

Efficient Farming

THE STORAGE OF VEGETABLES.

The successful winter storage of vegetables, though quite simple, is not go below the freezing point. Onions require much the same conditions as pumpkin and squash, except that temperature must be kept comparatively low, just above freezing point, yet frequently happens that the greater part of the crop is lost by the entire winter. It may be stored in an outside pit, but it is better transferred into a cool, dark cellar. In doing this as much of the root system as possible is retained and the plants are set quite close together. Throughout the winter, the roots must be kept moist by carefully watering the sand from time to time. If the tops are wet, rotting will soon start. In order to prevent moisture condensing on the leaves, adequate ventilation is necessary, but care must be taken to prevent freezing, as celery will not grow if it has been frozen in storage.

WINTER INJURY AND ITS PREVENTION.

Winter injury may take two forms, practically all plants: top injury and root injury. Root injury may be largely controlled, in those plants propagated on different roots, by selecting hardy stock. In apples, for instance, when cold weather, the ventilation must be stopped to avoid freezing. Light should be excluded as it not only retards growth but decreases the keeping and eating qualities of the vegetables.

Broccoli, brussels or dried specimens should not be stored with healthy ones, as they will invariably rot first and, in so doing, appropriate which will help spread infection that may cause serious loss before it is detected.

The above, although constituting the general principles for winter storage, do not make application for all classes of vegetables, as the different kinds will not keep equally well under the same conditions. Accordingly the common vegetables may be grouped, as to their storage requirements, as follows:

Horse-radish, parsnips, and salsify are not injured by freezing and may be left in the ground until early spring. It is, however, practically impossible to dig them out of the frozen ground during the winter and, for this reason, other methods of storage are preferable. Of these, pitting is probably the most satisfactory. When cold weather is about to set in, the roots are placed in a neat, conical pile on a well-drained site and covered with straw to a depth of six or eight inches. After the roots have stopped sweating, the straw should be covered with four or five inches of earth. Where a root or more of the crop is to be stored in one pit, ventilation shafts should be provided. In pit of this nature, the roots are not likely to freeze, but if they do, they will not thaw again until late in the spring as the straw and earth act as an insulator. This class of vegetables may also be stored in a cool, dry cellar, if space is available.

Potatoes, turnips, beets and carrots all require similar storage conditions.

They may be satisfactorily stored in well-constructed pits, with straw sufficiently heavy to prevent frost damage, but, as a general rule, the best storage place is a well-ventilated, yet frost-proof cellar. Small quantities may be kept in good condition by being packed in moist sand either in the cellar or in any place where frost or a temperature above forty degrees, may be avoided.

Cabbages, although not injured by a light freezing, are usually of better quality if untouched by frost after harvest. Dry air and temperatures are very injurious, as cabbages will easily rot.

For this reason, outdoor pitting is very satisfactory. The cabbages are pulled, leaving the roots on, piled in a conical pile, with the heads down, and covered with straw and earth in the same manner as the pit described for parsnips. Where extremely cold weather occurs, an additional covering of straw and earth should be added as late in the season as possible. Cabbages may also be stored in a moist cool cellar.

Squash and pumpkins differ from other vegetables in that they should be stored in a dry place where the temperature may go as high as fifty degrees. An attic or an unheated room.

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HOME AND COUNTRY

Learning to Think and Speak on Your Feet.

GIBSON SCOTT.

At Sunbury, a Frontenac county community quite rural, there is a fine neighborhood spirit of co-operation.

The two church denominations have voluntarily united; worshipping in the building of the one, and having the minister of the other, to preach to them. The second building is being put up as a hall, while the Women's Institute and the Township Council are considering ways and means together for the erection of an up-to-date Township Community Hall.

They propose availing themselves of the Government Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics in the more leisure months of the year, and making full use of Departmental speakers and literature in the meantime. In the monthly program of the Institute, they discover and apply local abilities in music, demonstration papers, and social talents.

They are training themselves in public speaking, believing that farmers are not give enough time to learning, and think of their feet. At a summer meeting, a joint gathering of men, women and younger people, when a teacher of public speaking was visiting the Institute, after his address, two of the men suggested following it up with an application to the principles laid down in an imprudent debate. Two members of the Township Council were depicted to avail themselves of the Government Long Term Farm Loans in order to get one of these farms.

A farmer made the statement, "I

GOING AFTER THE COWS

Many farm boy dreads to go after the cows. Many a boy who spent his boyhood days on the farm has satisfactory memories of this job of going after the cows. You can go into pasture and they are not in sight. Calling loudly and patiently does not bring out a sign of them. A search on one side of the pasture does not reveal them. You cover almost every obscure spot in the woodland pasture and they are nowhere to be found. You begin to figure that they have broken down the fence and are in the neighbor's corn, when at last, in the farther corner of the field, lying quietly, chewing their cuds, is the cow.

They are not interested in going to the barn. They are more comfortable where they are, but after much loud hallooing—sometimes, strong talk—get them on their feet and after stretching and yawning, they do not return to the barn, but quickly go to feed. They have to be driven, persuaded to go.

In the fall, when the October frost has colored the grass white, you find them after a long search in the early twilight, lying down. Your bare feet are fairly stiff with the cold. You rush the first ones to come to and stand where her body has been the ground warm. And then you try your voice and command of language to get the rest of them up and started while you are continuing to warm your feet. Not a one will budge. You make a race for the next one, then warn your feet for a moment, and then to another.

There is a better way than this to get the cows. Have some appetizing food waiting for them in their managers. Many days you will not have to go for them at all. They will wait for you to open the stable door, but if not, a cheerful, gay, colo will bring them without any persuading—and they will give more milk.

POULTRY

Raising turkeys is one thing, marketing them profitably, is quite another. The marketing problem, despite the fact it is usually looked upon as one of simplicity, itself, is a problem of no little importance, for here rests the harvest, much or little, for the season's toil.

Turkeys, whether sold for breeders at a fancy price or sold to the merchant for Thanksgiving or Christmas trade, should have some special care along about the first of October. In either instance they should be kept on range as long as possible for health, but given very different care otherwise.

Turkeys of good breeding—that is, purebred stock—are always in good demand for breeders. Keep such turkeys on range to bind down the canes and place a few shovelfuls of earth on the tips to retain the canes in a recumbent position so that they may be covered by the snow and thus protected. Late cultivation of all bush fruits should be discouraged, as well ripened wood is just as essential as is in the case of trees.

Aside from the ravages of winter, depredation of rodents account for heavy losses in young fruit trees. These animals, when food is scarce in winter, will strip the bark from young trees, sometimes completely girdling them, causing their ultimate death. This can be prevented by wrapping the trees in the fall of the year with building paper, or by placing around each tree a coil of expanded metal lattice to a height of about two feet. These may be purchased; get to the required width and length, and are easily fastened together by pieces of galvanized wire. They make for permanency and the long run are cheaper than the yearly use of paper.

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Sheep Notes

Every flock has in its inferior ewes a portion of those should be sold off every year and their places taken by the choice of the lamb crop. How many to sell will depend upon the number of sheep the owner wishes to keep. If he desires to cut down the size of his flock then he should sell closely. If, on the other hand, he wishes to increase, then only the very poorest should be sold.

Fall is a good time to do this work.

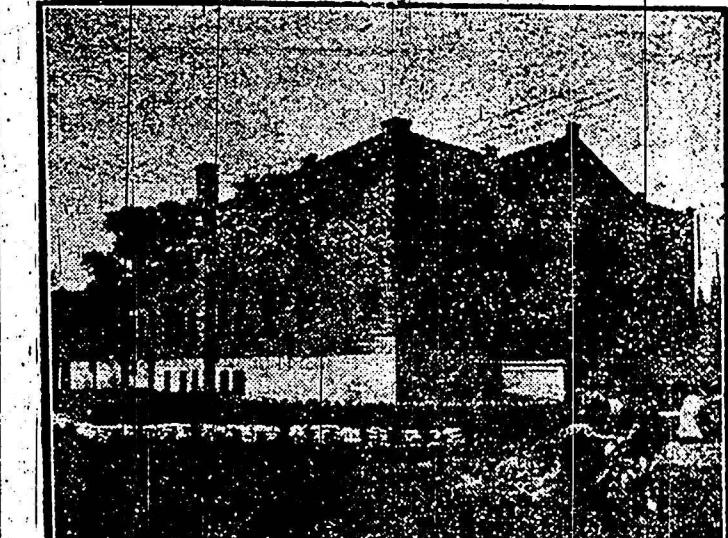
The inferior animals can readily be picked out. Ewes with unsound mouths, injured udders, or faulty type should either be put in the fattening pen, or sold immediately to market.

Illustration Stations in Ontario

The Illustration Stations conducted by the Dominion Experimental Farm system are being constantly extended. Last year, special attention was paid to the seven stations in all being established in Eastern Ontario, Peterborough, Russell, Renfrew, and Timiskaming counties, namely at Cochrane, Genier, Matheson, Porcupine Junction, and Valognes. The total number of Illustration stations in the system was increased in 1923 from 89 to 125.

To find a slow leak in tire, remove inner tube and pump it up as much as it will stand without bulging. If I am not able to do this, I will have to show the leak, which will usually be the case with a slow leak, hang the tube up in a place where it will not be disturbed. A day or so later when it becomes plain that some of the air has escaped, pump it up again. The slow escape of air will gradually enlarge the small leak until it becomes large enough to produce bubbles when the tube is immersed in water.

"With pleasure," said Aunt Emmy-Lou.



Toronto has now been named the "Hollywood" of Canada since the Ontario government has established a motion picture bureau there. Here is a studio, which is fully equipped for film work.

DUTCH EDITORS' VISIT TO CANADA

Canada was visited recently by a delegation of Dutch editors, H. C. J. A. Baron Van Lamsweerde of "De Tyd," T. Closson of "De Standard," M. J. Brusse, Nieuw of the "Rotterdamse Courant," and H. J. Brusse, who made an extensive tour of the Dominion for the settlement of the surplus population of the country. Not long ago the Dutch Settlers' Union issued a pamphlet giving information about agricultural opportunities in the Dominion. This is followed up by the visit of four of the foremost editors of the press of the country, and Canada can hardly fail to benefit extensively from the dissemination of their views

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