

Eccentricities

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Idiom: In the realm of speech this may be applied to a whole language as peculiar to a people, to a dialect as peculiar to a district, to a technical vocabulary as peculiar to a profession and so forth.

In the amazing testimony of a friend of the trial board sitting in judgment over Detective Adolph Van Copenolle in Detroit, many interesting expressions were peculiar to a profession, and so forth, were heard and recorded. Many of us know that this jargon, vernacular, argot, lingo, patois, slang or whatever it is, found its invention among criminals who used it as a smoke-screen against pursuing authorities.

It is also interesting to see that the language of the underworld has conquered those who are supposed to be the underworld's conquerors. "And has the language alone conquered?" you ask.

Here is the testimony, scrambled

TO A SCOUT MASTER
By CHARLES S. KINNISON

I thank you, Sir, for all you've done. (A smile has done a lot.) In helping me to raise my son—in ways that I can not. His mother, you have applied to wholesome things, and true—While I have been too occupied With work I had to do.

You've helped to make him fine and clean. To aim for a goal. You've taught him love for fields of green. And all of God's outdoors! You've shown him how to use his hands—You've taught him how to be strong In meeting all of life's demands That try the human throng.

You've taught that those who reach the crest, Are those who struggle hard—You've sacrificed your hours of rest. And asked for no reward. Determining that the Master Scout Of all, in some far day, And life's rewards are handed out, He'll give to you full pay.

GARDENING

HOW HOTBEDS ARE BUILT
The one who makes the most of his garden will build a hotbed to give very early crops. The greatest danger of all seedlings that have such limited ventilation and opportunity to dry off. It is necessary therefore, to water sparingly and always during the morning on days when the sash can be opened slightly. Care on this subject will prevent the ravages of "damping off" disease. This is soil condition which spreads rapidly from plant to plant but which usually attacks when plants are water logged.

As warm spring days come, sash can be entirely removed and plants handled as they would be in a garden seed bed. Many gardeners believe in keeping seedlings as dry as can be for several days before setting out. This will make plants harder and thus better able to stand transplanting to a garden seed bed. Many will watered, however, after being transplanted and given every opportunity to make a quick growth thereafter.

A. V. DENNIS, (Meadowbrook Estate.)

Having determined the size, mark off a rectangular area on the ground where the hotbed is to be constructed, making it six inches longer each way than the area to be covered by the sash. Next dig a shallow pit (18 to 24 inches deep) bounded by three lines marked off and set a corner post, two by four inches in diameter, in each corner. The rear of the hotbed should extend 18 inches above the ground level, the forward or southerly end 12 inches. The difference in height gives good drainage to the sash.

Board up the sides above the ground and nail an extra strip of wood (two or three inches wide) around the top to insure a close fit on the lower side of the cornering sash.

The preparation of the manure for the hotbed should be prepared 12 or 14 days before the hotbed will be wanted for sowing. For this purpose, a large proportion of the manure should be straw or litter, and if the material available does not contain a sufficient amount of straw, more should be added.

Pile the entire quantity necessary for filling the hotbed (to 12 inches of the top) in one heap at the side of the pit to be used. If it is dry at the time, it should be moistened with water in order to start fermentation.

The heat should begin to steam two or three days and when fermentation has progressed to the stage when the interior of the mass is hot but not dry, it should be turned completely over with a pitch fork.

When turning the heap, be sure that all of that which was on the outside of the first pile is turned well into the center of the second so that fermentation will be uniform throughout. Three or four days more should be required for this process after which the manure will be ready for the pit.

Place a layer of straw or leaves in the bottom of the pit to conserve the heat. The manure should then be forked into the pit and distributed in thin layers over the entire surface. Each layer should be tamped in firmly, being especially careful to make the mass compact in the corners and around the edges. In filling the pit provision must be made for a normal shrinkage of two or three inches which takes place on the heat subsides. Place the boys on tightly and allow the manure to heat up for a week or 10 days.

After a few days ventilation by lifting the sash at one end during the daytime. Allow the interior portions of the manure to cool down to 80 or 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Then take off the sash and cover the manure in the hotbed with a six-inch layer of rich, loose garden soil. Smooth off and sow seeds in rows three or four inches apart. Sprinkle the soil and ventilate carefully, avoiding too much moisture at high temperatures. When seedlings appear thin them out from time to time, to maintain distance between plants that give unhampered spread of leaves and roots as they develop.

Watering and ventilation require a great deal of attention. As first there is a great danger of heating. Do not lift the sash until an hour or two during the middle of warm sunny days.

DeMolay Chapter To Visit Redford

Members of the James S. Hasserberger chapter of the De Molay will go to Redford Tuesday evening in acceptance of an invitation from the Masons of that community. A formal meeting will be held, with initiation of Birmingham and Redford members. There will be an entertainment program and refreshments. Members who intend to make the trip will assemble at 6:30 at the Masonic temple here.

Rehearsals on "Take My Advice," the Masonic-DeMolay play, to be presented in the auditorium of the Baldwin High School Mar. 21 and 22 are progressing smoothly at the home of Mrs. G. Dewey Kimball. Tickets for the affair will be sent to all Masons of Birmingham and Rochester, according to Frank Higy, program chairman for the play.

DIRECTORS ELECTED

At the annual stockholders meeting last week the Community Improvement Co., of Birmingham, elected the following directors: C. A. Newcomb, Jr., L. E. Colgrove, Lynn McNaughton, E. H. Tillison, Charles E. Buck, Colgrove Buck & Tillison were again appointed business representatives for the ensuing year.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, at a session of said court, held at the Public Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1930.

Present, Hon. Dan A. McGehee, Judge of Probate. The Matter of the Estate of Edward Crawford (C) Fowler, deceased. Marie H. Fowler having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said court and that administration of said estate be granted to Max B. Horton, administrator with will annexed, or to some other suitable person.

IT IS ORDERED, That the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1930, at eight A. M. at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition; notice thereof being by publication of this order for three successive days previous to the date of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, Michigan.

DAN A. McGEHEE, Judge of Probate.

A. V. DENNIS, A true copy. RUTH IMMERK HAROLD, Recorder of Probate. 42-41.

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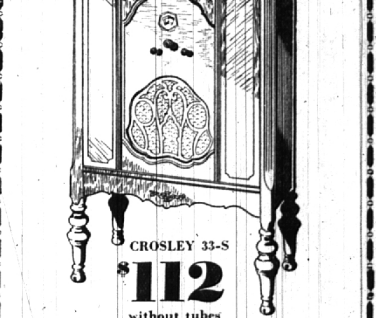
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