TOMATO CULTURE.

The Best Way in Which to Plant the Popular Crop

A bulletin from the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station sums up an article on tomato culture as follows:

Only strong, vigorous, and stocky plants should be set out, and as far as possible they should not be checked in their growth. The plants should be well cultivated and cared for, good land should be used, and rotation (not with potatoes) should be practiced from year to year. Constant cultivation by keeping the moisture in the soil, and keeping the weeds down, aids much in keeping the plants in a healthy, vigorous condition. Some varieties are much more susceptible to disease than others. Early varieties are less apt to become diseased as a rule. Avoid breaking the skin on the plants or fruit during cultivation, or in any other way, as this favors the entrance of disease germs. The plants should be, as before stated, sprayed well in the seed-bed, and when they are set out it is the practice of many successful growers to dip them in Bordeaux mixture before planting.

As to remidial measures against horn-worms the old-fashioned method of picking or worming will, in ordinary seasons, prove effective in controlling the pests. When the first generation of horn worms appear, an application of Paris green, either dry or liquid form, is by far the best remedy when the insects are numerous. I have also seen common crows keep a patch apparently free from these worms. Arsenical sprays will be efficacious to a certain degree against the (small) fruit worm when it attacks the foliage, but when it attacks the fruit there is practically no means of control. It is a case where an ounce of prevention is more effective than a pound of cure. With this, as with many other insects there is much to be gained by clean culture in keeping down weeds and other plants on which the insects feed, which may be growing in the vicinity. Late fall plowing is again advantageous by breaking up the little earthen cells in which the pupa are found under the ground, thus exposing them to the action of the frost.

There are many other insects which are injurious to the tomato. Among them may be mentioned the Colorado potato beetle, Doryhora 10-lineata, which sometimes attacks the young plants while in the bed, and also when they are set out in the field. The old-fashioned potato beetle, Epicauta Vitata, and the allied species of blister beetles prove very serious at times by eating the foliage However, an application of arsenical sprays will hold them in check.

AN UNWILLING JUROR.

A New Hampshire judge has in his possession the following letter sent to him by an old farmer who had been notified that he had been drawn as a juror for a certain term of court:—

"CEER JEDGE: I got your letter tellin' me to come to manchesster an' do dooty on the joory an I rite you these fue lines to let you know that you'll have to git some one else for it ain't so that i kin leave home now. I got to do some butcherin' an' sort over a lot of apples just about the time the joory will be settin' in your Court. Si Jackman of this town says that he would as soon as not go, fer he ain't nothin' else to do jess now, so you better send fer him. I hate the worst way not to oblidge you, but it ain't so I kin at present. Ennyhow I ain't much on the law, never havin' been a jooryman ceptin when old Bud Stiles got killed by the cars here some years ago when I was one that set on the boddy with the koroner. So you better send fer Si Jackman, for he has got some kin in manchesster he wants to yissit anyhow, an' he'd be willin' to go fer his car fare there an back. Ancer back if you want Si."

MR. W. T. DUNBRACCO DEAD.

Mr. William T. Dunbracco, who was a salesman for several large carpet houses, died suddenly last Friday evening about 8 o'clock on the steps of the house at the southeast corner of Arlington avenue and Milton Place. Mr. Dunbracco had left his home, 1023 Edmondson avenue, only about five minutes before, apparently in good health. When he reached the corner of Arlington avenue and Milton Place he became faint and asked two men who were standing there to assist him to the steps. He then requested one of the men to go for his son, Dr. W. W. Dunbracco, but he died before the latter could be brought to his side.

Mr. Dunbracco was a native of Queen Anne's county, where he was born 68 years ago. His father was the late Nathan Dunbracco. In 1861 Mr. Dunbracco was appointed postmaster of Centreville by President Lincoln. He held that office until 1863, when he was appointed a grain inspector, and two years afterward he went to that city. At the time of his death he was manager of the Chesapeake Steam Cleaning Carpet Company.

He was a trustee of the Guilford Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church and secretary of the Sunday-school. He married Miss Margaret M. Vickers, daughter of the late Samuel Vickers. She died about 12 years ago.

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