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following : "We are learning," continues the writer, "that to throw manure or plant-food all over a meadow (he is probably referring to summer weather.--Ed.) and let the coarse part dry up, is very foolish; and it is equally uneconomical to make roads out of plant stuff. The Southern Crackers do better than this when they fill great furrows full of this waste stuff; cover it up with dirt, and grow their sweet potatoes in the ridges that are made. It gives the best possible crop. In 1907, I grew a sweet potato weighing eighteen pounds in a compost

pile. Mr. Powell's words are not all of destruction to the weeds. He argues that another use for each may be found, pointing to the facts that the French use our purslane for greens, that the dandelion has become a dish at the table of epicures, and that the sweet potato is only an improved morning-glory, and the Irish

polato an improved solanum. And he has a soft spot in his heart, ton-who would not have?-concerning "weeds" that grow in his Florida den, which has supplanted his farm of north? Would you like to hear a

If y Florida yard has a general spread the weeds to bloom away."

of two acres, which is not all taken up with the great pine trees. Naturally, I intended to try to secure a fine sod. There were as many varieties of weeds as I have ever seen, and of every style and height. But in February some of these begin to blossom, and they were followed by others of great beauty, until I found myself in possession of as fine a wildflower garden as care could have created. There were violets on stems a foot long, and as blue as the sky, lifted over the tiniest white violets that crept close to the soil. There were sensitive plants throwing out their interlacing arms of delicate tracery until they fairly carpeted the soil in pink. Up went stalks of yellow and blue and white and lavender, and it was an every-morning joy to go out and meet the new ones. I did not know their names, and was glad I did not; they were simply children of Nature. Grandest of all, the Cherokee bean had square yards of superb carmine overlooking all the rest. Legumes of every imaginable style were feeding on the air, and passing the nitrogen down to be stored in my soil. So, taking only room here and there for beds of roses, gladioli, cannas, and other civilized plants, I left

yet they are interesting. Shall we have oven just long enough to set the merina talk about some of them soon? D. D

When Strawberries are In

Strawberry Sponge :- 1 quart berries, 1 box gelatine, 11 cups water, 1 cup sugar, juice of 1 lemon, beaten whites of 4 eggs. Soak the gelatine in 1 cup of the water; mash the berries and add the sugar to them; boil the rest of the sugar and the cup of water gently for cool place to set. 20 minutes; rub the berries through a sieve or vegetable ricer; add gelatine to boiling syrup; take from the fire and add berry juice. Place the bowl in a pan of ice-water and beat with an egg-beater for 5 minutes; add the beaten whites and beat until it begins to thicken, then pour into wet moulds and set on ice.

Strawberries, Raw :-- Wash the berries before they are hulled if at all dusty; drain well and serve in a glass dish with strawberry leaves around them.

Strawberry Pie :- Bake the pastry in a pie-tin first. When cold fill with berries, sprinkle well with powdered sugar and spread with a meringue made of the light. whites of 3 eggs beaten with 3 table-

Our weeds are not as beautiful as these, spoons powdered sugar. Put into the

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Strawberry Cream :-- Put 1 quart berries through a sieve or ricer, and mix with them enough sugar to sweeten. Put 1 oz. gelatine into a stewpan with 3 tablespoons cold water, the juice of 1 lemon, and 2 ozs. more of white sugar. When the gelatine is melted strain it into the strawberries, add 1 pint whipped cream, stir all lightly together, pour into a wet mould, and put it in a very

Strawberry Tapioca :--Soak 1 cup tapioca over night in cold water; in the morning put half of it in a baking-dish. Sprinkle 1 cup sugar over the tapioca, put on this 1 quart berries (reserving 12 for the sauce), ½ cup sugar, and the rest of the tapioca. Fill the dish with water, which should cover the tapioca 1 inch. Bake in a moderately hot oven until it looks clear. Serve with strawberry sauce.

Strawberry Sauce :- Beat 2 dessertspoons butter to a cream, adding gradually $\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered sugar, then add 12 large strawberries. Mash and beat until

Strawberry Sherbet :-- Wash 2 qts. ber-