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Cultivation of Garden From Dawn of History

The idea of gardening is not new but has been familiar to most people since civilization began. Trees, shrubs, flowers, water and ornaments have always been included in some form as home grounds were developed. The Bible describes man's first misfortune in the story of Adam and Eve being driven from the Garden of Eden.

Someone has said that many of the wise ones have been endeavoring to return to a garden since that time. In other words, there has always been a growing tendency to construct gardens in some form or other by the majority of people living in civilized countries.

Landscape or garden architecture is the most perishable of the arts, and the only records of its ancient development are found in stone carvings and literature.

From this information we find that the wandering nomads of the earliest times apparently drove their herds from place to place, stopping where pastures were favorable and the soil suitable for rough cultivation. As these stopping places became more permanent, the cultivated areas were fenced to protect them from wild animals and raiding tribes. Ancient history describes them and at a later date those of Egypt and Babylonia as the first gardens.

Tobacco Looked Upon as Gift From Heaven

With some of the Indian tribes, the planting of medicine tobacco was an ancient ceremony, and in Virginia it was believed to be a gift from heaven. In the ceremony of adoration to the sun the medicine men stood in the center of a circle about which leaves of tobacco were arranged, thus minimizing the influence of any evil spirits that might be hanging around. Powdered tobacco was not always used as snuff, but was flung to the breezes as a means of ending droughts and tempests; or tossed into the air as an offering to some spirit that had to be placated.

The medicine men used tobacco as a cure, saturating the patient's system with it until he became intoxicated and did not know whether he was sick or not—and probably was past caring. Records show that glorious dreams accompanied this treatment, such as sitting in at the councils of the gods and the like.

The Spaniards noticed that, besides the uses mentioned, the Indians took tobacco in various forms to overcome fatigue. They tried the remedy themselves, and found it so much to their liking that the cultivation and use of tobacco spread like wildfire throughout the world.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Embalming Whales

Two whales, each 45 feet long and weighing 22 tons, were successfully pickled by an expert of the Natural History museum, says an item in London Tit-Bits. The museum badly wanted a couple of embalmed whales for examination, and arrangements were made with a Norwegian whaler to tow the next pair of good specimens captured into the harbor of Aalesund. The carcasses were cleaned and then each was packed with 30 tons of salt. Into the veins were injected 65 gallons of formalin preserving fluid. Owing to the salt they looked just like gigantic crystalized fruits. They will keep for at least two years whilst examination is conducted, and a plaster cast for the museum made from one of them.

European Divisions

The boundary line between Germany and Russia, with its southern extension, is usually considered the dividing line between western and eastern Europe. Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium, Spain and Portugal, etc., are all included in western Europe. During the World war, when Germany and her allies were fighting in Belgium and France, to the west of Germany, and in Poland and Russia, to the east of Germany, these two battle lines were distinguished as the western and eastern fronts.

Concerning Hairs

A German scientist has numbered the hairs on a human head and finds that the average brunette's total is 121,360. Blonds have about 20,000 more and red heads around 30,000 less. So, while a red hair is more conspicuous on a coat collar than one of the brunette persuasion, there are 30,000 less chances for a red one to find a resting place and that's a scientific fact worth taking into consideration.—Indianapolis News.

Originally French

The expression, "Let George do it," is said to have originated in France during the Fifteenth century, says Pathfinder Magazine. The French is "laissez faire a Georges," originally having satirical reference to the many activities of Cardinal d'Amboise, prime minister to Louis XII. Later it became slang, was translated into English and adopted in America without any comprehension as to its original meaning.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

BY RUTH FOX

It was exactly ten-thirty P. M. Tuesday night, at the Chestertown High School, in the middle of the second act of "Mother Carey's Chickens." I was beginning one of my speeches, "That means a happy fireside for yourself—and one other—", but I got no further I stopped. My hand trembled. I flopped into the nearest seat and gasped, "Miss Riches, I have it written, that School News for The Enterprise!"

That happened at ten-thirty. It is eleven o'clock now. Walter Winchell is signing off the radio. And might it not be a good idea for me to turn the radio off altogether? After all, I could write the School News easier.

"Practicing "Mother Carey's Chickens" tonight was fun. The school was cold, out we wore coats. Elmer's singing was grand. The audience will like that part Friday night.

And Priscilla acts so naturally. It is easy to play opposite her. Somehow she balances things. Reginald acts so silly. If he does those crazy things Friday night the audience will road,—or throw cabbages. It is hard to tell what an audience may do. Charles Chester Atwater knows nearly everybit of his part. And he was just put in too. He must have a good brain to be able to absorb all of those speeches in so short a time.

The Chestertown High School boys' basketball team played Easton Tuesday afternoon in the college gym. Our boys won with the score of 34 to 10.

This was the first P. A. L. game of the season.

Did you know that:

The Dragon money is down to seventy-nine dollars?

The Juniors and Seniors are studying "Punctuation" in English? And oh, how we love it!

Priscilla Grainger had the mumps?

The Home Economics 8A section is studying about the different classes of foods?

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Everything Routine in Life of Modern "Bossy"

Golf has crowded the cattle out of the pastures and the cow of tomorrow will be lucky if she ever gets a look at the green fields. The production of milk has been reduced to a very mechanical operation and the cow's life will consist of a ramble three times a day from her stall to a revolving milking platform and then back to her stall. The animal is kept so immaculately clean that her sisters of the fields would not be able to recognize her. It is the latest method of producing milk and is based on the observations of a group of scientific gentlemen who have given much thought to the subject and the new method has been in operation for a time at one of the plants of a well-known company specializing on superclean milk for baby's use. It represents a complete revolution of the life of the cow, but the animals soon get used to the routine and are said to like it. The cow is released from her stall and she walks along a tile-coated corridor to a revolving platform which accommodates 50 animals. As the platform revolves the animal is washed and then dried in a current of warm air and given other attentions to secure her perfect sanitary cleanliness and after this she is milked by machinery. By the time the great turntable makes a complete revolution the operation has been completed and the cow is automatically released and she steps from the moving platform and back to her stall. Her drinking water is sterilized and her food is analyzed and electricity supplies a substitute for the deficient sunlight.

What She Meant

A young sea captain who lived on a small farm married a village maiden, Susan Margaret. Before sailing the young captain advised his bride, Susan Margaret, "while I am away have Frank, the hired man, feed two quarts of middlings to the cow twice a day."

Later the bride said to the hired man, "Frank, when you go to town get a sack of half-ways."

"What, ma'am?" asked Frank.

"Get a sack of half-ways while in town," the lady repeated, more clearly.

"I do not know what you mean," replied the bewildered man.

"My husband said, 'Feed the cow four quarts of half-ways every day.' As there are none in the bin I wish you to get a sack while in town," said the lady with much dignity.

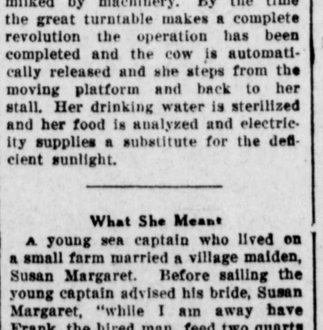
When the man could control his voice sufficiently he queried, "Ma'am, do you mean a sack of middlings?"—Lewiston Journal.

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By FANNIE HURST

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LEOPOLD knew that his family was right, and yet, throughout the years of the early childhood of his children, he held out stubbornly against the often angry importunings of his wife Anna, her relatives, and his.

For a man who had been trained to the lucrative trade of master-plumber, suddenly to turn waiter was not only a matter of supreme humiliation to the Dagmar family, one and all, but, as Anna and his own sisters expressed it, sometimes they actually feared for the sanity of Leopold.

It was not as if he had been lazy. Even his sisters said of him that as a boy he had never given symptoms of a lazy bone in his body. And dear knows the servile work of waiting table in the small Russian restaurant where Leopold took up his new labors was no easier than that of a plumber who hired men to work under him. On the contrary, the hours were practically as long, and certainly more arduous. On his feet, carrying hoisted trays, polishing crockery, even sweeping out, and doing servile chores for patrons, from five in the evening until two and three in the morning, was work of an exacting, if less skilful nature than the plumbing.

Wringing her hands, deploring the lack of dignity his work as waiter implied for his young children, over and over again Anna sought to wrest from Leopold the secret of his sudden decision to abandon his skilled work for the less remunerative, less ambitious vocation of waiter.

Not for worlds, after his five years of life with her, could Leopold have been brought to reveal to her the secret reason for this amazing abandonment of his well-paying trade, for the lesser vocation of waiting table in a small Russian restaurant. Like his sisters, she would have cried and screamed her derision of his selfish, wastrel ways.

The secret motive was neither so profound nor so complicated as that imputed to him by those who felt themselves to be the victims of his vagaries. "He is after women," shouted Anna, knowing in her heart that women were not the cause of Leopold's defection.

"He is crazy after the low-life of the cabarets," accused his sisters, knowing that nothing of the kind was characteristic of Leopold.

The reason, meanwhile, lay snugly imbedded in the silence of Leopold. A simple reason; so simple that it shamed him.

The great advantage of waiting table in a restaurant, over the more dignified, more remunerative work as master plumber, was the music! As a waiter, you worked to music! Your work was servile, yes, often in a way that was hateful and revolting, but as a waiter you worked to music!

A five-piece orchestra played at Kosta's from 7 p. m. until 2 a. m. Russian music for the most part, with a balalaika or Russian banjo accompaniment that was as melancholy as wind in autumn trees, and yet at the same time sweet and plaintive and filled with a certain wild lust for life. Music that was as real as the beautiful black hair on the head of Leopold's two-months-old baby daughter.

You worked to music at Kosta's. At 7, the patrons began to come. At 7:15, in trooped the five-piece orchestra. The dinner went something like this. Zakuska, a hors d'oeuvre, which consisted of chopped liver served usually to the accompaniment of a song that wrung the very heart out of Leopold; a piece called "Ochee," which clumsily translated into "Languorous Eyes." Then the borsch course; thick soup clotted with sour cream, to strains that to Leopold were almost the most beautiful in the world: "The Volga Boat Song," filled with the dirge and the urge of those who sweat and toil. Pojarsky, cutlets of chopped chicken, served to the aria from "Eugene Onegin." And so on through an evening repetitiously crammed with melodies that never seemed to pall.

You could not very well go home and say to the most practical wife in the world, and to sisters to whom life was a serious day-by-day business: "I cannot play a note, I do not know one note from another, but one day, while fixing radiators in the home of a famous violinist, and hearing him practice as I worked, I realized that music can lift life from the hum-drum affair it has always been, into something that makes it worth living. I will work twice as hard as a waiter. I will dump every cent of my earnings into your lap. Let me live in my trance!"

Of course the wife and sisters of Leopold did not let him live in his trance. There were children to rear, clothe, educate and feed, and shortly after the startling defalcation of Leopold Anna developed a nervous illness, induced by worry.

Life stepped in and took a hand in the mild madness which seemed to have got hold of Leopold. Within a month after he had gone to the role of waiter in the Russian restaurant, he was back again at his work of soldering lead, laying pipe and fixing the drains and faucets of people's bathrooms. It must be said for him that he took it philosophically. After all, it was uncontroversial that there were children to be reared, and Leopold had seen too much of the struggle of poverty in his own boyhood not to feel imbued with the desire to spare his offspring as much as possible of pain and deprivation.

The children of Leopold, the four of them, justified his sacrifice. There were three boys and a girl, all of them with their mothers' and sisters' square, practical heads on their young shoulders. And all of them held the same attitude of tolerance toward the parent who spent his evenings and holidays picking out futile and garnished melodies on the flute that time after time, in despair or in the spirit of practical joke, had been hidden from him by his tormented family.

When Betty, the black-haired baby, reached her maturity, there were four young people in the Dagmar family earning each a good living wage, and contributing to the by no means inconsiderable daily wage of the plumber, Leopold.

Five years later the four children of Anna and Leopold between them were in the proud position to give the sum of one thousand dollars to their father on his sixtieth birthday. That accomplished two really triumphant purposes. It sealed by deed, their loving regard for his generosity to them. It increased the nest egg of Leopold and Anna from four to five thousand dollars. Four of this Leopold presented to the astounded Anna on the occasion of their next wedding anniversary.

With the remaining one thousand, he made the first down payment on a little run-down restaurant in a Russian neighborhood, where for sixty-five cents one could eat a table d'hote dinner, to the strains of a three-piece orchestra that boasted a balalaika.

Yankee Sailors Opened Hawaii to Civilization

The United States may well thank Boston and its daring men of the sea for the fact that Hawaii now flies the Stars and Stripes rather than the Tricolor or the Union Jack. A Spanish navigator discovered the islands in 1555, but his country laid no claim on them and they were virtually forgotten. The British Captain Cook visited the islands in 1778 and named them the Sandwich islands. Still the islands were practically unknown. Then, following the close of the American Revolution, American ships began to sail the seven seas in growing numbers, and in 1789 the first ship flying the American flag—from Boston—visited the Hawaiians. It was the first of many from the same port, carrying traders, whalers and adventurers; and soon the natives learned of the Republic on the continent to the east and to acquire the ways of the white men.

The Boston traders found each of the islands under a separate king, with two rival rulers on Hawaii, the largest of the islands. One of the latter obtained firearms and ammunition from the traders and got their assistance in building a "navy." With this American help he became the "Napoleon of the Pacific," conquered the other islands, and as Kamehameha I ruled over the consolidated kingdom. His line died out with Queen Liliuokalani, and the United States came into control.

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MILLINGTON

Mr. William Vansant and family spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. S. Edna Jones.

Mr. George B. Jones is on the sick list.

Miss Leona Phillips returned on last Sunday to the Delaware Hospital where she is in training after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Phillips.

Special meetings will be held at Trinity M. E. Church, South, beginning Sunday, March 13th at 7.15 p. m. a song service for fifteen minutes. Preaching service each evening during the week at 7.30 o'clock.

The members of Millington Epworth League held their business meeting and social last Friday evening at the home of Charles and Arthur Anthony a large attendance was present and a good time enjoyed by all.

The Millington Fire department had an early morning call last week to the Hotel Bailey where a small out buildding was destroyed, endangering the whole property. Fortunately we hed a good fire company. Damage was about $100.00.

Master Charles Fitch, of Westport Conn., visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ahern last week end.

Mr. William H. Price who some weeks ago went to Philadelphia on account of sickness died on Sunday, March 6th at the home of his sister, Mrs. Allie Gayton. His remains were brought to Millington and interment was made in Millington cemetery on Thursday last.

Misses Frances Fisher and Irma Lawyer, of Willow Grove, Pa., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Rasin.

Mr. Julian C. Numbers, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Miss Mary E. Numbers, of Northampton, Mass., were guests over the week end of their father, Fred C. Numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Melvin, Jr., spent Sunday with his father, Mr. Clarence M. Melvin, Sr., Queenstown, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin and little neice, of Ponfret, Md., were visitors over the week end of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Jones.

Emphasizing the fact that the present is no time for any business organization to cease functioning, the Board of Directors of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, meeting at Onley, Friday, February 12th, recommended that every effort be made to continue the functions of the organization despite the depleted income.

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