

STAKE TOMATO PLANT TO OBTAIN QUALITY

Adapted to Every Garden, Whether Large or Small.

Plants Should Be Started Indoors and Gradually Hardened to Outside Conditions—Two Methods for Home Garden.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Tomatoes are adapted to growing in every garden, whether large or small. To have a supply early in the season, the seed should be sown under cover four to six weeks before the weather becomes warm outdoors, and the plants should be transplanted once or twice before setting them in the open ground. Two dozen plants can usually be purchased at the seed store cheaper than they can be grown. Pot-grown plants are usually the best if they can be secured.

Indoor plants should be gradually hardened to outside conditions. This can be done by placing the boxes or



Tomatoes Staked

pots in which they are planted out doors for several hours each day when the weather is warm. They may be left out all night when there is no danger of frost. Plants for the main or late crop can be started outdoors after the ground has become warm.

Two methods are in vogue for growing tomatoes in home gardens. In the small garden the plants may be set two feet apart in each direction and then pruned to a single stem and tied to stakes. Where plenty of land is available the plants may be set three to four feet apart and allowed to grow naturally upon the ground. It should be borne in mind, however, that by trimming and tying the plants to stakes a better quality of fruit is obtained, and that the fruit will ripen earlier than when they are not trimmed and trained. From twenty-five to fifty tomato plants will be sufficient for growing in the home garden, and this number should furnish plenty of tomatoes for summer use and for canning.—United States Department of Agriculture.

START OKRA IN BERRY BOXES

After All Danger of Frost Is Past Transplant Young Plants in the Open Garden.

Sow the seeds of okra in the open after the ground has become quite warm, or start the plants in berry boxes in a hotbed and transplant them to the garden after all danger of frost is past. The rows should be 4 feet apart for the dwarf sorts and 5 feet apart for the tall kinds, with the plants 2 feet apart in the row. Okra does best in rather rich land and requires frequent shallow cultivation until the plants cover the ground.

The young pods are the part used, and these are employed principally in soups, to which they impart a pleasant flavor and mucilaginous consistency. If the pods are removed from the plants and none allowed to ripen, the plants will continue to produce pods until killed by frost, but the best pods are grown on young plants. Okra pods can be dried or canned for winter use.—United States Department of Agriculture.

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Made even more tremendous than in 1921 by the recent addition of many more trained wild animal displays and the purchase of Europe's biggest horse show, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's combined will exhibit in Chicago, Grant Park, for nine days, starting July 22.

All who glance over the cable news or who read the magazines must have noted the many contracts entered into by the Ringling Brothers for foreign talent last winter. A special ship was chartered this spring to bring the hundreds of human performers, trained animal acts and equine displays to America. More than a million persons saw the mammoth new circus of 1922 during the weeks that it exhibited in Madison Square Garden, New York. Now this marvelous exhibition is touring the country aboard five great railroad trains. It is a third bigger than the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey show of last season. It is ten times bigger than any other circus now on tour.

Big as is this wonder circus of 1922—with its more than twenty trained wild-animal displays in steel arenas, fully 150 wonderfully schooled trick horses, 700 men and women performers, 100 clowns, and scores of features—the price of admission is no more than before. And though the trained animal numbers and the immense horse show were circuses in themselves while touring Europe, they

are not offered as separate attractions by the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey combined shows. Instead all are on one gigantic program. Everything is in one mammoth main tent. One ticket admits to all and includes admission to the tremendous double menagerie. There are more than a thousand animals in the zoo of this circus and these include a tiny baby hippopotamus only recently born, and accompanied by its three-ton mother. Another remarkable zoological feature is an armored rhinoceros, the only one known to exist and for which the Ringlings recently refused an offer of \$30,000.

Mr and Mrs A. G. Michel left Monday morning via automobile for a two weeks vacation in and near Fairmount, Minn. With them are Mrs. Michel's father and mother, Mr and Mrs John Mohr and her aunt and cousin, Mrs. and Miss Hyde, of Fairmount, who have been visiting here.

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When the Eskimo goes out in a kavak, he puts on a special sealskin, waterproof shirt over his regular clothing. With very great care he steps into the kavak, sliding his feet over the tender bottom until he is seated on the wooden seat which is only the thickness of the wood above the bottom. Then he draws over the combing the end of his shirt, which tightly fits the combing part of the kavak.

Experts of Greenland learn to turn a somersault in a canoe and come up again on even keel, an exchange states. But the best of the Eskimos of Greenland are not content with merely being able to right the kavak when it overturns. They practice until they are able to paddle the kavak in such a way that they shoot ahead on their course even as they turn that dangerous somersault in the sea.

Gauges Food by Cans.

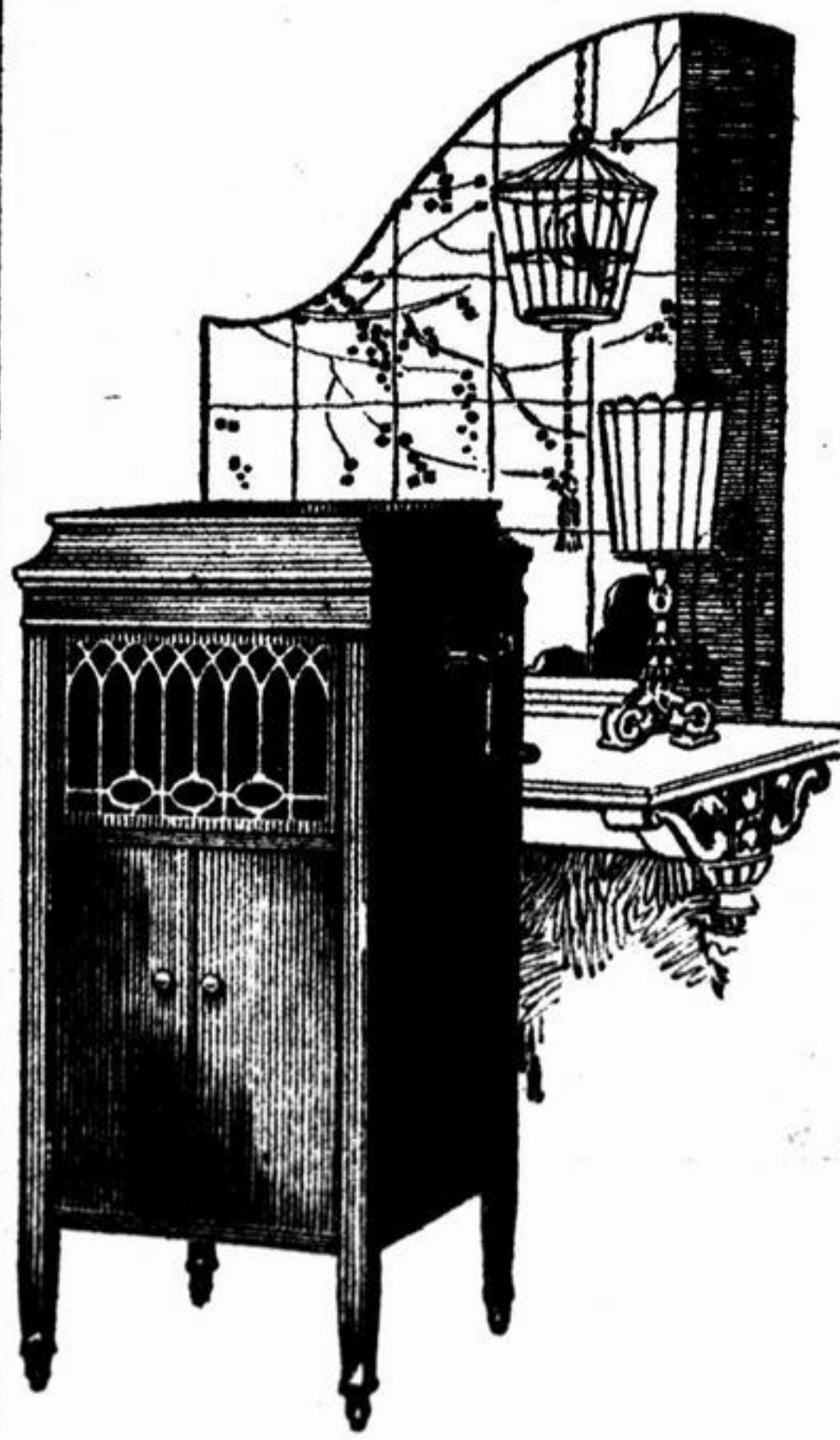
Dingley, who hails from the West and is merely a sojourner in the big city, sees all sorts of things to make him wonder.

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