

In selecting seeds or plants for a cabbage crop, make certain that neither are infected. It is also desirable to choose the resistant strains to avoid cabbage yellows, several having been developed, notably the Hollander variety.

**Best Soil for Horseradish.**

Horseradish does best on deep, cool, rich soil, and for best results late season growth is necessary. It is propagated by root cuttings which are made from trimmings from roots. The best cuttings are about the size of one's little finger, and from 4 to 7 inches long. They should be planted in rows far enough apart to allow tillage, and from 12 to 18 in. apart in the row.

The horseradish plant is very hardy and will stand much abuse, but in planting one must use care in setting the cutting so that the upper end is on top, otherwise the horseradishes will grow irregular in shape.

**Household Hints**

**Potato Pointers.**

It's worth while to soak them two hours before boiling.

Before baking, put them in hot water fifteen minutes. In this way they will bake in just half the time.

Before baking, a prick with a fork prevents them from bursting.

**Potato Recipes.**

**Nova Scotia Potatoes.** — Pare uniform-sized, rather small potatoes, brush with melted fat and bake until browned and done. Turn once or twice, and sprinkle with salt.

**French Baker Potatoes.** — Cut pared potatoes in wedgeshaped pieces the long way, as for French fried, and put in a layer in a baking pan. Brush with plenty of melted fat, letting them warm a moment first, and bake in a hot oven until golden brown and cooked through, turning once or twice.

**Golden Potatoes.** — Parboil rather small, uniform sized potatoes, and let them dry. Then place in a frying-basket and brown in very hot, deep fat until a fine golden brown.

**Belgian Baked Potatoes.** — Wash and pare and cut into pieces as for French fried potatoes. Lay potatoes in an oiled pan, season with salt and pepper and bake in a fairly hot oven until puffed, golden brown and mealy.

**Rhubarb Pie.**

Pour boiling water over two large cupfuls of chopped rhubarb and let boil four or five minutes, then drain off the water. Mix with the rhubarb one cup of sugar, the yolk of an egg, a piece of butter and a tablespoonful of flour, moistening the whole with three tablespoonfuls of water. Bake with the lower crust only, beat the white of an egg with three tablespoonfuls of sugar and spread over top of the pie and turn it to oven to brown.

**To Disinfect a Carpet.**

Add three tablespoonfuls of turpentine to three quarts of water; saturate a large sponge with this mixture; squeeze it about two-thirds dry and go over the carpet carefully. When the sponge becomes dirty, cleanse it and take in a fresh supply of the mixture. This will make the carpet look bright and new, besides disinfecting it thoroughly.

**On Wash Day.**

Did you ever try pinning a cloth to the sides of the wash boiler with clothes pins when you strain your rain water?

It is so much easier than holding the cloth over the pail.

**Wilson's Fourteen Points.**

In his explanatory statement of April 30th on the Finme Question President Wilson said that the fourteen points and principles laid down by him in his speech of Jan. 8th, 1918, and in subsequent addresses "will constitute the basis of peace with Germany." At the exchange of credentials between the allied and German plenipotentiaries on May 7, 1919, v. Brockdorff-Rantzau declared that on Oct. 5, 1918 the German government proposed these principles as the basis of peace, and that on Nov. 5, 1919 Mr. Lansing declared that the allied and associated powers had agreed to these principles with two definite deviations, whence he signed that these principles were binding on both parties. The fourteen points in question are the following:

- 1) Open covenants of peace openly arrived at and no secret diplomacy.
- 2) Absolute freedom of navigation upon the seas outside territorial waters except as the seas may be closed in whole or in part by international action.
- 3) Removal, as far as possible, of all economic barriers.
- 4) Adequate guarantees for the reduction of national armament to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.
- 5) A free open-minded, and absolutely impartial adjustment of all colonial claims with due consideration for the wishes of the inhabitants concerned.

- 6) The evacuation of all Russian territory and such a settlement of all Russian questions as will secure the freest co-operation of the other nations in obtaining for her an unhampered opportunity for independent determination.
- 7) Evacuation and restoration of Belgium without any limitation of its sovereignty.
- 8) Evacuation of all French territory and the righting of the wrong done to France by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine.

- 9) A readjustment of the frontiers of Italy along recognized lines of nationality.
- 10) The peoples of Austria-Hungary should be given the freest opportunity of autonomous development.
- 11) Evacuation of Rumania, Serbia, and Montenegro, free access to the sea, and determination of the relations of the Balkan States along historically established lines of allegiance and nationality.

- 12) The Turkish portions of the present Ottoman Empire should be assured a secure sovereignty and the other nationalities now under Turkish rule should be guaranteed undoubted security of life and opportunity of autonomous development. The Dardanelles should be opened to the big ships and commerce of all nations.
- 13) An independent Polish state, including the territories inhabited by Polish populations, with secure access to the sea.
- 14) A league of nations to guarantee political independence and territorial integrity to great and small nations alike.

In his Finme statement President Wilson noted the fact that, while the war was still being waged, these fourteen points "were formally adopted with only a single reservation (freedom of the seas) by the powers associated against Germany." He also pointed out that point ten has been changed by the breaking up of Austria-Hungary into independent states.

The photographer was drying his plates in the warm daylight. "What are you doing there?" asked a friend. "Oh," was the reply, "just airing my views."

**Rantzau the Boor**

(MAX SOREL IN LE NATIONALISTE.)

The man Brockdorff-Rantzau is an accomplished boor. The press of America, of the Antipodes and of elsewhere, in not hesitating to show him its disapprobation, has perhaps wasted its time (for who could ever hope to correct a Boche?), but it has deserved well of the whole civilized world. That is the essential thing.

The deed of the count plenipotentiary is well known. Having received from the hands of M. Clemenceau the volume of the peace conditions, he dared to answer in terms rather vigorous and, what surpasses all measure, had the presumption to remain sitting, yes, sitting before his victors, most generous though they were. Such a thing had never been seen, neither in America nor in the Antipodes! We are democratic, but we have manners in America as well as in the Antipodes.

This is what Mr. Hughes, the very distinguished prime minister of Australia, amongst others, did not fail to convey in justly angered language to the above mentioned Rantzau. "The attitude of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau," cried the brilliant politician from the land of the kangaroos, "is an intolerable insult to the conference. Premier Clemenceau spoke standing, whilst the German remained sitting when answering. Despite this intolerable arrogance (Mr. Hughes used this word) it was a day of humiliation for the Germans..."

"That's the boy!" echoed the American correspondents in their choice style, applauding the avenging denunciation of Mr. Hughes. "Rantzau is a low type of person, a blackguard," they exclaimed to the great joy of the ninnies of the continent.

Alas, how short are the joys of this world! The energetic words of Mr. Hughes, supported by the well-instructed correspondents, had hardly made their tour around the world, when what these gentlemen call a flaw was discovered in the incident. The Montreal Star, continuing the publication of its series of articles on the peace conference by an anonymous former ambassador or at least attaché to an embassy, threw a cold douche on the ardor of Mr. Hughes and the rest:

"The papers have commented upon the supposed lack of courtesy of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, who remained sitting when delivering his response to the allies after having received the peace conditions. Premier Hughes has spoken very bitterly in condemning this impoliteness, and certain papers have sought to excuse the count, alleging an infirmity on his part. The criticism is based on a misunderstanding, and no excuse is necessary. Plenipotentiaries always speak sitting; messengers remain standing when they speak." In remaining seated, Count Rantzau gave to the allies a silent testimony that he had the full rank of plenipotentiary, and that he was not merely a messenger of his government, that is to say, he indicated that he was precisely what they demanded him to be.

After this occurrence, one will be less astonished that the "bloated colonials" are kept off the list of signatories to the peace treaty, on which Liberia and Haiti are somewhat represented.

We are curious to know what Mr. Hughes would say of the grandees of Spain who, from time immemorial, persist in committing the impoliteness of remaining covered in the presence of their king.

Visitor: "Do you feed your cows corn in the ear?" Farmer: "No, we throw it down and let them help themselves."

**THAT CHANGES THE MATTER**

Defending Counsel: "You say that the wall is eight feet high, and that you were standing on the ground—not mounted on a ladder or anything?"

Witness: "I do."  
Counsel (triumphantly): "Then perhaps you will kindly explain how you, a man a little over five feet high, could see over a wall eight feet high, and watch the prisoner's actions?"

Witness (calmly): "There's a hole in the wall."

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