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loses its sugar rapidly, and to be enjoyed at its best must be taken direct from the garden. A home garden, for the city dweller, for the suburban or town resident, has so many advantages that it is hard to understand why everybody don't have a garden of some kind. Aside from its advantages in supplying the family with a variety of healthful foods during a long season, a good garden contributes to the health and morals of every person who acquires a love for the work. It takes qualities of thrift and persistence of purpose to make a good gardener, qualities that are needed to make a success of any business, and if you are lacking in these a good garden will help to train you. A good gardener learns to plan ahead and is forever looking ahead to the rich promises of nature. He knows from experience that nature rewards all his efforts abundantly. If you haven't the garden habit, get it this year. Make plans now. You may not succeed just as you expect this year. Next year you will know how to plan better. Keep at it a few years and you will never give it up, for it will become a part of your nature. A good start in this direction is to get the catalogues of the seedsmen, and take advantage of the many helps they contain. Some of these advertisers may be found in this issue of The Commoner. It will pay you to look them up.

**NATURE MAINTAINS FERTILITY**  
It is well to know how organic matter from plants and animals is converted into food for plants, says Farm and Ranch. Everyone is familiar with the odor of fermenting manure. This is a good example of the process of nitrification which changes organic matter into available plant food. Certain bacteria attack the manure and convert it into ammonia, which gas has the foul smell. Other bacteria convert the ammonia into nitrous acids or nitrates, which are further transformed into nitric acid or nitrates by other bacteria. In the form of nitrates this is soluble in water and is readily taken up by plants. This same process is constantly taking place in the soil. Leaves, stalks or other organic matter in the soil pass through this process called nitrification, a portion being transformed into nitrates and a larger portion being broken down into mold called humus. After the nitrates are used by the plants and the plants build up their tissues, produce and die they go back through the same process and thus the cycle in nature continues so long as man is wise enough to permit it. But when he gathers, sells off and burns nature is defeated in her plan of maintaining fertility and feeding man and animals.

**VALUE IN A SMALL FARM**  
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