

THINGS TO PLANT ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

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WHAT TO DO IN MARCH

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In the very first days of March those of you who live north of the Mason and Dixon line may still plant seed in boxes for plants.

Tomatoes, peppers, sweet potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, cauliflower and celery seed may all be planted to advantage, and if given a warm, sunny location they will make good strong plants for setting out in the garden by the first of May. Of course during the warm days of April the box should be put out of doors in order to accustom the plants to the weather and to harden them. Care must be taken to place the box where strong winds will not whip the plants to pieces and it must be protected from extreme cold or frost. Every teacher should read the best text books on the subject and see to it that the proper crops are used to succeed each other.

Here are some notes along the line of crop rotation which are reliable and which should be taught to all students of gardening.

CROP ROTATION EXPLAINED.

To get the best results from a garden, one must apply the principle of the rotation of crops, as well as renew the soil with the application of manure.

For example, it is bad to grow potatoes and cabbages on the same piece of ground on which these crops were grown the previous years. If you can't do anything else, put potatoes where the previous year's green stuff was grown, and grow cabbage where there were potatoes last season.

Beet, cabbage and turnips may follow any crop belonging to the cabbage family. Brussels sprouts may follow peas and beans.

Carrots preferably should follow onions. Leeks may follow anything except onions.

Onions may follow any of the cabbage family, or peas or potatoes. Potatoes may follow any other crop.

Here is a list of some of the ordinary vegetables which can be grown in the average garden, or on a well prepared plot of land that has previously lain waste: Asparagus, kale, French beans, broad beans, runner beans, beets, Brussels sprouts, cabbage (early and main crop), carrots, cauliflower, celery, lettuce (cabbage), leeks, marrows, mint, mustard-and-cress, onions, parsley, parsnips, peas (early main crop and late), potatoes (early,

second early and main crop), radishes, rhubarb, peppers, lettuce, spinach, sage, turnips, tomatoes, strawberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries.

I have grown all these vegetables, etc., in an ordinary garden, and so have thousands of other amateurs. There is nothing very difficult about the cauliflower on any of them, and every item in the list is useful as food in its season.

In planning out your garden for 1918, you ought to make a sketch on paper of how you intend to set out the garden at your disposal, so as to provide for the inclusion of as many of the crops mentioned as you may desire to grow.

If possible, it is best to so plan the garden that the rows of growing crops run north and south. This arrangement allows the sun to get at the crops to the best advantage.

Try to give the main crops a different piece of ground from what they occupied last year.

Finally do not neglect the flowers, because they awaken the finer sensibilities and create a true love for beauty and nature. All biennials listed in your flower catalogue that will allow transplanting may be planted in a seed box this month, and if you do that they will bloom for you this summer.

QUEER BIRDS.

By BLANCHE STUART.

The solemn owl is very YY;
All day he takes his EE,
But in the dark he opes his H
And seizes what he CC.

"XQQ me!" cried the saucy crow,
Amid the rows of corn,
"Sir Scarecrow, I should like to know
If U R well this morn?"

The heron stands B side the C
Until the day is done;
His only trouble seems BB
He has legs legs not 1.

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