

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

SPRING WORK IN THE RASPBERRY PATCH

One of Our Most Delicious Fruits.
J. B. MORMAN.

The raspberry is the queen of all small fruits. It is delicious both as a fresh fruit and in preserves, and for culture the raspberry is adapted to both the garden or the truck farm. The canes grow rapidly, the better varieties produce heavily the second year, and a patch with proper care will last for about twelve to fifteen years.

Spring is the best time to set out raspberry canes. If the canes are planted in the fall alternate freezing and thawing cause the rootlets to decay, and the plants, unfortunately, readily winter kill. Among the varieties on the market the Cutbert red raspberry is still at the head of the list, and in the gardens the canes should be planted about three feet apart, in rows at least three feet from each other. For farm planting rows should be about six feet distant and the plants set out about four feet apart, and, if possible, plant the rows north and south, which permits the sun to reach all of the fruit, and thus it ripens better. The rows should be cultivated once or twice in a season. During the summer the most vigorous shoots should be allowed to grow after being placed carefully between two wires which are stapled to posts placed about twenty feet apart in the row. To keep the wires firm during the winter clamp them together with short pieces of wire.

Winter Care.
In November, when other garden or farm work slackens, pay the raspberry patch a visit and trim out all the dead canes. These should be buried to destroy any lurking raspberry borers. Trim back the live canes to about four feet. This compels the plant, when growth starts in the spring, to throw out numerous side branches and thus increase their fruiting capacity. Then mulch the rows with leaves, if they are abundant, and weight them down with a heavy coating of coarse farm manure, good compost or chicken manure. The decaying organic materials furnish humus to the soil, and humus is necessary to supply the plants with sufficient plant food. The rain and soil moisture dissolve the materials which plants need, and when the raspberry plants take up this moisture they grow rapidly and bear profusely.

Raspberry canes bear about one year only, but nature provides a new supply of young canes, so that a patch cared for as above described will bear annually and last many years, and since the raspberry blossoms late it is practically guaranteed against injury from frost. For this reason a raspberry crop is almost a certainty.

CHICK DISEASES

How to Overcome them.
A POULTRY RAISER.

Lice, head lice in particular, while not a disease in themselves, are a fertile source of trouble and disease. They are generally found where the chicks are hatched by hens, the little fellows appearing droopy, pale, and with some diarrhea, due to weakness. Dust the hen with a good lice killer, spray the coops with disinfectant and rub a little lice ointment on the chick's head, under the wings and around the vent.

While not so prevalent as sometimes supposed, "white diarrhea" is a real menace, and here prevention is the best remedy. Breed from strong, healthy parent stock and avoid the long, scrawny, crow headed hen, for disease is transmitted through the egg. Keep the incubator dark, feed good nourishing food, separate suspected chicks at once and disinfect thoroughly. If trouble is expected use a white diarrhea remedy in the drinking water for the first ten days. It will save many chicks, but will not cure the disease or save badly affected ones.

Don't Overfeed.
Bowel trouble, due to improper feeding, is often mistaken for white diarrhea. Don't feed chicks until forty-eight hours old, but give fine grit and fresh water from the start. Let the first feed be finely crumbled boiled egg, breadcrumbs or a prepared baby chick food, given dry, or moistened with sweet or sour milk. Do not overfeed, but feed often. Later give a little bit of fine grains, such as pinhead oats, cracked wheat or chick size cracked corn, scattered in the litter to induce exercise. Beef scrap should not be given until chicks are at least a week old. Scald the drinking vessels frequently, give plenty of greens after the first five days and keep the chicks exercising and there will never be any bowel trouble among the birds.

Leg weakness frequently comes from lack of exercise. Chicks appear healthy, have good appetites, are bright, but have no use of their legs. Give them every opportunity to exercise, but do not allow them to become chilled. Bottom heat in a brooder will cause this trouble. The heat should always descend on a chick's back, never upward. Lack of bone forming materials in the food, such as bone or shell meal, also causes leg weakness, and every properly compounded chick food contains these ingredients, so, if it doesn't, either add them or get one that does.

To smother all up, if vigorous, quick growing chicks are wanted breed from only the strongest and best of stock, disinfect freely, clean up regularly, feed the best of food, give lots of good fresh water and use common sense.

FLOWERS AND VINES FOR \$5

Planting With an End In View.

It is well to buy plants and seeds only after having in mind a picture of the garden, just where the shrubs and vines are to be and for what purpose they are planted. Let us suppose, then, that with a new house and a bit of surrounding land, one is possessed with the inevitable wish to develop one's property with an eye to color, seclusion, shade and beauty, but the amount to be spent yearly is limited to \$5 for seeds and plants.

There is a large choice of perennial vines for the house, but much depends upon whether it is of wood or concrete. If the former it will be repainted from time to time, and so vines should be the sort which take kindly to wire. Chinese wistaria, white and purple, with lovely, drooping flower clusters, is adapted for this purpose and is twined about heavy wire. Rambler roses and honeysuckle also twine on poultry wire and add color and fragrance. So a purple wistaria (50 cents), a Hall's honeysuckle (20 cents) and a crimson Rambler (30 cents) make a good beginning, but as perennial vines are slow to start try a New Giant moonflower and Calceolaria Scandens vine, as both grow from seed the first season and cost but 10 cents a pack. In the same bed with the vines plant a row of purple leaved Barbary bushes set two feet apart, costing 20 cents each. On the side of the house nearest the piazza (not north plant) Bush honeysuckle four feet apart (15 cents a package), this giving us a good start toward screening the piazza and hiding the foundations, and now we come to annual flower seeds for beautifying the grounds.

Planting the Annuals.

Plant the annuals either around the borders of the vegetable garden or in a small garden by themselves and run the rows east and west if possible, planting a row of sweet peas (Giant Spencers, one ounce costing 30 cents) on the north side, and plant the other seeds in a corner of the garden, trans planting when well started. A package of each of the following will give an abundance of flowers during the summer and cost 10 cents a package: Larkspur, asters (single and double), balsam, calliopsis, carnations and nasturtiums. Flowers should have a fine mellow soil and respond quickly to care and plenty of water. In planting sweet peas dig a trench twenty inches deep, lay inverted sod in the bottom, then six inches of well rotted cow manure and cover with fine garden loam, planting the seeds one inch apart and two inches deep. Sweet peas are also profitable, being in great demand by the gardenless householders.

CHOOSING A BROODER

Even the Best Brooder Depends on the Operator.

The essential parts of a brooder are the hover and nursery, the former supplying the heat to keep the chicks warm and the latter being the place where they exercise. In purchasing a brooder pick out one that provides for a good circulation of warm, fresh air under the hover, has an ample heating capacity and can be placed where the chicks may get plenty of sunshine.

The indoor oil heated brooder, with the lamp under the brooder floor, the heat passing up through the bottom into a dome forming the center of the hover, is built to be used in a room or house warmed above the freezing point. It is practical, inexpensive, and the better grades are fireproof, provided the rules for operating them are strictly observed. The latest pattern of indoor colony brooders are in the form of a round iron stove surrounded by a galvanized hood making the cover of the hover; these little stoves are filled from the top, regulated by a thermostat and burn but little coal—in fact, one filling of the coal magazine will often last for twenty-four hours.

The Pipe System.

For those who only wish to raise a few hundred chicks the indoor individual brooder is excellent, but where large numbers are to be raised the hot water pipe system is the most economical. This arrangement consists of pipes carried under low board brooders running the length of the house, through which hot water circulates, being heated in a small boiler set in a pit at one end of the building. The cost of installing such a system is not great, and the fuel consumed is surprisingly small.

In using any of the different styles of indoor brooders it is necessary to keep the air in the room or brooder house fresh and pure by some simple system of ventilation which will avoid drafts. Outdoor brooders are usually divided into two compartments, one having the hover and the other being a room in which to exercise. This type of brooder is fine for those who begin hatching in April. They are heated on the same principle as the indoor brooder first spoken of and, like them, are practically fireproof, but should be protected by some sort of screen from the high winds.

A word as to the care of brooders: If oil lamps are used fill and wipe the wicks daily, or if using coal burning heaters, keep the grates clean and remove ashes regularly. Lastly, keep the litter under the hovers clean.

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during his time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

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