GROWING TOMATOES IN ALBERTA

The production of tomatoes in large quantities on the prairie does not appear to have been a success in the past, but prairie people are of a type who are forever doing something which was never done before. Messrs. G. O. Kerr and J. E. Terrill, of Lethbridge, Alberta, have observed for some years that tomatoes in small quantities were matured in the Lethbridge district and decided that there was no reason why the experiment should not be made on a commercial scale. As a result about two acres of tomatoes were set out last summer on land farmed by Mr. Kerr, a few miles east of Lethbridge. The plants were started under glass in Lethbridge and set out on June 6, 7 and 8, at which time they were from 6 to 8 inches in height. Three thousand five hundred plants were set in the plot, some of them three feet apart and some four feet apart. The experience of the season seems to indicate that the four foot plant is preferable.

The soil secured was an old pasture which had since been in alfalfa and is protected by a wind break of trees on the western side. It is a very rich loam with a gentle south slope and, of course, is irrigated. The land was cultivated in the ordinary way and irrigated before planted and three times afterwards.

The first of the ripe fruit was available seven weeks after setting out the plants, or about the end of July. During the month of August from five to six hundred pounds of beautiful ripe fruit was taken off the plot each day and this rate of production continued into September. The total yield of the plot is estimated at 35,000 pounds and a ready market was found for the product in the city of Lethbridge, the early ripe tomatoes bringing twenty-five cents a pound and the latter crop fifteen cents a pound. The gross price of 35,000 pounds at the latter figure is $5,250.

According to Mr. Kerr, no difficulties were experienced in the production of this crop. The vines were trimmed early in July for the purpose of producing heavier fruit and also admitting more sunshne which ripened it very rapidly. The tomatoes were as large and as well developed as the best imported stock from British Columbia or Washington and, being local grown, they, of course, reached the consumer in better condition. The crop was so heavy that in many cases the support stakes which had been put in for the vines to climb on were broken down. One vine was noted which had eighty-three tomatoes on it.

Up to the middle of September no damage had been experienced from frost, although as a precautionary measure flax straw had been dumped about the plot, so that smudges could be started if necessary. Mr. Kerr points out that the essential thing in the production of this crop was the irrigation, which not only increased the amount of fruit, but by affording ample moisture at the right time resulted in early ripening. Without irrigation it is doubtful if the experiment would have been at all successful, and while it is not suggested that every person can go into tomato raising in Southern Alberta and produce $2,600 per acre the experience in this case is at least instructive as to what these irrigated lands are capable of. It is not too much to say that such lands, if located in the mountainous part of the continent, would be sold at many hundreds of dollars per acre, but because they are found in Alberta in practically limitless sweeps of prairie they are still sold ready for the plow at less than what would be the cost of clearing them in even lightly timbered regions. Their very abundance makes it difficult to grasp their value but there is little doubt that some day they will be the home of the most productive and closely settled agricultural community on the continent.

THE CONQUEST OF THE AIR

Pioneers Who Have Blazed a Trail Through Aerial Regions.

1500—Jean-Baptiste Dante made flights with a glider of non-vibrant wings in Perugia, Italy.
1742—Marquis De Bacqueville used imitation flapping wings from house on Seine to garden of the Tuileries.
1842—Henson patented monople to be driven by steam engine. Wing span 140 feet.
1871—M. A. Penaud built toy model which flew 131 feet in garden of the Tuileries.
1876—Penaud designed airplane with two propellers.
1896—Prof. S. P. Langley's steam-driven monoplane model flew over Pontomac successfully for 3000 feet at twenty to twenty-five miles an hour.
1896—Lillienthal flew biplane glider previous to fitting it with 2½ horsepower engine; killed in flight.
1900—Wilbur and Orville Wright experimented with gliders with arched surfaces and adinstable rudder in front. Glided 600 feet.
1903—December 17.—Wright brothers fitted a biplane glider with a sixteen horsepower motor, make first successful sustained flight in world.
1906—September 13.—Santos Dumont made first officially recorded European airplane flight.
1907—October 26.—Henry Farman, Englishman, flew Voisin 2500 feet in fifty-two and five-tenth seconds in a straight line.
1908—August 8.—Orville Wright surpassed French records for duration with one passenger.
1909—July 25.—Bleriot crossed the English Channel from Calais to Dover in thirty-seven minutes.
1909—September 29.—Wilbur Wright flew around the Statue of Liberty.
1913—June—Brindejon flew from Paris to Warsaw stopping at Berlin, covering 933 miles in eleven hours, including stops.
1914—July—Successful trials of the "America," ordered by Rodman Wanamaker for trans-atlantic flight.
1914—1918—War period.
1919—Harry G. Hawker and Commander MacKenzie Grieve cross considerable portion of Atlantic in Sopwith plane.

My Vase.

My blue vase holds a cherry spray,
And it is May.
The walls are close about my chair;
My soul and I do not despair.
We wander where the west wind thrills
Across the hills,
Where hickory buds are silken pink,
And footsteps sink
In gold-green meadows warm with spring,
And thrushes sing.

My blue vase holds a soft, red rose.
Its leaves unclose.
My soul and I are drugged with sweets
Down garden walks where sunlight meets
In golden flakes beneath the trees;
And yellow bees
Lie buried deep in flower hearts.
The long grass parts
Above a path where poppies nod—
Glad dreams of God.

My blue vase holds a holly spray
With berries gay.
Come in, come in! My fire glows,
Its crimson flames in leaping rows.
Dear friends, your hands in mine tonight
Beneath the light
Of yellow candles, soft with screens
Of Christmas greens.
Your voices in some rich old song
Will linger long.
My soul and I would keep you near
When leaves grow sear.

A Prayer at Planting Time.

Now I shall make my garden
As true men build a shrine,
An humble thing where yet shall spring
The seeds that are divine,
Since each a prayer I sow them there
In reverential line.

Oh, little is my garden space,
But great the prayer I pray;
With every seed against earth's need
That men may sow to-day,
My hope is thrown, my faith is sown
To make the harvest gay.

Oh, gardens spacious, gardens small,
For you my prayer is said:
That God's own hand may touch the land
And give His people bread,
As once before on that far shore
His multitudes were fed.

Cream that is just turning sour will whip well if mixed with a little sugar, and will not taste any different from sweet cream.

Grape-Nuts

is easy to digest because it is baked and rebaked for over twenty hours.

The result is a food full of sustaining value.

Wonderful Flavor
Sturdy Nourishment

PALE AND WEAK DESPONDENT PEOPLE

Owe Their Condition to Weak, Watery Blood—How to Regain Strength.

Every woman's health is p[illegible] dependent upon the condition of her blood. Far too many women suffer with headaches, pains in the back, poor appetite, weak digestion, palpitation of the heart, a constant feeling of weariness, shortness of breath, pallor and nervousness. Of course all these symptoms may not be present in any particular case. They are merely a warning that the blood is out of order, and that it is thin and watery, and if you note any of these symptoms in your own case, you should lose no time in taking the proper steps to enrich and purify the blood. Anaemia — poverty of the blood—is a most insidious disease and if allowed to run will end in a complete breakdown of the system. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are, beyond doubt, the greatest blood-making tonic offered the public to-day. For more than a quarter of a century they have been the stand-by of hundreds of thousands of people in all parts of the world. No other medicine has ever achieved such world-wide popularity, and the reason is that this medicine does what is claimed for it, enriches and purifies the blood, thus bringing new strength to every organ and every nerve in the body. In this way Dr. Williams' Pink Pills bring new health to weak, despondent people. Among the many who speak highly of this medicine is Mrs. Louis D. Larsh, Windsor, Ont., who says:—"It would be impossible for me to recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills too highly. Some years ago I was very thin and pale; I suffered many of the symptoms of anaemia, and always felt tired, depressed and weak. I had tried several medicines, but they did not seem to help me. Then acting on the advice of a friend, I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Before I had used half a dozen boxes I was actually feeling like a new person and had gained nine pounds in weight. I continued taking the pills until I had taken a dozen boxes, and from that time I have always enjoyed the best of health. I freely write you this letter in the hope that some woman in need, as I was, will see it and be benefited as I have been."

Most of the troubles that affect mankind are due to impoverished blood, and will promptly disappear if the blood is built up and renewed. If you are ailing, give this greatest of tonic medicines a fair trial and it will not disappoint you. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can be procured through any dealer in medicines, or will be sent by mail at 50c a box or six boxes for $2.50 by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

SPRING TIME IS PAINT TIME.

At the recent annual meeting of the Commission of Conservation, Hon. Senator Edwards made the statement that unless Canada exercised more care with her forest resources, the day was not far distant when we would be without our supplies of lumber.

While this statement referred particularly to the protection of forests, it might with equal force be applied to the protection of our buildings, fences, farm implements, etc., for the reason that, in the latter case, there is not only the value of the original forest product to protect, but also the value of the human energy necessary for the transformation of that timber into its various wood products.

Spring, from time immemorial, has been known as house-cleaning time. During recent years this period has developed a popular slogan, "Clean up and paint up." As a conservation measure this would be hard to improve upon. Wood, when exposed to the weather without protection soon deteriorates, it bears a shabby and neglected appearance, and is in a great majority of cases but an indication of the enterprise or carelessness of the owner.

Our soldiers are coming home, they are coming from a country of homes, where thrift is paramount, where the people take pride in their premises and keep them in the best condition. Can we not, this spring, bear this in mind, and let our boys see that the home folks have awakened to the advantages of cleaning up and painting up, that their homes bear that well-kept and cheery appearance that bids them welcome?

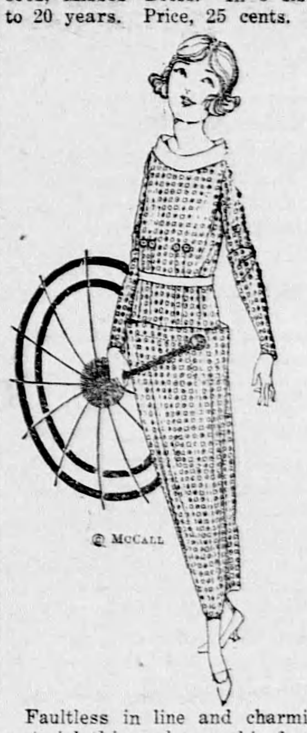
The Marshall Islands.

The Marshall Islands are a group not far from Australia recently wrested from German control. Up to a period in the not very remote past their inhabitants followed cannibal proclivities. The late Alexander Agassiz, in the course of his ethnological studies in the South Sea Islands, had an uncommonly interesting experience with the Marshall Islanders. A group of native warriors were persuaded to sing a typical war chant of the tribe. Unknown to them one of Mr. Agassiz's assistants recorded the chant on one of the early phonographs, then a new thing to civilization itself. At the end of the chant the needle was reversed and the astonished natives listened to the strangest echo they ever heard.

"The cardinals of character are the four requisites: Truth, kindness of heart, honor, right feeling."

The Latest Designs

Insertion trims this little frock that would be suitable for graduation or as a bridesmaid's costume at a simple wedding. McCall Pattern No. 8952, Misses' Dress. In 3 sizes, 16 to 20 years. Price, 25 cents.



Faultless in line and charming in material this makes a chic frock for the miss. McCall Pattern No. 8948, Misses' Dress. In 4 sizes, 14 to 20 years. Price, 25 cents.

These patterns may be obtained from your local McCall dealer, or from the McCall Co., 70 Bond St., Toronto, Dept. W.

CHILDHOOD CONSTIPATION

Constipated children can find prompt relief through the use of Baby's Own Tablets. The Tablets are mild but thorough laxative which never fail to regulate the bowels and stomach, thus driving out constipation and indigestion; colds and simple fevers. Concerning them Mrs. Gaspard Daigle, Demain, Que., writes: "Baby's Own Tablets have been of great benefit to my little boy, who was suffering from constipation and indigestion. They quickly relieved him and now he is in the best of health." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cts. a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

There are too many tangled trails
That start with promise true,
But never lead us to the scenes
Our longing eyes would view.
Alone, undimmed by tears between,
Tho' far our steps may roam,
Runs back the path of memory
To mother and to home!

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

"Canada-Product" has been chosen by the Canadian Trade Commission as the trade-mark of goods going to Europe under government credits.

The production of oysters in British Columbia, though limited as yet, is increasing. In 1917, the province produced 1,789 barrels, which is approximately 15 per cent. in excess of the 1916 catch.

MONEY ORDERS.

Dominion Express Money Orders are on sale in five thousand offices throughout Canada.

Three ships have already sailed with Canadian supplies to restock Rumanian farms under the $25,000,000 credit. The Canadian Trade Commission is "up to its eyes" in work arranging the clothing and other sections of the order.

George Dubois, the French sculptor, has finished the model of a monument commemorating the Lusitania, to be anchored on a float off the Irish coast.

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Call Again.

Maid—There's a mendicant at the door, madam.

Mrs. Newrich—Well, tell him we haven't anything to mend just at present.

He Carried On.

Fond Mamma—Oh, look, papa, how solid baby feels this morning. Catch hold of him.

Papa—Yes; there certainly seems a difference. He was all "holler" last night

The Stalking Stork.

Little Johnnie, age seven, was playing with his little girl neighbor, Judith, age eight. In view of her superior age, Johnnie asked her, confidently, one day:

"Say, Judith," he said, "does storks really bring babies?"

"Yeth, Johnnie," lisped Judith, "because after Thister Thusey came I heard papa thay thomething about an awfullly big bill!"

No Horses There.

The new servant girl was told to order the family vegetables at the grocer's. After noting what was asked for, the tradesman inquired:

"Won't your mistress want any horseradish to-day? Some just in nice and fresh."

Tossing her head indignantly, Mary Jane replied:

"No, indeed; she don't want no such thing. Master keeps a motor car!"

Too Late.

The professor of a certain medical college asked a student how much of a certain medicine should be administered to the sufferer.

"A tablespoonful," promptly answered the young man. In about a minute, however, he said:

"Professor, I would like to change my answer to that question." The doctor took out his watch.

"My young friend," he observed gravely, "too late! Your patient has been dead forty seconds."

Not to be Bribed.

"Pat," said the excise officer, "I'll give you five shillings if you'll take me to a private still." Pat agreed, pocketed the money, and off they started.

For many weary miles, over mountain, bog and moor they tramped, until they came into view of a barracks. Pointing to a soldier seated on a step inside the square, Pat said, "There ye are, sor, me brother Mike; he's been a soldier for ten years an' he's a private still."

WALLPAPER WILLS

Curious Writing Materials Used by Testators for Last Testament.

Apropos the recent case of a will being written on a piece of wallpaper, it may be noted that, so long as the proper formalities required by the law are complied with, it is immaterial what the will be written on.

Taking advantage of this fact, one eccentric testator elected to write his on a door, and the executors had no choice but to have the door unscrewed from its hinges and carried into court to be proved.

"Mary, all that is mine is thine," was scribbled on a torn luggage label and held to be valid as a will, while a wealthy American grocer wrote his bequests of thousands of dollars on a piece of brown wrapping paper.

Another eccentric testator wrote his will on the lid of a collar-box, inside which he placed his cash and securities.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

Work on, nor count thy work a trivial thing—
No earnest life was ever lived in vain;
The fragrance of a wild flower's blossoming
May soothe a grieving heart or ease a pain.
Omnipotence upholds each distant star—
Omniscient love knows where the flowers are.

LISTEN TO THIS! SAYS CORNS LIFT RIGHT OUT NOW

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called freezone, which the moment a few drops are applied to any corn, the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts out with the fingers.

It is a sticky ether compound which dries the moment it is applied and simply shrivels the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. It is claimed that a quarter of an ounce of freezone will cost very little at any of the drug stores, but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.

You are further warned that cutting at a corn is a suicidal habit.

POULTRY WANTED

WHAT HAVE YOU FOR SALE IN Live Poultry, Fancy Hens, Pigeons, Eggs, etc.? Write I. Weinrauch & Son, 10-18 St. Jean Baptiste Market, Montreal, Que.

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CANCER, TUMORS, LUMPS, ETC., internal and external, cured without pain by our home treatment. Write us before too late. Dr. Bellman Medical Co., Limited, Collingwood, Ont

Blowing Clocks.

In childish tunic, golden brown,
A rosy baby sits him down
Upon the grass all overgrown
With Clocks from Dandelions blown.

"One o'clock! and two! and three!"
The red lips blow so prettily—
The fluffy down about him whirls,
He laughs and shakes his tangled curls.

With sailor hat slung down behind,
A quainter picture one can't find,
The brown legs bare above the socks
A rosy baby blowing clocks.

Minard's Liniment Co., Ltd.

Gents,—I have used your Minard's Liniment in my family and also in my stables for years and consider it the best medicine obtainable.

Yours truly,
ALFRED ROCHAV,
Proprietor Roxton Pond Hotel and Livery Stables.

True worth is in being, not seeming;
In doing each day that goes by,
Some little good, not in the dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.
For what ever men say in their blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth;
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.

Candied peel can be shredded far more quickly with scissors than with a knife.

GIRLS! LEMON JUICE IS A SKIN WHITENER

How to make a creamy beauty lotion for a few cents.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quarter pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands.

FREE

We give a beautiful gold locket and neck chain or two lovely rings absolutely free of cost to you. Send your name and address for 20 of our jewelry novelties to sell at 10c each. When sold send us the amount due, and we will immediately send you your gold the premium you select. Write today.

Best Premiums, Ltd., Amherst, N. S.

A Constipation Cure

A druggist says: "For nearly thirty years I have commended the Extract of Roots, known as Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, for the radical cure of constipation and indigestion. It is an old reliable remedy that never fails to do the work." 30 drops thrice daily. Get the Genuine, at druggists. 2

CUTICURA HEALS ECZEMA

All over baby's face. Came in water blisters and then formed a solid scale. Began to itch and burn so had to bandage his hands as he wanted to scratch. Face was badly disfigured. Trouble lasted 4 months. Began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Used one cake Soap and one box Ointment when he was healed.

From signed statement of Mrs. Albert Ellis, Wettenberg, N. S.

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