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HARVEST-FROM UNDER OCEAN

Kelp Has Been Proved of Such Value In Industry That It is Now Carefully Gathered.

A good deal has been written about the use of the seaweed, kelp, for the production of potash, and a good deal of extravagant dreaming has been indulged in. However, the kelp industry has put itself on a solid and prosperous footing, and gold in the shape of the indispensable potash is being harvested from the waters of the Pacific. The cutters or harvesters are occangoing boats and stay out at sea all the time, while the barges carry the macerated kelp back to the wharf, where it is pumped from the holds into fermenting tanks. Foreign matter such as bolts, nuts, etc., brought in with the kelp are removed by electromagnets before the pumps are reached.

Harvesting consists in cutting the plant about six feet below the surface of the water. It has actually been found that this treatment improves the growth and stand of the beds to such an extent that they may be cut over about every 90 days. The area cut at present extends from Point Conception south to the Mexican line.

The potash is all used for chemical purposes, owing to its unique purity, and there is not enough of it to supply this demand. The total quantity of the pure product is not great enough to be considered seriously for fertilizer purposes. There are, however, a number of residues produced containing potash which amount to quite a tonnage.

NOW SHORTAGE OF CANDLES

British Food Ministry Seeks Method by Which It May Be Enabled to Regulate Supplies.

News is coming from many parts of the country that the shortage of candles is increasing owing to the fact that many people who did not use them before are now supplementing their gas and electric light rations by their use. It is becoming more clear every day that some means must be adopted to insure that householders in rural districts, where there is no gas or electricity, have an adequate supply of illuminants. Important national in the without an adequate candle supply must also be protected. A scheme for controlling candle supplies is engaging

controlling candle supplies is engaging the attention of the ministry of food. During and since last winter there has been a candle shortage. The oils and fats branch of the ministry of food, within whose view this matter comes, have received numerous complaints from rural councils and individuals of the difficulty of getting supplies and of retail prices going up by leaps and bounds. There is evidence of a new demand having sprung up within the last six weeks, accentuating last winter's shortage and making a candle famine imminent.—Manchester Guardian.

War Coinage in Germany. Due to metal shortage Germany has instituted iron coinage. The fractional mark coins are no longer of copper and nickel, but are forgings of Sie mens-Martin steel. The coinage of copper was discontinued in 1917. Aluminum had been coined to a small ex-tent before the war; the smallest coins, one and two pfennig pieces, are now made of aluminum, which is more attacked by ordinary water, soda, salts, etc., than by distilled water. Zinc coins have recently been intro-Zinc coins had been used in French Indo-China; they are again more apt to corrode, especially when impure with lead, cadmium and iron, in distilled water than in ordinary water; they turn yellow-brown, but assume a pleasant gray tint in soda and salt. On the whole, the cheapest iron coins have answered best.-Engineer-

New Burlap Substitute,

Manufacturers engaged on government contracts are being offered a substitute for burlap by a large Massachusetts mill which has discovered a material that can successfully be used for baling. Instead of 100 per cent jute, the substitute is made of one strand of Swedish pulp paper and two strands of jute. It is made nine and 12 ounces in weight and 33, 40, and 43 inches deep. A government test of the nine-ounce, product shows a tensile strength of 119 pounds, as against 90 pounds for regular eight-ounce burlap.—New Bedford Standard.

New Textile Material.

Textilit, said to be used in 23 of the largest German factories, is a substitute material that is predicted to outlast the war as a permanent addi-

stitute material that is predicted to outlast the war as a permanent addition to the textile industry. It consists of a paper thread and a fiber thread twisted together and, though the percentage of long fiber is very small, it is claimed to have yielded products that the uninitiated cannot distinguish from the former linen and jute fabrics. The fiber gives a firmness that paper fabrics do not possess. The material is made into weaving and sewing yarns and webs of all

Correct.

A funny one occurred in Judge Wood's court the other day, observes the Los Angeles Times. It was a divorce case and the witness was inclined to be vague. Finally he mustered up courage and said:

"I can't testify much, judge, 'cause,' don't know what this incompatibility

"Cold feet and hot words," snapped

KEEPING SWEET POTATOES.

Value of Crop Increased by Proper

Storage.

Sweet printed stored in up-to-date storage actuses bring a higher price on the market than those stored in banks and pits. By the adoption of the better methods of storing and marketing sweet potatoes, their value could be greatly increased without increasing the acreage of production. This is especially true in the south, where they are either rushed on the parket at digging time, when the price is low, or stored in outdoor pits or banks, where a large portion of them decay. Very few of the potatoes stored in pits or banks ever rea 2 the market, for from 25 to 50 per cent. spoil, while those that remain sound are not of good quality.

Even if the pit or bank method of storage were satisfactory in other respects, it is not economical. Too

storage were satisfactory in other respects, it is not economical. Too much labor and expense are required to make these banks every year and to get the potatoes out of them when wanted for market. Sweet potatoes can be marketed more economically and to much better advantage from storage houses. It is not advisable to open a bank when the soil is wet or the weather cold, as these conditions injure the potatoes and cause them to decay. Outdoor pits and banks cannot be depended on. In some years a very small number spoil in banks, while in other years practically the whole crop is lost. The only safe and practicable method of storing sweet potatoes is in a storage house, for then they can be taken out at any time without subjecting them to unfavorable conditions.

Prepare for 1919

Now is the time for the farmer to plan his croppings for 1919 and in doing so to decide upon what fertilizers, if any, he purposes to use. Last spring there was considerable disappointment among farmers, especially among those who had delayed placing their orders till a few weeks before the season opened, as there was not only a shortage of material but transportation facilities were such that quick deliveries could not be made. There is no prospect that conditions will be better next spring and it therefore behooves the farmer to carefully consider his needs, scan the prices and having made his selection to place his orders stipulating an early delivery. Co-operation in ordering may effect the saving of a considerable amount in purchasing and freely the rates.

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During the last ten years there may been considerable increase in the number of farmers in British Columbia, Quebec, Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, using fertilizers, but unfortunately but a small percentage of them have any definite knowledge of the profit that may have resulted from their application. There will always be a degree of uncertainty as regards results from fertilizers, chiefly owing to the fact that seasonal conditions cannot be predicted, but with close observation from carefully planned work, a very great knowledge may be gained as to the kind and amount of fertilizer, which will prove profitable. A series of adjacent plots on fairly uniform soil, each with a different amount or combination of fertilizer and sown to the same crop, furnishes the most reliable means of learning the most profitable application, but if time and labor do not permit of the field well staked, should be left unfertilized, and its yield weighed against that of a similar sized strip on the fertilized area. From the results so obtained the profit or loss from the application of the fertilizer may be readily obtained.

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may be readily obtained.

A considerable saving may be usually effected by buying fertilizer ingredients—nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, superphosphates, basic slag, etc., than by purchasing ready mixed fcrtilizers, and this course also furnishes valuable information for future guidance obtainable in no

other way.

Information and advice regarding the disc of fertilizers will be gladly given as far as may be practicable, by the Division of Chemistry, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Protecting Fruit Trees.

Orchard owners are warned by the department of horticulture at the Cho Experiment Station to provide pracection for young fruit trees from rodents before the first snowfall, as field mice and rabbits may begin to do their damage near the opening of winter. Even in orchards where there is an abundance of vegetation it has been found that rabbits will leave the green forage to gnaw the bark off the fruit trees.

Horticulturists have found that

Horticulturists have found that field mice do not attack trees when the grass is completely hoed from the trunk on an 18-inch radius. Mice avoid tunneling in ground that is not covered with grass, and make no passageways through exposed patches.

Another effective means of protection is tying building paper about the trunk sufficient to cover for 13 inches above the roots.

Fall Planting of Shrubs.

Ornamental plantings on the lawn or in the garden may be done more successfully in the fall than in the spring. Most deciduous trees and shrubs may be transplanted in the fall with the advantage of gaining almost a year's time in favor of fall planting. The lilac begins to grow very early in the spring, but if moved in the fall the bush stands a much better chance of living and making a satisfactory amount of new growth as compared with spring transplanting. The bush honeysuckles, as well as spireas, are much less likely to sustain a severe-shock if shifted in the fall.

Cattle for B. C. W. T. McDonald, Live Stock Com-

missioner for the Province of British Columbia, visited Edmonton recently and purchased some 800 head of cattle. These are to be run in the Bulkley Valley, the money for their purchase being advanced by the Provincial Government. The cattle purchased were nearly all stocker steers and heifers.

Guideboard Corner's

Mr. Ephraim Robeson and sister, Mrs. Herbert Stevenson, called Friday afternoon on their old friend Mr. Geo. P. Wright.

Miss Anno Wright entertained her friends, Miss Hazel Yates and Miss Lillie Dunham, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Dorothea Wight visited Mrs. Dunham, Hard Island. Mrs. Morris is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Whitmore, Plum Hollow.

ter, Mrs. Whitmore, Plum Hollow.
We sympathize with Mr. Abel Bereny and family, in the death of Mrs.
Berney, a loving mother, a kind
friend and neighbor.

Little Miss Euola Scott, of the village, spent Saturday afternoon at "The Lilacs," guest of Miss M. Wight We are glad to see the snow, and are hopeful for a white Christmas, and the music of Sleigh-bells.

Miss Marie Wight spent a pleasant hour yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Erastus Livingstone.

It will require some courage for most of us to indulge in Turkey dinners this Christmas.

Wiltse Lake

Mr. Herb. Foster of Wiltse Lake, attended Toledo dance on Friday evening last.

Mrs. Mos. Leeder and her two daughters, of McIntosh Mills were the guest of Mrs. Royal Moore on Saturday.

Mrs. Gordon Young was the guest of Miss Lucy Moore, of Wiltse Lake, on Saturday last.

Mrs. Royal Moore and Ferguson P.
Moor, visited friends in Toledo and
New Bliss on Sunday.

Mr. Ernie Mackie an Mr. McVeigh, of Brockville, were the guests of R. Moore on Friday.

Moore on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Moore, Wiltse
Lake made a business trip to Brockville on Wednesday.

Mrs. John Fortune, of Athens, is very ill at the home of her daughter Mrs. William Whaley, of Glen Morris, Dr. Hart is attendnig her.

Miss Kate Barr, of New York city, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Moore of Wiltse Lake, this week.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Following alterations in train service will take effect 12.01 a.m. Sunday November 30th, 1919.

No. 560—Daily except Sunday will leave Brockville 540 a.m., instead of 520 a.m. Corresponding change from other stations to Smith's Falls.

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No. 564—Daily except Sunday will leave Brockvine 6.20 p.m., instead of 6.50 p.m. Corresponding change from other stations to Smiths Falls.

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