

### Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

Amateur gardeners and farmers who wish to diversify their crops will find cucumbers a fairly safe and profitable product. The sale for this class of commodities is steady in all stages of growth. There is no rush about picking or marketing.

Cucumbers ought to return a net profit of \$200 an acre. A Michigan grower reports \$250 an acre. Grocers, pickle factories and town families will take the output, but the marketing should be arranged for in advance. It is also an easy matter for growers to put up pickles, and this system adds to the profits.

The soil needs to be light, warm and full of vegetable matter. Land that has borne clover is good. It must not



CUCUMBERS ARE A SAFE PRODUCT.

be rocky. In drought periods the vines should be watered daily, but this applies to garden products generally as well as to cucumbers. If the ground is not considered just right it is advisable to use well rotted manure in the hills before planting. The best way is to use well fertilized land that was plowed in the fall, adding a little barnyard manure to the cucumber hills as they are formed. Draw the soil worked down line with harrow or rake and mark out in checks at least four feet each way. Many prefer five or six feet. It is easier to cultivate check rows than single rows. The hill system is preferred because it gives plants more leaf surface. Better drainage is also secured in case of excessive rains.

Four to six seeds should be dropped in each hill and lightly covered with soil. In case of unfavorable weather or uneven growth additional plantings may be made. Success and third plantings can also be made for prolonging the marketing of cucumbers and for raising pickle stock. In order to get an early start seeds may be planted in a hotbed of moderate temperature or in window pots in the dwelling. Planting in the open ground is to be deferred until the soil is in nice order and danger from frost is over. Whatever transplanting is necessary should be done in the evening.

Those who are engaged in this line of gardening on an extensive scale should consult the owners of pickle factories as to prices and time of marketing. The pickle companies sometimes prefer to furnish the seed. When a large crop is to be raised the cultivation can be with an ordinary two horse corn cultivator. Planting in drills seems to be the easier method, in the opinion of some, but the majority of experts think that results are better with the hill system. A corn planter may be used if desired, and the plants may be thinned out as they develop. Seed is generally used at the rate of one ounce to fifty hills.

Insects are often troublesome in cucumber growing. For cutworms use poisoned bran about four inches from where the plants are coming through. For striped beetle dust frequently with plaster, which acts as a repellent. Hellebore powder in water is also effective in destroying the striped bug. During the picking season the vines are gone over regularly at short intervals and the cucumbers removed as soon as they attain marketable size. This will prevent any check in the growth of vines and increase the number of cucumbers that can be secured.

One of the most delicious vegetables is watercress, and yet few farmers or gardeners are trying to utilize the delicacy. No other product grows into money easier or with less trouble. It grows wild in running brooks, in ditches or around fresh ponds. All that is demanded for the raising of cress is pure water. Plant seeds in the soft earth at the edge of the water. The plants will soon fill the bed of the stream or pond. After establishing the growth of watercress it is available for use in March and throughout the season. A large sale can be worked up in any town.

Corn salad is a paying winter product, the small leaves being served like lettuce during the cool fall and early winter months. It is used for garnishing meat dishes and is in good demand. Plant late in the summer for fall and winter use. It is quite hardy and a little protection with leaves will carry it safely through the winter.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION**

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Ithaca in said County, on the 30th day of June A. D. 1916.

Present: Hon. J. Lee Potts, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Huldah A. Bugardus, deceased.

Myrta L. Ward having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Townsend A. Ely or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 29th day of July A. D. 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy. J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate. 47-4t

**PROBATE NOTICE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot, ss.

Notice is Hereby Given, That the final account of Maggie A. Hawes, the administratrix of the Estate of Dennis Hawes, deceased, of Gratiot County, Michigan, now on file will be examined and if found correct, allowed by me at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, in said County, on the 18th day of July next, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day.

Dated Ithaca, June 19th, 1916.

J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate

A True Copy, Attest  
Madge E. Barnes, Register of Probate. 44-4t

**CHANCERY NOTICE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot.

In the Circuit Court for the County of Gratiot: In Chancery.

Irvin G. Willits, Plaintiff,

vs.

Nancy Robinson, Eliza Robinson, and Nannie Robinson, of their unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns. Defendants.

At a regular session of said court held in the Court House in the Village of Ithaca, in said County, on the 16th day of June A. D. 1916.

Present, The Honorable Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

Irvin G. Willits, the above named Plaintiff, having filed in said Court a duly verified Bill of Complaint against the above named and unnamed defendants, and which said suit involves the title to the north east quarter of the north east quarter of section eight in township ten north of range two, west, Michigan, and is brought to quiet the title thereto;

And it satisfactorily appearing to the court from said verified Bill of Complaint that diligent search and inquiry have been made to ascertain the present residence or whereabouts of Nancy Robinson, Eliza Robinson, and Nannie Robinson, the above named defendants, and it is not known and cannot be ascertained whether they or any of them are living, or dead, or where they or any of them may reside, if living, or whether they or any of them have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some of them may reside, or whether the title, interest, claim or possible right of said Nancy Robinson, Eliza Robinson, and Nannie Robinson in or to said described land has been disposed of by will, and that the names of the persons who are included as defendants in said suit without being named cannot be ascertained after such search and inquiry;

THEREFORE, On motion of O. G. Tuttle, Attorney and Counselor for Plaintiff, it is ordered that the above named Nancy Robinson, Eliza Robinson, and Nannie Robinson, or their un-

known heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns cause her or their appearance to be entered in this cause on or before three months from date of this order, and in case of her or their appearance that she or they cause her or their answer to Plaintiff's Bill of Complaint to be filed in said cause and a copy thereof to be served on Plaintiff's attorney and Counselor within twenty days after service on her or them of a copy of said Bill of Complaint and notice of this order and that in default thereof said Bill of Complaint to be taken as confessed by the said named and unnamed defendants.

And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date of this order the Plaintiff cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county and that such publication be continued therein once in each week for six weeks in succession or that said Plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said defendants and upon each of them at least twenty days before the time prescribed herein for the appearance of the said defendants.

KELLY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge.

Countersigned: B. L. Case, Clerk of the Gratiot County Circuit Court.

The above suit involves the title to the north east quarter of the north east quarter of section eight in township ten north of range two, west, Michigan, and is brought to quiet the title thereto.

O. G. TUTTLE, Attorney and Counselor for Plaintiff. Business address, Ithaca Michigan. 44-6t.

**HEARING CLAIMS**

Estate of Gerrit S. Ward

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the Village of Ithaca in said county, on the 16th day of June 1916.

Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.

In the Matter of the Estate of Gerrit S. Ward, deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Josephine Ely Ward and Charles O. Ward of Alma, Michigan, appointed executors thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 18th day of October next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. A true copy. J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

Madge E. Barnes, Register of Probate. 44-3t

**NOTICE**

To the owner or owners of any and all interest in the land herein described, and to the mortgagee or mortgagees named in all undischarged recorded mortgages against said land or any assignee thereof of record: Take Notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to Register in chancery of the county in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per cent. additional thereto, and the fees of the

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot, ss.

I do hereby certify and return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or postoffice address of Peter Andrew Lassen, the grantee under the last recorded deed in the regular chain of title to said land or to ascertain the whereabouts or postoffice address of his heirs, executor, administrator, or trustee, or guardian of said Peter Andrew Lassen.

I further certify and return that said notice was delivered to me for service on the 14th day of August 1915.

Dated June 2, 1916.

N. M. BRADFORD, Sheriff of said County 43-5t.

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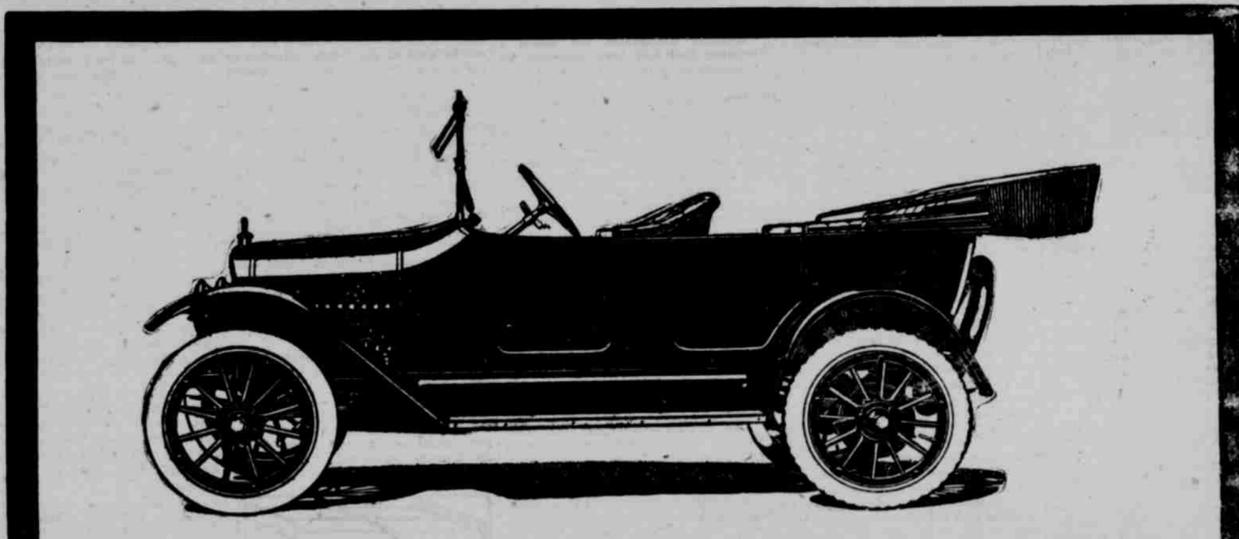
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