

# SWEET POTATOES NEED GOOD CARE

Secrets of Success in Obtaining High Prices Are to Grade, Clean and Pack.

## BIG DEMAND DURING WINTER

Clean, Neat and Attractive Packages Should Be Used for Shipping and Covered With Paper During Severe Weather.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

An explanation of why farmers have not received better prices for their sweet potatoes is that they have not used proper methods of handling and marketing. In many cases the potatoes are badly bruised and cut in digging, then are put in bags or rough barrels without grading, and rushed to the market when there is an over-supply. The secrets of success in getting high prices are to grade, clean and pack the product carefully and put it upon the market when there is a keen demand. The greatest demand for sweet potatoes is, as a rule, from the middle of December to the middle of March.

### Best Type for Market.

The market demands a medium-sized, uniform type of sweet potato, free from bruises or decayed spots. In grading, all undersized and the large, overgrown, crooked, broken, or bruised potatoes should be kept at home for feeding or for canning. The best potatoes will bring more money than will both the culls and the primes marketed together. Two market grades are sometimes made, the "extra selects" or "primes" and the "seconds," but the Southern farmer will do well to make just one market grade and keep the others for home use or for feeding to his live stock.

### Attractive Packages.

After carefully grading, sweet potatoes should be put in clean, neat, attractive packages. Bags should never



Sweet Potatoes.

be used, as the potatoes in them become badly bruised when handled. The standard veneer potato barrel with a burlap cover is often used in summer or autumn, but for winter shipment the double-headed stove barrel or tight box is often used. The small type of package, such as the bushel hamper, bushel box, or basket, is gaining in popularity. A neat and attractive package of well-graded potatoes will bring a good price at almost any time, even when the market is overstocked with inferior goods. Sweet potatoes, when shipped during the winter, should be protected from the cold. When a potato becomes chilled its quality is impaired and decay soon follows. In cold weather the package should be covered with paper and the ears heated, in order to prevent chilling the potatoes. Some shippers report that it pays to line their baskets and barrels with paper.

## GOOD TREATMENT FOR COLDS

Small Amount of Potassium Permanganate in Drinking Water Is Quite Satisfactory.

If any birds in the flock develop colds, put as much potassium permanganate as will remain on the surface of a dime into a gallon of water and keep this mixture in their drinking water for several days, or until the symptoms of the colds have disappeared. Remove any sick birds from the flock as soon as they are noted and treat them in coops by themselves, or kill and bury them if they are not worth treating.

## LESSEN PRODUCTION OF EGGS

Mites and Lice Frequently Sap Vitality of Hens—Prevent by Thorough Disinfection.

Mites and lice frequently sap the vitality of the fowl and prevent growth or lessen the egg production. A thorough cleaning of the house, regular applications of disinfectants to the roosts and nests, and a frequent dusting of the fowls will control these pests.

## DROPPINGS SHOULD BE SAVED

Can Be Used to Increase Fertility of Soil and Ought to Be Carefully Stored Away.

No matter how small the flock of poultry the droppings should be carefully saved, stored and either used as fertilizer for plants or disposed of to persons who can so use them to increase the fertility of the soil.

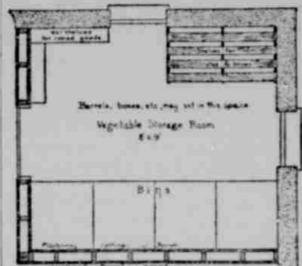
# CONSTRUCTION PLAN OF A STORAGE ROOM

Natural Earth Makes Better Floor Than Concrete or Brick.

Care Exercised in Making Frame Square and Plumb Will Enable Builder to Get Structure Tight With Little Labor.

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The size of the storage room should be determined by the space available and the amount of material to be stored. Natural earth makes a better floor than concrete or brick, as a certain amount of moisture is desirable. The walls of the storage room should be parallel to the walls of the cellar. Lay 2 by 4-inch scantling flat on the floor and secure them with pegs driven into the floor or by nailing them to the top of short posts set in the ground. Set 2 by 4-inch studding from this sill to the ceiling, spacing them 16 inches apart from center to center. Locate the door of the storage room at the most convenient point, making it large



Floor plan of a storage room in a corner of a basement. The arrangement of the shelving and bins may be changed to suit conditions. While the construction of the wall may be varied, it must be tight.

enough to admit barrels, boxes, etc., a good size being 2 1/2 feet wide by 6 1/2 feet high. Set the studs on either side of the door 32 inches apart, which will allow for the door and the frame. Put a header over the door, allowing one inch for the frame and seven-eighths of an inch for the sill at the bottom. Set the studs against the walls where the cellar walls and storage room walls meet. Care exercised in making the frame square and plumb will enable the builder to get the structure tight with a minimum of labor. A good room is made by covering the studding on the outside with tongue-and-groove material, but a better way is to sheathe the outside with plain lumber, tack building paper on this, and side with tongue-and-groove material. This construction in connection with lath and plaster or wall board on the inside makes an excellent room.

## HOG GOOD LABOR EQUALIZER

Animal Can Harvest Various Crops in More Efficient Manner Than Transient Farm Hand.

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Practically every farmer can plant and cultivate a larger acreage than he can harvest.

When the harvest season comes he is overworked.

Also, he has to depend on transient labor which, many times, is bothersome and unreliable.

And, after all, a considerable portion of the crop may have to go to waste because it cannot be gathered in time.

The hog, helped out by cattle and sheep, when practicable, is an excellent labor equalizer.

He harvests the corn crop more efficiently than the transient farm hand can be expected to do it—and does not have to be superintended by the owner of the farm.

He is equally efficient in harvesting rye, or clover, or alfalfa, or soy beans, or cow peas.

When the farmer makes use of the co-operative quality of the hog he has more time for essential tasks, more time to look out for his own health and happiness and that of his family, makes more money on the year's operations, and has better ground for the next year's crops.

The farm that depends on transient laborers as harvesters is likely to grow poorer year by year. The farm that uses hogs as harvesters is certain to grow more fertile with every crop.

## STRAW AS WINTER ROUGHAGE

Also Advisable to Use It Liberally for Bedding as It Absorbs Liquid Manure.

Straw is too valuable to be allowed to remain unused. Fresh oat straw, as well as wheat straw, can be used as a roughage in wintering stock. It is also advisable to use it liberally as bedding for farm animals as it adds to their comfort and absorbs the liquid part of the manure, which is the most valuable portion.

## CURING ALFALFA AND CLOVER

When Rain Washes Over Dried Crop Hay Loses More Than One-Half of Its Value.

Tests conducted at the Ohio experiment station in curing alfalfa and clover hay show that when rain washes over the dried crop the hay loses more than one-half of its value, due to the leaching of the rain water.

# NEWEST HAT LINE

Really Deviates Little From the Present Style.

Designers Have Not Intended That the "Chapeau" Is to Be Worn Further Back on the Head—Brims Roll Backward.

If you have read or heard about the new off-the-face style of hats that have been launched in Paris you may be under the impression that as a result of this vogue we are going to wear our hats further back on our heads. Somehow, the hat that is tilted backward still looks a little outlandish, and it may seem to you as if it would be very hard to give up the style of wearing your hats well over your forehead.

However, these new hats are not actually worn back off the forehead. The idea is that the brims roll backward so that there is less shading of the face, but the band of the hat takes the same position now that it has for many seasons, only that the hat is placed perfectly straight in order to give the right effect to the falling back of the brim. There is no longer any inclination of fashion to tilt the hat on one side. The new hats simply were not made for that sort of thing.

When all is said and done, it is really the hat that determines the way we do our hair, and as long as our hats rest on our ears the same as usual most of us will go on wearing our hair much the same as usual. A pompadour effect in front would be quite out of the question so long as the brims of hats rest across our foreheads. It is only when hats merely rest on our heads in front that we can attempt a much puffed or elaborate front arrangement.

Time may come, and that not far off, when this tendency to pull our hats down on our foreheads gives way to something else. It may be that the poke hat that had only a small vogue last season will return in a true poke form—that is, with a front brim that really flares and a very short back that actually shows the hair in back—a hat that really is more of a bonnet than a hat.

But if this type of hat is coming eventually, then the present off-the-face shapes are merely a digression because they are placed well on the head. The only thing is that the brim rolls back. And this roll-back brim is something that will sell many yards of veiling, for this type of hat is just the sort of thing that you need as basis for the neat arrangement of a veil. American women have the reputation of arranging their veils better than any other women in the world, but the American woman will not attempt to arrange a veil unless she has something to arrange it on.

### The New Paris Neckwear.

Cape effects in broad multi-tier collars, with high decorative stocks, are a dominant note of the present neckwear fashion in Paris. Short-sleeved guimpes are also extensively worn and this fashion promises to be carried over for general use in the coming season.

Both white and colored neckwear is favored, white organdie and heavy white linen, with delicate rose pink crepe being extensively employed.

Fichu effects are also good and berthas are coming steadily to the front.

### Taffeta Millinery.

Large hats of taffeta, with round, floppy brims, are an early autumn millinery feature of interest. These hats are trimmed with flat embroideries done in wool.

### "Poison Green" a Favorite.

"Poison green" is a favorite color for fall frocks.

## IN BLACK CHANTILLY LACE



This charming afternoon gown is of black Chantilly lace with a three-tier skirt of black georgette crepe. A new silhouette is offered in the long lines, and low waistline.

## BUILT ON STRAIGHT LINES

New Garments Really Are to Have Only a Little of the "Barrel" Effect Promised.

Designers flirt with the public fancy season after season by introducing styles that are out of the ordinary; that differ radically from the ones in use, and that have received general approval. The first offerings for the season immediately to come have not escaped. Practically every designer has brought out his or her own interpretation of the barrel overskirt, but many of them admit already that it is merely one of the novelties of the season and that it is not "taking" to any great extent.

The straight-line frock, according to the Kansas City Star, refuses to be ousted. The two styles that seem destined to hold sway for fall and winter are the simple straight-line dress and the more fitted redingote. Tunics, overskirts and pleated effects, especially when accordion pleating is used, are seen everywhere, but almost invariably a straight silhouette is adhered to.

Wool jersey cloth again will be a reigning favorite next season for utility frocks. Beige and gray are said to be leading colors.

### Favored Fabrics for Hats.

Hatter's plush, duvetyne and velvet continue to be the fabrics most in demand for fall hats, and the variety in effect in these models is made infinite by the many different styles of trimming.

Feathers of all kinds seem to be the type of trimming best adapted to duvetyne hats, the soft, suede-like fabric and the drooping ostrich, blonde or even coque, making a very smart combination.

# Boudoir Cap Is Easily Made

Lover of Pretty, Dainty Things Can Fashion This for Himself at Comparatively Small Cost.

Isn't this the cutest idea for a boudoir cap you ever saw? And the easiest thing to make, too. Just a length of lace flouncing, something



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dainty. You can get some of the prettiest imitation flouncings for a very small sum that will answer very nicely. A yard ought to make the cap. Sew the two raw edges together neatly, and then run a gathering string around the scalloped edge, an

inch in front and slanting to two inches toward the back.

Pull this gathering thread to head size, about twenty-five inches, and cover the gatherings with a band of pretty tinted ribbon, to which you may add a garland of tiny silk flowers to be bought by the yard. Now you gather the straight edge of the lace into a saucy little pompon on the top, and surround the gatherings with more of the silk flowers. A chinstrap of the ribbon, which snaps into a graceful little bow to the left, is the finishing touch.

### New Shoes.

The colonial pump is the smart shoe of the season. To be sure oxfords are also worn for day dress. They are rather high and are laced not with ribbons, as they were last year, but with tubular silk lacings. They are made in kid, suede and black satin. And the lacing holes are bound with metal. But the colonial pumps are newer. They, like the oxfords, have French heels of medium height, almost invariably with a little metal layer that is now used to help keep the heels even.

They are made in black and brown kid and in patent leather. Sometimes a buckle of jet or steel is fastened at the bottom of the flaring tongue. One striking and attractive type of colonial pump has the sides of the tongue fastened to the shoe. This holds the shoe on, at the same time giving the attractive silhouette of the regulation colonial pump.

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