

Improving

Blueberry Crop.

The fact that the blueberries grow wild in great abundance over a considerable part of St. John's, Canada, suggests that efforts be made to improve the quality by cultivation or even by renewing the natural beds. In New Jersey a variety has been selected and propagated which is more than twice the size of the wild fruit.

Along the coast of Maine where blueberries have grown on the rough lands for many years an attempt is now being made to freshen up the growth by burning the old plants. Every three years the fields are lightly burned over by the use of straw or oil scattered over the ground among the brush. This is done in the spring preferably before the frost leaves the ground. Great care must be taken not to injure the roots of the plants from which new bushes spring. The first year after burning, the bushes do not produce, but they produce heavily the second and third years, when they are again burned off to make room for a new stand of brush. Gradually, after the burnings, the entire ground becomes covered with brush. Burning is preferred to harrowing to clear the fields of brush.

Blueberries do best in an acid soil of leaf, peat and sand, it is stated. The yield of blueberries on cultivated plains, it was ascertained, runs from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty bushels per acre. Many of the Maine blueberry fields are located on old, abandoned farms, or on cut-over, virgin land, which, if once worthless, was found now not to be for sale because of the profitability of the blueberry crop which it yields.

The berries are gathered by the use of large berry combs twelve to forty inches across, having forty to forty-four spring-teeth, eight inches long. The berries are poured off the comb into flat, deep, half-bushel boxes, and then carried to the packing-mills to remove the leaves and dirt. Then the canneries put the fruit up in one-gallon cans, six cans to the case, which sold last year for from \$9 to \$9.50 per case, wholesale.

It was learned that the cost of the land ran from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per acre; of cutting and piling brush, \$2.50 per acre; of straw and oil for burning, \$2.50 per acre; of picking, \$1.00 per bushel. The profits which these figures reveal seem to explain why blueberry farms in Maine are not for sale. Frost and drought have to be reckoned with but blueberries do not winter-kill.—Family Herald.

WAGNER APPLES.—We are clearing out balance of these favorite apples at bargain prices. Don't delay if you want a few barrels, they won't last long. EDWIN MURRAY.—Jan 15, 31, eod

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Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

REFERENCES.
Suppose the Lord should say to me, when I get over there: "Your references I want to see. I hope I'll find them fair. Where have you lived and worked and played? Give me the names of those you've known. Who'll tell the record you have made?" I'd mention those I call my own.

I should not give familiar names nor those of persons great. Nor offer lordly sires and dames my character to state. But I should say: "They knew me best,—my wife and children three. To what I was they can attest, so question them of me."

"Send to the little home I tried to keep with mirth and glow. Better than all the world outside the man I was they know; Oh, Lord, I did not rise to fame; high worth Thou cannot find. But I preserved my home from shame, and there they'll call me kind."

When at the last the Lord demands my references from me, Where all men stand with empty hands to face eternity, This I would have as final proof of how my life was spent: My own to say, "beneath our roof lived laughter and content."

Two thin dish towels may be stitched together around the edges, and the breaks or very thin places may be darned. They will give some months of wear.

For Gentlemen of good taste—Cub Cigarettes.—sept23,tf

Harbor Grace Notes.

The card party and dance held in St. Patrick's Hall on Thursday night by the Aero Tennis Club, proved most enjoyable to the large number attending. Progressive auction forty-fives was the game of the evening, and prizes were won by Miss Mary March and Mr. G. A. O'Reilly, the presentation being made by the President of the club, Mr. H. D. Archibald. Supper was served at 10.30 by the ladies' committee and dancing indulged in until 1.30 a.m.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stapleton (nee Miss Mollie Sheppard) early Thursday morning, the 11th inst., and left a baby girl. We tender our congratulations.

Mr. Samuel Stowe was in town during the week to attend the funeral of his uncle, the late Mr. James Stowe, and returned to St. John's Friday morning. Messrs. Richard and Samuel Stowe, also of the city, and brothers of deceased, were also here to attend the funeral.

The Broadway Players, who are touring through the district, are holding a show in St. Patrick's Hall to-night (Monday).

Dr. W. S. Goodwin went to Brigus this morning on a professional visit.

Mr. James Fleming, son of Mrs. Michael Fleming, who has been relieving at the R. N. Co.'s station Carbonear, for the past month or more, has been appointed agent at Glenwood, B.B. Mr. Fleming left town last week to take up his duties at that place.

The weather on Saturday was very boisterous for the greater part of the day, but the storm abated as the evening advanced. We cannot very well complain of the weather-man's treatment this month, however, as since the coming in of the new year we have been favored with practically a mild spring.

The train from the city did not arrive until 7 p.m. to-day owing to the fact that she had been derailed at Waterford Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Norris, of St. John's, were passengers by Saturday night's train.

Miss Eva Squires, niece of Mr. A. Squires, came to town last week and will remain with her uncle for the winter. Miss Squires had been attending school at Grand Bank, and will now continue her studies here.

Jan. 15, 1923. —COR.

Cub Cigarettes are appreciated, not only by the smoker but by those in his company.

It is a good idea to keep in your sewing machine drawer a small jar for broken needles. Tie a soft cloth across top so that needles may be easily pushed in as soon as broken.

Obituary.

PATRICK J. MOLLOY.

We regret to chronicle the death at Bay Bulls on the 8th inst., of Patrick J. Molloy. Mr. Molloy was at the period preceding his death, engaged in the Customs Department at St. John's from which owing to failing health he had been given extended leave. He was born at Burin on December 31, 1889, and was in his 34th year. He was educated at St. Bonaventure's College and for a time was teacher at the R. C. school at Odeon. In 1912 he became Principal of the Boys' Superior School at Bay Bulls where he worked most assiduously for those under his charge. He resigned in 1917 to accept a position in the Customs Department, St. John's, where he was highly regarded by his co-workers and the public for his courtesy and affability. In 1916 he married Miss Bride Mulcahy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mulcahy, of Bay Bulls, who with his mother and two children are left to mourn him. He was a member of Terra Nova Council, K. of C. and of the Holy Name Society, and a general favorite with all his associates who appreciated his many sterling qualities. A year ago, owing to failing health, he was given leave of absence from the Customs and entered the Sanitarium where it was found that he was seriously ill of tuberculosis. There he remained until October, and when all hope of his recovery was abandoned he returned to his home to await the final summons. On Monday, the 8th, surrounded by his family, and after receiving the ministrations of the Church, he breathed his last, and now sleeps beneath the shadow of the trees in the cemetery at Bay Bulls, to await the Resurrection. To his widow, mother and children we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss.—R.I.P.



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Household Notes.

If you have no room in your kitchen for scrub pails and buckets, and do not wish an old-fashioned sink closet, have a lattice work with door built beneath the sink and drainboard. Paint to match the kitchen woodwork. A loose-leaf notebook makes a

splendid scrap book for a child. It may be enlarged at any time by adding more paper, and may be kept in good condition by giving the child only one page at a time.

When moving into a house, keep a list of each room's requirements—number of rolls of wall paper, yards of curtain material, etc. This will be

a help when the time comes to renew these things.

If you are puzzled as to what to serve unexpected dinner guests, try this "emergency menu"—potato chowder, meat patties, jelly, near French-fried potatoes, string beans, cold plaw cheese, crackers, pineapple round, and coffee.

When steaming velvet, the iron is very hard to manage. To overcome this difficulty, slip the handle or iron into the space between top and bottom of a sleeve board when it is resting on its side. The flat surface of iron is now ready for steaming.

Left over powder biscuits may be used in the following manner: Cut them in halves and arrange on a glass plate. Pour apple sauce over them and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon, and bake well in oven. Serve warm with cream.

Delicate articles may be washed by the "vacuum process" with very little strain on the material. Lay in a bowl of suds and use a large glass funnel, keep your thumb over the tube end. The suds are forced gently through the fabric.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Under an Act representing the St. John's General Hospital (6 Geo. Chap. XIX) and with the approval of the Governor in Council, the Board of Governors have fixed and passed the following scale of fees to be from and paid by all persons occupying beds or undergoing treatment in the Hospital:

SCALE OF FEES.

Every person receiving treatment in the St. John's General Hospital shall pay fees according to the following scales:—

Persons admitted to the wards, \$1.00 per day.

Persons occupying private rooms, \$10.00 per week in addition to the daily fee of \$1.00.

To cover cost of dressings, aesthetics, and for the use of Operating Room, patients undergoing operations shall pay a fee of \$10.00 in addition to the specified above.

Every applicant for admission to the Hospital must bring or forward to the Superintendent of the Hospital a certificate signed by a duly registered physician that such applicant is proper subject for Hospital treatment.

Under the provisions of the Hospital Act, 1915, all patients are unable to pay fees shall be required to bring with them a certificate signed by the Resident Medical Officer or where there is no Resident Medical Officer, by a Justice of the Peace, Clergyman or other responsible person.

The fees of such patients shall be payable by the Commissioner of the Charities, by virtue of the order of the Board of Governors.
GEORGE SHEA, Chairman.
W. H. RENNIE, Secretary.
Jan 10, 1923.

Milled rice is made by cooking in a double boiler a half cup cups hot milk, a teaspoon tablespoons sugar and a fourth spoon salt. When rice is tender, not mushy, add a beaten egg, a teaspoon nutmeg, and two tablespoons grape juice. Cook five minutes, serve with cream and sugar.