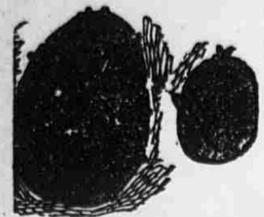


Look to Your Seed Potatoes

Seed potatoes should be carefully examined for traces of dry rot. Only potatoes entirely free from disease should be planted...



How Seed Potatoes Are Cut into Sets.—In the largest specimen the cuts are made just above each eye and in a downward direction to give best support to the future sprouts.

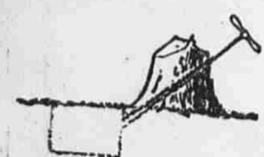
The knife used for cutting should be dipped in a solution of corrosive sublimate, formaldehyde or carbolic acid after cutting diseased tubers, and before cutting others.

The usual seed treatment for scab, etc., will be very useful to kill dry rot spores which may adhere to tubers and may be applied to the healthy portions after separation from the diseased parts of potatoes.

The means by which blight is carried from place to place is the chief question which interests the shippers and planters of seed potatoes. This is restricted to tubers which show the dry rot. These carry the fungus in a semi-dormant state, which develops after the tuber is planted, and spreads to the leaves of the growing plants.

Stump Remover

An easy way to remove stumps, where time is not an object, is to dig a trench beside the stump and then to bore a diagonal hole through the stump so that the lower end of the



hole will be near the top of the trench and the upper end some distance above the ground. Build a fire in the trench and partially cover it so that the flame will draw through the auger hole and it will start a draft in the trench and the stump will be burned more rapidly.

BROADCASTING VS. DRILLING SMALL GRAIN.

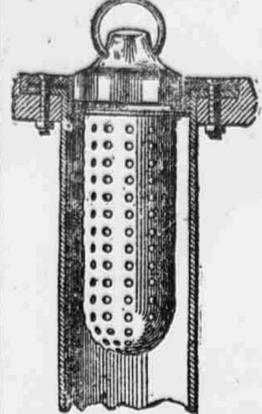
During the past few years, tests have been conducted to determine the comparative yields obtained from seeding small grain by the old method of sowing broadcast and harrowing, and by sowing with the press drill.

For Dietary Purposes

A very mild north of England vicar had for some time been displeased with the quality of milk served him. At length he determined to remonstrate with his milkman for supplying him with such weak stuff.

BANITARY SINKS. Sanitary Strainer Advocated for Sinks is Here Illustrated.

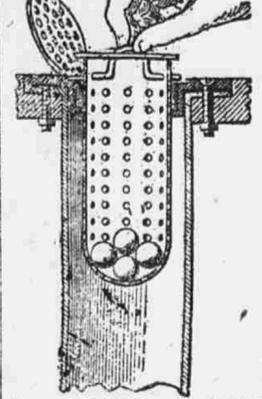
One of the main problems of the manager of the household is that involving the keeping clean and sanitary her sinks, washtubs, bathtubs and washbasins, says a writer in a household magazine.



objects of scientific plumbing. The sanitary strainer, recently invented, is a device for accomplishing these objects.

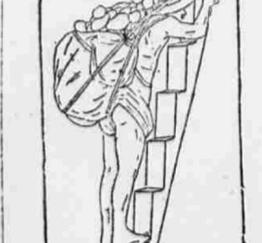
Of course disinfectants are used in the operation of the strainer. The more catching of the refuse without destroying its powers as a breeder of disease would be but a very imperfect solution of the problem.

The objects must not only be secured, but the germs contained in



them must be destroyed, and this is done by the disinfectants used in connection with the strainer. By placing any suitable disinfectant in lump form in the brass basket of the strainer, the hot and cold water which runs through the strainer will dissolve the refuse and kill all bad odors which may arise through the pipes from the traps.

Extracting from Mines.



A man, a white bucket and a ladder was the ancient method by which millions were extracted from the great Tarasac mine.

Diamond Mine Depths.

Prof. Henry Miers, in lecturing to a London audience recently, said that there was no knowledge of the depth to which the South African diamond mines could be worked.

The average number of horses killed in Spanish bull fights every year exceeds 5,500, while from 1,000 to 2,000 bulls are sacrificed.

Philadelphia has the largest percentage of improved streets of any of the largest cities in the United States.

What He Wanted

"The automobile that hit me five minutes ago was No. 41144 Ohio," he sputtered. "It knocked me unconscious, but I got the number before I went down for the count. Put it on a piece of paper—41144."

Married Life, Second Year

"HERE, LET'S LOOK AT THIS!" Warren paused before a large white stone front apartment house. There was the usual sign, "Apartments to Let. Superintendent Within."

"We've three vacant now—two on the third and one on the eighth in front."

He showed them a third floor apartment first. The rooms were small and badly lighted and overlooked a narrow court. The floors had been freshly varnished, an odor of paint and turpentine filled the place.

"This won't do," announced Warren after a hasty glance around. "We want more air and light. Let's see the one in front."

"Now this is more like it," said Warren. "What's the rent here?" "\$1,100 a year."

"And I suppose if one got down to business they'd make a shave on that rent for a two-year lease?"

The man shook his head. "I'm afraid not, sir. We've no trouble in getting our prices, and this is the only front one that's vacant."

"No, sir. All these front ones are the same, but if you come in now, you get the rent free till October first."

Warren shrugged his shoulders. "I wouldn't be any disappointed. We've a lease where we are until then. Who are the agents for this house?"

"Clyne & Johnson."

"Any six-room front apartments here?" "Yes, sir."

"How much are they?" "I don't know, sir, the janitor ain't here, but I can show 'em to you."

He took them up to a front apartment on the top floor. But this was a much less attractive house than the other. The woodwork was cheaper, the mantels and fixtures garish in design, and the hideous wall papers spoke of the character of former tenants.

"Oh, Warren," whispered Helen, "we couldn't stand this at any price."

"Well, you've got good air here and a good view of the river, this overtops the house across the way. You can paper to suit yourself."

"Oh, yes, I know, but the work-work and the mantels and the whole atmosphere of the house! Did you notice the halls as we came up?"

"Well, you 'welled' everything. What were we looking for in a cool, well-ventilated room?"

"But Warren, just look—look at this bathroom," opening the door and showing the small tub and cheap tarnished fittings.

The boy who had come to answer the elevator bell came back now and stood at the door.

"So you don't know the rent here?" asked Warren again.

"No, sir. I don't know exactly, but I think it's around \$75."

"Seventy-five dollars for that place!" Helen exclaimed when they reached the street. "And our beautifully fitted apartment for \$70! Oh, Warren, how can you think of such a thing?"

POETRY WORTH READING

Cactus Centre's Resolutions. Down here in Cactus Centre we've been passing resolutions—

We're goin' past all doubtin', to be awful, awful good; We have vowed there ain't a goin' to be bullet distributions—

Unless some trouble hunter don't behave as real gents should. We have vowed we're goin' to show respect for Judges in their ermine.

'Cause we see that necktie parties is a sign of lack of tact. There is goin' to be no yachin'—gee! the cattlemen are squirmin'—

Unless, of course, some rustler's caught red handed in the act. We are goin' to cut out gamblin'—all the card brigade is only

Too glad to burn the tables and to cut out all such play. Unless it sorter folks that some homeless chaps git lonely

And we start a game, real quiet, jest to while the time away. And so it is with drinkin', unless some one else is treatin' (To refuse a social duty is offense 'gainst friendship's law).

We're opposed to too much harshness—life's black medicine we'd sweeten— So in each resolve for New Year we've put in a savin' clause. —Denver Republican.

Life. We plough the field, we plant the seed, We labor many a day To cultivate the growing crop

And keep the weeds away. We toil through summer's sultry heat, With weariness and pain, And then some trickster comes along

And gathers in the grain! We save our dollars, one by one. With old New England thrift. We gather up a hoard at last

(The process isn't swift) And then we take it to the place Where brokers "put" and "call," We buy some lovely gilt edged stocks, And so we lose it all.

It makes no odds how hard we try, Or work with hands and wit, There's always some one standing by To grab the benefit.

Still, it's your part to do your best And labor like a man; But watch the bysters mighty close, And beat them, if you can! —Somerville Journal.

The Mother Land. (Reprinted by the Spectator from Henry De Vere Stacpoole's "Poems and Ballads," London, 1910.)

Since God to folks of six or seven Gave strength with which no king may strive, Since half the sweetness under heaven

He gave to people under five. O'er wooden trees and toy church steeples Burns faintly each man's morning star.

O Motherland whose laughing people The dearest of all people are! To death some fragment of thy stories

The beggar brings, and to thy song, Behind the dying emperor's glories, His old tin soldiers tramp along.

The Tailor. Few footsteps stray when duck droops o'er The tailor's old stone lintelled door; There sits he stitching, half asleep, Beside his smoky tallow dip.

Click, click, his needle hastes, and shrill Cries back the cricket 'neath the sill. Sometimes he stays, and o'er his thread

Leans sidelong his old touselled head, Or stoops to peer with half shut eye When some strange football echoes by;

Till clearer gleams his candle's spark Into the dusty summer dark; Then from his cross legs he gets down, To find how late the evening's grown; And hunched up in his door he'll hear The cricket whistling crisp and clear; And so beneath the starry gray He'll mutter half a seam away. —Saturday Review.

Robbie's grandfather was a veteran of the civil war, and in talking to his little grandson about the battles he said:

"Nearly a generation and a half ago, Robbie, my head was grazed by a bullet in the famous battle of Chickamauga."

Robbie looked at the bald pate of his grandpa attentively a moment, then said: "Not much grazing there now, is there?"

Too Flippant. He was a sport, you know the sort; He never should have wed; With cards and dice when he had the price He trifled, it is said.

He left his wife, and sought the life Where the glassware gaily clinks; In flippant way, his cronies say, He shook her for the drinks.

Gone But Not Forgotten. It is not often in these days that we find any real humor in the interrupters of political meetings. There are exceptions, however.

"A man is very soon forgotten after he's dead," declared a speaker one evening. "Not if you happen to marry his widow, guvner," said a voice from the crowd.

A Fitting Name. A prominent motor car manufacturer in the midlands had the idea of naming his cars after flowers. Said he to a friend:

"I think of calling that new car over there," pointing to a huge red limousine, 'The Crimson Rambler.'"

But his friend, who had been out in the indicated car, replied kindly: "Why not call it the Virginia Creeper?"

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