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Little Girls' Frocks That Are as Sensible as They Are Smart

Make a Success of Your Vegetable Garden

Follow the Instructions Supplied by a Government Expert—Col. F. To-day's Page.

THIS is the fourth in the series of gardening articles by Mr. S. C. Johnston, which we have been publishing on this page for the help of those who have bought seeds with the intention of raising a crop of vegetables. Mr. Johnston is Vegetable Specialist of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and treats of his subject in a wholly practical manner. The series began the middle of April, and will continue weekly, dealing with the various problems that arise in connection with the care and cultivation of a vegetable garden.



You will like them, and Petite Mam'selle, herself, will like them, for, though they are simple and durable and all that a practical parent would wish her small daughter's dresses to be, they are full of that style and swing which New York dressmakers so well know how to impart to school-girl garb.



Success in Growing Vegetables

Practical Hints for the Amateur Gardener, by S. C. Johnston, Vegetable Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture.

ESIDES growing many vegetables for immediate use the backyard garden should produce some vegetables which can be stored for consumption during winter months. Some, of course, do not need to be planted as early as the plants which were described last week. Possibly a week should elapse from the time the lettuce is planted before these should be sown.

Beets, Carrots, Parsnips and Salads

These include the most important members of the root vegetables. They are usually grown for winter purposes, and are raised by many in their earlier stages of growth. All these demand practically the same attention. They should be sown in straight rows at a depth of about three-quarters of an inch. When the roots have reached a height of two inches they should be carefully weeded and the plants stand, beets and parsnips, three to four inches apart, carrots and salads two or three inches apart. It will be found that the parsnips are very slow growers. For this reason it is sometimes advisable to plant a few seeds of lettuce with the parsnip seeds so that they will serve as a marker. The young beets, parsnips, and carrots should be pulled up and the tops twisted off close to the head, not cut off with a knife as in the case of carrots, parsnips, or salads, which should have the tops cut about one-half inch from the roots preparatory to storing for winter.

Corn on the Cob

In planting corn, holes about two or three inches deep should be made with a hoe. Five or six kernels of corn should be dropped in each hole, and covered with soil, which should be gently firmed by tramping on the soil. When the plants are about three inches high all excepting the three tallest should be pulled out. The soil should be drawn up around the stalks as they grow to give them support. When the kernels on the cob appear full of milk they are ready to use. It is a good practice to cultivate the soil often around the corn. Most expert growers claim that it crops corn and cabbage faster and better when the plenty of cultivation is given.

Cabbage

Cabbage is one of the most widely grown vegetables. The cabbage plant requires a supply of moisture, and yet if the cabbage soil is too wet the plant will be injured. Cabbage does particularly well on new land, and some growers claim that the cabbage grows without an abundant supply of manure in the soil better than many other vegetables. It is considered a good practice for backyard gardeners to purchase plants which have been grown in hot-beds or hot-houses, and transplant them directly into the permanent bed. This saves considerable trouble. It is necessary when setting a cabbage plant to set them fairly deep so that they will not be whipped about by the wind. They may be set eighteen inches apart, and there should be a good deal of soil around the roots. When they are ready to be set a hole may be made with a dibber or a sharpened stick. The roots may be washed after they have been set. One of the most important features of growing cabbage consists in the attention given to cultivation of the soil. There may be some occasions when the soil will split; this may be stopped or prevented if the head is taken forcibly from one side to another.

Cauliflower

The cauliflower is treated in much the same way as cabbage. The plants being grown, and set out in the same manner outside. They are treated practically the same as cabbage until it is noticed that a little white flower has commenced to grow. The dry leaves of the plant should be brought together at the top and tied with a piece of string so that these leaves, which are protected from the rays of the sun and from frost. All cauliflowers, heads should be treated in this manner when they are about two inches in diameter.

Brussels Sprouts

Brussels sprouts are perhaps the most hardy of the cabbage family. If it is impossible to secure brussels sprouts plants a few seeds may be planted about May 15 at a depth of about one inch. These should be transplanted to the permanent bed about the 15th of June. They should be set eighteen inches in the row and two feet between the rows. It is well to keep the patch clean, and the surface soil should be stirred frequently. It is unnecessary to trim off the leaves as the plants grow in the garden.

A. If she's begging for a silk frock—then let it be pongee, and 'twill wash beautifully and wear, and wear. This little model marked "A," for example. It is in natural tan pongee, that runs from yoke to hem being kept in place with a loose girde. Heavy stitching, in China blue, green or rose silk twist, ornaments the collar and quaint little pockets. It may be had in sizes 6 to 14 years. Price, \$8.00.



F. Isn't it a quaint conceit of a frock that this thoughtful little girl is wearing? And you may imagine how much prettier it is in reality, even when you hear that it's made of rosy pink linen, with the frilly little guimpe of white organza—the guimpe being detachable, making laundering quite simple. And in case you should prefer Delft blue or green, the same model may be had in these shades, too. Sizes are 6, 8 and 10 years, and the price \$8.00.

G. Could any frock be more cunning for a wee tot of 6, 8 or 10 than this one worn by the little girl above, who seems to have such an important story to tell? It is made of that material mothers love so well, namely, natural pongee silk, while the guimpe is of white China silk, with collar and sleeves edged with "Pal" lace. Notice the dear little pockets, and the pearl buttons on the short Kato Greenaway waist. It may be had in sizes to fit 6, 8 and 10 years, the price being \$8.00.

H. The merits of this chambray dress are many. To begin with, it is smart as can be in appearance. You can see that for yourself. Secondly, the color scheme is charming, being pale blue, pink or apricot, with collar, cuffs and tops of the pockets of fine white pique. And thirdly, the price is incredibly moderate, being \$3.95. It is available in three sizes—12, 13 and 14 years.

I. Here's a swagger little frock, you'll agree. It is fashioned of soft, durable chiffon finish crepe, and you may have it in nigger brown, navy blue or rose, with collar of creamy silk. Note the modish high waistline—one of the features of styles for fall, so the prophetic forecast— and the pair of patch pockets. The sizes in which the model is available are 6, 10, 12, 14 and 16, and the price \$15.00.

J. Old-fashioned gingham—it's one of the smartest materials for tub frocks that Dame Fashion is showing this year for either kiddies or grown-ups. And here you have it in this delightful little seaside dress, the stripes being tan, blue and white. The detachable guimpe is of white lawn. The sizes are 6, 8 and 10 years, and the price \$4.50. The same model may be had, too, in plain Delft blue or pink chambray—the price and sizes the same.

K. Another frock in the fashionable gingham—a charming one-piece, belted model with smart collar and cuffs of white pique, and smocking at the neck in front. It offers a choice of stripes—pink and grey, blue and white, or tan, blue and white. Sizes are 6, 8 and 10, and the price \$4.50.

L. One of the most interesting and truly summery frocks on the page, this fresh, jaunty little model marked "L." The pleated skirt is of China blue cotton repp, and the charming little smock of white repp, with blue belt, collar and cuffs. It may be had in all the sizes from 6 to 14, the skirts and trimmings in some of the models being pink or green. The price is \$4.00.

M. And looking as though it has come straight from one of those exclusive Fifth Avenue shops of fabulous prices is this wonderfully smart little frock with which we close our story. Ivy green linen composes it, black and white hand embroidery embellishes the yoke and pockets, and fine white dainty mesh is employed for the quaint little guimpe. It may be had, too, in rose linen. The sizes are 6, 8 and 10, and the price \$8.00.

B. For the warm days of Spring and the cool days of Summer, this coat dress would be just the thing for a little girl to wear when she goes out to school. It is made of fine wool poplin, in beautiful tan, brown or mignonne green, and is featured in sizes 6 to 12 years. Price, \$3.00.



E. This little brunette may well look pleased at things in general, for the dress she's wearing is full of style—from the collar of its jaunty little coat to the hem of its pleated skirt. It is made of fine, creamy white cotton, the poplin striped with rose or blue, the waistband, cuffs and collar being of heavy, creamy linen, stitched with rose or blue. The sizes are 6 to 14 years, and the price \$7.00.



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You were Juggling

"Elizabeth."—Can you possess your soul in patience until next Wednesday? One is planning to devote the entire day to the affairs of the summer wardrobe, and there'll be sketches of sundry fastidiously chosen hats, frocks, suits, etc.—with a variety wide enough to meet the needs of wearers who are "short and slim, with blue eyes and brown hair, and look well in fluffing things." As to why your living-room should be sober and dull rather than cheerful, one would imagine that it is not so much due to the "fit and miss furniture" as to the glaring white curtains and the unshaded lights. A good remedy lies in your idea of chintz at the window and on the cushions of the chairs. And considering the buff walls and the red and green in the pattern of the tan rug, one would suggest a certain linen color chintz with his red and pink magnolia blossoms on it, and brown, Japanese-looking branches. It is 75 cents a yard, and 26 inches wide. Wonderfully nice brown willow chairs can be had for \$5.00 each.

"Elee."—"Yes" to every phase of your desire—color, material and price. There is a grey crepe de Chine dress at \$20.00 that would seem to fill the bill to a nicety. It has a gathered skirt, and a bodice with a large collar of white Georgette stitched in yellow. As a navy blue alternative there is a model in crepe de Chine with sleeves and collar of Georgette, a little silk embroidery on the front of the bodice, and a tie girde. This is \$18.50. Your name is "Elee," and the Chinese puzzle—hope this is the correct solution.

"I. S. H."—If your curtains must remain red, and your rug green, then it would seem that ivory or grey were about your only choice for the walls. Why not get a roll each of grey and ivory oatmeal paper and experiment with them as a background for the rooms? It would be by far the most satisfactory plan. In any case, one would think that it would be best to paper dining-room and sitting-room alike.

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