



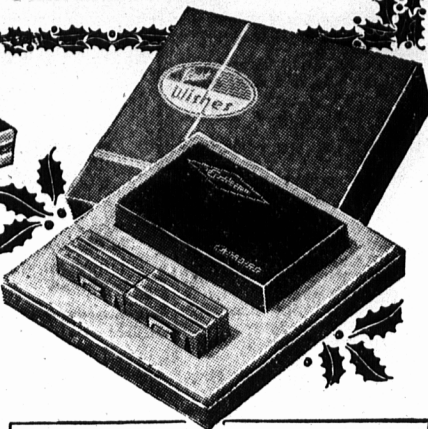
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Root Crops And Roses

ROOT CROPS ARE ESSENTIAL, BUT IT IS NECESSARY TO TRAIN ROSES OF ALL KINDS AROUND OUR HOUSE OF LIFE.

(By John M. Gunn in Farmer's Advocate)

Last summer I drove many miles through the lovely highways and leafy lanes of Western Ontario. On every farm the grain fields, the fruit orchards and the vegetable gardens produced unusually rich harvests of food for man and beast. That is the primary purpose of the farm, but that is not all. Somewhere around every farm house, no matter how lordly or humble it might be, there were flowers, and usually a great variety of flowers of the common kinds which we have always known and loved—the shrinking violet, the gay petunia, the gorgeous gladioli, the aristocratic dahlia and many more. All of which is a parable.

It is the farmer's commonplace to say that a man must have food for his body. He has physical needs which must be supplied. It is equally true that he has a spiritual nature which must also be fed, giving the word "spiritual" its widest application. It is this which distinguishes him from the beasts of the field. He must have bread, but he cannot live by bread alone. He must grow root crops to sustain his mortal body. He must grow roses also to feed his immortal soul. At least all our week-day waking hours are devoted necessarily to meeting our material needs. On Sunday we turn, or ought to turn, to think of the good, the beautiful and the true—to revel in the fragrance of the roses of life. And it is surely one of the glories of the Christmas season that it suppresses for a time the spirit of greed and selfishness in the human soul—the inordinate craving for the material wealth—and gives play to all those finer qualities of mind and heart which express themselves in a loving and tender consideration for others. And not only at Christmas time but all through the year we should consider the relative importance of root crops and roses and give to them their proper places in our lives. This is no new idea. It has been expressed in many ways.

That gifted essayist who has written so many charming sketches under the intriguing pseudonym, "Alpha of the South," discourses delightfully in one of them on "Boilers and Butterflies." He tells of a visit to a great foundry, the owner of which talked of boilers and engines and machinery of all kinds until poor Alpha was bored almost to tears. He knew that engines are important things, that compared to them "the finest lyric ever written can be only a peevish note on the gale." But boilers left him cold. Machinery, gave him like the east wind, "a feeling of arid discomfort, of mental depression, of spiritual bleakness." It was "power divorced from feeling in a world that lives or perishes by its emotional value." Then suddenly the conversation turned from boilers to butterflies. If the host was even more passionately enthusiastic about butterflies. It was his life-long hobby. He had collected butterflies from the forests of Brazil, the plains of India, the veldt of South Africa and the bush of Australia. Here was the outlet for his spirit from his dull, drab, daily association with boiler. Here is the value of the note on "Boilers and Butterflies." It is the spirit of escape from "spiritual loneliness and discontent." On the wings of the butterfly, "as Alpha puts it, "we can not only outrange the boiler but can fare out into the infinite in a spirit of happy and confident adventure."

Many wise men have expressed the opinion that the coming of the industrial revolution and the machine age was not an unmixed blessing for the race. In the first half of the last century many thousands were drawn from the fragrant countryside of "England's green and pleasant land" to build up the great manufacturing towns of the north. They had lived a happy and contented life engaged in handicraft. Their economic system was based largely on barter and exchange. They had little money, but they were rarely in want. But when they came into the cities, they worked long hours in unsightly, ill-ventilated factories and were housed in dwellings unfit for human habitation. Could they be blamed if, in their distress, they cried out with Caliban in the coal mine: "Nothing but backness, And nothing that moves but the cars— God, if you wish for our love, Fling us a handful of stars!"

Conditions in industry have vastly improved since that time. But there still remains for the workman its almost intolerable dullness. Think of the deadly monotony of toil in a great factory. "It is not a merry-go-round but a dreary-dreary, as hopeless as the jingle about seven maids with seven mops trying, day after day, to sweep all the sand into the sea. The modern factory may furnish a man a living but cannot give him a soul, rich

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Try These Recipes: CHRISTMAS ORANGE PUDDING

(Excellent for Children) Peel and remove white pulp from four or five oranges. Cut into medium size pieces. Cover in serving dish with 1 tablespoon of sugar and let stand. Make a fairly thick custard, and when cold pour over oranges. (Avoid hot custard which turns oranges bitter.) Make meringue of two egg whites and four tablespoons of sugar and put in oven to brown separately. When brown place on top of custard. Custard recipe: Scald 1 1/2 cups milk, beat yolks of two eggs with sugar to taste, flavoring and pinch of salt. Pour scalded milk on egg mixture. Return to pan and cook to desired consistency, thickening if necessary with corn starch.

MIXED FRUIT SALAD

The quantity given here is sufficient for 8 persons. Take 8 oranges, 1 banana, 1 lb scalded cherries, 1/2 can peaches, 1/2 can pears, one-eighth can pineapple. Cut all the fruit into chunks, having first removed the skin and the white pulp from the oranges. Serve with whipped cream or mayonnaise dressing.

GRAPE FRUIT SALAD

Peel a grape fruit and divide in sections. Split the membrane and carefully remove the pulp dividing into little natural sections that will hold the juice, breaking them as little as possible. Put the tender leaves of 2 small or 1 large head of lettuce in a salad-bowl and mingle with the prepared grape fruit. Sprinkle with salt and set in a cold place. When ready to serve, cover with mayonnaise dressing, mixing all well together just before serving.

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Although these fertilizer Councils are a comparatively new source of information for farmers, it is a significant fact that largely due to their recommendations more than one-half of the tonnage of mixed fertilizers sold in Canada in 1936 was of two analysis, the 2-12-6 for general field crops and grain and 4-8-10 for garden crops and potatoes.

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BRINGING UP FATHER



life, there is nothing to satisfy the spirit within which longs for "magic casements opening on the foam of perilous seas in faery lands forlorn." And so he turns sometimes to wild excesses—drugs and drink—and lives even in war a way of escape from the prison of his unspoken boredom.

And leisure has nothing more to offer us unless it be wisely and profitably employed. We see everywhere today the demoralizing effect of unemployment upon those who have no inner spiritual resources upon which to draw. Labour without any joy in it may test the spirit of the strongest man, but it cannot break his heart like the feeling that he is unwanted—that no place of useful service is open for him in the bustling human activity of the whole wide world.

Here is the greatest problem confronting our age—to give to every man in the world his fair share of root crops and roses of bread and wine—all of the prose and poetry of life. All our processes of production, distribution and exchange have been so twisted and warped by the sudden and cataclysmic changes that have come in recent years that they cannot function. But surely it is not too much to expect that in a society actuated by good-will, some system will be evolved by the wit and wisdom of mankind to distribute our abounding wealth more equitably among all the children of men.

In the meantime, and indeed at all times, we may make our choice not to be absorbed exclusively in the cultivation of root crops, important as that must be, but to train roses of all kinds around our house of life. We may determine, as our Canadian poet Archibald Lampman exhorts:

"Not to be conquered by these headlong days But to stand free; to hold the mind at brood On life's deep meaning, Nature's attitude Of loveliness and time's mysterious ways."

We are compassed about by a crass materialism and we need to cultivate, as a corrective, what William Watson called in his great poem "the things that are more excellent." We may well recall Francis Thompson who had none of this

world's goods, who walked the streets of London half naked and cold and hungry but who walked also with his head among the stars. It was he who taught that the character of our lives and our inward happiness and peace are determined by our own deliberate choice.

"The angels keep their ancient places Turn but a stone, and start a wing! 'Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces That miss the many-splendoured thing."

How frequently men in high places who have acquired wealth miss the road to the highest and best which is found by those who walk in humbler ways. Hon. Martin Burrell, the distinguished Librarian of Parliament at Ottawa, has written a charming volume of essays for the title of which he has borrowed a felicitous phrase of Francis Thompson. He reminds us that the poet "sick in mind and body, destitute and solitary" could yet walk the crowded streets of London believing that for the saddest souls there

"Shall shine the traffic of Jacob's ladder Pitched betwixt Heaven and Charling Cross."

One of Mr. Burrell's chapters deals with Lord Beaverbrook and his attitude to life as set forth in some of his books, notably one on "Success" written especially for young people. The noble Lord seems to regard money-making as the basis of all end-all of human existence. This grossly materialistic spirit is expressed in his reference to Shelley as a man of genius—but one "who would not have been a success on Wall Street though the poet showed a flash of business knowledge in refusing to lend money to Byron," as to which Mr. Burrell makes the caustic comment that "there are, of course" people so foolishly constituted that they would rather have written "To a Skylark" or "Adonais" than to have made a success in Wall Street."

Lord Beaverbrook is quoted as saying, "The real education is the market place of the street. There the study of character enables the boy of judgment to develop an un-

holly proficiency in estimating the value of the currency of the realm." To which Mr. Burrell adds, "And if all of us were thoroughly imbued with these high ideals what a pleasant, damnable sort of a world this would be!"

Over against this glorification of crude selfishness as the supreme law of life we have set the high idealism of R. W. Emerson, whose words make their appeal to all that is best in human nature. "Every man takes care that his neighbour shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care if he do not cheat his neighbour. Then all goes well. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun."

And this high idealism is just the message of the Christian gospel which seeks always to give us a true perspective of life. Our Lord cut ed Himself the head of life, but He was called also the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. He embodied in Himself—as we have it in the symbols of the Eucharist—the bread and the wine of life. He taught men to put things in their right relations—to seek first the Kingdom of God and to be assured that all other necessary things would be added. The Apostle Paul had the same far outlook on the world around him. He saw the need of a material foundation for life. If a man would not work neither should he eat. But Paul insisted that the spiritual life was all-important and must be carefully cultivated. "Finally my brethren," he said in his letter to his beloved Philippians, "Whatever things are true, honest, pure, lovely and of good report, think on these things—and the God of peace shall be with you." He knew that root crops are necessary—that a man should be "not afloat in business"—but he knew equally well that roses must be given their place—and this was the point of his great-est emphasis—that the well-rounded life must be "fervent in spirit serving the Lord."

JUDGMENT UPHELD

"I am afraid our new housemaid is dishonest," said the wife. "Come, my dear," answered the husband. "You should never judge by appearances."

"I don't," was the retort. "I judge by appearances."

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