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First of Series of Timely Hints—Get Your Ground Ready Now, but Don't Be in Too Much of a Hurry to Put in the Seed.

(By S. C. JOHNSTON, Vegetable Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

At no time in many years has the necessity and importance of the home vegetable garden been so clearly shown as for this coming summer. France, our wonderful ally, has since the French Revolution been a nation of small farmers, her people of small means cultivating some available land to produce a portion of their own household foodstuffs and to increase the wealth of the nation; Great Britain, threatened with a shortage of foodstuffs, determined to cultivate all available land possible to offset this shortage and we in Canada bending every energy toward facilitating these great nations should do all in our individual power to do something in the hope of helping ourselves and assisting the commercial vegetable growers who are seriously handicapped by the shortage of labor in the production of vegetable foodstuffs. Every city, town, and village dweller has an opportunity to help this great work, in that there are hundreds of available plots now practically unproductive which could be made grow vegetables and thus add to the wealth of the country.

Vegetables an Important Food.

Vegetables should form an important portion of the daily food of the average human being, for they possess qualities which we are told are essential in the proper digestion of the heavy foods, such as meats. To help you do your part in your backyard this column will discuss some of the practical problems in connection with vegetable growing during the next few weeks.

All backyards cannot be prepared in one year to grow vegetables of an excellent quality. Some portion of the yard, however, may be devoted to this purpose, or, if it is convenient, there are usually many vacant lots which are not too far from one's place of abode which possibly could be devoted to the growing of vegetables.

Some Essentials.

First of all it is essential that the vegetable garden, no matter how small, be planted according to some plan or rule. No one attempts to build a house or to set out a perennial flower border without using some drawing or chart to go by. Why should the vegetable garden be treated differently? Haphazard planting will prove a failure, and in order to overcome this it should be remembered in laying out the garden that—

- (1) Tall plants will be most effective if placed behind low ones, not intermingled with them.
- (2) All plants closely allied should be grown together, not in the same row, but in rows adjoining one another.
- (3) The fences may be decorated with vine-crops which may be supported on the fences by means of strings or lattice work.
- (4) All quickly maturing vegetables should be planted in a portion of the garden by themselves so that they may be harvested and the ground used for other crops later on.

The work of planning the garden to determine what vegetables and how much each is to be grown will be influenced by one's individual tastes. One should grow an abundance of such crops as one consumes the most.

Secure Seed Now—But Plant Only When Soil is Ready.

The backyard gardener should decide very early which crops are to be grown and should purchase his seed as soon as possible. It must be remembered, however, that much of this seed may be wasted if it is planted too early in the season. The soil must be warm to receive the seeds, and amateur gardeners must have patience until it is certain that good growing weather is really here. It is possible in ordinary seasons to plant some vegetables in April, and yet many backyard vegetable enthusiasts will be well advised to wait until the middle of May before doing very much in the garden.

Suitable Varieties.

- A list of varieties suitable for gardens made by city, town, and village dwellers follows:—
- Asparagus—Palmetto, Conovers Colossal.
 - Beans—Davis White Wax, Golden Wax, Refugee.
 - Beets—Crosby's Egyptian, Detroit Dark Red.
 - Brussels Sprouts—Dalketh.
 - Carrots—Chantenay.
 - Cauliflower—Erturt, Snowball.
 - Cabbage—Copenhagen Market, Danisa Ball Head.
 - Celery—Paris Golden, Winter Queen.
 - Corn—Golden Bantam, Stowell's Evergreen.
 - Cucumber—White Spine, Chicago Pickling.
 - Citron—Colorado Preserving.
 - Lettuce—Grand Rapids, Nonpareil.
 - Melon—Musk—Paul Rose.

- Melon, Water—Cole's Early.
- Onions—Southport Yellow Globe.
- Parasol—Hollow Crown.
- Parsley—Champion Moss Curled.
- Peas—Gradus, Little Marvel.
- Potatoes—Irish Cobbler, Delaware.
- Pumpkin—Quaker Pie.
- Radish—Scarlet White Tip Turnip, Ne Plus Ultra, (winter) China Rose.
- Spinach—Victoria, Viróflay.
- Squash—Bush Marrow.
- Salsify—Sandwich Island.
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- Turnip—Early Six Weeks.
- Rhubarb—Victoria, Linneans.

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The Pessimist's Notion.
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Observe your enemies, for they first find out your faults.—Antisthenes.

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LIMBS AND THE MAN.

Lengths in Fingers, Hands and Arms, the Span and the Stride.

If the forefinger is bent so that each joint may be measured separately they will be in the proportion of 1, 1 1/2, 2 and the distance from knuckle to wrist four times the length of the first joint. If the finger is straightened out the distance from the wrist to finger tip will be seven inches, supposing the nail joint to be one inch. The span with thumb and forefinger will then be eight inches and an inch longer with any of the three other fingers. From wrist to elbow will be ten inches, from elbow to forefinger seventeen, and from collar bone to forefinger thirty-two.

Sailors extend the arms fully and call the distance a fathom, though a man standing with his back to a wall can stretch only about his height. If he tries to measure a tree by reaching around it his fathom will hardly be more than five feet.

The normal pulse beats seventy-two to seventy-five times a minute in health, and normal respiration is eighteen a minute.

The pace is called thirty inches, though few men can without practice take a hundred consecutive steps of the same length. It is better to determine the length of the regular pace, or, rather, the number of steps required to cover a given distance, walking naturally, than to attempt to take an artificial pace of an unnatural length. The average man pacing thirty inches, 108 steps a minute, covers three miles an hour. The soldier marches 120 steps a minute, or at the rate of 3.4 miles an hour, but this is rapid going and regular halts are made. A ten minute halt every hour would reduce the distance covered to 2.84 miles each hour.—Outing.

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—Mrs. FRED BEHNKE, Marinette, Wis.

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—Mrs. THOS. DWYER, 989 Milwaukee Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.

Bellevue, Pa.—"I suffered more than tongue can tell with terrible bearing down pains and inflammation. I tried several doctors and they all told me the same story, that I never could get well without an operation and I just dreaded the thought of that. I also tried a good many other medicines that were recommended to me and none of them helped me until a friend advised me to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. The first bottle helped, I kept taking it and now I don't know what it is to be sick any more and I am picking up in weight. I am 20 years old and weigh 145 pounds. It will be the greatest pleasure to me if I can have the opportunity to recommend it to any other suffering woman."
—Miss IRMA FROELICHER, 1928 Manhattan St., North Side, Bellevue, Pa.

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