts. His activity in his own state was recognized at the Cleveland convention by the support of all sections of the South in his candidacy for vice commander.

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