



VEGETABLES fresh from garden are reward for relaxing hobby.

## Dad Grows Family Respect Along with Slimmer Waist

Not too many years have passed since the man in the house literally "brought home the bacon"—after shooting it in a forest.

Our ancestor was the "provider"—just as is modern man—but the old boy's family was a lot more respectful of the work he put in to keep them fed, clothed and housed.

They saw him working 12 hours a day in the field, raising vegetables, and they heard the sharp report of his gun when he bagged some game for the table.

The ordeal of keeping a family alive was a dawn-to-dusk struggle. The sons and daughters of the house could see that struggle with their own eyes—and in those eyes, Dad was quite a man.

EARNING a family's livelihood is considerably easier these days and—at least for city dwellers—it's usually done in an office, a

factory or a store. Children no longer see their father doing the work that is translated into the food they eat, or the clothes they wear.

One way to reestablish Dad in his old position as the source of life's necessities is to put him in a backyard vegetable garden. Busy in the quiet, unhurried relaxation of gardening, Dad might also find himself acquiring the slim, trim waistline of his more vigorous ancestors.

THERE are few more satisfying experiences than harvesting the products of one's own labors and proudly carrying them into the kitchen to be cooked and eaten by one's own family.

There is unexpected delight in

store for the man who, for the first time, watches a plant develop from a seed which he has sown. In its maturity, that plant is a tribute to the skill and patience of the gardener.

As he becomes more experienced, the home gardener will want to specialize in particular kinds of vegetables, pitting his ability against the obstacles of nature to develop a prized giant tomato, or the sweetest melons in the neighborhood.

ONE ALSO has the satisfaction of knowing he is providing his children with the best food available—vitamin-packed vegetables whose freshness is undiminished by handling or storage.

It's more than probable that no other hobby could make the man in the house more popular with his family—and, that slimmer down waistline is something to consider, too.

## Dos and Don'ts Of Tree Planting

Choose the proper location. Don't plant trees under wires or over sewers, water or gas pipes if this can be avoided. Avoid planting close to walks, drives or curbs.

Dig the hole for the tree before planting. This will reduce the danger of roots drying out.

Keep roots wet during all the time the tree is out of the ground.

Prune about one-third of the branches to give the reduced roots a chance to feed the top.

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Looking for new ideas to help you spruce up for Spring? Decorating tricks you can do yourself on a small budget?

Pull out those family portraits—they will decorate your walls with an exciting personal touch.

This small, uninspiring dinette became the ray inviting spot shown above with the use of portrait photographs, felt and wallpaper. To copy this, select a bright gay felt for portrait mats, canopy scallops and table cover. Use a simple scenic paper on one wall and hang

felt scallops around the ceiling with rubber cement. Cut dramatic rococo mats on which to mount photographs using dry mounting tissue—available through your local art store. Before mounting, spray portraits with clear plastic for protection.

Add bright touches of a contrasting color in the chair cushions and you have a delightful portrait gallery in a sidewalk café dinette.

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