

## GETTING BIG SQUASH

Successful Method for Raising Vegetable for Family Use.

Excellent and Old-Fashioned Way of Raising Cucumbers and Melons in Kitchen Garden—Moisture Supplied in Dry Season.

For a number of years I successfully followed this method in raising squash for family use: Make a compost heap in a corner of the garden with a mixture of rich loam, well rotted manure from stable and hopen, and a generous percentage of hen manure. There should be several large wagon loads of the compost, and it should be raked over and over until all parts are thoroughly pulverized and blended.

Level the heap to a circular mound, say two feet deep and ten or twelve feet in diameter, the top flat. Cover with two inches of loam, and plant the seed rather more quickly than in the ordinary hill or drill. There should be plenty of space around the bed for the vines to spread freely.

I never failed to secure a healthy growth of plants, which, when well started were thinned so as to leave



Boston Marrow Squash.

only the most vigorous, and these always produced a good crop, writes Clinton Vannah in the Orange Judd Farmer.

An excellent old-fashioned way to raise cucumbers and melons in the kitchen garden is to dig a circular hole in the ground from six to ten inches deep and three feet across. In the center of the excavation place on end a nail cask with both ends knocked out. Then fill the space around the outside of the cask with a compost of good loam and rotted stable manure, or droppings from the henney well pulverized and thoroughly mixed with the earth. Cover the compost with two or three inches of loam, and plant the seed near the cask.

Fill the cask with muck, or light manure from the horse stable, that will hold moisture like a sponge. In case of drouth, water may be poured into the cask freely, it will not evaporate readily, and gives a gradual supply to the plants as they require. Small holes should be bored through the staves of the cask to allow outward seepage of water.

If the ground is naturally inclined to dampness no excavation below the level should be made. Place the cask on the surface and build a mound of compost around it. To give the vines freedom of growth the casks should be set eight or nine feet apart each way.

## HILLY PASTURES FOR SHEEP

Low Wet Ground is Conducive to Foot Rot—Feet Should Be Examined and Hoof Trimmed.

The sheep is a highland animal by nature. Low wet ground is injurious to its feet. The sheep's toes are very flexible. Between the toes of each foot is an oil duct, which pours oil between the toes so as to reduce friction. In low, soft ground the mud squeezes between the toes and clogs this duct. The toes will spread quite far apart and so easily that the plate of mud accumulates and hardens and irritation is set up which results in pus formation that finally sloughs off the hoofs if not cured. Of course this does not happen every time a sheep gets muddy feet. But if compelled to live in mud, there comes a time when the mud lodges with injurious results.

We are not sure that foot rot is a bacterial disease. It may be so. Surely a bacterial infection could readily enter after the inflammation becomes chronic. Sheep have little resisting power over their enemies so a little ailment does great damage.

When your sheep get to limping or walking stiff, examine the feet. It may be they only need their hoofs trimmed. If dry mud is between the toes, clean it out and rub a little grease between the toes. Then see that they have a clean dry place where no mud exists. Give your sheep the hilly pastures and not the low land.

### May Pullets Best.

Pullets hatched in May will, if given the proper care, feed, and attention, lay the following November, when eggs are demanding good prices, and when the old hens have not as yet full recovered from the molt. The experienced breeders of Leghorns or other Mediterranean varieties as a rule select the May hatched chicks for their own breeding and laying pens.

### Hastens Germination.

Fine vegetable or flower seed, as lettuce or poppies, which must be sown on the surface, germinate much more rapidly if a damp gunny sack is laid over them.

## WHY IS POULTRY VALUABLE?

Professor Gilbert of Canada Gives Eight Good Reasons in Answer to Pertinent Question.

Why is poultry valuable to the farmer? Is a question asked by hundreds of tillers of the soil who usually keep but a few chickens, and these a mixture of all breeds. Professor Gilbert of Ottawa, Canada, gives the following reasons in answer to this pertinent question:

1. Because he ought, by their means to convert a great deal of the waste of his farm into money in the shape of eggs and chickens for market.

2. Because, with intelligent management, they ought to be all-year revenue producers, with the exception of possibly two months during the moulting season.

3. Because the poultry will yield him a quicker return for the capital invested than any of the other departments of agriculture.

4. Because the manure from the poultry house will make a valuable composite for use in either vegetable garden or orchard. The birds themselves, if allowed, will destroy all injurious insect life.

5. Because, while cereals and fruits can only be successfully grown in certain sections, poultry can be raised for table use or layers of eggs in any and every part of the country, and at all seasons.

6. Because poultry raising is an employment in which the farmer's wife can engage and leave him free to attend to other departments of farm work.

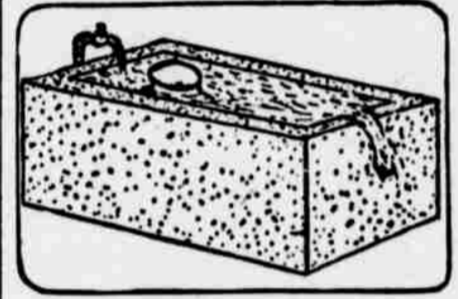
7. Because it will bring the best results in the shape of new-laid eggs during the winter season, when the farmer has the most time on his hands.

8. Because to start poultry on the farm requires very little capital.

## MILK COOLER OF CONCRETE

As Water is Constantly Changing Milk Can Be Cooled in the Shortest Possible Time.

The illustration shows a milk cooler that is very easily constructed by anyone and will repay its cost many times over in a season's use. A box form is constructed of the size you wish the outside of the cooler to be; the inside is made in the same manner only about eight inches smaller so as to allow for a four-inch wall to the tank or cooler on all sides. The concrete is mixed, one part cement to five parts of sand and gravel, and the bottom of cooler laid first; this may go three and one-half or four inches thick, as you desire; the box form for the inside is then set upon this floor or bottom at an equal distance from the outside form on all four sides, and the concrete for the walls placed and tamped down. At one end the wall is slightly lower in center to provide for



Concrete Milk Cooler.

an overflow, as shown. The tank should be high enough so that when filled with water it will be within two or three inches of the top of milk can, and as the water is constantly changing, the milk can be cooled in the shortest possible time; it may also be built slightly larger to allow for ice to be packed around the milk cans, when it is desired to hasten the cooling process.



Growing pigs always pay their board bill.

A little tankage and oil meal makes excellent feed for young pigs.

A few choice lambs make suitable farm companions for the children.

In the manger is the place to feed everything, and not out on the ground.

Even the law that like produces like turns "flip-flops" when cross breeding is practiced.

One of the causes for weak lambs is the result of compelling the ewes to live on coarse foods.

It will be a long time before there will be an oversupply of beef, pork and mutton in this country.

Packers are still talking lower prices for hogs, but in spite of this talk the market continues healthy.

Proper rearing and judicious management will result in few bulls becoming vicious after they have grown old.

If one is obliged to feed timothy hay a good ration of bran and oats will help to maintain the ewes in good condition.

Much lameness in horses is due to improper shoeing. Horses should be shod by competent blacksmiths. Is yours one?

Fix a lamb creep to exclude the ewes, sprinkle a little bran in the troughs and you will very soon have the lambs eating.

A flock of sheep will get more substance on poor land and at the same time do it more good than any other stock on the farm.

There are too few good colts raised on the farms. This should not be. Don't leave this important industry to the horse breeders alone.

## Latest Fashions Seen on the Aristocratic Boise de Bologne



Two Samples of the most recent productions of the Parisian Dressmaking geniuses.

## CLOTHES FOR RAINY DAYS

Fashions and Customs Have Undergone Remarkable Change in the Past Ten Years.

Fashions and customs have changed overwhelmingly in the past ten years, but in no other respect more than in the rainy day garb. Everyone remembers with many a hearty laugh the way people used to look out of the window and say, in a resigned way: "Well, it's raining." That meant very positively that good looking clothes were not in decent taste in such weather, and one must wear a mackintosh—was there ever a more hideous garment made?—hellish rubbers, dark clothes, shabby shoes and one's oldest hat. And who ever did enjoy anything in her oldest hat! Nowadays the girl who looks on the cheerful side of things and rather enjoys the rainy day for a change has a bright red or purple hat that, of course, has no feathers, but is plain and serviceable, but which she knows is most becoming. She wears her tailored suit, but it has a short skirt and is protected by a good looking raincoat. Her shoes

## NEW PARIS MODEL.



A gown of blue and silver brocade trimmed with lace and pink maline, the latter forming the short corsage.

are high and thick, but they are just as good looking as those she keeps for sunny days, and often, to add another bit of color, she carries a red or purple silk umbrella. It keeps the rain off just as well as a black one and it just makes you feel better. It is wonderful what a becoming hat and gay umbrella can do toward chasing away the blues on a stormy day.

## SOAP TABLETS FOR TOURISTS

New Preparation That is Likely to Appeal to Traveler of Fastidious Tastes.

Somehow soap powder has never taken the fancy of fastidious folk. It is not especially pleasant to use and it never smells like anything but the washroom of a railway station or department store. It, moreover, has a way of sprinkling itself around everywhere except on the hands in a messy and disagreeable way, and dainty women who travel will have none of it, preferring to carry the wet cake of personally preferred toilet soap in a rubber lined receptacle in the traveling bag. A new soap tablet, however, will be likely to appeal to the fastidious traveler, because of its convenience and the attractive way it is put up. Fifty of these tablets are packed like bonbons in a pretty little box less than three inches square. A pair of nickel tweezers are tucked in the box for extracting the tablets—again like bonbons—and the tablets themselves, though firm in composition, dissolve easily in the water. And the entire package costs no more than the ordinary cake of good toilet soap.

## HAIR A LA POMPADOUR AGAIN

French Expert Says Style of Hair-dressing for This Season Will Be Simple.

An indication of the fashions in hairdressing for the forthcoming season was given at a meeting of more than 400 hairdressers from London, Brussels and Berlin in London recently.

"The tendency is," said a famous Paris hairdresser, "for the hair to be dressed upwards, and, in fact, to show a return to the pompadour style. The keynote of the new fashion is simplicity. There will be practically no chignon, and the hair will not, as formerly, be brushed flat over the ears. The new style should be especially suitable for the Englishwoman."

**Blue and White China.** Blue and white German china, decorated with Delft designs, is good china for the blue breakfast table. It is made on good lines, is thin enough to be dainty and thick enough to be durable. A coffee cup and saucer in this china is priced 50 cents.

An interesting piece of blue and white fluted Copenhagen tableware is a square egg dish with scalloped top with a dainty egg cup held by the stem in each of the eight scallops.

### New Tailored Waist.

A new washable shirtwaist is made up on the lines of a man's shirt, with plaited bosom front, dickey collar and black cravat. It may also be had in white crepe de chine.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. BELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

### LESSON FOR JUNE 29

#### THE VICTORIES OF FAITH.

READING LESSON—Acts 7:19-16; Heb. 11:29-32.  
GOLDEN TEXT—"This is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith." I John 5:4.

The reading lessons for today are a New Testament commentary upon the past quarter's work. The first lesson is taken from that marvelous defense of Stephen the first martyr. As he traces the history of the people of Israel, he shows God's continued activities and purposes from the hour he called Abraham until the holy one of Israel came to fill to their fullness all of these same activities and purposes. Stephen also shows us that alongside God's activities was the equally persistent disobedience of the people which culminated in the betrayal and murder of that holy one. In the portion selected he sets before us how Joseph sold into Egypt, yet God was with him and delivered him; how the famine came and Jacob is thereby brought into Egypt only later to be carried back into the land of promise.

#### Teach Faith.

The second lesson is taken from that great catalogue of heroes as recorded in the Epistle to the Hebrews. Here we have set before us the fact that God's eternal purpose with man is ever that of faith. Isaac, Jacob and Joseph are here mentioned and the faith of each set before us.

Leaving out the Easter lesson we have covered a period of about 50 years, eight lessons dealing with Joseph, and four with Jacob.

Attention has been called to Joseph as one of the most remarkable types of Christ to be found in the Old Testament (see comments on lesson of April 27). As we have also suggested Jacob is not so grand a character as Abraham yet is much more like the average man.

It is interesting to go over these lessons and follow God's purposes and observe how like Christ Joseph was.

IN LESSON I we behold Jacob at the instigation of his mother deceiving his poor old father and being compelled to fly that he might save his life. Rebekah thought she could execute God's purposes; but it is never right to do evil that good may result.

IN LESSON II Jehovah appeared before this conscience smitten refugee and again promised that the blessing, yes, his own divine purpose, would be worked out in Jacob's life. This is a lesson on the grace of God.

LESSON III sets Jacob before us after twenty-one years' service and separation from his brother Esau. This is a great lesson on God's desire and transforming power. He transforms Jacob to Israel a "prince" and softened the heart of Esau. Faith overcame and is strengthened and confirmed.

IN LESSON IV we first behold Joseph particularly loved and favored and as bitterly hated; he was thrown into a pit to die but is taken up (typical of the resurrection) and sold into slavery. The development of envy and the persistent, delivering purpose of God are here presented in strong contrast.

LESSON V shows Joseph's entering that dark maze beyond which God was to highly exalt him. By faith he overcame that fierce temptation and his treatment of his fellow prisoner was God's useful agency though it seemed accidental and insignificant.

#### God's Continued Purpose.

LESSON VI is the completion of Lesson V and in it we see Joseph seated in the place of power, able to save the country and also his brethren.

LESSON VII shows us God's continued purpose and the beginning of the fulfillment of his word that the descendants of Abraham were to dwell in captivity (Gen. 15:13).

LESSON VIII is a continuation of Joseph's dealings with his brothers in which their guilty consciences are still further pricked and God reveals to us his immutable purpose.

LESSON IX is a tender one of the meeting of Joseph and Benjamin while at the same time it suggests to us the certainty of the fact that we may "be sure your sin will find you out." Unless covered by his forgiving blood our sin is mercilessly upon our track.

IN LESSON X we behold Joseph made known to his brethren and those in fear are urged to draw near. Joseph's faith in God saved him from arrogance and retaliation and inclined his heart to tenderness and love in his dealings with his brothers. Even as Joseph revealed himself to his brothers so will Christ reveal himself.

Joseph's provision for his fathers and his brethren, LESSON XI, is a rich suggestion of our father's bounty and care for all who are "in Christ Jesus." By faith Joseph who had become great in a strange land, identified with all of its power and splendor makes provision that when God's purpose shall be executed and the sons of Israel shall be delivered from Egypt, his bones shall be carried into the land of the people to whom he belonged and from whom he has so long been separated. Faith is the secret of victory. Joseph as a type teaches us the lesson of faith.

## AILING WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Mrs. Hilbert Tells of Her Distressing Symptoms During Change of Life and How She Found Relief.



Fleetwood, Pa.—"During the Change of Life I was hardly able to be around at all. I always had a headache and I was so dizzy and nervous that I had no rest at night. The flashes of heat were so bad sometimes that I did not know what to do.

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Such warning symptoms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dread of impending evil, timidity, sounds in the ears, palpitation of the heart, sparks before the eyes, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness and inquietude, and dizziness, are promptly heeded by intelligent women who are approaching the period in life when woman's great change may be expected.

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### Got Leg First.

Profiting by past experiences, Mrs. Anne Boloski of Chester, Pa., saved herself a severe beating at the hands of her husband, she says, resorting to tactics that had been used by Boloski on previous occasions.

When Mrs. Boloski was arraigned before Alderman Carter on the charge of assault and battery preferred by her husband, John Boloski, she admitted that she was guilty of the charge, but she acted in self-defense.

"If she hadn't yanked off my wooden leg and beat me over the head with it I wouldn't have had her arrested," Boloski declared.

Mrs. Boloski stated that her husband had been in the habit of chastising her with his wooden leg, and that on this occasion she simply "beat him to it."

### Estimating It.

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