THE POTATO CROP.

(Experimental Farms Note.)

The potato is one of our most im-

portant food crops, and yet it is one

that very often does not receive the

attention it should. It is the practice

of many farmers to leave the planting

of potatoes until practically all other crops are in. With the exception of,

perhaps, some parts of the Maritime

Provinces this late planting means a

LXXII.—In the Dead of Night.

However, speculation was of no avail.

And, besides, I didn't want to send poor Mr. Anstruther off with a worried, anxious mind.

a departing husband.

With an air of martyrdom, she helped him with his packing. And then, when the last article was stowed away, she suddenly burst into dramatic tears. Whether this was the direct result of a fit of conscience over her recent filr-

Alice's little air of know-it-all might have been amusing any other time.

But the present situation wasn't funny. Upon the contrary.

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He had loved me as his wife. Helene St. Aubyns. Now as Helene Beauclaire

and with no apparent recollection of our marriage-he loved me once again! our marriage—he loved me once again!

If memory did not return to him
perhaps we would go through a second
ceremony of marriage, he and I. For
a period, I—his legal wife—would pass
before the world as his flancee! That
would be odd, I smiled at the thought
of such a thing.

But Jim had not yet asked me. Perhaps he near would What then

But Jim had not yet asked me. Perhaps he never would. What, then, should I do?

Under those circumstances should I tell him of our marriage? Should I bring recollection back to him?

My pride revolted at the thought.

No, Jim must love me—or I'd never claim him. kissed it passionately, with a glowing heart. Dear Jim!

with Alice.

"Certainly not" said I. annoyed with Alice and her selfishness. "We'll get along perfectly. I couldn't hear of any postponement of your trip."

It was long after midnight when I table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. And in the grate a table hear my bed. All the grate a table hear my

in rather shaky writing, to:
"Miss Helene Beauclaire."
Jim's writing! I darted forward, and with trembling fingers opened the letter. And this is what I read:

"Dear, Beautiful Helene,—I have no right to call you so—except the right of loving you. It seems to me as though I'd loved you all my life. I keep longing for you to be with me, and I'm miserable without you. That's the Real Thing, isn't it? (And don't forget the capitals!)
"I could bear no more. I stretched out a hand to the electric-lamp beside my bed, and switched the light on. you—dear. Yes, except for the anxiety And the sight that greeted me al-

thas caused my mother, and the trouble to your friends. I love you. Helene. The words sound stupid and inadequate. But they are genuine. When one loves a great deal—as I dono cannot be grandiloquent. "Helene, tomorrow won't you tell me "Helene, tomorrow won't you tell me if there is a chance—a tiny chance—for me? I care so very much. I want to tell you so when you are with me—but my tongue seems tied.

"It often seems to me as though I'd met and known you long ago. But when I try to remember where and how, my head aches. But I love you, dear, and always shall."

His signature ended the letter. I kissed it passionately, with a glowing

I went to bed, completely happy, de spite the trying episode of the evening.

My shoulder ached a little, yet is scarcely felt it.

But when at last I slept I had strange, wild dreams. The shooting episode was enacted over and over again in my subconscious mind. turned and tossed. And the wild, dis traught face at the cottage seemed constantly before me.

The room was very dark) when I awoke to full consciousness in a sudden success of terror, with a cold air blowing across my face, and a queer rustling close beside my pillow.

Someone was in the room!

My heart went thudding wildly, and my breathing became so difficult that I thought that I would choke.

my bed, and switched the light on.

And the sight that greeted me almost froze my blood. For, thrust close to mine, and bending over me, was the same wild, distraught face that

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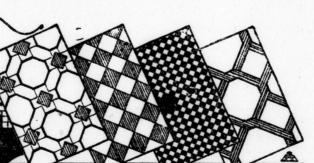
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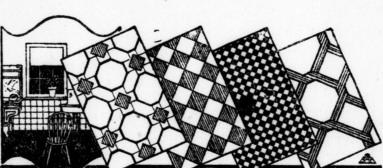


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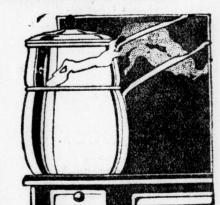


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much smaller yield than there would Alice, however, had no scruples on that point. In fact, I believe she took an actual pleasure in alarming him. Her vanity was piqued that he should have planned this trip, without asking her—his adored and spoiled young wife to accompany him. be if the planting were done before the middle or by the middle of May. By the end of May or beginning of June the seed potatoes have sprouted so much that when these are broken off at planting time the new shoots will not come on with the same vigor as they did early in the season. Furthermore it is And so she made the most of my adventure. She foretold all sorts of happenings—some wildly impossible—but none calculated to soothe the mind of

important for the potato to get a good root system before the hot weather sets in.

It is of the greatest importance to use good seed. Two lots of seed of the same variety which look very much alike mayy give a difference of three hundred or more bushels per acre in the crop, as has been shown in experiments at the experimental farm, Ottom.

alike mayy give a difference of three hundred or more bushels per acre in the crop, as has been shown in experiments at the experimental farm. Ottawa. In 1919, for instance, one lot of Irish Cobbler yielded at the rate of 378 bushels per acre and another 37 bushels per acre. The best Green Mountain stock yielded 330 bushels per acre, and one of the poorest 46 bushels per acre.

The Matter of Seed.

If possible, one should know where the seed was grown the previous year that he is about to use. If it came from a crop, the plants of which grew visorously until cut down by frost, then, if free from disease, it will. as a rule, yield a much better crop than if it is from a crop, the plants of which withered in the middle of summer and the tubers lay in hot soil the rest of the season. This year, when the price of potatoes is so high there will be a temptation to use small potatoes for seed. If these small potatoes come from a good crop the previous year the results are likely to be satisfactory if the season is favorable, but if they are from a small crop the previous year when the plants dried up early, the plants this year are likely to be weak and the yield not very good. Good-sized sets of from one and a half to two ounces have been found the most satisfactory, taking one year with another, although if the season is particularly favorable smaller sets will produce a good crop, but one cannot tell what the season will be, hence it is better to be on the safe side.

The distance of planting, which has been found most economical in most places in Canada is rows two and a half to three feet apart and sets twelve to fourteen inches apart in the rows. While quite shallow planting has given the highest average yields at Ottawa, it is necessary to plant about four inches deep for field culture to enable one to harrow before the potatoes are up without pulling up the sets.

The varieties which have been most generally satisfactory in Canada are Irish Cobbler as an early potato and Green Mountain as a main crop or later

REPORT OF FARM CONDITIONS MAY 11, 1920.

(Experimental Farms Note.) The following is a summary of reports made by agricultural representatives to the Ontario department of agriculture: A good deal of seeding was done during the week just past. While a number of farmers have got in all their spring grains, considerable sowing yet remains to be done, even in the same localities. Elgin is of the opinion that the extent of spring seeding will be somewhat affected by the lateness of

A large area of root land has been prepared, and a few men who are for some seed.

More early potatoes than usual have been planted, and there appears to be a bigger race than ever for the first mar-Essex reports that considerable corn was planted during the week, and that a large extent of land is being prepared for more. The young tobacco plants in that county also are progressing picely. that county also are progressing nicely Fall wheat is looking well, taking the

province over, but the crop seems to need a warm week or two to give it a real spring start. A number of representatives allude to the excellent showing of apple fruit buds, which are now ready to burst into

Berries and Fruits.
Strawberries and small fruits generally have come through in good condition. although there are some complaints of raspberry canes being frozen back. Cattle are still showing the effects of the long winter on dry feed, and in most localities the grass is not yet fully ready for pasture. There is little move-ment in fat storm or stockers, largely on account of the rush of field opera

Milk is keeping up surprisingly well for the season, but there are some complaints that some of it is hardly up to the standard in butter-fat. Cheese sold on the Picton board on Friday at 31 13-16 cents a pound. Glen-garry quotes sales at 32 3-16 cents a

Dairy cows, in good form, are bring-\$120 to \$200 in Carleton, but wer prices are quoted elsewhere. Sales of hogs are somewhat slow at from \$18 to \$20.50 a hundredweight, and from \$18 to \$20.50 a hundredweight, and some of them are being marketed too light in weight. Brood sows are bringing from \$65 to \$100 in Lanark, as they are now much scarcer than last year. Carleton reports little pigs as selling at from \$14 to \$15 a pair, and Brant at from \$14 to \$16.

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Horses in Lanark are being marketed at from \$140 to \$240, but as high as \$250 to \$300 each has been paid for good specimens in Carleton, while Prince Edward County reports the shipment of a carload of horses running about 1,250 rounds in weight at prince. ounds in weight at prices averaging

Good grade ewes are selling in Eastern Ontario at from \$25 to \$49 each.

Lincoln reports that while some farmers are going to do more up-to-date fencing, others are dispensing largely

fencing, others are dispensing largely with fences, and are working the land right to the road ditches.

In Prescott and Russell considerable stretches of road are being graded by tractors and heavy machinery, and also with horses and split log drags.

Labor, generally speaking is hard to Labor, generally speaking, is hard to procure. Peel, however, reports that fifteen men and boys were placed from the representative's office during the past week. York states that some farmers are reducing their grain and hoed crops on account of the lack of help, and that others are letting more calves run with he cows, thus having less milk to han-

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