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Out-of-Door Notes

BY JESSE L. SMITH

As the time for beginning out-door planting of some of the hardier vegetables is at hand (if you do not mind taking a chance or two) this column might concern itself this week with reports upon varieties of vegetables that have proved their value for H. P. gardens. Reference to potato culture first will permit a continuation of last week's article which dealt with one of the insect enemies of the potato.

It is the opinion of Mr. Bahr and some others that have been consulted that late potatoes are an uncertain and usually unprofitable venture here. It is advised to plant as early as possible such standard varieties as the Early Ohio and the Early Rose. Mr. Mills uses the Early Ohio and obtains on the average a bushel to every one hundred feet of row. I planted one season a bushel of select Carmen No. 3 potatoes especially recommended for our clay soil by a seed house and a neighbor planted ordinary Early Rose potatoes bought at the grocery. Soil conditions were in favor of my planting but my neighbor produced larger potatoes and nearly twice as many.

One does not find uniformity of method of preparing potatoes for planting. Some cull out the small potatoes expressly for planting and plant a whole one to a hill. Others select seed potatoes much after the fashion of selecting seed corn, using the choicest specimens only. These are cut up leaving two eyes on a piece and planted 10 or 12 inches apart in the row. Some people with economy of food (for immediate consumption) in view, use potato skins with a cone shaped piece of potato gouged out with each eye. It seems odd that people living side by side for years should not engage in a common test to show up their theories. A test I made two years ago was on too small a scale to be at all conclusive but it is certainly suggestive.

Only a small piece of ground was available. Seed was bought at the grocer's. Two rows each of small potatoes, of large potatoes cut up with two eyes to the piece, and of potato parings, were planted, each row having about an equal number of eyes. The rows were side by side and received the same culture. The result was as follows:

	No. prod.	Wt.
Parings	56	53 oz.
Small potatoes	47	65 oz.
Large potatoes cut in pieces	44	78 oz.

This means that seed pieces from large potatoes produced a twenty per cent better crop than small potatoes planted whole and nearly fifty per cent better than the crop from potato parings. Someone would do an important service by testing this out on a larger scale and publishing the results. It would be of great service to test side by side several varieties of potatoes for careful comparison as to their adaptability to conditions in Highland Park. Mr. H. R. Smith has agreed to test out two or three varieties in comparison with the Early Ohio which he usually plants. The Press would be pleased to have others volunteer.

In response to a request for a list of some vegetables that have proved their worth Mr. L. G. Yoe reports especial success with Head lettuce, Big Boston variety, and with White Plume celery. His success with Golden Bantam corn tallies with that of all who have tried it out and is yearly attested by the raccoons that make an occasional and damaging drive in his corn patch. Three were caught there last season. Mr. Yoe plants four varieties of tomatoes, the Detroit, Improved Stone, June Pink, and a large yellow tomato, the seed of which Rev. Dr. Dobson's mother sent him from her home in Tennessee. He favors pruning his plants to two main stems and cutting the leaves freely about every two weeks to let in sunshine and air. They are grown on trellises. His belief is that while the yield may not be as abundant, because of pruning, he gets better flavored and more attractive fruit. Mr. H. R. Smith has tested out the John Baer and the Beauty tomato and considers the latter superior both in quality and yield. He describes the Beauty as of a deeper pink in color and of firmer texture than the John Baer. He does not prune his vines. He has tried out several kinds of beans and peas and finds none so satisfactory as the Stringless Green Pod and the Telephone pea. He has used the Dwarf Telephone and considers the flavor of the peas on a par with the tall variety but it is the tall variety that bears abundantly. He plants this early for his main crop for both table use and for canning.

Of the many varieties "tried out" in his garden, Dr. Moras prefers Burbank's Earliest and Santa Rosa and Henderson's Ponderosa. Burbank's Earliest began ripening the first week in July last year, some three

weeks earlier than any other he ever cultivated. The Santa Rosa came a little later but sooner than the Ponderosa, and gave as fine and large a tomato as any grown, according to the Doctor's report. He states that these plants are the most generous yielders of any of the scores varieties tested. They were still outside last November, full of fruit, great, big, juicy and deliciously tasting. The Earliest is not so prolific but makes up by being earlier. Dr. Moras confidently expects to have some ripe tomatoes a little before the Fourth this year. He believes that the less tomato plants are pruned the better.

Mr. W. R. Ruffner thinks highly of the Yellow Ponderosa tomato. He describes it as a large tomato with a texture like a peach. It is not acid like the red tomato and has fewer seeds. He raises the Yellow Pear tomato as the choicest small tomato for preserves. He was one of the first to grow the vegetable marrow in Highland Park and thinks its virtues should be more widely known than at present. Among newer vegetables that have proved excellent in his garden is the Pencil Pod string bean.

Mr. A. Lawrence Mills advises not to forget to have a few rhubarb plants at one corner of the garden. Six such plants in his garden kept well fed with rotted manure produce more rhubarb than his family can use. He raises successfully a medium size tomato and never prunes the vines. Head lettuce is started in seed flats and later transplanted into the garden with excellent results. Golden Bantam corn and Telephone peas are standards in his garden. Three successive plantings of peas using a pint of seed each time and at intervals of two or three weeks give an abundance for family use.

For succeeding issues of the Press let us have more contributions from those who have had profitable gardening experience with vegetables and flowers. Please send notes in early. Suggested topics to be considered soon are: Why Not Strawberries in Highland Park? Why Not Other Small Fruit in Abundance? Why Not More Fruit Trees? What Kind of Fruit Trees? Why Have Canada Thistles in Highland Park? and Why Anywhere in Deerfield Township?

M. E. CHURCH

The Centenary

That a church should propose to celebrate its twentieth missionary anniversary in war time by attempting to raise \$105,000,000 for missionary and reconstruction work at home and abroad, at first, seemed too audacious for anyone to believe. Many Methodists were on the verge of a complete nervous collapse. Other denominations were appalled and thought the Methodist leaders had lost their mental equilibrium. But before much time had elapsed and it was discovered that a thoroughly scientific survey of the field to be evangelized and rebuilt was a part of the plan; that the whole movement was undergirded and shot thru and thru with intercessory prayer; that an intensive plan of education along the lines of the stewardship of prayer, of time, of life, and of possessions was a fixed part of the program; when these things became known, "there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And the sinews and the flesh came up on them, and the skin covered them above . . . and the breath came in to them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, and exceeding great army." Here is a true picture of what is happening throughout the great Methodist connection. Other leading protestant bodies have caught the spirit, fixed the goal, borrowed the machinery and are going on to a great victory.

Last Sunday evening we had Mr. C. F. Balch, stacciano and one of the directors of the Northwestern railroad with us. He spoke on the stewardship of prayer, the great joy that comes from a large task well done and the benefits accruing to the local churches where the program is put on. His visit was a distinct benefit to us. Mr. Balch is but one of the thousands of men of large affairs who have placed themselves and their time and power at the disposal of the Centenary leaders.

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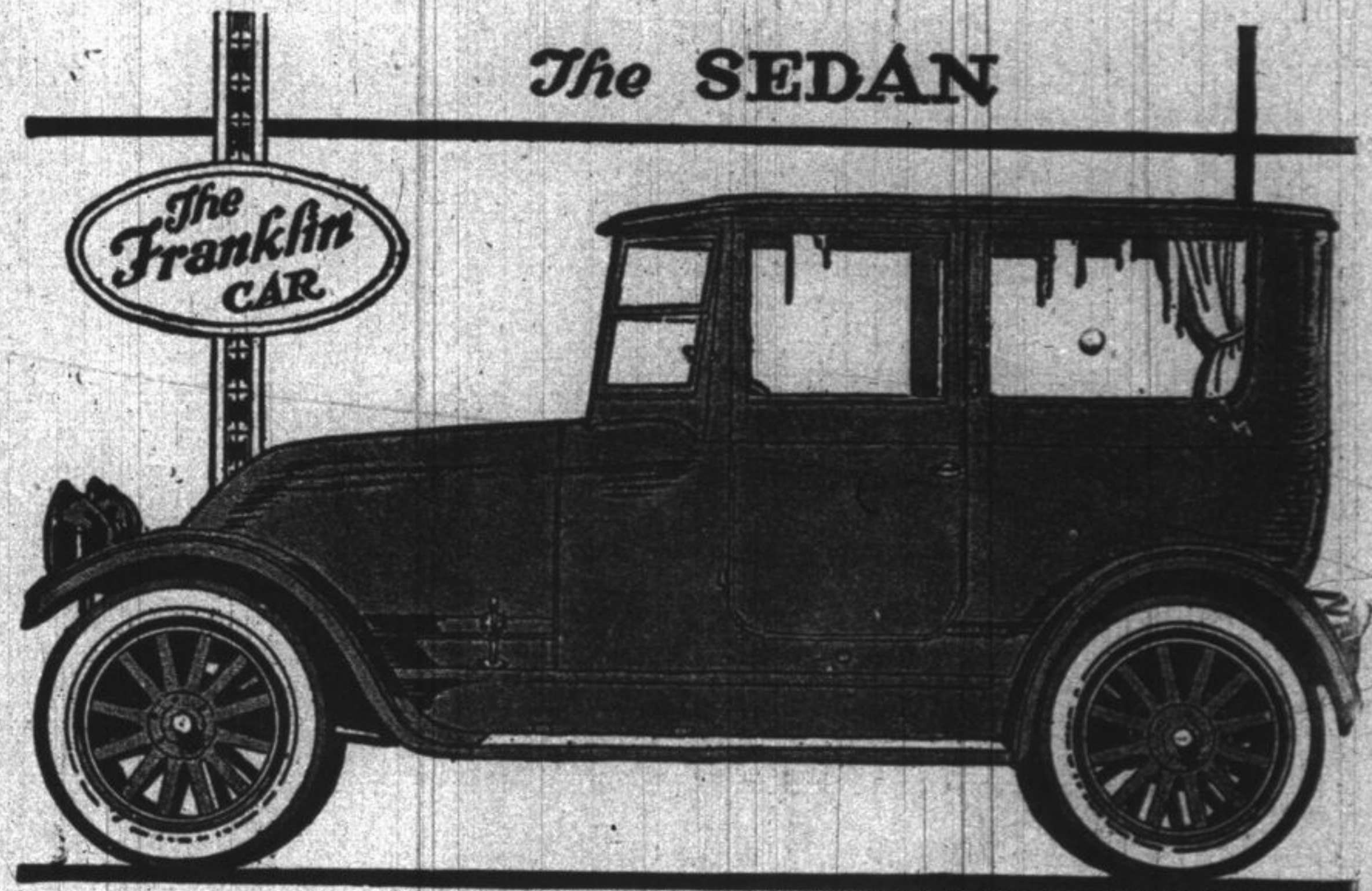
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