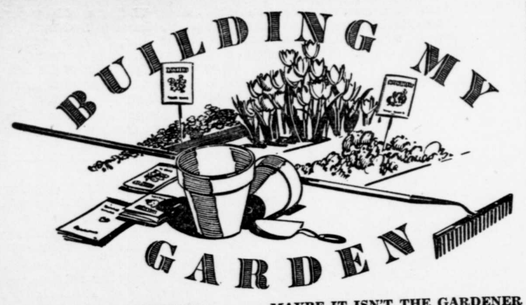


PLANT LIFE ODDITIES

Flowers perk up after doses of aspirin. Plants respond to anesthesia almost as do animals, losing, and upon emergence, recovering, their power of "feeling," of reacting stimuli. They become intoxicated; they work, overcome opposition, go to sleep and awake. (A good way to make money — Buy the aspirin concession in arboretum.)

The apple was originally a peach according to Lloyd C. Stark, nurseryman of Louisiana, Mo., and an authority on fruit origins. A small. hairy, inedible peach which grows wild at elevations of 7,000 feet in Tibet and China is the ancestor of all modern peaches, Stark believes. The modern fruit was developed and carried through commerce into Chinese, Roman, Greek and Persian civilizations.

Stark also adds a new version to the Garden of Eden story when he says: "In more ancient days the Chinese believed in eating a certain kind of peach which would bring immortality and preserve the body from corruption to the end of the world. The peach tree was the 'tree of knowledge' to the Chinese, and it may have been that the apple eaten by Eve in the Garden of Eden, was a Persian apple, or as it is known today, a peach." (Apple or peach, it gave a pair the raspberry and caused a lot of trouble.)

Central Africa grows a sausage-tree, from whose wide-spreading crown hangs what appears to be bologna sausages. (A good accompaniment to this tree would be the African "poached-egg tree," so-called because of its huge white flowres with golden centers.

Australia presents as rivals to the above, a tree whose thick-based trunk tapers upward like a soda bottle; and the black-boy tree, which thrusts a spear-like shaft 6 feet above its shaggy crown of leaves. From a distance a group of these might be savages on the warpath.

In the Western United States grow powerful herbs, locoweeds, which have a weird effect on animals. Cattle, sheep, and horses that eat them soon lose their muscular coordination. They stagger as if drunk and may eventually die. They lose all sense of proportion, act as if crazy, rearing up to jump over small sticks as if they were log barriers. (Hence the expression "gone loco.")

A tree grows in Sumatra which has an effect on birds equally disastrous. Not poison, but a glue-like gum covering its fruits is the cause. When small birds alight near the fruits, their wings become so glued together that they cannot fly, and fall to the ground. (A few of those trees planted in restaurants might settle the fly problem.)

One of the strangest fruits encountered is the so-called miraculous fruit. After eating one, everything, even a lemon, tastes sweet. It causes this effect by temporarily paralyzing some of the papille of the tongue. (Yeast cake manufacturers please take notice.

An equally weird plant is the Welwitschia, from Africa. Aside from its cotyledons, or seed leaves, it develops only two leaves. These, however, continue to grow for dozens of years, stretching out on each side of the trunk like green ribbon several inches wide and more than six feet. (Look at the ears on 'em.)

Having learned all about plants, we'll go out and weed the garden, hoping to be able to locate the weeds by the fact that they're the only things that are growing nicely. In fact, we think ours town.—Foxboro (Mass.) Reporter.

MAYBE IT ISN'T THE GARDENER

No more need the Optomistic Gardener, scanning that bald spot or that flourishing patch of weeds in the flower border, feel he must confess his nursery school a miserable flop. These horticultural surprises that shake one's self-esteem may now conveniently be blamed upon the seeds. Flower seeds, it is disclosed, re likely to play hooky almost any time. They do not receive, even in the best families, the training in manners and morals that is given to vegetable seeds, grass and farm seeds in general.

In fact, many flower seeds never even take home a report card, or go into the examination room—let alone work for a degree. Recent tests given to the entering class of flower seeds at the State Agricultural Experimental Station, Geneva, N. Y., have divulged a wide range of abilities and inabilities on the part of the seeds to do their stuff.

Of the 500 packets purchased at random all over the State, and tested, about 57 per cent gave satisfactory germination, 28 per cent were considered of doubtful value, and 15 per cent were worthless.

So no matter what the results, the Indefatigable Gardener can now keep his chin up. If his pupils flourish, he may credit himself with providing an excellent school. If they play truant, he may simply rate them "low I. Q." (Innocent Queerness). He has unwittingly planted some horticultural gangsters. Maintaining his self-esteem as an Efficient Gardener, he may choose his pupils by joining the increasing number of gardeners who are turning to seed growers who make their seeds take rigorous examinations.

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WILLIAM H. CARTER,
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Filed November 3rd, 1936.

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The Wisdom Of Geese

BY JACK MINER

I have said that in some ways birds had brains superior to ours. Let me try and explain myself. The ponds on my bird sanctuary are so small in comparison to the North American continent, that no words can express the proportion of them to the millions of square miles of land and water of North America. Even the point of the finest needle pressed on the map of this continent would represent several square miles; so again, I say, these ponds, which comprise only a couple of acres on my bird sanctuary, cannot be measured or proportioned to the North American continent.

It is a well-known fact that since 1901 I have been tagging ducks, and since 1915 have tagged over eight thousand Canada geese, which represent approximately forty tons of honkers that have gone through my hands and had an alumninum tag placed on their legs, in order to study their routes of migration—but what else has it proved? It has proved that these same birds came back to these same mud holes year after year for feed and protection and kindness, that I try to give them. It further proves that they know a friend from an enemy; proves that they know a place of safety and rest, or in other words, where to go for a breathing spell. But the big thing it proves is that they have been given brains, knowledge or sense, that without the aid of compasses, instruments or such like, they can get up during early October at the Arctic Circle, with their family following in single file, and in a short time come circling down on these little artificial ponds of mine, where they know they are safe; and in the early part of March, the ones that have escaped the deadly aim of sportsmen along the Mississippi valley and the Atlantic seabord, rise up out of range of shot and shell and keep at the great height till they land back at this spot of safety. The tagging system has proved they come here from as far north as Great Slave Lake and Baffin Land,, as far west as British Columbia, as far east as Labrador, New Jersey and the Atlantic coast, and as far south as Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and the Gulf coast.

How many human beings with an aeroplane, or dropped down in these localities, could, without aid of compass or other instruments and only depending on their own brains, even find their way to such a small spot; and, if they did, how long would it take? I am afraid some of them wuold be glad to have some goose brains to even bring them out of such desolate places in northern regions of civilization.

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FORSEES PLENTY OF DUCKS IN MARYLAND DURING SEASON

Early indications of the number of ducks expected to make a stopover in Maryland during the hunting season for wild waterfowl, which begins on November 26, seem to be extremely favorable, E. Lee LeCompte, State Game Warden, reports.

Already large numbers have come down from the North and settled until severe winter weather sets in at Hoopers Island straits and nearby Dorchester county waters, he said. Among them are principally pintails, widgeons and teal and a large number of Canadian geese.

The heavier arrivals, however, he said, are not expected until about the first of November, when continuous cool weather has set in. There are fifteen types of ducks which will be available as game for the hunters in Maryland waters, while for five others the season has been declared closed. Those which it will be unlawful to shoot during this season include canvasbacks, redheads, buffle-heads, brandt and ruddy.

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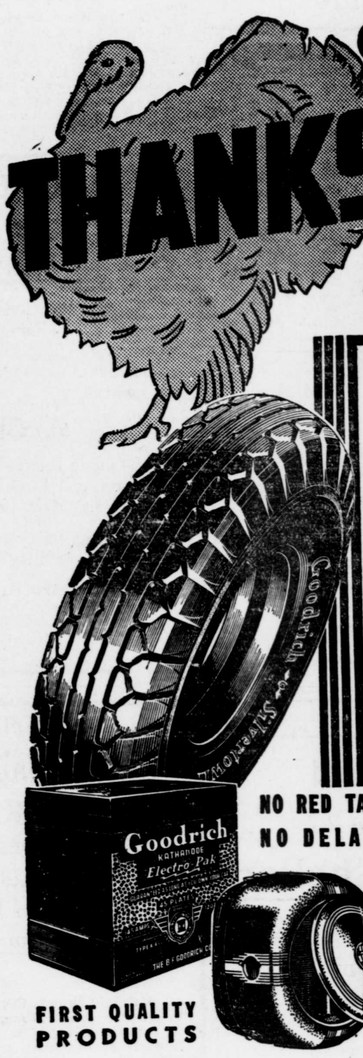
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