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"Oh, no, sir; only jest angle-worms," replied the boy pleasantly.
"I mean you have a good deal of perseverence," explained the gentleman.

The selection of soil in the culture or celery for profit is of great importance. The best soil is a deep black muck with an open, porous subsoil. The soil should be at least 16 or 18 inches deep, and a heavy clay subsoil, unless below the depth mentioned, should be avoided, as it will interfere with anti-factory bank. it will interfere with satisfactory bank-ing of the crop. The swales or sloughs found on almost every farm when drained and broken up into a state of fine tilth make excellent celery land and might be made the most profitable as above mentioned need not deter any one from growing the crop for home use, for, though somewhat at the mercy of the weather, celery grown in up-lands is more solid, keeps longer and is less liable to suffer from frost than the more succulent growth on black soils, and good results may be expected from any rich garden soil. In any case-most thorough pulverizing is necessary, and the whole field should be prepared as

CELERY CULTURE.

the whole field should be prepared as for a garden seed bed.

In most celery growing districts stable manure is preferred for fertilizer if it is obtainable. From 30 to 60 two horse loads of well rotted manure are applied per acre and at once turned under to a depth of five or six inches. In case the manure is not well rotted or the supply is limited, some growers make a trench six or eight inches deep and after putting in about three inches of manure fill with soil before setting the plants. Concentrated fertilizer may be used if an occasional crop of clover

the plants. Concentrated fertilizer may be used if an occasional crop of clover is plowed under to supply humas. Nitrate of soda is specially valuable.

Celery seed at best is uncertain in its germinative power, and unless the conditions are favorable the percentage of germination is usually low. In general we may count upon from 5,000 to 10.000 plants from an ounce of seed.

For early celery-the-seed is sown in a mild hotbed or flats in the greenhouse about March 1 to 15. For the home garden, if no hotbed is available, seed may be sown in rich, sandy soil in a shallow box and placed in the kitchen window In any case cover the seed very lightly box and placed in the kitchen window
In any case cover the seed very lightly
—not more than one-sixteenth of an
inch—and keep the soil moderately
moist, but not wet. Many persons practice covering the surface with paper or
boards till the seeds begin to spront.
It is also well to soak the seeds in warm
water for a few hours before sowing.
There is little doubt that, as a rule,
better results will be obtained in germinating most vegetable seeds if the soil
is kept only moderately wet. Seeds
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As the young plants begin to develop transplant them into rows three inches apart, leaving about a half inch space between the plants. In case some of the plants become too large before the ground is suitable for setting them in the field they may be sheared back without harm. The process of "hardening off" should, of course, be observed. By this we mean that the plants should gradually be made accustomed to lower temperature before removal to the field. For the main crop the seed is sown out of doors from the middle of April to the 1st of June. In this case a sheltered location is chosen, a fine seedbed is prepared and the seed sown broadcast and lightly raked in or sown thinly in drills and simply rolled. It is then well to provide a screen of lath or brush to protect the young plants and prevent destruction of the seed. If the plants are thinned somewhat in weeding and are sheared back as they begin to grow too large, transplanting may sometimes be disceptioned with but the plants are too large, transplanting may sometimes be dispensed with, but the plants are octer if handled once as described

above.

The plants for the main crop will be ready to transfer to the field early in July. They are usually placed six inches apart in rows five feet distant. The es apart in rows five feet distant. The old practice of setting the plants in trenches is little followed at the present time. If the rows are sufficiently far apart, the after culture is best done with a horse, but in no case should deep cultivation be permitted, as the roots extend through all the space between the rows and should not be disturbed. In short, until time of "handling," the culture need not be essentially different from that given to potatoes.

For early use the plants started in March may be transferred to the open ground about the 1st of June, says Professor W. M. Munson, from whose comprehensive and useful article on

comprehensive and useful article on celery, in the last report of the Maine station, the foregoing is reproduced.

A prominent tobacco man of New A prominent tobacco man of New York is quoted by an exchange to the effect that there need be no fear in the United States of competition from the Philippine tobacco industry. We will sell tiem infinitely more than we will ever buy of them. Manila has the flavor among tobaccos which the beet has among vegetables—rather earthy. It is heavy in type and maires the smoker sleepy; in short, it is not the type our people prefer.

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Fifty young women are now receiving instraction in scientific farming at the Minneapolis College of Agriculture.

The Torrens system of land transfers has received some commendation from the agricultural press and is certakuly a matter of interest to farmers if, as is claimed, it reduces the expense of a land transfer by simplifying the process and adds to the security of the title. Ingrances of the introduction of a sheap but efficient telephone service in farming neighborhoods are being more frequently reported and this means of bringing farm homes in touch with one another and with near towns is evidently on the increase.

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Sharp Remarks From the American Press.

Heraid.

Aguinaldo is on the bargain counter, but there are no purchasers.—New York Mail and Express.

Aguinaldo now has a fair idea of how Americans shoot reed birds in the marshes.—Washington Post.

It is an open door in the Philippines, but Aguinaldo very foolishly got his thumb in the crack.—Minneapolis Jour-

Aguinaldo may present a bill to Presi-dent McKinley for services rendered in se-curing the ratification of the peace treaty.

—Baltimore Heraid.

There are reasons for believing that Aguinaldo has not made a great hit with those of his followers who were induced to believe the Americans would not fight.

GEORGIA FREAKS.

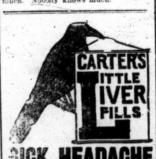
Jasper Hernid
There is one in Flowery Branch who is
so cross eyed that when he cross the tears
drop off behind his cars.—Flowery Branch

Humph: There is one in Milton county
who is so cross eyed that he has to turn
around to see how to button his gailuses in
front.—Atlanta Constitution

THE BURDEN.

The "White Man's Burden," Mr. Kip-fing, is not all poetry.—St. Paul Globe The "White Man's Burden" is growing but then the white man is growing aisa.— Ridgewood (N. J.) News Kipling is a little late with his "Take Up the White Man's Burden" The Indian became a burden the moment we wanted his land and we have been taking him up yer since, or rather sending him up with powder and lead.—Kansas City Times.

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