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## Practical Pointers on Vegetable Canning

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All the vegetables that were in the Government exhibit, Institutes Branch, at Toronto National Exhibition, 1917, with the exception of the tomatoes and cauliflower, were canned by the three-day method. This exhibit has been moved repeatedly since then to other places for exhibition purposes, and was exhibited at the Horse Show in the Arena, April 15th to 20th, and is in just as good condition as when first canned in July, 1917. Not one jar has spoiled, despite the handling so often. Cans that have been opened have the splendid flavor of fresh vegetables. All are up to the mark in flavor and coloring.

### Trouble With Asters

HAVE any of Our Women Folk had trouble in previous years with their aster plants? We recently heard of a woman who for the last couple of years has found asters difficult to grow in her garden. They kept dying and when pulled up, little insects would be noticed on the roots. They looked like ants and seemed to hatch out on the roots. Probably some of our readers have had similar trouble and the following suggestions may prove helpful this year in keeping the aster plants healthy.

The aster plants described above were no doubt attacked by what is known as the white aphid. The ants are largely responsible for the aphid being there. The best remedies are the following:

Make a solution of tobacco water by putting about two pounds of tobacco stems (refuse) from a cigar factory into a pail, filling the pail up with boiling soap suds. Cover it over with a thick cloth, and allow it to cool. When cool dilute with about one-quarter part of water. An application of this can be made about once a week sufficient to moisten the soil around the plants. Another good preventive is to dig in soot or wood ashes, or both, into the soil before the seed is sown, or the plants set out, or a solution of soot water could be made by thoroughly mixing about one pint of soft coal soot in a pail of water, and giving the plants a watering with this every week or 10 days. It is best not to plant the asters in the same ground each year. Plant them in another part of the garden. When once the aphid attacks asters it is very difficult to eradicate them without injury to the plants. Grow them in a fresh place in the best plan to get rid of this pest.

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