

HIGHGAIN

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STRAWBERRIES THAT MADE RETURNS OF OVER \$100 PER ACRE

From "Michigan—The Land of Plenty"

Kalamazoo is a horticultural state. Its many regions of soil adapted to fruit production and the proximity of these regions to large bodies of water and short shipping distances to some of the largest and best markets in the west attest to its horticultural importance.

Apples and peaches are the most important commercial fruit crops. The opportunities for the culture of both of these crops are very attractive. In a great many parts of the southern portion of the state are to be found apple orchards of various sizes that offer splendid opportunities for men with a limited capital to rent or secure a share basis for a series of years and by applying the modern scientific care and attention, a profit may be realized in a year or two when it would require 10, or 18 years to accomplish it one had to plant out the trees and wait for them to bear. Frequently this business of renting orchards is carried on while young orchards are being established. In Bulletin 237 of the Michigan experiment station may be found the facts and figures on this result that have actually been secured in this work of renting or improving old orchards.

PEACHES

Peach growing has, for a great many years, been a very important industry, especially in the western part of the state bordering upon Lake Michigan. The business now requires more skill and ability than it did in the "Bonanza" days, but with intelligent work and good judgment a peach orchard is an excellent piece of farm property. In Special Bulletin 237 of the Michigan experiment station is to be found a young peach orchard that anyone who contemplates planting in Michigan should peruse with great care. The details as to starting the orchard and selecting a site are also given in this bulletin.

CHERRIES

Cherry raising is becoming a very large and important fruit industry in certain parts of the state, notably in the Grand Traverse region. Very large orchards are found in that region as well as for some distance south even as far as Oceana county. Some very large orchards of both sweet and sour cherries are flourishing; also in certain parts of the upper peninsula large orchards have recently been put out. More of the varieties of sour cherries than sweet cherries have been introduced and the demand for sour cherries from canning has been put out. The varieties of sour cherries that they can use a great many more in the future. The sweet cherries demand extra care and skill and the best shipping facilities to handle them properly and their culture should not be attempted by anyone until they have had some experience in fruit growing.

PLUMS AND PEARS

Pears and plums are grown successfully in all the important fruit regions of the state. Some very old pear trees are located in the eastern part of the state. The culture of pear part demands a fairly strong, heavy soil which should be as light as possible and plum and pear culture should be confined to regions where these crops can be transported very quickly after picking.

SMALL FRUITS

The profits from small fruits are fully equal to those from tree fruits, and are often much greater.

RIGHT HEIGHT FOR PERCHES

Eighteen inches to Two Feet is About Right—Have Plenty of Space Between the Roosts.

Perches should not be placed more than two feet from the floor of the roosting house; indeed, for the heavier breeds of fowls 18 inches will be quite high enough. They should be placed far enough apart to allow the birds to descend from them with ease.

Perches placed too high are likely to cause bumble foot, and they are also likely to account for internal rupture—a very serious ailment in jarring hens. The fowl roosting in a jarring tree has a better chance of descending in safety to the earth than has a bird whose perch is placed high up in a poultry house. The former has space in which to perform a gradual descent, while the latter is forced to descend in a more perpendicular manner.

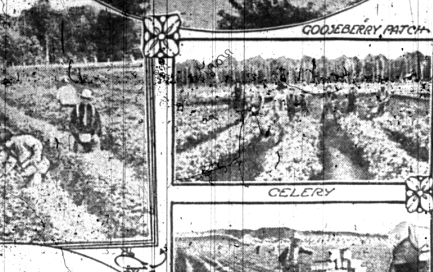
Let the perches be placed as recommended above, and have them all on one level, for when they are placed at varying heights the birds make for the highest one, with the result that quarreling and overcrowding takes place. To roost high seems to be the natural instinct of all fowls, but for their own safety they should be under the control of their owner—Farmer's Review.

Lack of Mineral Food.

Frequently absentees attack a herd of dairy cows because the feeds do not contain sufficient mineral matter worth approximately \$7 per ton. It is an excellent fertilizer for garden crops if properly used. On account of its strength it is likely to burn the roots and stems of plants unless thoroughly mixed with the soil.

Birds and Fruit.

The complaints against the robin have dwelt on his fondness for cherries, peaches, plums, grapes, and even olives in California. The blue bird's consumption of cultivated



GOOSEBERRY PATCH

This strawberry patch is making the grower rich.

A FIFTEEN-YEAR OLD ORCHARD WORTH \$500 AN ACRE

but as with all fruits, general care and culture is the most important feature that determines the profits of all small fruits and marketing is, undoubtedly, next in importance. The small fruit culture of Michigan has developed so rapidly in the last few years that the last United States census shows Michigan as ranking third with all other states in the matter of small fruit acreage, and second in value of small fruit products.

STRAWBERRIES

The strawberry is the most important of the small fruits and by many considered the choicest of all small fruits. The strawberry can be grown on almost any soil that is suitable for corn and potatoes after proper preparation.

GOOSEBERRIES

The second earliest fruit ready for market is the gooseberry. Its market is more limited than that of the strawberry and can be picked and used at various stages of maturity. More of this fruit is being commercialized and preserved every year. The profits are good—sometimes being as high as several hundred dollars per acre.

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CAPONS ALWAYS IN DEMAND

Any Season is Appropriate Provided Cans are Made for Capons and Weight—Operation is Simple.

Caponing is easily and quickly done and may be for the trouble in that not only the quality of the flesh is improved, but also that the fowls grow much larger. Capons are always in demand at high prices.

Caponing is best done when the fowls are between two to four months old or when the cockerels weigh about four and a half. There is little profit and some danger in attempting to caponize birds six months old, while fowls smaller than two or three months old are not so difficult to operate on. As to the season of the year, any season is appropriate provided the birds are of the right age and weight, but April to October is generally selected.

It takes all the way from five and a half to seven months for capons to reach perfection in flesh and size. Fowls weighing from nine to ten pounds are best for caponing.

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SOME QUEER STUNTS DONE BY LIGHTNING

Drives Nails Bows Over Men Makes Children Speechless and Burns Clothes.

Frederick, Md.—Three persons lost their speech for a quarter of an hour two were knocked unconscious and one was stunned early the other morning when a bolt of lightning struck the home of Preston Gerard, Myersville, this county.

The same bolt burned holes in bed clothing, drove nails in the kitchen ceiling as neatly as if they had been driven with a hammer and completely demolished the furnishings of two



Bowled Gerard into the Yard, one a bed chamber and the other a kitchen. Three rendered unconscious.

Mrs. Henry Gerard, Tallahassee, Fla. professional vocalist, and sister-in-law of Preston Gerard, Frederick, Md., owner of the property, Mrs. Preston Gerard was stunned.

Two hours after the bolt had struck the home the entire family had fully recovered from the shock. The lightning did not fire the residence.

The lightning struck the chimney of the Gerard home, passing through the bedroom of the three Gerard children, burning the bed clothing and rendering the children speechless.

From the bed chamber the bolt passed through the floor into the kitchen. There Mrs. Gerard and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Gerard, were seated waiting for the storm to pass over. On the outside of the building sat Gerard on a chair. The lightning struck the head rest, knocked the two women to the kitchen floor and bowled Gerard from his chair into the back yard half a dozen feet away from the ground in the yard.

Mrs. Gerard recovered and lit a lamp. Her sister-in-law was unconscious, and she found her husband lying on the ground in the yard. Mr. Gerard summoned a farm hand and sent him for a physician several miles away. The family had partly recovered when the physician arrived.

SO HE TOOK THE CAT HOME

Man is Awakened by a Mewing Cat Just in Time to Escape Train.

Zion City, Ill.—When Theodore Dyer reached his home in Zion City, Ky., he carried a black cat under his arm.

"Most wonderful cat ever saw," explained Dyer. "Yao I dreamed I was in a barber shop. The barber's chair was in front of me and I was as black as a brick. And the barber was using a huge shaving brush, almost a foot square it seemed. And then the barber took my head resting on a rail. This damned black cat was mewing at the moon and rubbing her side against my cheek. She woke me up before dawn, when I was in the train just as an express train thundered by. 'Cat, I say, come along with me. You saved my life.' My aunt told me she had seen the cat in the yard. That was the closest shave I ever had in my life and this is the shaving brush."

LITTLE JOLT FOR SHERIFF

Negro Bootlegger Tells Court He Thought All His Customers Were Men.

Hattiesburg, Miss.—Following Sheriff Hatcher's secret trip through the questionable parts of Hattiesburg, getting evidence against "blind tigers" and "bootleggers," he took one of them into court. The accused at first denied his guilt.

Then he was told that the man in a suit of overalls, wearing a cheap hat and a second dollar-a-gallon whisky, was none other than the sheriff of Forrest county.

LET'S LAWYERS BATTLE ON

Judge Adjudges Court While Attorney Fights, Then Resumes Hearing of the Case.

Hammond, Ind.—A garnishee case resolved itself into a little entertainment in Judge Reiland's court at Indiana Harbor, recently, when W. S. Searle and Marcus Hershovitz, lawyers, passed the lie.

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Vom Schanplatz des europäischen Völkler - Kriegeres

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