

Woman's Realm Social and Personal Fashions Literature

Pruning Tomatoes Saves Space in Small Gardens



A Heavier Yield for the Ground Space Occupied Is Given by Tomatoes Trained on a Fence, Arbor, or Stakes.

For the space occupied, tomatoes are so productive that small gardens should grow them; but to do so efficiently special methods should be applied.

Commercial growers of tomatoes, having plenty of space at their disposal, and desiring to economize on labor let them sprawl on the ground, and grow as large as they will.

Experiments have proved that this way the largest crop is produced at the lowest cost. A tomato plant of one of the standard varieties takes at least ten square feet to grow in this manner.

Pruning and staking tomatoes does not increase the yield per plant, but reduces it. It does allow you to grow more plants in the small garden, and to grow them in the air instead of on the ground.

Your plants growing under protection will grow faster indoors than out, in cool weather, so nothing is lost by waiting until warm weather is well established.

KEEP 'EM QUIET The British Government pays the natives of Tirah, India, 240,000 rupees a year to avoid banditry.

INTENSIVE FARMING By careful tending of soil Chinese farmers make a square mile support 3,500 people.

CROCHETED HIGH HAT WITH POMPONS



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Dorothy Dix Says—

FUTURE WILL RATE DOMESTIC SERVICE WORTHY PROFESSION

Middle-Age Woman Handicapped In Search For War Work By Youth's Adaptability

DEAR MISS DIX—We read in the papers so much about the demand for women in labor, but apparently employers want no one but young girls. I am 43 years old and because I have had no recent experience I cannot get a job, although before I was married I was a typist, a billing machine operator and also a bookkeeper in a large wholesale grocery house.

My family is reared now. My husband makes a small salary and it is awfully hard to get along nowadays with the high price of everything. So I would like to earn some extra money in order that I may prepare for the future, which is going to be very hard for all of us. I have done all my own housework, even to the washing and ironing and sewing for the family. I have even done some work as a sewing machine operator because of my age.

There are many women like me who would like to get out and help, but when employers demand young girls we are largely overlooked. Can you tell us how we can go about finding a job that would get us out of the rut? MRS. A. C.

DOMESTIC HELP NEEDED

ANSWER—There is one bitter thing that middle-aged women will have to accept as a fact, that they can neither ignore nor overcome, and that is that when they look for employment their age is a handicap. This cannot be wholly explained by the theory that men have amorous eyes and prefer to be surrounded by young and pretty girls rather than by aging women who have lost their looks.

Also, women must realize the fact that in the last twenty-five years business methods have changed, just as everything else has. Labor-saving devices have been introduced into offices and so the experience that a woman had a quarter of a century ago is practically of no value whatever today.

But there is one field of labor open to the middle-aged woman for which she is prepared, in which there is never enough labor to go around, and in which at the present moment she can practically write her own ticket, and that is domestic service. Cooking, housework, taking care of children, the fabulous wages paid in defense projects have almost depopulated the kitchens and the nurseries. Nearly everybody's cook has passed up the gas range for the electric range, and many have taken to make airplanes instead of darned little Johnny's socks and taking him to walk in the park; also innumerable mothers have heard the voice of their own country and have left their own homes and entertain soldiers instead of amusing the baby.

And this has left a gap in the employment situation that the middle-aged woman who wants a job can fill with profit to all concerned. I am not foolish when I will be optimistic enough to believe that many of these women will be willing to earn money in their own homes, though they would be perfectly willing to work in her shop or her dressmaking establishment, if she had one.

Somehow, they look down on domestic service, yet it pays better than many of the jobs that they consider more glamorous. The sales girl who has to wear good clothes and who has to wear a uniform and who has to wear a cap, and who has her pay envelope untouched at the end of the week.

Every employment makes its own status of respectability by the work of those who engage in it. There was a time when doctors and writers and all professional people were social outcasts whom no person of position would have thought of inviting to dinner, instead of their being the only few branches of the profession that were held in esteem.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—My husband is kind, affectionate and generous, but he is a little bit of a tyrant. He is so good-natured and never says anything but good to me, but I have a high temper and often say things to him I shouldn't, and aggravate him until he gives me a beating. I know I do wrong and I know I am a little bit of a tyrant, but still I think I am in some other way, don't you? DISCONTENTED WIFE.

THWART TEMPER TO END HUSBAND'S BEATINGS

ANSWER—Well, I certainly don't advocate wife-beating. Traditional and modern alike would raise his hand against a woman, no matter how much she needs it, but you have to admit that a wife who is a tantrum-thrasher should have something done to her that will make her put a brake on her temper and her tongue.

The question is what, so think it over and try to decide which you would rather take, a thrashing now and then when you have made your own bed, or have him divorce you. Good homes are good homes, and a kind, generous husband is hard to get, and losing them seems a pretty high price to pay for the pleasure of indulging in an orgy of passion.

And, of course, you have a third choice. You can use self-control and behave yourself.

DEAR MISS DIX—My son is in foreign service. Just before he left he married a girl of whom we knew very little. She is running around their affair and it is a scandal of the community. Should we mention our son about this? A MOTHER.

ANSWER—I think so. A woman must be lost to every principle of honor and decency if she will betray a husband who is so good-natured to protect her and all other women, and drag his name in the dust.

A Morning Smile

"Father says will you lend him your garden roller?" said the small boy. "Haven't you forgotten something, my boy?" said the very polite old gentleman. "Oh, yes!" was the blithe reply. "Father said, if the old blighter refuse, try next door!"

TOO TIRED TO GO OUT TONIGHT?

Many people drag along, feeling and looking half-alive—week after week. They are cheating themselves out of good times—the real fun of living! You, too, can wake up and shake off that tired feeling and get a new lease on life with a simple system. Yes, if your system is clogged with poisons, you'll get tired and you're tired all the time. Keep it clean and sweet with a purely vegetable remedy, the gently regulating—BILLY BEANS. Made from 10 pure vegetable extracts, Billy Beans have a 4-way action on stomach, liver, bile, upper and lower bowels that is gentle and pleasant—not harsh, like cheap laxatives. Put the sticks under that tired feeling—and get a "kick" out of life! Try BILLY BEANS tonight. Over 7 million boxes sold last year, proof of sensational popularity. Only 50c at druggists. 13

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GLASS CLOTH

New uses of glass are illustrated in a recently held British exhibition. There are cloths, tapes, and cords made entirely of glass. Glass drawn into fibres finer than a human hair is woven into cloth and tape which can be used for many electrical insulation purposes. The valuable part which glass is playing in the war is clearly shown. In addition to its more obvious uses in the lighting of war factories and in the making of radio communications, it is made into bullet-proof panels for aircraft.

HINT FOR NEW HOMEMAKER

As children we have all played with a tumbler inverted in water, to show what happens when the air in glass is imprisoned or released; now let us put the principle to a good use. Keep in your kitchen drawer a small glass or metal tube, or a package of soda straws, for use in handling liquids. When a stubborn liquid, such as catsup, refuses to pour, close the end of a tube with your forefinger to hold the air in the tube; extend the tube to the bottom of the bottle and pour. The air goes through the tube and forces out the liquid.

CLEAN TOYS FOR BABIES!

It's quite a job to keep a kid's toys clean but clean they should be. Otherwise there's the risk of dirt and germs being carried to the youngster's unsuspecting mouth. How the toy can be kept clean is the question. In the first things you think of when you consider buying a child a toy. The purchase should have some thought back of it—how can the child play with it, is he at the right age to enjoy it and are there any dangers to the top (sharp points or loose movable parts). Colored toys should be examined for fading. To be satisfactory, paint and colored fabric must stand up under frequent soap and water washings. Also if the paint has a lead base the youngster will be made ill if he chews on it. If toys are washable the easiest way to keep them clean is to place them in the bath-tub and give them a daily bath following baby's own bath-time.

If your family likes variety, add a little spice to your pie crust. One teaspoon each of cinnamon and cloves is enough for each 1-1/2 cups flour. This spiced pastry is good for fresh fruit or berry pies.

Bake soil in which plants and cuttings are to be transplanted to kill weed seeds that may be in it.

Lawns no matter how poor, may be beautified by the use of fertilizer during the months of May and June. About four pounds of fertilizer should be applied to every 1000 feet of lawn.

The flavor of apple pie is much improved if the juice of half a lemon is squeezed over the apple.

Examine your lilies for oyster-shell scale, which has a special fondness for this shrub and often entirely covers the branches. It is a pest which is found to be infected, cut them off and burn them. If the scale has progressed to a greater extent with whole oil soap or with some similar preparation. You can identify the scale by its shape. It looks like tiny oyster shells.

PERFUMES, TOO? Ethiopian women plaster their hair with fatted butter in the belief that it beautifies them.

SEXES DIFFER ABOUT HOUSES When women get to speculating as to why a man has left a woman, there is nearly always some one who comments, "I just can't understand it. They had such a lovely home."

There are many women whose contentment in marriage is based on the fact that they have the kind of house they want—even to the right shade of guest-room walls. But the average man isn't tied to his home at all.

Plenty of men, living in nearly perfect houses, look back on the dingy little apartment they had when they were first married as the nicest home they have ever known. They don't remember that colour of the walls or the incongruous kitchen they remember that they were happy there and that in those days their wives put their comfort and happiness above everything else.

If the wives continue to do that in their "perfect houses"—well said!

going up to him, bawled in his ear: "Haven't you ever drilled before in your life?" "Yes, sergeant," replied Higgins. "I once drilled for three years." "Oh, indeed, and where?" snapped the sergeant. "In a quarry," grinned Higgins.

New under-arm Cream Deodorant safely Stops Perspiration

You Can Do A Job Only Price Control Questions And Answers

Questions and Answers on Price Control will appear in The Guardian as a regular feature each day. The questions are those which have reached the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from housewives in the home. The answers are prepared by the Board. Readers who have intelligent questions to ask on price control are invited to send them to the Regional Committee of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from any ration to make pickles, beans in the fall. May I do this?

A. Yes. Your sugar rations are for your own household use. However, extra sugar received for canning purposes must not be used for pickles of any kind. The extra sugar is for canning fruit.

Q. I have a contract, dated September 10, 1941. I want my dealer to reduce the monthly payments I am making. Is this all right?

A. Yes. The regulations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board do not apply to any promise to pay dated prior to October 14, 1941.

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EASY-TO-MAKE JUMPER FROM THE FIGURE

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where Lucretia had discarded it, probably because she could not find room in the stuffed pieces of luggage. If Lucretia never wore a beautiful dress like that again, if she never laughed gaily again, Cary felt with a quick twist of her heart that she would always blame herself. She closed her eyes tight and when she opened them again she found Lucretia watching her.

Cary reached out almost timidly and touched Lucretia's hand. "Do you feel better, darling?" "It hurt her to see her mother so old-looking. The fine wrinkles about her eyes were alarmingly deepened. In bed without her chin strap, the muscles of her neck sagged ungraciously.

"You love him very much, don't you, Cary?" Lucretia said in a small, subdued voice. "Yes," Cary said simply, letting the misery of her heart well up in her again at the thought of Tony.

"That is something I have missed all my life," Lucretia's voice was indescribably sad. "I thought I could never love again—that it was not important to my happiness. I know better now. Cary, I'm not going to try to keep you from him any longer. I was wrong to do that. Someday maybe I shall be able to reconcile myself to your marrying him, but you'll have to give me time. It's not easy to forget."

She turned her face to the wall. Cary walked for her to speak again. "Finally," she said, "I'm tired, darling—so tired. Please go now!"

CHAPTER XXXVI For the second time that day Cary climbed the stairs that led to Tony and Joe's apartment, but this time her heart was beating wildly and her knees felt like treading paper.

She opened the door, in answer to her knock. "Is Tony here?" "He's gone down to the office. He'll be back in about an hour. He's got to look after the horses until he sent me word."

Cary stood there and looked at Joe incredulously. She thought, Tony gone—gone back to the ranch. But of course that would be the first place he would go. "Thank you," Cary said, hoping he did not see how keen her dis-

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THE COOK'S CORNER

ROAST CHICKEN

5 and one-half to 6-pound Roasting Chicken and 1-2 cup of crumbing (bacon), 1 teaspoon salt, 1-3 teaspoon pepper, flour for dredging. Dress chicken and wipe with cold damp cloth. Put in stuffing but do not pack it in too tightly. Fasten legs and wings close to body with skewers or by tying.

Spread 3 tablespoons bacon fat over breast and legs. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and flour. Also sprinkle with flour. Place chicken on back in pan. Put in hot oven (450 degrees F) for 15 minutes. Baste with the balance of the fat melted in 2-3 cup boiling water. Reduce oven heat to 350 degrees. F. and cook until thigh is tender, about 2 1/2 hours. Baste every 10 minutes, adding water if necessary. Turn bird occasionally to brown evenly. Sprinkling with flour 2 or 3 times during cooking will cause a thick crust. If glazed surface is wanted, omit flour on bird. Serve chicken with gravy.

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