

# Don't Plant Seed Corn That Won't Grow

Men from the state experiment station who have examined samples of the best seed corn exhibited at the local corn shows, short courses and farmers' institutes all over the state say that only from 10 to 40 per cent of the samples submitted will grow.

## Corn for Seed Purposes is in a Worse Condition than has ever been known A Grave Situation Exists

### How to Test Seed Corn

Enough ears to plant twenty acres can be tested in a single day with home made tester. Take a box six inches deep and about two by three feet in size. Fill the box about half full of moist dirt, sand or sawdust. Press it well down so it will have a smooth, even surface. Now take a white cloth about the size of the box, rule it off checkered fashion, making squares one and one-half inches each way. Number the checks 1, 2, 3 and so on. Place this over the sand, dirt or sawdust.

Take the ears to be tested and either lay them out on the floor and mark a number in front of each or attach a numbered tag. Now take off about six kernels from each ear (not all from the same place, but at several points on all sides.) Put these kernels on the squares corresponding in number to those placed on the ears of corn. Be careful not to get them mixed. Keep the ears numbered to correspond EXACTLY with the numbers on the squares of cloth.

After the kernels have been placed carefully on the cloth which covers the moist sand, dirt or sawdust, cover them with another cloth, considerably larger than the box; cover this cloth with about two inches of the same moist sand and keep the box in a warm place. It must not get cold.

The kernels will germinate in four to six days.

Remove the cover carefully to avoid displacing the kernels. Examine them carefully. Some will have long sprouts but almost no roots; others will not have grown at all, but the kernels from ears which will produce corn if planted, will have both sprouts and good root systems.

Compare the numbers on the squares with those on the ears. Put back into the feeding corn bin the ears which correspond in number to the numbers on the squares where the kernels did not grow or where they showed only weak roots.

The ears numbered corresponding to those on the cloth which showed strong signs of life are the ones to preserve for seed. Every kernel from these ears should produce a stalk, every stalk an ear.

A number of more convenient seed corn testers are manufactured for sale. They are all good—any implement dealer or seed house will know where to get them.

If we are to have a corn crop this year, every ear of corn should be tested to see if it will grow, before it is planted.

Suppose one dead ear is planted. The planter fails to get one thousand stalks of corn—almost 12 bushels of corn lost.

Leading corn authorities say that no man can tell if corn will grow or not, without making a germination test.

Particularly this year, corn that looks good on the outside is dead in the germ, and positively will not grow.

The business men of Omaha appreciate that business prosperity depends upon the success of the corn crop, and are therefore making this effort to arouse the state to the necessities of the case. If in any community there is more than enough seed corn to plant your own farm, please let us know, that we may secure the additional supply for other parts of the state.

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Publicity Bureau, Commercial Club, Omaha

### WHY NEIGHBORS FALL OUT

Here Are Some of the Remarks That Often Start the Clothesline Quarrels.

"Yes, I'm going to bring your lawn mower home tomorrow, sure. The blamed old rattletrap is no good, anyway."

"Ma wants to know if she can borrow another cup o' sugar of you today? She's keepin' track of all of it."

"I wish you'd keep your chickens in your own yard. This is the best time I've planted corn in my garden, and I'm getting sick of seeing your hens get it all."

"Say, that kid of your wants to quit his heaving rocks against my barn; or, by heavens, I'll get after him good and plenty."

"Why in thunder don't you keep your dog at home? He's chased our cat upon the house three times this morning. I'll shoot the critter sure if you don't keep him tied up."

"Your boy busted my boy's coaster last night, and I've come over to see what you propose to do about it."

"Can't you put some kind of a muzzle on that blamed old rooster you are harboring? He's the pest of the neighborhood. Nobody can get a decent night's rest around here."

"Yes, I ought to have sent your paper right back; but I'll have Johnnie bring it over in a few minutes, as soon as I read the sports page."—Los Angeles Express.

### CONSCIENCE OF THE SCOTCH

Tourists Who Wanted a Boat Ride on Sunday Finally Overcame Sandy's Scruples.

A couple of tourists staying at a village which is in close proximity to a well known Scottish loch had a fancy one fine Sunday to go for a row on the loch. They accordingly sallied forth in search of the boatman, whom they met just leaving his house dressed in his Sunday best and carrying a Bible under his arm.

"We want to go for a row," said one of the tourists.

"Dae ye no' ken it's the Sawbath?" answered Sandy; "ye'll no' get a boat frae me the day, forbye I'll hae ye tae ken that I am an elder o' the kirk."

"Yes, yes," expostulated the tourists, "that's all very well for you, but we don't require you with us. You can go to church; we can row ourselves."

"Ay, ay," said the elder, "but jist think whit the meonster'll say."

"Never mind the minister," was the reply; "he will know nothing about it. We will pay you well."

"Ah, weel," said Sandy, "I'll no' let ye the boat, bit I'll tell ye whit I'll dae. Dae ye see yon wee boatie doon among the rushes? Weel, she's ready wi' the oars inside. Jist ye gang down there an' row oot tae the middle o' the loch, an' I'll come doon tae the bank an' swear at ye; bit never ye mind, ye jist row on an' I'll call for the money Monday."—Ideas.

### Graceful East Indians.

Describing the women of India, a writer says: "Even the most withered, toll-worn hag has a dignity of carriage and a grace of motion that the western woman might envy. The 'sari' is draped in an easy flowing style and adjusted as it slips back with a graceful turn of the silver bangles arm, the skinny legs move rhythmically, and the small feet fall with a silent and pantherlike tread. It is the beauty of natural and untrammelled motion, and says much in favor of the abolition of the corset, for the Indian women retain their uprightness and suppleness of figure till bowed with age."

"The commonest type is the coolie woman, who undertakes all sorts of rough work, carrying heavy burdens on her head, and she is, perhaps, the least attractive, for her workaday garments are usually faded and dirty; yet, even among this poor class of burden bearers, we see many with handsome straight features and supple well proportioned figures."

"No matter how poor their garments, jewelry of some sort is worn; necklaces of gold or beads, colored glass or silver bangles and heavy silver anklets."

### Gray Leaved Plants.

Next to green, gray is the restful and most satisfactory color to be had in foliage. We now have so many hardy plants with gray foliage that we can choose one for each month of bloom and color of flower.

Among them are the silvery millfoil, gold dust, the white and purple rock cress, the woolly leaved chickweed, many hardy pinks, Siebold's day lily, Fischer's horned poppy, lavender cotton, woundwort and woolly thyme.

Some of these are decidedly silvery. Others incline to a blue cast which is most pronounced in the globe thistles and sea hollies. Such colors are so unusual in nature that it is easy to overdo them in gardens.—Country Life in America.

### Haste to Reimburse.

While carrying a ladder through the crowded streets of Philadelphia the other day a big Irishman was so unfortunate as to break a plate glass window in a shop. Immediately dropping his ladder, the Celt broke into a run. But he had been seen by the shopkeeper, who dashed after him and caught him by the collar.

"See here!" angrily exclaimed the shopkeeper when he had regained his breath, "you have broken my window!" "Sure I have," assented the Celt, "and didn't you see me running home with the money to pay for it?"

### HAD NOTHING MORE TO SAY

How the Lady's Complaints Were Silenced by the Fluent Dairy Wagon Driver.

Fault-finding may be met in any one of several ways. The method employed by the dairymen of whom the Rehoboth Herald tells would not serve with some people; but apparently it served with the lady at No. 75.

He had been told on starting out on the route that No. 75 was inclined to find fault, but that she was a good customer, and he was on no account to be rude to her.

"Those eggs you left here yesterday were stale!" grunted Mrs. 75, on the dairymen's second visit.

"Those eggs," responded the dairymen, blandly, "was laid half an hour before you had 'em, by special quick-laying birds imported from the Mooly Yomps Isles, ma'am, and they came down to this very house by marconigram, so you should have 'em fresh. A bit of twangy flavor they may have, but you can rest assured, ma'am, they weren't stale."

Mrs. 75 gasped. "Well, the milk didn't seem as good as usual yesterday, either," she pursued.

"Well, the boss will be cut up when he hears that!" continued the dairymen. "He sent down to Alderney a purpose for a cow that eats nothing but peaches and pineapples. 'Never mind the expense,' sezee. 'This cow we shall keep a-purpose for the lady at 75, and mind it sleeps on a feather bed at night,' he sez, 'and don't forget the elder-down quilt and the bed socks.' Was there anything wrong with the butter, ma'am?"

But Mrs. 75 shook her head, speechless.—Youth's Companion.

### MATERNITY IS A PRIVILEGE

Little Lecture on Marriage and Divorce That May Interest Some Modern Parents.

"Some folks wonder at the miracles in the Good Book, but God did the biggest and most unexplainable thing when he gave woman the privilege of being a mother. You might marry another man some time, but there's something you'd never forget, and that is that Perk is the father of Lucille and Mary Jane. It's something that demands from you a lot of forgiveness, if need be, for whatever he does. I don't think there's any divorce that God's a-goin' to recognize which separates fathers and mothers. He might overlook their livin' apart from each other if things went too far crosswise, but I doubt if he's goin' to fix affairs up in heaven after the judgment day by sayin' 'Mr. Smith, the courts down there in the U. S. A. say you ain't got no right to call this woman your wife and so I'm givin' her to Mr. Jones, who married her three years after she got her decree. He'll take care of your angel children and you'll have to go way back and sit down.' I say I don't think he's goin' to do it that way."—"Mary Jane's Pa," in the Novelization by Norman Way.

### Music as a Municipal Asset.

The deep wave of enthusiasm for music is in the country; the crest of the wave is in the cities. Every metropolis—we have more than one—is a mammoth conservatory. Six cities support symphony orchestras of the first rank. They are Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, St. Paul, and Minneapolis. A symphony orchestra, be it known, is the ne plus ultra of a music-center. To support such a luxury is impossible save with the help of many well-to-do John Stones. It is also impossible without a solid foundation of music-lovers—enough to fill the hall nearly every time. The city that has one has something that its commercial association can use with large effect in advertising literature. For it has come to be recognized in the west that musical achievement is a municipal asset. The "boosters" of a city now call attention to its banks, its newspapers, its wharves, its factories—and its symphony orchestra.—Metropolitan Magazine.

### Tactful Request.

Dobbleigh was a confirmed borrower, and, what was worse, he seldom returned the borrowed articles. He had held on to Whibley's umbrella, for instance, for nearly a year.

"And I'm blest if I know how I am ever going to get it back," said Whibley.

"Easy," said Hickenlooper. "Call a messenger and send Dobbleigh this note."

And he scribbled off the following: "Dear Dobbleigh: If you can spare it I'd like to borrow that umbrella of mine for a couple of days. Can you oblige me?"—Harper's Weekly.

### Out of Mouths of Babies.

Little Harold, aged five, helped his grandfather last summer setting out fruit trees, and was telling his father about it the other night.

Thinking to improve the opportunity of pointing a moral, father asked:

"Who made the trees, son?"

The kid thought for a moment, then his face lit up with a knowing smile.

"I guess God made the trees," he said. "But grandpa stood 'em up."—Milwaukee Free Press.

### Dark Thoughts.

"I can read your mind. I see there in dark thoughts."

"Yes. I was wondering when we would get our coal."

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The State of Nebraska, ss.: Creditors of said estate take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is September 16, 1912, and for payment of debts is April 15, 1913; that I will sit at the County Court room in said County, on June 17, 1912, at 2 P. M., and on September 16, 1912, at 2 P. M., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed (Seal) Dated February 9, 1912.

GEO. H. RISSER,  
County Judge.  
By ROBIN R. REID, Clerk. 16-4t