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One Small Saving

We imagine that little has been lost by the failure to provide money for the trade commission's investigation of the high cost of living. The four hundred thousand dollars which the administration wanted for this purpose can be better spent in some other way; and there are enough agencies with ample funds to make the investigation without special appropriations. The trade commission itself could probably go on with the work within the limits of its present monies. But the policy of the administration always is to get special appropriations wherewith to give employment to more "deserving democrats."

Garden Reduces Living Expenses

The garden is the quickest and best means of reducing the cost of living. Present food prices can best be reduced by a new supply of food. It will take several months to produce a surplus of many food products such as meat, potatoes, and flour. Furthermore, effect of this surplus on the price which the consumer has to pay is doubtful.

By planting a garden the consumer can relieve the food shortage directly in a few weeks. He can substitute his fresh garden vegetables for canned products and for many of the high priced staples.

The Missouri College of Agriculture has suggested that every available foot of land be planted to some food crop. In this way the waste places will contribute to the necessary supply of food.

The earliest garden crops are those which thrive in cool weather and which are more or less frost resistant. The first crops which may be planted are onions, peas, salsify, spinach, and parsnips. Ordinarily these may be planted during early March. By the middle of March lettuce, radishes, parsley, and chard may be planted. Succession plantings of lettuce and radishes should be made because both have a short harvesting period.

Another group of cool weather crops includes beets, carrots, cauliflower and cabbage. The first two may be planted and the last two transplanted about April 1.

Early Hatching For Size

Contrary to general belief and practice, chicks do not grow or thrive as well during the warm months or hot summer days as they do earlier in the spring. Experienced poultrymen realize this fact. The average farmer, however, does not make an effort to hatch early so that the chicks will have the advantage of a longer and more favorable growing season. Early hatching not only insures more rapid gains in the growth of chicks but has a favorable influence on the size of the individuals of the flock. Late hatched chicks rarely, if ever, attain the size of those hatched early. Early hatching likewise influences early maturity and consequently early egg production.

Given the same food, care and attention, chicks hatched the first of March will weigh more when they are four months old than those hatched a month later, say the poultry specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This likewise hold true with chicks hatched the first of April as compared with those hatched May

first. This is due to the fact that the rate of growth of a chick is greater during the first four weeks of its life than at any other time. Consequently, the early hatched chick, having the advantage of a more favorable growing season, makes greater gains during the first four weeks of its life than the late hatched chick. During the early spring months when the temperature is not so varied the growth of chicks is more uniform and constant than it is during the summer.

Simpson Makes Another Record

Bob Simpson, the world's greatest hurdler, who is a senior in the University of Missouri, added another world's record to his already growing string when he ran the 50 yard high hurdles in 6 3-5 seconds at the recent indoor meet held by the Kansas City athletic club in that city. He also made what is believed to be a world's record in the 50-yard low hurdles by running them in 5 4-5 seconds. Simpson is the holder of the outdoor world's high hurdle record and has tied the world's record in the 220-yard low hurdles. In addition to these, he is holder of the Missouri Valley record in the broad jump.

Practical Education

While our schools are being conducted very satisfactorily, we believe many of the problems in mathematics are not practical. Why not have problems useful in everyday life? For instance like the following:

If it takes a boy twelve years of age twenty-two minutes to bring in six small sticks of wood, a distance of seventeen feet, how long will it take him to travel a mile to see a circus show procession?

A woman placed four pounds of cold meat and eight slices of bread before a tramp. At the end of twenty minutes how much was left?

A housewife sold a coat to a peddler for a vase worth nine cents, a pair of boots for a china dog worth six cents, and a vest for a glass bottle worth four cents. How much did she receive for all and how much over \$9 clear profit did the peddler make?

A man pays thirty cents for three pounds of evaporated apples and gets a \$14 newspaper puff for sending them to an orphan asylum. Does he gain or lose and how much?

Two females, each thirty years of age are sitting on a sofa. Neither of them has a husband. One is worth two hundred thousand dollars and the other teaches a district school. Which is the unmarried lady and which is the old maid?

A man winks his eye an average of 30,000 times a day and a woman's tongue makes 78,000 motions every twenty-four hours. At this rate how long will it take the man to catch up?

If it cost \$200 for a young lady to learn painting, and she turns out two landscapes worth forty cents apiece, what is the net profit?

It takes twenty blows of a hammer in the hands of a woman to drive a tenpenny nail three inches. She misses the nail twice where she hits it once. How many blows does she strike in all, and how far can her voice be heard when she strikes her thumb?

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