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# The Tuxedo Hour

by Walt Mason

Tuxedo's bully all the time; it makes the passing hours sublime, and by its soft and gracious curves it soothes the soul and rests the nerves, and fills my bosom, once again, with peace on earth, good will to men. But best I like it when I've fed this face of mine with jam and bread. When I have dined on Irish stew and beans and boiled potatoes, too, and pie and eggs and cheese and tripe, 'tis then I best enjoy my pipe. When from the table I withdraw, I grip my briar with my jaw, and fill it with Tuxedo mild — the pure Tuxedo undefiled — and smoke away in perfect bliss; no pleasure can compare with this. And in the curling smoke I see a world that seemeth good to me. A world that's debonair and gay, its woes and worries done away. The plans that seemed foredoomed to fail, the work that seemed of no avail, now wear the rosy glow of hope, and I endorse all sunshine dope. 'Tis thus in my Tuxedo hour; the world that seemed so dark and dour, is blooming like a rose of spring, and I'm in mood to laugh and sing.

Walt Mason

## FRUIT and FARM

### Before Planting the Potatoes, Treat Them.

Small yields of potatoes are due to unfavorable soil conditions, poor, soil, poor selection, diseases and insects. Chief among these troubles, diseases is an important factor in reducing the crop. Oftentimes one-half of the crop may be lost entirely and the remainder so disfigured that they bring a very low price on the market.

The key to the whole situation is proper selection and treatment of seed potatoes and planting on clean ground. The diseases fall into two general classes, namely, superficial and internal. The superficial forms should be readily detected, but this is not always so with the internal forms. If in doubt bring a sample to this office for examination.

### Clean Seed Potatoes.

Consider no seed for planting unless it is entirely clean and smooth. Insist upon this when purchasing the seed. If it is impossible to get disease-free seed, make a very careful selection, discarding any that may be diseased. Cut up some of the potatoes to be sure that there are no brown specks or other unnatural peculiarities in the flesh. This seed you have selected is seemingly clean but there may be untold numbers of disease germs adhering to the surface of every potato, and to insure their destruction the potatoes must be treated.

### Method of Treatment.

Formaldehyde, one pint to 30 gallons of water, is the general disinfectant used in Oregon. The potatoes are soaked whole in this solution for two hours. Any containers such as sacks, boxes or baskets into which the potatoes are to be transferred after treatment should be carefully sprinkled with the disinfectant so as to prevent reinfection. Now that the seed is as clean as we can make it, the next precaution to re-

ceive attention is to be sure that the field is clean. Never plant on ground where diseased potatoes have been harvested within the last few years. A few diseases may live in the ground for many years and are ready to infect potatoes whenever planted. Plant on different ground each year and follow each crop with a grain rotation for several years, which will starve out the disease germs.

Other articles will follow discussing summer spraying for diseases and insects. Call the attention of this office to any troubles you are having. Always be on the lookout for the potato eelworm, potato tuber moth and the potato beetle and report their presence if found.

On January 20 the State Board of Horticulture passed a quarantine measure against California potatoes because of the potato tuber moth found in that state. Any potatoes brought into this state from California must go to Portland for inspection, and if any tuber moth is found the whole shipment is returned. This method is an excellent precautionary measure.

C. C. CATE,  
Pathologist.

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## Big New Coast Auto Factory

Oakland, Cal., March 4.—The first important step toward making this vicinity a big automobile manufacturing center was taken yesterday when ground was broken for the establishment of the factory of the Chevrolet Motor Car Company in Elmhurst. With a parade of several hundred automobiles, some of them carrying the mayor and city officials of Oakland and representatives of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations, the ground-breaking celebration was one of the big events in the commercial history of the transbay city.

Work on the factory which is to turn out 12,000 Chevrolet cars annually will be rushed. It is the plan of Norman DeVaux, president of the Chevrolet Motor Company of California, to start the production of machines as soon as possible, the first cars being scheduled for delivery June 1. The plant will employ about 600 men. It covers nine acres and will represent an investment of \$1,000,000.

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## Hardy Loses Hotel Suit

By a decree rendered in circuit court last Monday, Stephen Smeed, owner of the Hotel Smeed at Eugene, won his case against N. D. Hardy, former lessee of the building, and former Ashland hotel man. He sued Mr. Hardy some time ago for a dissolution of the contract made between the two.

The findings of fact handed down by the judge show that on September 30, 1914, Hardy was indebted to Smeed in the sum of \$2,800. Hardy delivered to Smeed a promissory note and executed a chattel mortgage on the furniture of the hotel. March 6, 1915, the defendant, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness, agreed that the plaintiff should be the absolute owner of the property and the mortgage was cancelled. On September 5, 1915, he entered into an agreement whereby Hardy was to assist Smeed in the operation of the hotel, Smeed to furnish the hotel and equipment and Hardy to furnish the services and management. Hardy to receive one-third of the profits and Smeed two-thirds, in addition Hardy and his wife getting their board and lodging. Prior to December 31, 1915, the plaintiff gave notice to Hardy that he desired to terminate the contract, but the latter refused to relinquish. Afterwards a receiver was appointed.

## Gold Hill Muniton Plant Big Hoax

Portland Journal: The other day a tip came into the office that the Beaver Portland Cement plant at Gold Hill was going to make \$1,000,000 in about twenty months manufacturing munitions of war.

The story is said by officers of the company in the Northwestern Bank building to be one of the most fantastic and grotesque jokes they have ever heard.

The president is now in the east trying to hurry up some machinery that has been held back by stress of war orders at the factory. In the meantime, other work about the plant is going on, so that everything is nearly ready for starting cement-making operations as soon as machinery comes.

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