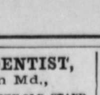
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A DISSERTATION ON TOMATOES.



Before the death of the renowned Chemist, Dr. G. A. Liebig, (we having had a large trade among the Harford county canners) our Mr. Hubbard went to see the doctor to know how to make a good Fertilizer for Tomatoes. He started out by saying: "Eighty-seven per cent. of a Tomato is water, and in the event of dry weather, when your Tomatoes are cripping unless you have a goods that is adapted to the crop, you cannot expect a large yield. Whilst an ordinarily compounded Phosphate would do some good, a specially compounded Phosphate would do a great deal more good, and it is the easiest thing in the world to make a difference of several tons per acre by proper fertilization and cultivation. Tomatoes are apt to blight unless the Phosphate is all right. What causes blight is the insect in the soil, either from a former crop, or is there naturally, and if the plant does not move off at once as soon as planted, the insect comes up, attacks the underneath leaves, they drop off, they go on up the vine and consequently permanently injured. Whereas, if you had a Phosphate like our Tomato goods, with three sources of ammonia. 1st. Nitrate of Soda, which is crystalized ammonia, acts at once. Then next in order the acidulated fine ground fish, and last the animal matter on the animal bone, is ammonia by decomposition, which furnishes plant food while your patch is cropping. The Phosphoric Acid is largely from Dissolved Animal Bone. And the Potash, well—it is from two sources of Sulphate, one double Sulphate 90 per cent., the very nature of which is to attract moisture as well as be the finest form of plant food in the world, and the Tomatoes do not have a chance to blight."
We replied to the doctor that we were sure that his advice was good, and that the goods would be O. K., but it would cost money to make a goods like that, and he said: "Hubbard, what's that to a farmer if he puts a dollar or two more on an acre and gets $12 or $15 more in return?" Well, we took his advice and are making our Tomato Phosphate as above described, and it has an enviable reputation.
Yes, we have heard some unsatisfactory reports, but have never heard of one but what upon investigation found the goods had been improperly applied. The ground not adapted, the seed not good, or something.
We do know, however, of a fact that many of our competitors would like to get the proportions of our formula. Making a Tomato Phosphate is like many ladies trying to make Maryland biscuit. You can have the flour, lard, salt, etc., but unless you know the proportions and how to knead the batch and have your oven the proper temperature, the biscuit will not be a success.
You need, however, soil adapted, humus in the soil, either in the form of barnyard or good vegetable matter turned under ahead and decomposed, and the Phosphate supplied ahead. If you are going to grow Tomatoes and have not received one of our Leatherette Pocket Diaries for 1899, containing calendar, memoranda, useful tables, how to plant and grow Tomatoes, write us, and we will send you one.

What Some of Our Patrons Say.

Capt. C. R. Dashiel says: Peerless would be cheap at $50.00 per ton on Tomatoes.

Messrs. Chas. Ross and C. Weedman, near Sudlersville, says: Their Tomatoes last year were splendid, big crop, good fruit, and that, too, on poor land.

Senator Wm. T. Hepburn, says: Your Tomato Phosphate is the best I ever saw. I have used it now for a number of years and always have a crop; even last year I had from 11 to 13 tons per acre all over. I want more.

Capt. R. S. Emory says: On one occasion he grew over 16 tons per acre with it.

Mr. Geo. W. Collins, of Magnolia, Del., says: It beats the world, used our goods on three farms. On one he got 12 tons, on another 15 and another 16 tons per acre in 1897; said his tenants got tired picking and hauling, they had so many. The above is his address. Write him.

Baker & Morgan, the great canned goods people purchased over $1000 worth last spring.

J. R. Leager, Cheswold, Del., got at the rate of 15 tons per acre last year and year before.

We also refer you with pleasure to Dr. F. N. Sheppard and J. W. Boggs, of Crumpton, who have used it with success.

Mr. Zac. T. Gilbert grew over 19 tons per acre with our goods.

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Joseph Downey, Rock Hall, says: He could actually tell the difference in the Tomatoes grown and brought to his cannery that were grown with Peerless.

D. F. Loose, Cheswold, Del., got 3 tons more per acre than from another goods costing $5.00 more per ton.

S. M. Taylor, (the representative) of Kenton, Del., says: He not only had a big crop, but his Tomatoes did not blight and all his neighbors did.

☞If you are going to grow Potatoes, Fertilize your Corn, Feed your Peach and Pear Trees, Top Dress your Grass, Sow Oats or anything that will require Phosphates, SEE OR CORRESPOND WITH US, and we will save you money.

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The Celebrated Kerr's Wrightsville Lime,
which has stood the test for many years by our oldest and most prosperous land owners. We can furnish you with other limes as you may wish, all of which will be delivered to any station on the Balto. & Del. Bay R. R. at short notice on reasonable terms. Last but not least is the well known
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COAL AND WOOD.
Building and White Wash Lime, Cements, Baled Hay, Roofing Felt and Terra Cotta Piping, all of which will be sold at city price. Hoping you may favor us with your orders and we will promise to try and please you. Thanking you for past favors, I remain, yours for business,
J. D. BACCHUS,
March 3, 1898. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

TO THE PEOPLE
of Kent and
Queen Anne Counties.
I have now on hand the most Complete stock of
BOOTS, SHOES
AND RUBBERS
that have ever been shown in this town, embracing all the latest style toes and widths, all of which have been selected with the greatest care, and I defy competition on the same lines of goods. All I ask is an inspection of them to convince you that a regular Shoe Store is the place to buy.

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Some Shoes require a lot of talk to sell them, but we have in our $2.00, $3.00 and $3.50 line of Men's Shoes that after you have seen them does not repuire much talking, because they speak for themselves. We have them in Box-Calf, Willow-Calf, Russets and Patent Leather, for a strictly dress shoe, on the new English Toe, Golf cut with back stay Double Sole, right up to date. Inspect this line and satisfy yourself.
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A fine line to select from.
See what $1.00 buys.
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See what $3.00 buys.
See what $3.50 buys.
No Trouble to Show Goods.
We believe in so treating customers that they will not only feel grateful to us but will send others to us about the Shoe question.
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THIS is to give notice to ALL DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS that the Tax Books of the county are now in my hands for the collection of Taxes, which are now due and MUST BE PAID AT ONCE.
☞I shall advertise Delinquents at once. Save the cost by paying promptly.
The Law Allows No Delay!
It says: "All tax bills unpaid on the first day of April in each year shall be placed in the hands of the sheriff of the county, who shall forthwith proceed to seize, levy upon, advertise and sell the property of such delinquents, or so much thereof as is necessary to pay said taxes, interest, charges, and cost of sale."
☞You will not be called upon for these taxes. My only visit will be to levy on the property, which will be advertised and sold according to law.
April 20. BEDFORD ROE, Sheriff.
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Before placing your Insurance, I would be glad to furnish you with the lowest current rates.
Prompt and careful attention given all business. Address or call on
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SPANISH INSOLENCE.

Masculine Manners as They Are Displayed in Madrid.

Smart life is very little seen in the streets of Madrid. Women never walk about unattended and seldom do more than descend from and enter their carriages. Men, as a rule, are gravely polite, the best of them genuinely so and the others with a varnish which does very well when not scratched. They stare out of countenance every woman who passes. This, they explain, means nothing, and is indeed a delicate sort of flattery, but by American ladies it is often taken for insolence and is always very trying.

In the Royal Opera House at Madrid an apparently well bred Spaniard will not hesitate to walk down the aisle during the entr'act, and, taking a favorable stand near the woman he wishes to regard, stare at her for two minutes at a time, with or without glasses. No sooner is the curtain down than nearly all the men in the house—as a rule handsome fellows and well dressed—bunch together in the middle aisle and take the measure of their surroundings. It is a solemn moment. Nobody smiles or jokes, and there does not seem to be much talking. Hats are worn, and every man looks about and stares. When an acquaintance is descried in one of the boxes, he gravely lifts his hat and replaces it, but his features retain their impassive gravity.

The women, when one does see them, seem to be handsomely gowned, but they are not as good looking as the men. They go about in fine looking carriages, drawn by spirited horses or by a spanking pair of mules. I have never seen such mules as are to be seen at times on the shopping streets of Madrid. You will often find on these crowded thoroughfares equipages that would look well on Fifth avenue, flocks of sheep and turkeys and slow moving oxen, not to mention the omnipresent donkey. The cafe life is an imitation of the French article.

ENEMIES OF RATTLERS.

Hogs and Black Snakes Kill the Venomous Reptiles With Impunity.

The two greatest enemies of the rattlesnake are the black snake and the hog. The rattlesnake is slow and sluggish in movement, while the black snake is intensely rapid. The latter will circle around his foe and with a sudden dart grasp the venomous reptile by the neck, so that it has no chance to use its poisonous fangs, and quickly squeeze it to death. A hog, especially if fat, suffers no danger from the rattlesnake. He will march boldly up to the coiled reptile, allow himself to be struck in his jowls once, twice or three times, as the case may be, and will then calmly proceed to swallow the reptile without concern. The reason for the hog's immunity is due to the fact that the blood vessels are so minute and infrequent on his cheeks, where fat is predominant, that they fail to take up the poison and carry it through the porcine system. Hogs have been used in droves to clear some of the islands of the southern seas of poisonous reptiles and have proved successful.

By remembering two simple facts any one can distinguish a poisonous serpent from a harmless one. The venomous reptile invariably possesses a triangularly shaped head and a blunt nose, while his tail is correspondingly blunt and stubby. Any snake that tapers smoothly from the middle of its body to the tip of its nose and to the tip of its tail as well, growing slender in a gradual and regular manner, is absolutely devoid of venom.—New York Press.

Badly Confused.

Lord Bramwell, says the biographer of that jurist, used to tell a story illustrating the complete paralysis which may affect the human mind at trying moments.

One day when he was on board a Rhine steamboat he noticed a lady, evidently in great distress, trying by signs to explain to the officials some matter of importance. Fancying that she was a countrywoman of his own, he asked:

"Do you speak English?"

The poor lady had really lost her head, and she could only stammer out, "Un peu"—that is, a little.

Then Lord Bramwell continued the conversation in French, but it became evident that the lady understood scarcely a word. German and Italian gave equally bad results. Finally she muttered audibly to herself:

"How I wish I were safe at home!"

"But surely you do speak English!" exclaimed the baron.

"I can't speak anything else," she sobbed. "That's what makes me so helpless among these foreigners."

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

Life must be built upon faith, and if it is not based upon it our hope is dead. —Father Monahan. Catholic, Philadelphia.

Immortal Man.

If man be not immortal, then God has planted falsehood in the very center of our being.—Rev. J. F. Carson, Presbyterian, Brooklyn.

A Christian People.

We are not a pagan, but a Christian people, and Christianity is the idea of our manhood.—Dr. Conaty, Catholic University, Washington.

Necessary Agency.

Every agency, whether civic, religious or educational, doing the work of Christianity, is necessary.—Rev. Reuben Thomas, Congregationalist.

Christ.

Christ is not only the keystone which holds the ages together, but he is the foundation upon which all is builded. —Rev. W. P George, Presbyterian, Kansas City.

A Chastened Spirit.

We must not be unmindful of the spiritual gains that come from a chastened spirit. Humiliation fertilizes the soul.—Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Independent, Chicago.

Uncertainty In Churches.

A weakness in our churches is the tone of uncertainty which seems to be struck every now and again in the religious service.—Rev. Thomas Van Ness, Unitarian, Boston.

To Make Christians.

Let us give our hands, our hearts, our prayers, and let us make it the prayer of our whole land, to make Christians of all the people of this land. —Rev. B F. De Costa, Episcopalian, New York

To Be Truly Great.

A man to be truly great and to have all his noblest powers aroused needs to feel that thrill and throb of the long yesterdays and the quivering pulsations of the great tomorrows.—Rev. George B. Vosburg, Baptist, Denver.

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A PRICELESS RELIC.

THE FAMOUS BLACK STONE OF THE TEMPLE OF MECCA.

How This Treasure of Islam Appears at the Present Day and the Various Theories of Its Origin—Guarded by Mohammedans.

So carefully is the black stone of the temple of Mecca guarded, even to this day, that the accounts given by different writers as to the nature and appearance of the black stone exhibit some considerable variations, for orthodox Mussulmans cannot be prevailed upon to give a straightforward description of it, and mere adventurers, like the several European hadjis (Burckhardt, Burton and the others) could only gratify their intelligent curiosity by stealthy investigations. Detection in the act of pursuing such investigation would have cost the travelers their lives, in pursuance (as Mohammedans suppose) of the law of the prophet. Your faithful Mussulman cannot understand that any other motive than worship should lead any one to visit Mecca.

The Mohammedans believe that this famous stone was brought down from heaven by angels. It is set in the wall of the Caaba, which stands within the great colonnade. The stone is four feet nine inches from the ground and is kissed and touched with great veneration by every pilgrim to Mecca.

Mr. Bate mentions what intelligent travelers have recorded concerning the nature of the black stone. One of them tells us that it is undoubtedly a large aerolite—an opinion which scarcely harmonizes with its reputed quality of floating in water, since aerolites usually contain a large percentage of heavy, metallic matter, such as iron pyrites.

Another traveler reports that it looks like a piece of lava, containing small extraneous particles of some white and yellowish substance.

Still another of these authorities affirms that it is a fragment of volcanic basalt, sprinkled throughout its surface with small, pointed, colored crystals and varied with felspar upon a dark ground, like coal, excepting one of its protuberances, which happens to be a little reddish.

Others, again, claiming an equal title to exact knowledge, give it as their opinion that it is nothing else than an ordinary piece of stone from quarries in which the Meccan territory abounds. These last mentioned travelers, however, appear to overlook the circumstance that this opinion of theirs does not take due cognizance of that property of the stone to which we have just alluded and also the circumstance that the only kind of stone yielded by the Meccan quarries is a sort of gray granite.

Not so difficult is it to form an idea as to its size and present appearance. In form it is an irregular oval, the inequality of its two longer sides imparting to it a somewhat semicircular appearance. It measures about 6 inches in height and 8 in breadth, the diameter on its lower and wider side being 8½ inches. The surface is protuberant and somewhat knobby or undulating and has the appearance of being composed of a number of smaller stones of different sizes and shapes, securely fitted together with cement and perfectly smooth.

Its appearance is as though the original piece of stone had been broken to pieces by a violent blow and then repaired. And, as a matter of fact, this appears to be the true explanation of this irregularity of the surface, for it is recorded by the Arabian historians of the Caaba that in the year 413 of the Hajira an emissary of a certain Egyptian khalifa, known as "the Mad Khalifa Hakim," shattered it to pieces by a stroke of a club, and they relate that after this event the pieces and even the dust also were carefully restored and the fragments cemented together.

The protuberances mentioned are 12 or 15 in number and are such as to impart to the surface of the stone a muscular or pebbly appearance. Near the middle there is a hollow which reaches to about as much as two inches below the outer edge of the stone and is of a kind to suggest to the visitor the surmise that one of the protuberances may have been removed.

The color of the surface of the relic is at the present time a deep reddish brown, or, as some have described it, a metallic black, and, notwithstanding the polished appearance imparted to it by the constant touching of unnumbered myriads of devotees, it yet bears on its undulating surface what appear to be evident marks of volcanic origin.

These muscular protuberances, however, are attributed by the Moslem authorities to the incessant osculations and rubbings of the faithful. The smoothness may perhaps be attributable to this cause, but the obviously fractured and pebbly appearance is not accounted for in this way.—Asiatic Quarterly.

RUNNING A THEATER.

The Big Salary Account That New York Houses Must Meet.

The salaries of actors and actresses vary so much that no fixed prices can be quoted. It may suffice to say that the salary list of a stock house for performers will not come to less than $1,000 a week, and is often considerably more.

The salaries in the "front" are about as follows: Business manager, $60 to $75 a week; box office man, $30; assistant, $15; two doorkeepers, $8 to $12 each; head usher, $8; other ushers (three or four), $7; lithograph men (two), $15; night watchman, $10.

The salaries of the attaches of the stage are all fixed at union rates. Furthermore, the manager must employ three men on a side—that is, three stage hands on each side of the stage, including the stage carpenter and his assistant—and two flymen, men who work the curtain and drops up in the "flies," the regions above the stage.

The union rates are as follows: Stage carpenter, $30 a week; assistant, $25; electrician, $25; assistant, $15; property man, $25; assistant, $15; back doorkeeper, $7; stage hands, $1.50 for each performance, $2.50 per day for putting on a play, 50 cents an hour for rehearsals and 62½ cents an hour for all labor half an hour after the fall of the final curtain. Orchestra leaders get $40 to $50 a week, and the union rate for musicians is $25, except in operettas, when it is $4 a performance.—"The Business of a Theater," by W. J. Henderson in Scribner's.

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