

CAULIFLOWER SEED

A Woman on Puget Sound Island Grows a Huge Quantity of It

Nine-tenths of the world's supply of Cauliflower seed is grown by a woman on a Puget Sound Island. Starting as this statement may seem, the fact remains that it is not due altogether to any supremacy of knowledge or skill that has enabled Mrs. Anne Archibault to achieve what thousands of first rank gardeners hopelessly abandoned. It is due to the peculiar climatic conditions of Whidby Island. Outside of Holland no other section affords the climatic requisites for maturing the seed pods of cauliflower plants.

It was an accident, this discovery of Mrs. Archibault, that has made it possible for her to own 1,000 acres of fertile land and to enjoy a business of \$100,000 annually. Cauliflower seed will not mature except under certain favorable conditions. One is dampness, humidity, which gives the tiny seeds the plumpness so essential to development. Another is water—not irrigation, rain, nor the wet, boggy wash of a marsh, but a continuous moist soil beneath which a hardpan subsoil acts as a floor to a reservoir. The land of Whidby Island is ideal for this culture.

Cauliflower plants are transplanted like cabbage in rows. The usual cultivation is continued until the seed pods form. Then even the wind should be kept from the fields, for even the flutter of a tiny bird over a cluster of the seed pods will mar the perfect development of the seed. Harvest consists in gathering the dry pods, artificial drying in the sun, a clover-seed separator and a fanning mill.

Mrs. Archibault's first crop amounted to a handful of seed. About this time she read in a bulletin issued by the department of agriculture that the supply of this seed was short and limited to a few hundred pounds. This was five years ago. Like a flash Mrs. Archibault saw her longed for independence. She grew 400 pounds of seed in 1907. Communication with some well-known seedmen brought orders for her supply at \$3 a pound. Every year since she has increased the yield of seed until the present world's supply of 30,000 pounds is practically all grown by her.

Farmers all over Whidby Island grow this seed and sell their product to Mrs. Archibault, who markets it through her eastern sales agencies.

The cauliflower fields are beautiful at flowering time, the immaculate snow-white blossoms being alive with white butterflies. The mistress does not interfere with these cabbage moths, believing they aid in scattering the pollen from flower to flower.—Gail H. Fickle.

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