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Corkscrew Carrot Reported In West

Science hasn't yet learned how to grow metal corkscrews in the garden, but a "corkscrew" carrot is the nearest approach to it. It was found at a seed breeding station in California where millions of carrot roots were being reselected for seed production. Evidently a small obstruction in the soil split the root when it was young. The divided roots thus formed wound around each other to form this garden corkscrew.

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Nicking Proves Aid To Germination, New Tests Reveal

The value of treating certain flower seeds before planting is impressively illustrated by recent tests with Heavenly Blue Morning Glory. Seeds of Heavenly Blue have a thick, tough coat which tends to prevent ready germination. Samples of high quality seed were used, with one lot being planted untreated and another lot being planted after each seed coat had been nicked. The first lot had a germination of only 20 per cent, despite the high quality of the seed. The second lot had a 90 per cent germination, a 70 per cent increase being gained merely by cutting an opening in the seed coat to promote the action of heat and moisture. Soaking Heavenly Blue seeds in water did not increase germination percentage to any great extent. While gardeners are advised to nick the coat of the seeds, they are warned not to cut or otherwise injure the cotyledon, or interior portion.

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By Frank C. Heath (Owner The Heath Nurseries)
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New Spray Method Is Used To Combat Weeds In Lawn

The annual battle to combat weeds that mar otherwise attractive lawns is soon being waged on a new basis. In recent years, chemical sprays have been widely used to overcome this obstacle, to smooth lawns. When the spray is properly applied, it constitutes one of the most effective ways to remove weeds, according to Walter Klein, agronomist of the University of Michigan Botanical Garden. The time to spray is in the fall or early spring, after growth has started. Actual results are most convincing if the weeds are soon grown out and cut off by the lawn mower.

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How To Care For Three Popular Indoor Plants

Each of the trio of common house plants, the geranium, English ivy, and vinecane, like a special and individual bit of care. The geranium is a weekender among plants and thrives on a little extra light. For this reason, Walter Klein, agronomist of the University of Michigan Botanical Garden, advises leaving it near a bridge or reading lamp during the evening so that it can enjoy a few hours more of light after the sun has gone down.

Chats With the Master Gardener

Probably the most important step in making a garden is planting it. Of course, people who reside in a hot-house may sometimes come out all right, but it's been my experience that sound planning pays real dividends in extra beauty. One friend of mine—a man who's famous in his community for the wonderful effects his plots in just a small space—told me he always knows exactly what he's going to do with every square foot of his garden before he turns the first forkful of earth.

State Requests Fishermen's Aid In 'Creel Census'

LANSING—April 12—Spring and fall plantings of legal-sized trout, seven inches or more in length, have been made in the Pine river, Pigeon river, and north branch of the An Sable river. All trout planted in these areas are either jaw-tagged or fin-clipped. Number of marked fish reported from the various plantings will indicate the success of the plantings. Posters will be found on all streams where marked fish have been released. They will show pictures of jaw-tagged and fin-clipped fish to aid the angler in identifying such fish in his own catch.

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