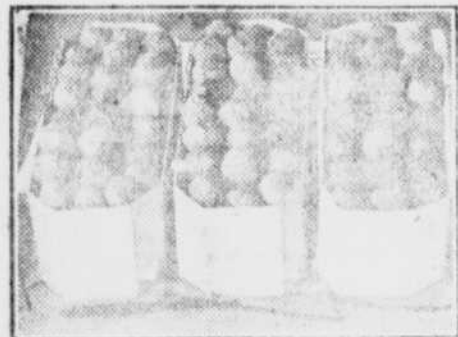


PREPARING GROUND FOR STRAWBERRIES

NECESSARY THAT THE BERRY BEDS BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION — ROTATION WITH OTHER CROPS ADVISED.

Practically all of the land now devoted to strawberry growing in this state once was covered heavily with forest. In clearing this land everything is removed except the stumps, and if the owner has the time and funds they also are removed before the plants are set. While thorough clearing facilitates the culture and handling of the strawberry field, it is not essential in order to secure a profitable crop of berries. Clearing must be done sufficiently early so the ground can be plowed, disked, harrowed and put in the best possible condition before plants are set.

It is essential that the soil be put in just as good condition for strawberries as for any other crop. Sufficient data has been collected from strawberry growers on so-called "old



land" to show the possibilities from such land, and it remains only for the grower to handle this land so its original fertility will be restored.

Where the strawberry grower is a general farmer, the best system is some system of crop rotation. Potatoes, corn and melons, in fact, any of the food crops are excellent to precede strawberry planting. Such crops put the soil in excellent shape and have the great advantage of destroying weeds. Turning under cowpeas, clover, vetch and rice is an excellent practice. The legumes are preferable to other plants. They should be turned under in late fall preceding spring planting. Stable manure and nitrogenous commercial fertilizers are sometimes used to advantage, but as a rule, the best results have been secured by crop rotation, turning under leguminous plants such as mentioned above, and using acid phosphate or bone meal on the patch wherever commercial fertilizer is needed. The strawberry grower will find that it pays well to put more thought, work, and money into thorough preparation of soil before planting a new bed. Such practice will break up the habit of continually looking for new soil.

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GOOD TREE STOCK URGED

W. H. Wicks Advises Nurseryman to Buy Trees Near Home.

As the nurseryman is in the business to produce first class trees, and as his success usually depends upon the development of good orchards, he should buy his nursery stock from the nearest nursery that carries the quality of goods he desires. In securing nursery stock from a nursery nearby, the orchardist will be more apt to get first quality stock than he would in buying from a great distance. It is also well to plant young trees that are grown under climatic conditions similar to that into which they are to be transplanted. The latter, however, is not such a vital point as some may presume, but it is always well to follow the rule where possible.

Plant One Year Old Trees.

Good nursery stock consists not in the short, stunted, crooked and unhealthy specimens which are sometimes pawned off by nursery brokers on the uniformed tree planter, but consists rather of the straight, clean, healthy, well-matured stock from three to five feet in height with a well formed root system. A root system to be well formed should possess main root branches uniformly distributed from the center. These root branches being crossed or tangled indicate poor growing conditions in the nursery and are not desirable.

Inspect For Root Disease.

Watch out for crown gall, hairy root and woolly aphids on the root system. It is advisable to inspect the stock in the nursery before buying, making sure that you will receive the same stock and have the nurseryman pack it properly in boxes for shipment. Make every effort to see that your trees are true to name.

Two things that the orchardist should endeavor to make certain is that he gets the stock he wants and that it is of the best quality, and he should also endeavor to get young trees that are grown under climatic conditions similar to that into which they are to be planted.

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Pig-raising will permit many eyes of management and a person should work out a system best adapted to his farm and stick to it.

ARTESIAN

Farmers are very busy planting corn and getting their land ready for a crop.

Oats look very well but poor stand. Some are sowing alfalfa again this spring.

After the long cold winter we appreciate the springlike weather and Gen. Green is beginning to show up everywhere, and stock are beginning to make their own living in the pastures.

Health is improving in this neighborhood.

Mrs. C. Smart is able to be up after a short illness.

There will be Sunday school and preaching at Artesian Sunday morning and singing in the afternoon. Every one invited to attend.

Miss Elsie Dobbins visited Miss Zora Witcher Sunday.

Mr. Carl Coffee visited in our midst Sunday.

The beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fryberger, Miss Bertha, of Blevins, visited Misses Ethel and Hazel Collins the past week.

The Easter egg hunt at Mr. L. Collins was largely attended Sunday afternoon. Mr. Drewery Avery and Miss Gladys Witcher were the lucky ones in finding the greatest number of eggs.

All enjoyed singing at Mr. John Spoonamore's Sunday afternoon.

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A SHREWD ECONOMIST

Patrick O'Hoolihan was the originator of the little Irish village. He was the wisest of the wise and was looked up to by the other members of the community as a veritable encyclopedia. But especially did he pride himself upon his scriptural learning.

It was the custom in the village church Sunday mornings for all the inhabitants to attend and Patrick, who never missed a Sunday, always occupied the front pew.

One Sabbath, when the minister was reading the Bible, several dignitaries were present from another town, and in an endeavor to wax particularly eloquent the pastor became slightly confused and said, "And there were five thousand loaves and three fishes to feed a multitude of seven." And then to point his moral and adorn his tale he looked straight at the infallible Pat and said, "And sure, Pat, you couldn't do that, now could you?"

"Indeed, I could," said Pat, and the sermon continued.

That night, however, when the preacher reached his home and thought over his morning sermon, it dawned on him that he had made a serious error concerning the loaves and the fishes. Accordingly the next Sunday he rose in the pulpit and said in explanation, "Brethren, last Sabbath I made a mistake and said that there were five thousand loaves and three fishes to feed the multitude of seven, but what I should have said was that there were seven loaves and three fishes to feed the multitude of five thousand." And then he looked at Pat again and said, "And now Pat, sure you could not do, could you?"

"Ah, yis, Oi could," replied Pat.

"And how would you do it, Pat?" asked the minister.

"Why," said Pat, "Oi would give them what was left over from last Sunday."

With the coming of spring and the laying aside of furs and heavy clothing, the housewife who is looking to the health and happiness of her household will also put aside the winter food

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and make a complete change in her menus. Every fruit and green vegetable that is available should be made use of in the spring diet, and all rich and heavy foods used in winter menus, put aside. Puddings, pastries, pancakes and most meats should be absolutely tabooed, and fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese and lighter breads be used in their places.

A pleasant and wholesome change from the pancake and waffle will be found in the little rosette wafers, and these can also be made the foundations for numerous desserts to take the place of doughnuts, puddings and pastries. These wafers can be served for breakfast with creamed fish, chipped beef, poached egg, or, in place of waffles, they can be served hot and crisp with powdered sugar. They are delightful sprinkled with powdered sugar and served with unsweetened whipped cream, and are

equally good with bananas or berries and cream.

Oysters, creamed chicken, mushrooms or sweetbreads served on the wafers and decorated with olives, radishes, watercress or parsley, make an easily prepared and appetizing entree.

When used as a breakfast dish or for combining with meat or vegetables, the cornmeal, whole wheat or white flour recipe may be used, but the batter should contain little or no sugar. When made to serve for dessert they are nicer if more sugar is added. —Margaret B. Folks, in Southern Woman's Magazine.

A GROWING EVIL.

One of the many growing evils of this country today is the city department store. In our town, where we have the best of stores, the most honorable merchants, and where goods are sold at a bargain so small as to afford a respectable living to our business

men, thousands of dollars are annually sent to the department stores of our great cities. Farmers expect our merchants to pay them a fancy price for their butter, eggs, poultry, for their pumpkins, potatoes, apples, peaches and tomatoes, and then they take the money received from our home merchants and send it to a city department store. There is neither economy or honor in such a manner of doing business. You can write it down in your hat that as a rule the city department store is a swindle. Our citizens who patronize them should be compelled to ship their butter and eggs to them. There is not a business man in our town who will not duplicate their prices for the same quality of goods, and he who turns down his home merchant to patronize these fakirs is far from being a loyal, patriotic and good citizen.

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