

SHARING THE FAMILY INCOME

Matter Presented to Mrs. Potheringham in Manner She Had Not Thought of Before.

"Hiram," said Mrs. Potheringham suddenly from the other side of the evening lamp.

Mrs. Potheringham, safe in the comfort of her own bed, beside her open fire, his tired feet stretched luxuriously toward its blaze, his favorite cigar alight, and the evening paper open before him, made an inarticulate murmur in reply, such as liege lords used to indicate that they are still alive and know they are being addressed, but don't propose to come out further from their abstraction unless forced to do so.

Mrs. Potheringham understood and continued briskly: "Hiram, I've just been reading this article on the economic dependence of women. What it says is so. Marriage is an equal partnership, and the wife is entitled to half the income and ought to have it."

There was a decided note in his wife's voice that waked Mr. Potheringham up. He lowered his paper, removed his cigar, and listened. When she finished he bent his head and eyed her quizzically over the rims of his reading glasses and in his quiet voice mildly expostulated:

"Oh, my dear! Do you really think they would be satisfied with half?" Mrs. Potheringham wheeled around sideways, planted her elbows on the table and looked severely at her husband. Her eyes snapped and her lips opened quickly to reply.

"Mrs. Potheringham's lips closed slowly, having uttered no word. She removed her elbow from the table, relaxed into her chair and took up her magazine. Then a little ripple of laughter crept up into her eyes, and she said softly:

"Hiram, you are simply delicious!"—New York Post.

Making Money Sprout. "High finance is not confined entirely to Wall street," said a well-known secret service man recently.

Writing Treatise on Chinese Language. Dr. F. A. Chaffant, who will have the honor of producing one of the most elaborate and scientific treatises ever written on the origin of the Chinese language, is a paralytic, who for a quarter of a century was a missionary to China. He lives in Pittsburgh and spends four hours a day in his investigations.

Justifiable Anger. Two Irishmen visited a well-known perambulating manager. After completing the circuit of the show they came to a stall in the canvas with a bill printed above it in large letters, containing the legend "Exit."

Certainly Not. Bill—A new wheelbarrow dumps its load forward as its handles are pushed down saving its user the labor of lifting it.

BACK YARD FARMER

Interesting Pointers on Gardening for the City Man or Suburbanite.

WHAT TO PLANT AND WHEN

Advice by an Expert on Agricultural Matters—A Back Yard Orchard—Tools for the Garden—Cold Frame for Fall.

By PROF. JOHN WILLARD BOLTE.

Why not have an orchard of your own? Why spend your leisure moments for the next few weeks, day-dreaming of pink and white blooms, and sun kissed peaches, too ripe and luscious to ship, and just good enough for city visitors to eat and eat until their teeth are on edge.

Let us see what we can do by way of an orchard in that back lot of yours. There is hardly a back yard in this whole town that would not grow fruit of some kind if handled in the right way. The main thing is to have the desire to grow it and then to find out that highly essential thing, the right way.

Of course, what you grow is a matter of choice, as there are several kinds of fruit for every set of conditions. If your space is very small, but is well exposed to the sun, you can certainly grow currants and most of the bush berries nicely.

If you have a rather rich, yet light soil which warms up quickly in the spring, a strawberry patch will give you more keen pleasure and profit than any other patch of ground on the whole place. It should have the warmest and driest, sunny spot in the yard.

It is an excellent scheme to have at least one row of grapes. They can be planted along the west or south side of a fence or house, and may be trained to cover the entire fence.

In the tree fruits, nothing is more popular than the sour red cherry. It is hardy, prolific, subject to few pests and it makes the best pies in America.

"Garden Tools." Kipling says that a soldier is no better than his feet, and it is equally true that a gardener is no better than his tools.

The American factory mechanic is reputed to spend three times as much of his time sharpening his tools as do the European workmen, but he produces nearly twice as much finished product thereby.

Where We Lead. Church—They say that the most densely populated of all the countries of the world is Belgium, with 350 inhabitants to the square mile.

Their Likelihood. "That enterprising real estate man and his wife are very much alike in one respect."

"What is that?" "Both keep their houses in prime."

IDEAS FOR HOME BUILDERS

By WM. A. RADFORD

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper.

One of the objections sometimes made to the use of concrete in building construction is the fact that the finished surface is rough and no attempt is made to give a finish to the surface, either in the molds or after their removal.

Two methods are now being successfully employed, giving a finish to concrete either in molded blocks, or monolithic construction in place. The first of these methods is to apply fresh granite to the face of the mold, which gives it all the finish and durability of granite ashlar.

A Cold Frame for Fall. It is really remarkable what results can be had in the garden long after the frost comes, by the use of a properly built cold frame.

Success with cold frames in the fall depends on getting your plant well started before the frosts come. A good plan is to build your frame work, and a good size would be six by twelve feet.

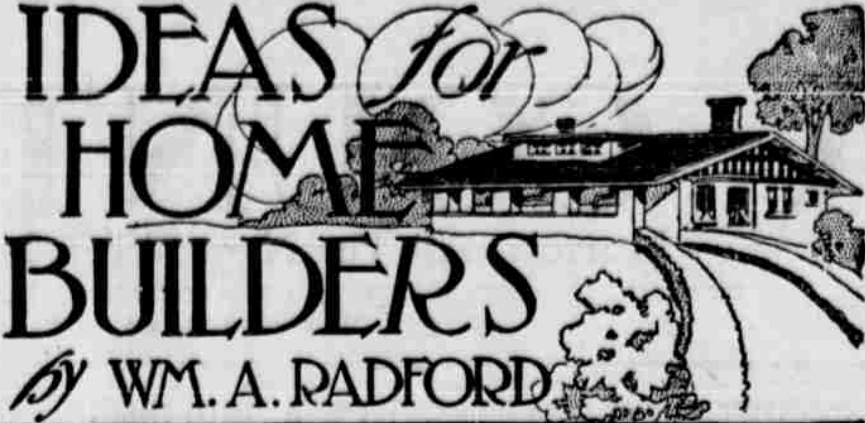
When danger of frost is at hand, put the cover frames on every night, taking them off in the morning, but when the weather gets still colder, leave these cover frames on all the time.

Mathematics and Humor. Proficiency in mathematics, political economy and "dry topics" like that are frequently found side by side with a fine quality of humor in men's minds.

Good Horse Sense. If old corn fodder is used for bedding the shredded article is better than the stalks; it is more comfortable for the horse and is worked more easily through the manure spreader.

Killing Fowls. The French poultier kills his fowls by dislocating the neck with a swift back chuck given close to the head.

Decapitating Fowls. A very good block for decapitating fowls is made by driving two spikes or nails along one side of a heavy block of wood, far enough apart to allow the fowl's neck to slip between them.



Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper.

One of the objections sometimes made to the use of concrete in building construction is the fact that the finished surface is rough and no attempt is made to give a finish to the surface, either in the molds or after their removal.

Two methods are now being successfully employed, giving a finish to concrete either in molded blocks, or monolithic construction in place. The first of these methods is to apply fresh granite to the face of the mold, which gives it all the finish and durability of granite ashlar.

A Cold Frame for Fall. It is really remarkable what results can be had in the garden long after the frost comes, by the use of a properly built cold frame.

Success with cold frames in the fall depends on getting your plant well started before the frosts come. A good plan is to build your frame work, and a good size would be six by twelve feet.

Mathematics and Humor. Proficiency in mathematics, political economy and "dry topics" like that are frequently found side by side with a fine quality of humor in men's minds.

Good Horse Sense. If old corn fodder is used for bedding the shredded article is better than the stalks; it is more comfortable for the horse and is worked more easily through the manure spreader.

Killing Fowls. The French poultier kills his fowls by dislocating the neck with a swift back chuck given close to the head.

Decapitating Fowls. A very good block for decapitating fowls is made by driving two spikes or nails along one side of a heavy block of wood, far enough apart to allow the fowl's neck to slip between them.

The fine living room which is well lighted. A large dining room is directly back of this and to the right is the kitchen. The kitchen is entered through an enclosed porch and directly available is a good sized pantry.

The house, if finished in the manner prescribed, will look well if built on a corner lot, as it will present an exceptionally fine appearance.

TO PASTEURIZE MILK

Most Effectually Done in Bottles In Which Received.

Good Results May Be Secured by Using Ordinary Tin Pail With Plate Inverted to Permit Circulation of Water.

(By J. F. FRANSEN.)

Milk can be pasteurized most effectively in the bottles in which it is received. To do this a small tin pail with a perforated false bottom can be used.



Arrangement for Pasteurizing Milk. Inverted tin placed in the bottom of the same. This false bottom is placed in the pail so as to permit circulation of water and prevent bumping of the bottles.

Second Floor Plan. The house will be warmer in winter and much cooler in summer than it would be if built entirely of frame.

Too Good. Mayor Harrison of Chicago was being congratulated at a luncheon on his forbidding chauffeurs to bring their horns in the crowded business sections of the city.

Reinforced Doubletree. A reinforced doubletree can be made of two one-inch oak boards with a piece of metal, A, between them.

Sowing Seeds Too Thickly. Practice should be discouraged as overcrowding undermines cultivation of plants.

Pail for Efficient Pasteurizing and Cooling of Milk. efficient way of cooling and will also prevent breaking of bottles. The milk can then be conveyed to the refrigerator and placed on ice until required for use.

Rape Seeding. In seeding rape broadcast from three to five pounds of seed are required to the acre. If sown in drills from one to two pounds of seed are sufficient.

Cultivating Corn. The purposes of interculture tillage are, first, to kill weeds; second, to keep the surface soil receptive to rainfall; third, to prevent the evaporation of soil moisture.

Value of Smudge Pot. Smudging is practiced in many sections of the west, and is found often to save the fruit crops from frosts.

Successful Grafting. A Michigan gardener has been grafting tomatoes on eggplants and red peppers. He began this experiment in 1898 and his first achievement was called the Kaiser.

DANGER OF BLIND STAGGERS

Kansas Experiment Station Finds Disease Caused by Poison in Mold and Fifth on Corn Ears.

Information coming from widely separated places show that the corn-ear worm is causing injury and death to farm animals by infecting them and giving them blind staggers.

For five or six years occasional outbreaks of blind staggers in horses have attracted attention. During this time the Kansas experiment station has been making an experimental study of this disease and its origin.

The eggs of the adult insect causing this trouble are laid in the husks of the young ear. After hatching the ear-worm burrows through the soft young kernels, leaving its filth, which, with the escaping juices of the corn, furnishes the best possible medium for the development of the seed mold and puts in decay.

To Reinforce a Doubletree. Can Be Made of Oak Boards With Piece of Metal Between Them—Hold Strongest Team.

Sowing Seeds Too Thickly. Practice should be discouraged as overcrowding undermines cultivation of plants.

Pail for Efficient Pasteurizing and Cooling of Milk. efficient way of cooling and will also prevent breaking of bottles. The milk can then be conveyed to the refrigerator and placed on ice until required for use.

Rape Seeding. In seeding rape broadcast from three to five pounds of seed are required to the acre. If sown in drills from one to two pounds of seed are sufficient.

Cultivating Corn. The purposes of interculture tillage are, first, to kill weeds; second, to keep the surface soil receptive to rainfall; third, to prevent the evaporation of soil moisture.

Value of Smudge Pot. Smudging is practiced in many sections of the west, and is found often to save the fruit crops from frosts.

Successful Grafting. A Michigan gardener has been grafting tomatoes on eggplants and red peppers. He began this experiment in 1898 and his first achievement was called the Kaiser.

Beware of Poisons. Don't forget that the solutions that are used in spraying fruit trees and also those that are used in treating seed grain for smut are poisonous and are liable to cause death to persons and animals as well as the things we intend to kill with them.

Care of Corn. If the corn was put into the ground rough and cloddy, get out the roller and then harrow to discourage the weeds before they get a good start.