

Apple Seed Content Unrelated to Weight

In discussing the relation of seed content to weight in apples, in an article in the Canadian Journal of Research, Professor W. H. Brittain of Macdonald College, and C. C. Eildt, Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville, N.S., says: "As already indicated, many workers have stated that a correlation exists between weight and seed content in the apple. The fact that one-sided apples show some of the carpels empty on the corresponding side is a matter of general observation. Samples picked at random offer little evidence of this connection, since many factors influence size and weight of fruit, and a disturbing factor is introduced in the utilization of fruits resulting from mixed pollination. On the other hand, trees with a very low set, due to an unfruitful cross, produce few apples, and those that do set may grow abnormally large, owing to favourable nutritional conditions. For that the samples selected should be produced under uniform and normal conditions. "In 1931 two varieties, Gravenstein, as representative of a triplid variety with very low seed-content and Northern Spy, representative of a diploid variety with an exceptionally high seed content were selected. A tented tree of each variety which has been provided with hive of bees and an effective pollinizer, Wagener in the case of Gravenstein, Ben Davis in the case of Spy was used. All the apples on each tree were taken, 500 in the case of Gravenstein and 1,596 in the case of Spy. By thus providing optimum conditions for pollination we naturally reduced the production of abnormal apples likely to result from imperfect fertilization, which undoubtedly affected the results, but gave a value for the effect of seed content. "The data thus obtained showed that there is no definite correlation between the weight and the number of seeds per apple in the Gravenstein, King, Wagener and Baldwin varieties under the conditions tested. In the Spy variety a correlation just statistically significant was obtained, but even this cannot be considered at all marked.

Juvenile Jobless In Great Britain

Problem Is Met Through Co-operation in Birmingham

Birmingham, Eng.—Measures taken in advance to give employment to boys and girls leaving school have enabled Birmingham to deal effectively with its juvenile jobless problem. For several years the Birmingham Education Department has known, and has prepared for the fact that there will be more juveniles than usual seeking work this year and next owing to the large number leaving school who were born just after the war. Birmingham's arrangements are proving highly efficient, with the result that juvenile unemployment is practically negligible. Of 62,000 children between 14 and 18 not more than 1000 are out of work. Because the education of the city and the unemployment bureau are under one authority, co-ordination between school and work has been comparatively easy. Before the children leave school there are conferences between parents, officials of the department, whose work it is to find employment, and school-teachers. The general capacity of the child, its physical condition and temperament are known before he or she is offered for employment. Co-operation of business firms is then sought, and right boys and girls are thus found for various posts. There is little disproportionate demand among young people for "black-coated" posts. In fact, both parents and children prefer the workshops, especially in those trades in which technical skill is required and which provide reasonable prospects of promotion or business success.

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Carbon dioxide is present on Venus, ammonia on Jupiter, and oxygen on Mars, according to spectroscopic tests made by Prof. V. M. Slipher.

3 MONTHS ON BISCUITS AND MILK

Woman's Digestive Troubles

Everyone who is subject to any form of indigestion should know of this woman's experiences. Advice from one who has had such severe attacks is advice worth having. She writes: "I suffered from indigestion, gastritis and constipation, and was so very ill, I had (on medical advice) to live on soda biscuits and milk for three months. Well, a friend advised me to take Kruschen, and now I am pleased to say my troubles are ended. I can eat and enjoy a good meal without any painful after-effects, my skin is clearer—in fact, quite clear—and there is no sign of constipation. I would advise anyone suffering the same to take Kruschen." — (Mrs.) M.R.L.

London Papers Follow "Old Thunderer's" Lead

London.—The example set a year ago by the London Times of redesigning the types for its headlines and text has been followed by many morning, evening and weekly publications here. The Times appeared on Oct. 3, 1932, in its new Roman types designed in the interest of legibility and ease of reading under present-day conditions. Since then a new trade type of modern design has been substituted for textual use in the columns of the News-Chronicle, The Star, The Evening News, The Daily Mail and The Daily Express. The weekly press has also participated in the move for improved typography. The New Statesman has recently chosen a Plautin type and The Weekend Review a Baskerville. The popular Sunday newspapers, led by The News of the World, The Sunday Dispatch and The Sunday Express, have also been redressed.

"THE PARENTS' PERSONAL SERVICE"

A Unique Service Rendered by the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto

Three years ago, the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto—the pioneer hospital in Canada for children only—tentatively started a service to be known as "The Parents' Personal Service." This means that the Hospital set aside a graduate nurse, with her stenographer, for the exclusive use of the parents of children who might have a direct and intimate source of information re their children, not only as to the ailment for which they were admitted, but the little individual conditions. It is comforting to talk with, or write to, someone who has time to see and chat with their little ones, and who can tell them how he looks, and answer such questions as: Is he able to be up, or sit up in bed? Does he make any noise? Does he play with the other children? and so on, dozens of anxious inquiries, and meaning much to the home folk. If they live in any city, they may see, and talk to, any day.

To-day, the Hospital's officials regard this Service with pride, as it reveals the spirit of the Institute, supplying, as it does, the human touch that sets it apart from a mere repair factory and shows it as a home for the child, with the sympathy and understanding towards the parents.

As the Hospital takes in children from every corner of Ontario, notwithstanding that some of the larger cities now have a "hospital" of their own, this has increased the Hospital's correspondence immensely. A look at the file for this Service, however, shows how worth-while the experiment has proved. There are thousands of letters, intensely human documents, from parents. A playwright would consider it a rich field. It contains ready-made blocks of assorted emotion for the purpose of dramas—love, pity, longing, anxiety, fear, faith, hope, exaltation and gratitude—all crammed between its covers.

The nurse in charge of this Service is naturally immensely popular with the children. They look to her for news from home. To the parents, also, she is a very real person, though they may never have seen her, and some write to her after their children are home. Nothing for the children forget her, as the concluding sentence, in a letter from a child, home many months, shows: "I have just finished my homework, and I am very tired and I just wrote this letter to see what you are doing. Goodnight and God bless you." This last, no doubt, was prompted by a grateful mother.

Then there is the letter of the little boy, successfully treated for Infantile Paralysis, who, thought longingly of home while in the Hospital, and of his Hospital friends when discharged. "Just a line to let you know how I am. My leg is all better now. I can walk quite well now. I am glad to be home, but I am still lonesome for the Hospital. I will soon be able to walk good. How is Herby now? Is he going to the University? This is the first time I have written a letter with a pen and ink. Well, I guess I'll close now."

An institution that is not content to heal only, but feels for the distressed parents to the extent of setting aside a graduate nurse and her stenographer solely for the purpose of lightening their anxiety, must awaken in the hearts of all a desire to help support that institution.

Last year showed a great increase in the number of patients treated. The revenues fell far short of the actual cost. Public benevolence must make up the difference. Contributions of any amount are received with gratitude, and every donation is acknowledged by mail and published in The Evening Telegram. Send care of the Secretary-Treasurer, Hospital for Sick Children, 87 College Street, Toronto 2.

...SMILES...



The big man, who had just been introduced to one of his host's guests, stood staring blankly at him for some time.

Big Man (after a while)—"You know, sir, you look like a man I've seen somewhere before. Your face seems very familiar; you must have a double. Strangely enough, I distinctly remember I formed a strong dislike for the man who looked like you, but I don't remember having met him socially."

The Guest—"Yes, I think I'm the man you mean. I passed round the collection plate for two years at the church you attended."

A Scotsman paid a visit to a friend in New York, but stayed far longer than was expected. Time dragged on, and still the visitor made no attempt to leave. At length the friend dropped a gentle hint:

Friend—"Don't you think that four wife and children would like to see you again?"

Scotsman—"Thanks very much. It is most awfully kind of you. I'll send for them at once."

A friend of this column endeavored to describe the difference between clerks and managers as follows:

"A clerk is a man who knows a great deal about a very little, and who goes on knowing more and more about less and less, until finally he knows everything about practically nothing."

"A manager is a man who knows very little about a great deal and who goes on knowing less and less about more and more until finally he knows nothing about practically everything."

There are more men than women in the world. But at that, the women make twice as much noise.

Sandy McNab had found lodgings with a landlady of a very mean disposition. For one thing she never overfed her boarders. At the dinner table McNab was handed a very small helping indeed. Eyeing it ruefully, the Scotsman said:

Scotsman—"You've made a mistake, haven't you, Mrs. Brown?"

Mrs. Brown—"Not that I know of, why?"

Scotsman—"Because my name is Sandy, not Gandhi."

A man evidently from the country was in town recently and saw an article in a music store, but could not understand the purpose for which it was used.

Country Man (indicating article in question)—"What is that thing?"

Clerk—"That, sir, is a chin rest. It is used quite a lot by lady violinists."

Country Man (giving a cry of joy)—"Give me one of them! (Then, after a pause): "No, I'll take two. We got the missus' mother staying with us as well."

An expert says that not one Canadian woman in 10 can pass a beauty test, and, apparently, as a result of that situation, not one in 10 can pass a beauty parlor.

Tourist—"I don't suppose you keep anything so civilized as dog biscuits in this down-dog town, do you?"

Brushville Merchant—"Oh, yes, stranger. Quite a few folks like you come through Brushville from the Big City, and we aim to have everything called for. Do you want them in a bag or do you want to eat them here?"

"I'm sorry to have to do this," said Junior, as he spread the jam on the visiting baby's face, "but I can't have suspicion pointing it's finger at me."

Mabel—"Do you see Helen often?"

Janet—"Quite frequently."

Mabel—"Is she happily married?"

Janet—"Is she? I should say so. Why, that girl is so happily married that she has to go to the moving picture theatre for a good cry."

"Life wouldn't be so bad if it were not for interest and taxes," say the farmers. The same goes for us, too.

Aunt Mirandy Tatters says matrimony is the only state that allows women to work twenty-four hours a day.

If those windowless buildings become more general, life will be simplified for the small boys playing baseball.

A Forward Look Into the Past

(By Walter W. Cunningham, in The Christian Science Monitor.)

Geology in the past quarter century has made amazing progress. It promises still more astounding results from the expedition to the South Pole of Commander Byrd. But is there no credit due to the early geologists for their studies of the glacial period? To the indefatigable toilers who shed light on the earth's strata? To Hugh Miller, the author of the "Old Red Sandstone"? To Robert Dick, the baker of Thurso, who trudged 30 miles at the end of a day's work to obtain specimens of stones and flowers and to correct imperfections in existing maps?

Perhaps if it had not been for the pioneers the world would still be facing chaos rather than order in industry and art. It is within the memory of many reading this article that men trudged to the hand loom at dawn and never left it till dark. A dreary task, ill paid. Even long after the industrial revolution swept the machine into power the weaver could be found bent over his loom. But the hand loom served its purpose. And were it not for the hand loom there might have been no power loom.

The comforts upon which humanity seems to thrive are the fruits of many generations. One generation builds upon another's labors, carrying them on still further. The automobile body found its design and appointments first in the now discarded four-wheeled carriage. The 400-mile-an-hour airplane had its origin in the 40-mile-an-hour flying machine. The steamship crossing the ocean in four days, not so long ago proudly recorded the fact that it crossed in 14. Does the credit entirely rest with the designer of the new floating palace?

Not even the greatest inventor of all times would claim for his multifarious discoveries the sole credit for his amazing success. Edison ever allowed the great inheritance he received from his predecessors. It was Dickens who said:

"It is a poor heart that never rejoices."

And therefore we pay tribute to the builders of the past, the true nobility of civilization.

Honor to the Pioneers

The combine, performing the work of dozens of men in the fields, would never have been possible if the mechanical genius of an earlier day had not in the sweat of furrows, developed new types of descendant of the stick that scratched the earth. It is well, then, not to look with contempt upon the rude implements of an age gone by. Thomas Gray, in a moment of inspiration, crystallized this thought in his beautiful "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard," through a line too little known even by his most ardent admirers:

"Let not ambition mock their useful toil."

To the "rude forefathers" may be attributed the foundation of the granaries of Europe, of Australia, of the western hemisphere. The bulging warehouses of grain are no mere triumph of the people of today. The multimotored steamships, in which the harvest yields find their way across the seven seas, are not alone the products of the yards of the present time. Their construction actually started far back in history, sometimes so long ago as to be hidden by the mists of obscurity.

Where would radio have been without the pioneers in wireless telegraphy? Had there been no Marconi, had there been no Lindsay, pursuing his investigations into the use of electricity as he carried on his inquiries in philosophical research, there might have been no need for the tiny shack on the bleak coast of Newfoundland, where were "caught" the faint sounds

Child's Posture While Doing School Work

Yesterday I saw a schoolgirl of 15 years old, writes a doctor, brought to me by her mother because she stooped so badly and had round shoulders. She was wearing spectacles.

When I asked her if she took plenty of exercise and played plenty of games, the mother told me that she did not enjoy playing with the other girls, but that she was very clever, was top of her form, and spent most of her spare time reading and working. "When she comes home in the evening she likes to sit at the dining room table and read."

I said I would like to look round in the evening and see how she worked because, anyhow, I had to go out and would be passing near their house.

So after dinner I took a look in on them, and there was the girl sitting up at her lessons at the dining room table, the table was a low one and the chair much too high—all right for eating, but all wrong for work. The result was her neck and back were all bent forward.

The posture which children have to adopt at work is very important. Too many lessons bending over a desk or table is bad for a growing child anyhow, but when it makes them double themselves up it does a tremendous lot of harm. One ought to be able to sit nearly upright at the table one writes at—at least while one is still growing.

Clean Press Advocated

Hong Kong.—When the South China Pressmen Association recently held its second annual meeting in Canton, members of the Canton Government dwelt at length on the importance and responsibility of journalists to enlighten the mass of the Chinese people, to constructively direct public opinion, and to cooperate with the Government in the enforcement of its three-year plan. Mr. Cheung Yuen-fung, director of the Municipal Bureau of Social Affairs, advised the newspaper men not to publish sensational items that appeal to the baser instincts,

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"Turning from the city news, papers to the small town press exchanges that come to the editor's desk is like stepping from the stumps, full of vice, into an old-fashioned garden—sweet with lavender and thyme and the scent of perennial flowers," writes The Christian Science Monitor. "The pages of the big dailies are full of murder, thievery, immorality and selfishness that the utter news is obscured by these glaring snatterings of the Decalogue. One puts the papers aside with a feeling of depression and heartache that the world is so full of terrible and unhappy things."

"Then picking up the papers that record the happenings of the little towns around us, one gains renewed faith in life. Here are set forth only that which uplifts a community—the activities of the business men, the churches of the people, the marriages, births and death, farmers' items, and all the thousand and one daily occurrences that make up the simple annals of the great common people, who are really the foundation of this broad country of ours."

"Scandals are rarely published in the country newspapers, but if it so happens that decency demands it, the uglier details are omitted, or given a kindly touch that is widely different from the unfeeling publicity of the city press. The offenders may be our neighbors or people we have rubbed elbows with all our lives. They are real human beings to their town people, while to the great city dailies they are merely grains of a sort that are ground out hourly in their news mills."

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