

securing the largest profit to the grower, I will describe it briefly as follows:

I first make the soil very rich, using ro tons or more stable manure per acre; then, when the soil is pulverized very fine, I set early in May plants of the white plume and golden self-blanching varieties in rows, as follows: two rows are set one foot apart, with the plants six inches apart in the row, then I leave a space of eighteen inches and set two more rows in the same way, thus making alternate spaces between the rows of celery twelve and eighteen inches wide. When cultivating the celery, I have sometimes cultivated the eighteen inch space with a horse and Planet Jr. small tooth cultivator narrowed to twelve inches, and then finished the work with hand cultivators, doing the most of it with the wheel-hoe. When the plants were twelve to eighteen inches high, I set boards alongside the double rows, so that the two rows of celery which were twelve inches apart were between the boards. The boards are kept well apart, and held in place by driving stakes on both sides. The eighteen-inch, or vacant space was mulched with manure or other suitable material at hand, then water was applied over the mulch with the hose. The celery soon grew above the boards—which were twelve to sixteen inches wide—the boards were then crowded closer together to further darken the enclosed space between, which completed the blanching in a few days. The celery grew more than two feet high, and because of the rapid growth was very crisp and tender. From one plot of about one-tenth of an acre I received nearly \$200 for the celery, which was sold in my village at an average price of three cents per bunch.—*From Vick's Magazine for December.*

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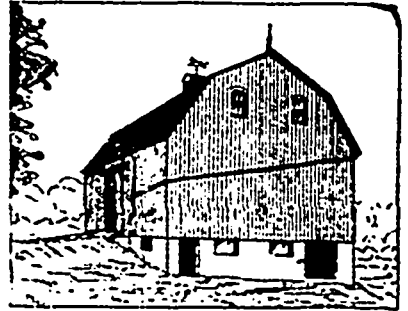
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