

GARDENING



A garden is a loveable thing.
God wot!
Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Fenced grove—
The very school
Of peace and yet the
fool
Contents that God is not—
Not God! In gardens! when
the eye is cool!
Nay, but I have a sign:

'Tis very sure God walks in
mine.
THOMAS EDWARD BROWN.
FEED THE VEGETABLE
GARDEN.

The need of vegetables in the diet has been given great emphasis in recent years. Had the facts now known been available to our parents in our childhood, we would probably suffer less from poor teeth and other ailments.

ments. The amount of attention now given to human health has caused increased interest in the vegetable garden.

In order to get good results from our garden it is necessary that our plants be properly cared for. Vegetables are heavy feeders. They make a rapid growth and build a great amount of food material in a relatively short time. Vegetables must have all of the plant food elements necessary for growth. Most of our soils are deficient in plant food and good results can seldom be obtained unless complete balanced food is applied to the soil.

Correct feeding not only assures larger yields of vegetables but it also produces a more tender product. Vegetables are usually recommended in the diet primarily because of their mineral content. The food supply of the plants has a great deal to do with the amounts of these minerals stored in the vegetables. For best results, feed your vegetable garden with a complete, scientifically balanced plant food.

Plant labels will last long if pointed. The quickest way to do this job is to dip one end in a can of thin paint, stand on the rack with the sloping in which drains the surplus back into the can. When dry (after two or more days) dip other end. Labels so treated are easy to write on and hold pencil marks longer than plain wood. All sowings should be labeled carefully so that when the seedlings appear they may be treated according to their demands.

Overcrowded Yard Spells Home Effect

In making plans for the development of the rear yard on the average city or suburban lot, too much space should not be taken up with a formal arrangement of flower beds. An overgrown yard prevents proper recreation and adds nothing to the appearance of the home.

Sow seeds of annuals in cold frames, removing the plants to the flower beds in early April.

Re-seed, top-dress, and roll the lawn.

Bone-meal should be applied to the lawn now.

Do not allow the roots of trees and shrubs to become dry before planting.

Unpack all nursery stock as soon as it is received and protect the roots with moist earth until planted.

Water the evergreens thoroughly and apply fertilizer generally.

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George put down his glass. "No," he said. "No family. Married, though."

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"What new ideas, feature articles, etc. Ben had written for the Celestial Clarion, George might yet find. I'll bet him a nickel, if he doesn't."

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