

The Canadian Gardener

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Planning the Garden

For the utmost efficiency in the home garden, the plans should be made well in advance of the actual planting season. It is a real pleasure to sit down on an evening and study over the catalogues. What wonderful products are pictured! We immediately make up our minds that we will have everything shown, then our sober common sense comes to the rescue and we proceed to eliminate and discard until we get down to the list we have time and space for.

The gardener who grows for home use will consider the preferences of the family. When growing for market the case is different. We have to grow what will sell best. In planning for the garden this year, we will have ample room for the best or quality products. For instance, if we are going to plant cabbage, we will plant the green Savoys. We will also grow cauliflower and Brussels sprouts. Both of these vegetables are practically as easy to produce as cabbage, yet many gardeners seem to think they cannot raise them. In onions, we will grow some of the larger varieties, starting the plants in the hot-bed and transplanting them to the open ground. The Prizetaker onion is a large mild-flavored sort, the nearest thing to the genuine Spanish onion which we are able to produce in the north. Plants of this variety may be purchased from growers in the southern United States and set in the beds early in May. Bulbs of wonderful size and flavor are often grown in this way. The leek is a member of the onion tribe not commonly seen in home gardens, yet it is one of the most desirable vegetables we are able to produce. This is another product which many gardeners do not dare attempt to grow. Get a packet of seed this year and follow directions for growing. I am sure you will be pleased with the result.

One of the first things to do is to plan where the garden is to be located. Where plenty of space is available, a patch of ground that has been planted for a year or two is preferable to newly-broken sod. However, the new ground is all right for most products and you may be sure that the earth is free from some of the insect pests which often trouble the plants. Land that has recently been reclaimed from the forest or bramble patch often makes the best kind of soil to grow vegetables. There should be plenty of humus or decayed vegetable matter for best results. For this reason, well rotted manure from the stable or dairy barn makes the best kind of fertilizer. Still, there is no reason why one should give up the garden idea just because manure is not available. You can doubtless do very well for one year with chemical fertilizer. Meanwhile, prepare a compost heap, right away, in order to be ready for next year. The compost heap is rotted vegetable matter. Start this spring with sods and grass roots dug out of the garden. Add leaves, weeds and all sorts of vegetables and next spring you will have something to spread on your garden that will take the place of stable manure. Another way to get more humus into the soil is by sowing a cover crop in the fall and plowing it under the following spring. This information is given for the benefit of the village gardener with the small patch of ground.

On the farm the garden should be laid out with a view to making the work of taking care of it as light as possible. I would plant the different vegetables in long rows far enough apart to allow for cultivation with the horse-drawn cultivator. This will make the work of weeding much less than in the old-time garden planted in beds. The close-row method is about the only method available for the village gardener, but his labor will be materially lightened if he will procure a wheel hoe. This will not only

lighten the work of weeding in a considerable degree, but it will assure frequent cultivation, so important during periods of dry weather. It is a simple matter to run the wheel hoe between the rows practically every day in the small garden. The story is told of two neighbors who were rivals in gardening. When they planted the sweet corn a bet was made as to which would have the best ears first. One of the men hoed his patch twice a week religiously. He never saw his neighbor out in the garden, but, somehow, the corn grew rapidly and the neighbor had corn ready for the table first. "How is it that you have corn first?" asked neighbor No. 1. "I hoed mine twice a week and you never hoed yours at all." "Oh, yes, I did," said No. 2, "I hoed it every morning before you were out of bed." That is the secret of a good garden. Hoe and cultivate! Make the horse do the heavy work, if you can, but cultivate if you have to do it by hand. There are garden tractors on the market which are excellent machines for use in large gardens. One of the things to plan for, then, is good working equipment.

Get the seed you plan to use some time before you are ready to use it. You will be sure of having the best if you order from a reliable seedsman, but, on the other hand, if you wait until you are ready to plant, then go to the store and purchase the seed, you will have to take what you can get. If you wish to buy of the local merchants, buy early, just the same. I do not mean to imply that there is anything against buying from the local dealer. The mail order catalogue simply offers a greater variety to choose from. Doubtless the same sorts could be procured from local sources if the matter were taken up with the dealer in advance. At any rate, wherever you buy, do not put it off to the last minute. In the main, the tried and true varieties will be safer to plant than the varieties you know nothing about.

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Business is Business

A teacher once asked three of her pupils who was the greatest man the world ever knew, offering a prize of one dollar for the best answer. "Abraham Lincoln," the colored boy replied. "George Washington," said the Protestant. "The Jewish boy thought for a minute and then answered, "Jesus Christ." "That's right," exclaimed the teacher, handing him the dollar, "but how did you, a Jewish boy, give that answer?" "Well," replied the little fellow, pocketing the prize, "down in my heart I thought the greatest man was Moses. But business is business."

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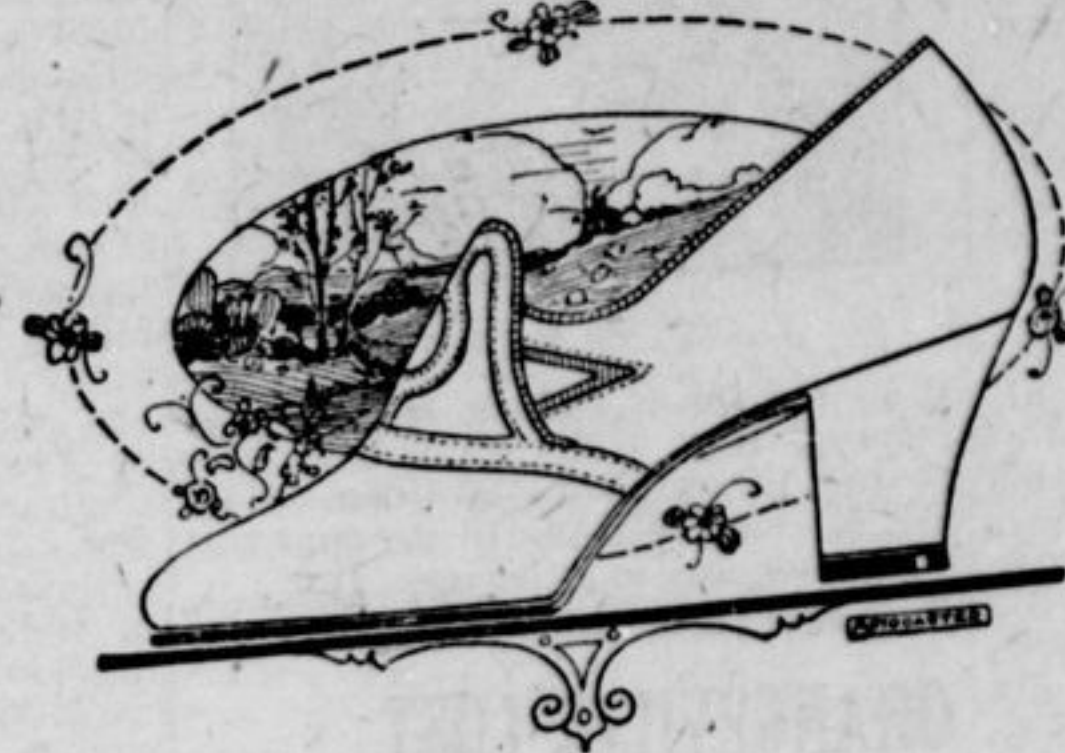
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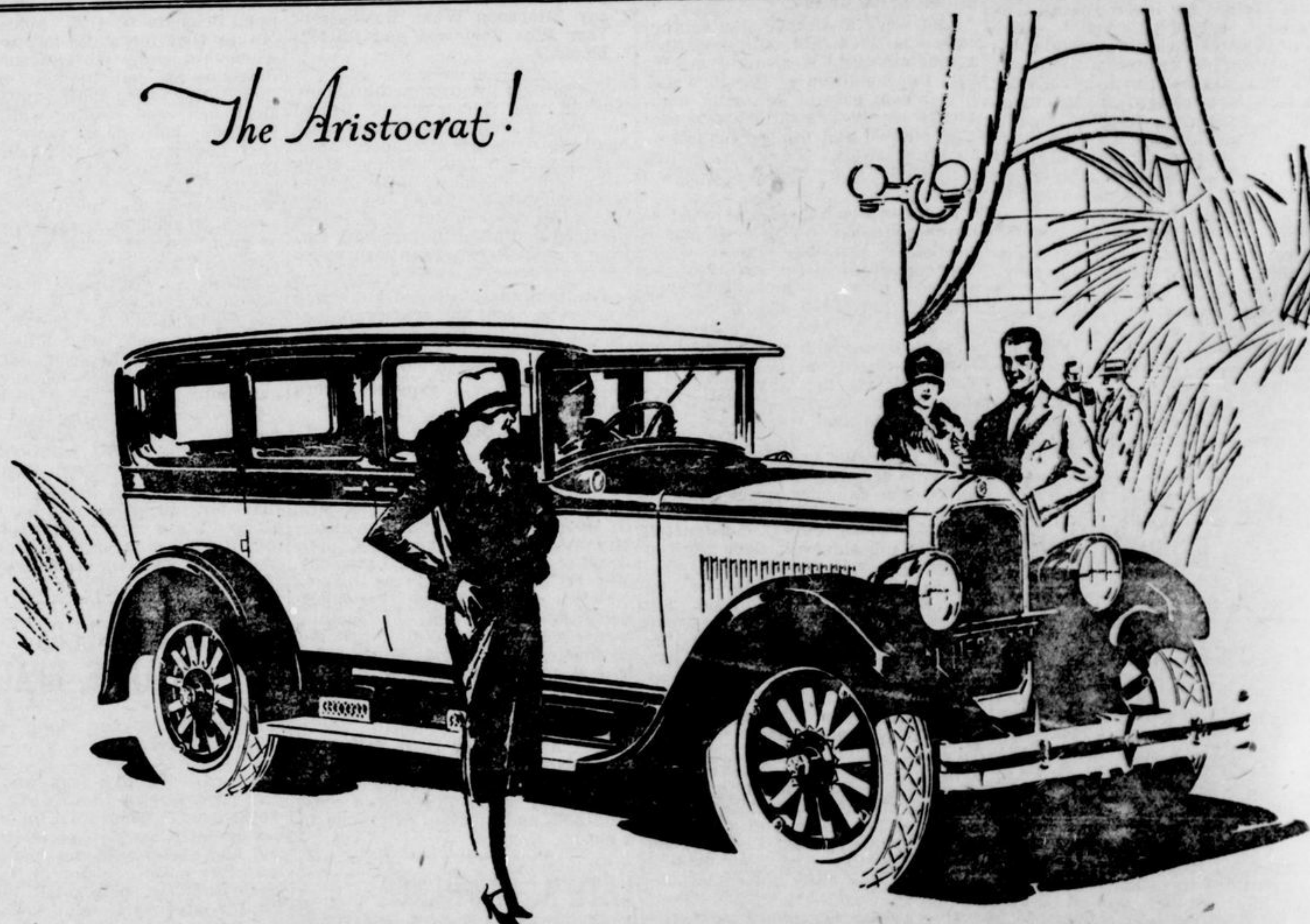
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He was one of former Methodist, Grove and latter Church, Ripley. He was a member of the Club. He was healthy, having a fine physique.

The funeral was held at the United Church, after noon with the Rev. J. M. ...

Serious Accident A painful and occurred on Monday. Murphy's sawmill one of the employees to put a on a running gear. main strength more serious death. His death a broken thigh. A doctor was called. A doctor at the hospital, and a nurse as doing Forest Confederation.

Timber Wolf at On Monday morning to South Sound, the driver truck noticed a Thos. Morton's, town he notified citizens and it was two or three of were out in qu. However, he is one shooting to make a good day government bounty for killing Southampton Bay.

Steel Splinter in Mr. C. H. Pat very painful last Saturday at the livery with a steel splintered the eye. with specialists onto an operation on Tuesday in the means of a man indicates that satisfactory prospect that Mr. able to come home.

Rev. Mr. Hubbard The Riverside was the scene of when last Monday the Corbett G say good bye to who has accepted drew's United States very appropriate solos, readings, the high the departing in this community, ers, representing generations of the highest tributes character and a During the dress Mr. Hubbard with a very sad the own husband Mr. Hubbard able reply.

At the class ladies served a Dundalk Herald.

Building Addition Messrs. Peter have workmen considerable a factory, being made on sides of the old tory has been large orders considerable ad The prospects son and Messrs be congratulated prize.—Greemore

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