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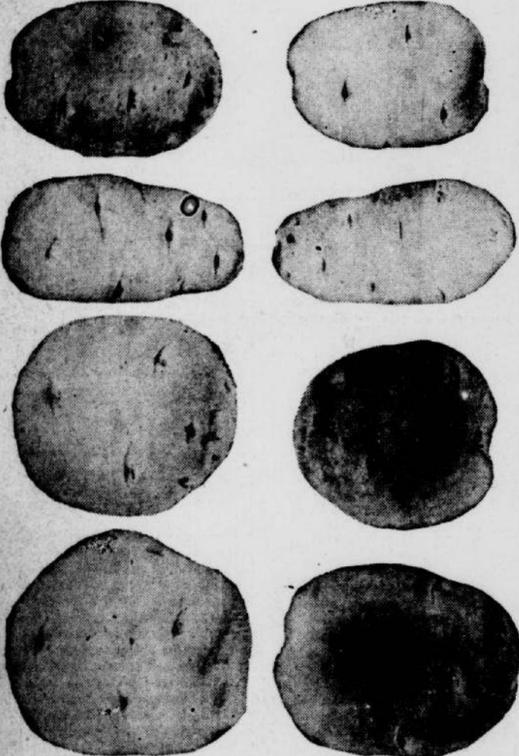
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DETERMINING VALUE OF POTATO SEED

Early Varieties.

Late Varieties.



No. 1—Early Ohio.
No. 2—Early Rose.
No. 3—Triumph.
No. 4—Irish Cobbler.

No. 1—Rural New Yorker.
No. 2—Burbank.
No. 3—Peerless.
No. 4—Green Mountain.

Purity of variety and freedom from disease are the two most important factors in determining the value of potato seed. These can be secured only by careful inspection. There are a few simple rules which, if carefully observed, will surely result in better yields, better quality and better prices. It is a foolish practice, not to say a very expensive one, to plant potatoes that are not up to the standard in quality. It is a waste of time and money and only results in a loss of most or all of one's crop.

As the crop is growing and as it matures, watch it most carefully; select the choicest plants and the potatoes from these for next year's use.

The following are a few of the ways by which you may improve your potato seed: By co-operating with your neighbors in securing pure seed which can be obtained from the most reliable growers. By planting this foundation stock by itself where it will not be mixed with other varieties.

By learning the vine and tuber characteristics of the variety you plant. By discarding as seed all hills which do not have these characteristics.

By selecting seed for next year on the field at digging time this year.

By organizing the growers, dealers

and others in your community who are interested in the development and improvement of its potato industry.

Many people are acquainted only in a general way with the characteristics of the different varieties of potatoes. Among the early varieties are: Early Ohio; an extra early and popular market variety. Also in strong demand for seed. Early Rose, a medium early vigorous grower, particularly popular for sandy loam soils. Triumph, an early maturing variety in strong demand as seed for southern truck markets. Irish Cobbler, growers in many sections specialize on this standard eastern white variety for seed trade.

Among the late potatoes, the Rural New Yorker is a leading commercial variety which is being adopted as standard in many community centers. The Burbank is a well-known variety which is well adapted to new and well-drained soils.

The Green Mountain is another good late potato which is rapidly increasing in favor.

It is greatly to the advantage of every grower to learn all about the stock he intends to raise. Set a high standard and work for improvement every season. The results will be gratifying and profitable.

PROPER REARING OF CHICKS

Problem of Supplying Range and Green Feed for Fowls Not Given Sufficient Attention.

(By F. C. HARE, South Carolina Experiment Station.)

The problem of supplying a range or green feed for chicks does not receive sufficient attention. This is an important side of the proper rearing of poultry and the farmer who has sour skim milk or buttermilk to spare and a good green range has more than half his chick problem solved.

For temporary feeding, one can soak oats overnight in water, wash them thoroughly next morning and spread them in half-inch layers in boxes or trays. Place these trays in the shade outdoors and sprinkle with water twice daily. In from three to six days the oats will be ready for feeding. For baby chicks feed when the sprouts are one-half inch long, giving once daily what the chicks will eat in about ten minutes.

Rape may be sown and, when grown, cut up and fed to chicks. Cabbage, lettuce, mangels, beets and turnips can also be cut for green feed.

PROFITABLE TO GRADE EGGS

Difference in Prices Between Lowest and Highest Quality Ranges From Ten to Fifteen Cents.

It certainly pays to grade eggs. In many city markets the difference in prices between the highest and lowest grade is often fifteen or twenty cents on the dozen. First-quality eggs should be fresh and of a fairly large size, weighing around twenty-four ounces to the dozen. If first-quality eggs and eggs of a lower grade are shipped in the same case, all the eggs in that case will take the classification represented by the lowest grade. All the dirty, small and odd-shaped eggs should be used at home. Brown and white eggs should not be marketed together.

Good Insurance.

The man with a good silo at the end of his barn is not worrying perceptibly about an early frost. Insurance is a good thing to quiet the nerves.

EXCELLENT POINTS OF SILO

Does Not Pay Farmer to Mix Corn and Sorghum Crops, Says Expert of Kansas College.

Mixing crops in a silo does not pay, according to J. B. Fitch, assistant in dairy husbandry in the Kansas State Agriculture college. He says that many farmers mix corn and sorghum crops, but that this does not increase the value of either feed, and generally means more work. In that material must be hauled from two fields. The sorghums, Mr. Fitch points out, are generally not mature enough to go into the silo until some time after the corn crop has been cut.

This is one of the points taken up in a circular issued by the dairy department of the college for farmers. The time to cut the silage crop, the size of cutter, the manner of cutting, the packing of silage, the gas in silos, and the time to feed silage are among the other matters in the circular.

MARKET HENS WHEN OVERFED

Best Layers Are in Good Condition When Only Reasonably Fat—Unprofitable to Doctor.

Sometimes a hen gets too fat to lay, although not often in her pullet year. The best layers are in good condition when only reasonably fat. Even where the ration furnished is a perfectly balanced one, an occasional hen will persist in putting on meat instead of laying eggs. This condition is noted by a "bagging down" of the abdomen. When a hen gets too fat to lay it is economy to send her to market. Many farmers reduce the feed for the entire flock, but this should not be done. These hens will bring top prices on the market. Unless the hen is especially valuable, it will not pay to doctor her into laying order again.

Harvesting Onions.

Harvesting onions should begin as soon as most of the tops wither and fall over. Several rows should be thrown together and the onions left in the field a few days to dry out before topping and storing.

GETTING A START

By NATHANIEL C. FOWLER, Jr.

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SIMPLICITY.

Simplicity is art, understood by the ignorant and appreciated by the intelligent.

Great men are simple, and their tastes are simple. They dress simply, never ostentatiously; their watch chains, if they have any, are never large and conspicuous. Occasionally they wear a ring, but only one ring. Their natural appetites crave simple food, and not the rich viands and the mysterious sauces which can tickle only the palate of the epicure, who lives to eat rather than to live.

The great authors, those who have written the living words which never die, write in simple diction, use language as a means to an end, not to make a display of it.

Many years ago, a then somewhat unknown man, by the name of Daniel DeFoe, made a story out of the experiences of a shipwrecked sailor and called his hero "Robinson Crusoe." For a generation this narrative was read by youngsters, and it was looked upon as a children's book. Today it has passed beyond the juvenile class and is considered one of the finest examples of simple English narrative, having a place in the libraries of the world.

Lincoln was not the only orator at Gettysburg. Competing with him—I may put it that way—was one of America's greatest scholars; yet the simple words of Lincoln have become an English classic, and millions of people can recite the whole speech from memory, while the words of the scholar are almost forgotten, and not one in ten thousand of the men of today know what he said; in fact, most of them do not know that he spoke at all.

Simplicity lives, its opposite dies young. Great men of every class have been simple and their reputations have been built upon simplicity. They not only understand what they say, but they say it so that others understand it.

Education by itself does not produce an educated man. Education is simply one of the elements which go to round out a man and make him a better citizen, enabling him to accomplish better results. Education, academically speaking, is not necessarily simple. It is more or less complex. Therefore, the educated man of use in the world has mixed simplicity with his learning that it may be in a condition to be assimilated.

Not what we know, but what we do with what we know, counts; and we cannot distribute either learning or experience, or use them to advantage, unless we have prepared them to meet the exigencies of the times, made them so that they are of use.

The greatest leveling power in the world, that which makes things good for something, is common simplicity mixed with common sense. The two are practically synonymous, for one cannot exist without the other. Where they don't exist, all the learning in the world, and all the experience possible for one to obtain, are like so much gold buried beyond the reach of man.

Be simple, be clear. Don't swallow a dictionary and exhale words, which, like dust, blind the eye and clog the ear.

ANCIENT HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Church in New Hanover County, North Carolina, One of the Country's Landmarks.

One of the oldest historical landmarks in New Hanover county, North Carolina, and among the oldest in the country is St. Philip's church, located 10 miles below Wilmington on the historic Cape Fear river. It was built by the settlers in 1740. It was then, and for a long time afterward, the only dedicated house of worship in the first settlement in North Carolina. Stirring scenes of the Revolutionary war centered around this old church, the English troops at one time riddling the walls of the building with shot and shell while the colonists were at worship within. A London magazine of 1791 relates that a storm occurred in North Carolina which began on Monday, December 20, and continued until Friday. During this storm many houses were blown ashore. This storm forced open a new channel at the mouth of the Cape Fear eighteen feet deep and nearly half a mile wide.

The Colonial Dames of America, North Carolina division, have annual pilgrimages to the ruins of old St. Philip's every year, at which times picturesque and quaint exercises are reproduced year after year.

Its Big Event in History.

"What do you consider the most important event in the history of Paris?" "Well," replied the tourist writer, who had grown weary of distributing tips, "so far as financial prosperity is concerned, I should say the discovery of America was the making of this town."

COMPANIONSHIP.

Place the most liberally educated president of the highest institution of learning alone on a desert island, and if he lives, he will soon become more animal than man, perhaps crawling on all fours, forgetting his native tongue, and becoming intellectually below the domestic dog in intelligence. He will even forget how to talk to himself.

By ourselves we amount to practically nothing.

Although the human brain does not lack individuality, it is pre-eminently a receptacle for the storage of what comes to it from the outside. Not what we possess, but what we obtain from others, or, to put it differently, what we collectively receive by exchanging experiences with others, rounds out a man and lifts him beyond the animal.

Man, collectively, is almost all-powerful; to him impossibility does not seem to exist. Individually, he is, or would be, a worthless product.

One of the principal causes of failure is the tendency to live too much within ourselves, to depend upon ourselves, to judge for ourselves.

I am not asking anyone to give up his individuality, or to allow others to dictate his every action, but I am saying to you, young man, and to you, young woman, that, if you would round yourself out in usefulness, and obtain a character and a reputation, you must depend upon others, exchanging your ideas for those of others, giving and taking, drawing from the great world at large all that it can give you, or, rather, all that you can take of it.

There is no other way.

The more friends you have, the more you mix intelligently with others, the more you get together, the more you will amount to. You will not forget your individuality, but, rather, you will combine it with that of others, making exchanges, swapping experiences.

Depending upon yourself is laudable and to be encouraged, but when you carry that self-dependence to the extreme, you will find that you have nothing back of you which will sustain you, even in small emergencies.

You need companions, companions of your own kind—you cannot have any other kind.

To be an acceptable and useful citizen and to succeed in business, contact with your fellows is absolutely essential. Progressive business men are members of boards of trade and chambers of commerce. They keep in touch with financial movements and are never ignorant of those current events which have a bearing upon their vocations. Even competitors lunch together and exchange experiences, realizing that only in this way can they keep abreast of the times.

This intermingling is as necessary in social life as it is in business. Unless you are constantly in touch with your fellows, you will become too rusty to be considered of any consequence in any community.

The more you fraternize with intelligent and honest others, the more intelligent and the more honest you will be. You cannot escape your fellows, unless you shut yourself away from them; and, if you do, you might as well jump overboard and stay there, for the world does not want you and there is no reason why it should.

BAD MANNERS IN SOME SHOPS

Story Concerning the Amusing Superciliousness of Saleswomen in Big Establishments.

An amusing discussion took place the other day in the dressing room of a fashionable restaurant. Three women were laughing over the grandeur of the saleswomen in a certain Walnut street shop. The shop was offering reduced rates, and one of them sauntered in from curiosity—what woman can resist looking over what may prove to be a bargain? The saleswoman in charge seemed quite indifferent, and upon Mrs. X making some critical remark about a simple little gown marked down to \$16.50, she raised her penciled eyebrows and looked pityingly at the customer, as though sizing her up according to the gown's value. "Oh," she drawled, "but that, you know, you would only find on an expensive gown—a \$50 gown!" Mrs. X mimicked the grande maniere of the saleswoman quite out of all proportion with her evident regard for a \$50 gown, and her companions laughed heartily.—Kansas City Star.

Alexandria's Jetty.

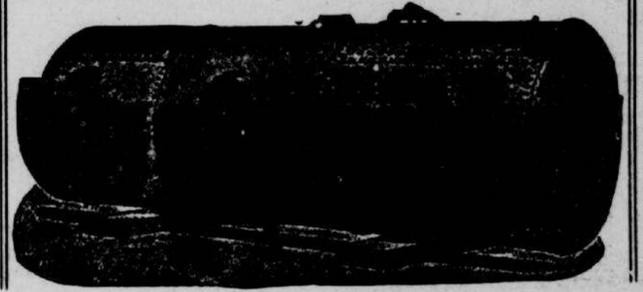
The jetty at Alexandria, Egypt, with a total length of 330 feet, is made up of five caissons, which were built up of re-enforced concrete, and floated into place. Each caisson is 65 feet long by 25 feet wide and 20 to 22 feet deep, and after being launched into the water on a special slipway it was towed to its prepared undersea bed by one or more tugs.

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