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In Your Garden

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The main object of pruning, whether it be rose bushes, fruit trees or flowering shrubs, is to open up the centre of the growth so that sunshine and air may penetrate freely and also, of course, to produce a symmetrical plant. Naturally any dead or weak growth should be removed and also branches that rub against each other.

Early March until late in June, is usually considered the best time for this sort of work, but there are a few specific exceptions. Most of these are the early blooming shrubs, such as the Forsythia. These should be left until after blooming. Grapes must be pruned early in March to avoid excessive bleeding. Raspberries are pruned after the crop has produced and then all the year-old canes should be removed, leaving only the new shoots.

MAKING A HOT-BED

The best arrangement for starting seed indoors is a hot-bed, though where only a few plants of each variety are required a shallow box in a sunny window will be sufficient. A frame-work about 18 inches high, which contains two inches of fine garden soil on a layer of fresh, slightly strawy, horse manure or some other heat-producing material. In an open place and facing the south dig a pit of the same dimensions as the window-frame and about a foot deep. Into this put the manure. (If frost prevents digging, simply pile on top of the ground). The layer of manure should be about 18 inches thick when well pressed down. It is held in place by the sides of the pit and the frame. On top is placed two inches of light garden soil, preferably mixed with a little sand. The window is fitted snugly into place on top and should be about nine inches above the soil at the front and 15 inches at the back to allow rain to run off and also catch the full rays of the sun. At the first the soil will heat quite rapidly, but in about three days, it will have cooled to around 80 degrees which is the proper temperature.

The seed is planted in rows about two inches apart, and the bed watered frequently. On warm days it will be necessary to ventilate by raising the window frame an inch or so. When the second set of leaves develop, thin. About three weeks before going outside, the seedlings are transplanted to a cold frame, which is the same as a hot-bed only without the heating manure. Here they are hardened thoroughly before being set out in their permanent quarters. When started in the house the procedure is practically the same, only of course, no heating material is needed. Boxes about three inches deep are fillled with a mixture of sand and light soil and placed in a bright window where, preferably, there is a double glass to prevent cold draughts at night.

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Dobbin Returning To Smaller Farms

HELENA, MONT., — Old Dobbin—despite his appetite—is running machinery right off small farms in Montana, W. J. Butler, state veterinarian said today.

Farmers are finding it cheaper, he explains, to use work horses.

"It is surprising," he said, "the number of good horses seen in use in western Montana, where farms run to the smaller sizes. The use of machinery has paid on some large farming operations, but by and large, the horses have proven best."

School Teachers

A Carnegie report prompts the question of who are the competent teachers. The learned Dr. William S. Learned, in charge of the foundation's 10-year study, asks a question and hastens to answer that "school teachers are not well prepared. His observation is that many of the most perceptive minds dislike teaching and therefore will have no part in it. On the other hand, he says:—

Those who will teach are the average and below-average minds that lack knowledge and therefore insight into the genuine learning process; consequently they are glad to submit themselves to the institutional machines which tell them what to do and relieve them of responsibility.

But, contends the Detroit Free Press, there must be a middle ground between the pure academics proclaimed by the learned doctor and the below-average mental level he denounces. Would elimination of a lower layer of educational strata be reflected in a correspondingly higher polish on the student body? Probably not.

A teacher may not be so hot as an academician, but a whizz at keeping a class of young hyenas in leash, and what is teaching but discipline, persuasion and a lot of patience, What's in the text books is second to tactful guidance.

If that isn't so why do we have so many teachers who handle kids better than their mothers? These are the ones who get the big red apples.

A Timely Publication

The year 1936 marked many political changes throughout the world. Revolutions in Spain and Paraguay; general elections in the United States, Japan and France; the overturn of many cabinets; the disappearance of Ethiopia as an independent state—these are but examples.

To take account of these important changes, the POLITICAL HANDBOOK OF THE WORLD, 1937, which has been published annually since 1928, has ben thoroughly revised as of January first of this year.

This volume is published at $2.50 by Tarper & Brothers New York, for the Conucil on Foreign Relations.

Only Best Hens Are Enrolled As Nazis

Hens have been enrolled as Nazis by Hitler and wil lay more eggs for the fatherland. Only the best hens will receive approval of Berlin. There are 56,000,000 German hens, but only the hens that lay 20 eggs a month will be regarded as true Nazis. The town hen is to be fed with kitchen scraps to keep up with the barnyard fowl. Rabbits, goats, bees and silk-worms are all to be brought into the drive for greater production. Bees will be encouraged by new clover crops to make an additional 17,000 tons of honey a year. The goat mik output will be raised to 15,000,000 pints a year.

"Marxism demands more wages, National Socialism, more production. The first means paper and the second prodcts."

—Adolf Hitler.

Alleged WIT

A married man is authority for the statement that a girl's tears are phony unless her nose is red.

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Mrs. Gabble— (showing photo to husband)—This is an instantaneous picture of myself.

Mr. Gabble—I can see that, without having it told. Your mouth is shut.

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SPRING SONG

Rain, rain, go away,
Come again some other day—
In July or August!

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Friend—I know an artist who painted a cobweb so real that a maid spent a full hour trying to get it down.

Man—Sorry, old man, but I don't believe it.

Friend—Why not? Artists have been known to do such things.

Man—Yes, but maids haven't.

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Rural Father (to his college son)—Why do you spend so much time on the crease of your pants?

College Son—It is very important, dad, not to wear baggy trousers.

Rural Father — Important, is it? Did you ever see the statue of a famous man who didn't wear baggy trousers?

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This is from the Los Angeles Times:— "People who have half an hour to spare usually spend it with somebody who hasn't."

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A party of tourists were being shown over the cathedral by a guide:—

Guide—Behind the altar lies Richard the Second. In the Church yard outside lies Mary Queen of Scots. By the door there lies Henry the VIII. And who, (he demanded, halting above an unmarked flag-stone), do you think is lying there?

Nearby Tourist—Well, I don't know for sure, but I have my suspicions.

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Read it or not:—

One-fourth of the babies prematurely born in the United States hospitals die before leaving the hospital.

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Woman—Joe, you carry the baby and let me have the eggs. You might drop them

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SIGNS OF SPRING

The tulips are above the ground,
The bluebird's back from the South,
Upon my roof the rain drops pound,
And soon will end the drouth.
The cleaning companies advertise,
For Winter clothes, a rate;
The seed concern will give a prize
If you order now—don't wait.
Each day some harbinger adorns,
But the surest sign of Spring
Comes from my tender, aching corns—
They hurt like everything!

Along Canada's Mining Highway

In addition to the Kerr Addison, Martin Bird and Omega properties, which are conceded to be substantial mines in the making, numerous incorporations are being formed to develop the prospect areas in the Larder Lake district. The immediate vicinity of the Kerr Addison is the scene of the greatest activity.

Wesley Gold Mines, to the south-east of the Kerr Addison, the Chesterville and Pelangio properties to the east, and the Shaver property to the north-east, are new incorporations. Wesley Gold Mines are diamond drilling; Pelangio have men at work; and the Chesterville are also reported to have operations under way. To the west, Barber Larder and Armistice Gold are starting active developments.

Mr. C. S. Greenland is Consulting Engineer in charge of operations on the Pelangio and Barber Larder properties. He is particularly familiar with the district through his connection with the Martin Bird property. The Martin Bird is located some four miles to the south-west of the Kerr Addison.

A normal woman is one whose biscuits turn out to be flat failures when company stays for dinner.

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Prisoner: Judge, must I be tried by that jury with all those women on it?

Judge—Certainly; they have all been sworn to duty.

Prisoner—Then, your honor, I'll plead guilty. It's no use to try to fool a pack of strange women when I can't deceive my own wife.

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It isn't so very difficult to forgive an enemy, unless you have done him some shabby trick you are ashamed of.

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There is one nice thing about being honest. You don't need to consult a lawyer to find out how.

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The manager of the travelling concert party gazed glumly at the audience—five, all told.

"I say, old man," he whispered to the comedian. "How do you account for this? We've never been here before, have we?"

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The man who is a great man to his neighbors is very great indeed.

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Nothing is so frail and breaks so easily as the Ten Commandments.

Innovation

Here's a free birth notice, but we've got to publish it; otherwise we'll feel we're depriving readers of this column of knowledge of the latest innovation.

Declare Food Is Not Cause of Bad Dreams

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa.—Amateur psychologists at Westminster College decided on the basis of questionnaires and experiments that:

Food does not cause bad dreams.

Women sleep more lightly and dream more than men, and remember their dreams more vividly.

Dreams do not forecast future events.

In a series of experiments members of psychology classes learned that external stimuli stimulate dreams which are definitely connected with the external forces.

For instance, ice-bags placed on the head of one victim caused her to dream that she was sick in a hospital and that the nurse was applying ice-packs. Another one dreamed she was caught in a freezing windstorm.

The research workers said they found that men were less susceptible to outside influences in their dreams.

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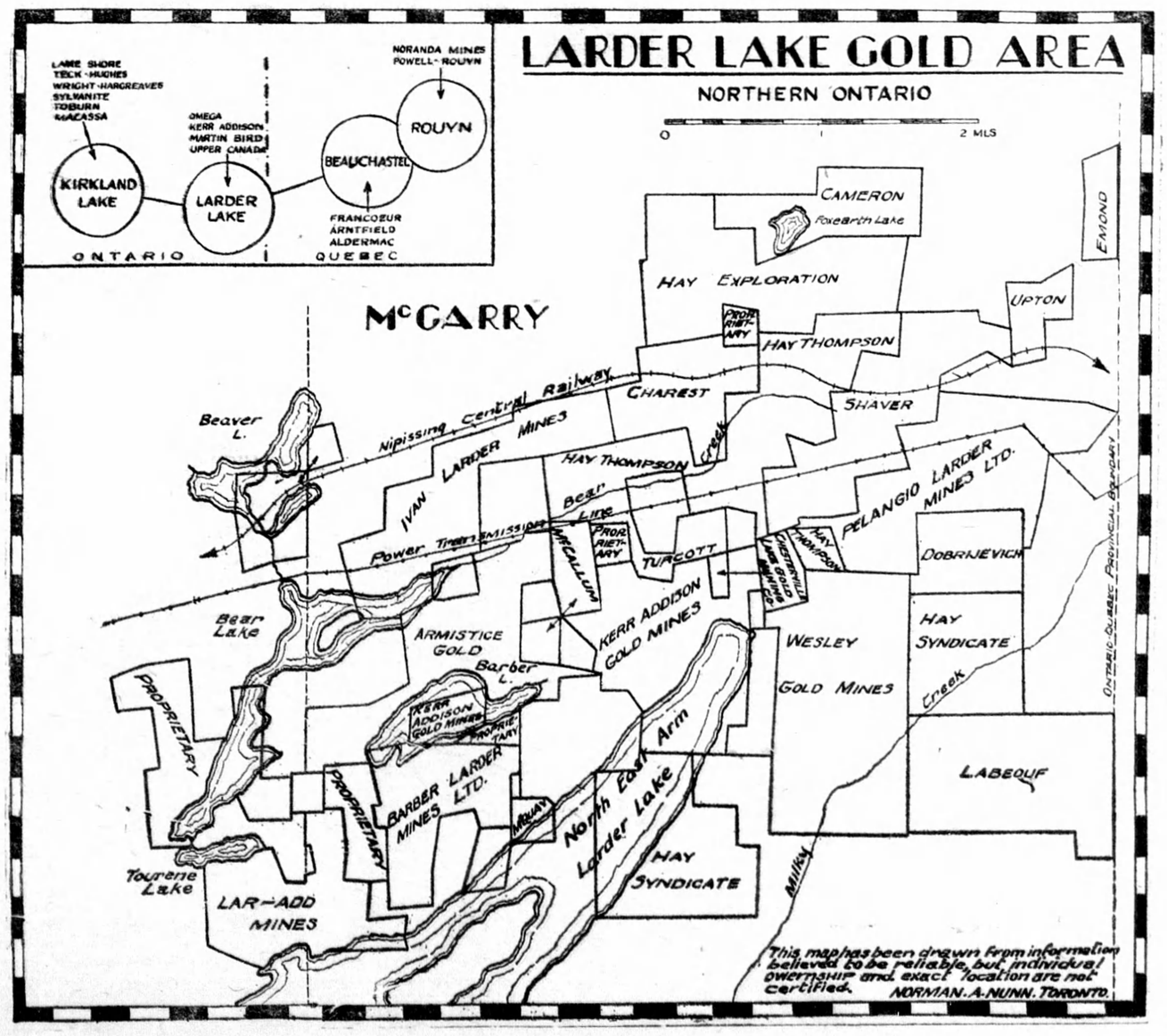

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