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EVERYTHING FOR THE GARDEN.

## DETROIT GARDENING SCHEME

Vacant Lots Are Transformed Into Real Beauty Spots of City.

### RICH AND POOR WORK ALIKE

Plan Has Been Copied and Success fully Worked Out in Number of Other Cities with Consid-

erable Success. A few years ago, in Detroit, Mich. Hazen S. Pingree, then mayor of Detroit, and later governor of Michigan, inaugurated a campaign to utilize the vacant lots of the city for gardening purposes. The original plan, to provide garden space for poor people, was gradually extended under the direction of Colonel Cornelius A. Gardner, United States army, who was stationed there at the time, and before the scheme was perfected, it had been enlarged to include the entire city. and children of the rich and poor alike toiled over the regular rows of vegetables on the vacant lots throughout the

city, in a few seasons transforming ugly patches of weeds and rubbish into attractive and productive garden spots. The first plan of vacant lot gurdening started with a concerted action on the part of Mayor Pingree and other city officials, to secure from owners of vacant lots throughout the city permission for

boys to cultivate the ground Plot for Each Boy. These vacant lots, once secured, were divided into plots of ground, and each one was assigned to a certain boy or man or family. The poorer people of the city did not take up the idea readily at first, but as they saw the opportunity to secure a bountiful supply of fresh vegetables during the summer, they became interested in the plan. This work of di- Expert Tells How

viding the ground of the vacant lots mong the men who were to till it was placed in charge of Colonel Gardner, and he later acted in the capacity of adviser to the city gardeners, going from place to place, offering suggestions and settling disputes as they occasionally arose among the gardeners. In the quarter of the city occupied by

foreigners, the women took a keen interest in the gardens and tilled them and shands were employed in the mills or shops. The garden scheme grew. It was then extended to include the various parts boys and men from various parts of the city engaged in contests for small prizes during the garden season.

Civic Pride. in beautifying the city, and the plan was

promoted by the people who wanted the results of their tolls in vegetables. In many cases, not only did the city gardener supply his own family with garden truck during the summer, but also

laid in a supply of potatoes and other vegetables for the winter season. The cost of living was materially reneed, and the quality of their living in-

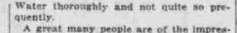
ne working well.

BY DR. A. WALT STEINLE. Before we delve into the ground with ur spade in a frantic and crude way to plant our trees, shrubs, etc., let us take up a few details that are essential ared for them during the day when their to insure the growing of our newly pur-

chased nursey stock. The home owner imagines all you have and water. to do is to poke the tree into the ground of the residence district of the city, and and it will grow. So in buying new trees or shrubs, after you have dug your hole, and always make the hole about three times larger than it should be, cut the hungry and thirsty. ends of your roots with a sharp knife, be-

There developed in Detroit a civic pride fresh root growth. Pour a few buckets fore placing your tree. This will induce of water into your hole and then thoroughly puddle the loose dirt in the bottom of the hole until it assumes a heavy consistency.

You can determine the depths to plant your tree by the ground stain on the base of the trunk. Do not plant too deep or not deep enough, but get it exactly as it grew in the nursery. Fill in creased by the people of Detroit when the dirt and do not pat mangle a root, but Jump in with both feet. The soil will



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sion that young trees on account of their infancy, require no attention. However, a more abaurd idea was never entertained. A young tree is like a young child; when in its infancy give it a proper foundation to build up on, with proper attention it will develop into a robust and shapely tree, requiring very little attention in maturity.

If you wish to be successful in growing your nursery stock always remember that young plants require attention

You would not think of going away from your home without leaving some food for your dog or cat. Did it ever occur to you that young plants also get

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