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HEALTH NOTES.

MUZZLE YOUR COUGHS AND SNEEZES

"That arch enemy of mankind the common cold is always on the rampage at this time of the year, and it behooves every one of us to mobilize our powers of resistance against it. It is a mistake to say that we catch a cold. As a matter of fact, the cold usually catches us when we are off guard or below par physically.

"Colds and other diseases of the respiratory system are spread by discharges from the nose and throat. Colds are spread from person to person not through maliciousness but through ignorance, carelessness and indifference. To be specific:

"Every time the victim of a cold has a coughing spell, germ laden droplets of mucus are brought to the surface. Every sneeze projects germ laden spray into the atmosphere. The mucus that is raised up by the spitter and carelessly deposited on the street or road carries untold numbers of germs of the common cold, or tuberculosis, or of other respiratory diseases. Dragged indoors on the shoes of passersby these germs become a menace to the members of the household and especially to the little children who play around on the floor.

"Every victim of a cold who kisses another person squarely on the mouth, implants the germs of his ailment in the most favorable spot for their speedy growth. Every sufferer from a cold in the head, or throat, or cough, who shares his towel or wash cloth or his drinking cup with the other members of the family or with his friends at the office or at school, simply serves as a germ distributor.

"The best way to protect yourself against the common cold is to strengthen your powers of resistence."

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

WINTER PLOWING URGED FOR TOMATO FIELDS

One of the best paying control measures a tomato grower can adopt in order to reduce his losses from leaf blight diseases is to plow during winter the land which he intends to plant in tomatoes next Spring, according to H. A. Hunter, canning crops pathologist for the University of Maryland Extension Service.

This recommendation is sound, whether the land was in tomatoes the past year or not, it is declared. Investigations have shown that the leaf spot diseases are widely distributed and occur on a number of different plants. Moreover, they live through the Winter on diseased tomato plants, on the dead stems of a good many weeds, and on plant organic matter of almost any description that is left above the surface of the ground. On the other hand, it has been proved that if all dead vegetation is plowed under to a reasonable depth and the soil permitted to lie in this condition during the greater part of the Winter, the organisms of the disease will be destroyed. While the disease spreads easily from plant to plant and from field to field in one season the fall plowing practice eliminates much early infection. Hence the more thorough the job of turning vegetation under, the better the control.

Tomato seed beds that are to be used again next spring should be plowed carefully this winter to turn under the dead plant refuse. If this material is left on the surface of the ground until next spring, plant bed infection may occur. Diseases are then carried to the field with the seedlings and cause much greater losses than infections which occur later in the field.

To be effective the plowing must be done before the dead of winter is over. This seems best in December or January because at that time there is probably less washing and leaching of the land.

Four Tomato Growers Over Ten-Ton Mark

Coming through a season which imposed more than the usual handicaps in the way of unfavorable weather, one hundred and eleven tomato growers who entered the Maryland ten-ton tomato club contest found their ranks seriously depleted at the conclusion of the harvest period with only four able to qualify as having produced ten tons or more of tomatoes per acre.

The successful growers were John W. Howard, of Caroline county; who had an average yield per acre of 12.52 tons of tomatoes on 2.1 acres; Charles H. Gist, of Carroll county, whose average production on 2.2 acres was 12.23 tons per acre; W. Hall Dawson, of Talbot county, with an average acre yield of 10.57 tons on 9.7 acres; and Dorsey J. Robinson, of Queen Anne's county, with an average yield per acre of 10.28 tons on a field of 6.1 acres.

While the remaining one hundred and seven growers failed to produce an average yield of 10 tons or better and thus failed to qualify for recognition, their yields were more than double the average tomato yields for the State, it is pointed out by L. M. Goodwin, canning crops specialist for the University of Maryland Extension Service, who supervised the contest and assisted in determining the final yields.

The contest was announced last spring as a cooperative undertaking between the Tri-State Packers' Association, the University of Maryland Extension Service and others interested in promoting the welfare of the canning industry in the State. In the main, the contest was intended to place emphasis upon those phases of production which assure high yields and a corresponding reduction in the cost of production.

Each of the four growers will receive bronze medals and the three with the highest production averages were guests of the Tri-State Packers' Association at their annual meeting in Philadelphia December 18 at which time they receive gold watches for making the highest yields in the State during the past season. The watches were presented by fertilizer manufacturers and makers of cans.

Code Employed for Telegrams in China

The transmission and receipt of telegrams in China is not so easy as in western countries, because the Chinese language lacks an alphabet and expresses itself by characters and signs that represent words. In consequence, for purposes of telegraphing, an exact list has been made of signs in quantity sufficient for ordinary correspondence, and to each of the signs a different number is given which is transmitted by the Morse telegraphic system. The code consists of 9,800 ciphers, the whole forming a pamphlet of 49 pages, each one of which contains ten series of 20 characters with its corresponding number. On receipt of a telegram the operator looks up in his book the characters represented by the numbers transmitted by the apparatus and transcribes them into legible Chinese. —Washington Sunday Star.

Giant Ant Bear

Of all the denizens of the tropical forests of Central and South America the giant ant bear is probably the most dangerous. It is said to be too stupid to know fear. Its thick skin and dense stiff hair render it almost impervious to ordinary shot, it is remarkably tenacious of life, and its six-inch curved claws at the tips of sinewy limbs, which can swing in any direction and are literally universal jointed, are terrible weapons.

No other animal, according to Mr. Hyatt Verrill, the well-known big game hunter, willingly attacks the ant bear, and while the creature cannot move rapidly for any distance, and is usually content to mind his own affairs and devote his life to lapping up ants, it becomes positively insane with rage when disturbed or wounded.

Blowing Hot and Cold

Doctor Slosson says that heat is measured, as time is measured, only by its loss. When you blow through nearly closed lips the breath is expelled so rapidly that, passing over the hand, it cools it by evaporating the perspiration from the skin, whereas when you breathe upon it more gently from the open mouth the hand is surrounded by the warm air, and hence feels hot. If a thermometer were used instead of the hand, you would find that the effect in the two cases is the same, or often the reverse, because the thermometer has no moist skin and registers the actual temperature instead of merely changes of temperature.—Washington Star.

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