

Good Thinning System May Double Garden Harvest



Thin out excess plants gradually, and allow the best plants to live, using discards for table when possible.

When a beginner in gardening has sown seed, and rejoiced in the quick appearance of numerous sturdy seedlings, his very pride in accomplishment may cause a failure of his crop.

With rare exceptions, he has started too many seedlings for the space available to them. Some of them must be sacrificed so the others may thrive. The thought of destroying the plants he is so proud of is naturally unpleasant.

Too often this task is shirked, and the plants engage in a struggle for existence which prevents the normal maturity of any.

There is no satisfactory way to avoid thinning. It can be reduced by sowing thinly, but the hazards of seed germination are so great that allowance must be made for the failure of some, by sowing two or three times as many seeds as there is room to mature.

When too many come up, be thankful, and consider the thinning out as an opportunity to select the best plants as the ones to survive.

For best results, thinning should be done gradually. In case of a crop which grows best when the plants stand four inches apart, do not at first

thin it to one plant for each four inches. There are two reasons for this.

First, many vegetables, such as carrots and beets, are most delicious when half-mature. By thinning at first only enough to insure that each stands well alone in the row and then allowing them to grow a while, many will soon reach the stage where they can be harvested for the table.

Second, it is foolish to discard all excess plants prematurely when accidents, insects or disease may destroy many which are left. If thinning is done by stages as the plants grow they will finally stand at the optimum distance from each other, and there will be small chance of vacant spaces in the row.

Lettuce plants, thinned to stand an inch apart, will soon reach a size when alternate plants can be removed to make a salad; and this process may be continued until the spacing is right for the remaining plants to mature.

Carrots may be thinned the first time when they are as thick as a pencil; and a dish of the thinnings will give those who have never eaten such tiny carrots before, a new idea of this vegetable.

Beets may be allowed to grow until about six inches tall, when their roots have just begun to swell. If thinned out at this stage, the thinnings should be cooked roots and tops together, for a delicious dish.

Ashes of wood, soft coal and hard coal are all valuable to loosen heavy clay soil, but it is best to let soft coal ashes weather for a season, to get rid of toxic substances.

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A furrier, who has been in the business for nearly 40 years, says that summer is the best season to look for furs. And August is the best month to buy.

But thus far milady need not expect much in the way of bargains—that is if she insists on a coat with the "new look." Apparently as the hemlines go down, the prices go up.

The dealer explained that the longer styles, the larger flares, are responsible for the jump in price.

"There's 15 per cent more material in them than a year ago," he said. "Last year it took perhaps 60 pelts to make a coat, but next season's garments will require from 74 to 76 skins."

However, having a contract of considerable importance, it was advisable to be on the job early. Kenny was manager of the Pacific Contracting Co. and he came north to perform wharf contracting. It was under his direction that 1,500 feet of wharfage was built. It was not until 1908 that the work was finished.

Mr. Munro was a downeaster. His old home was in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, but early in life, sensing that the great west must have possibilities, he proceeded to Vancouver, remaining there for sixteen years before journeying north.

After completing the wharf, he took up a line of endeavor quite different. This was the hotel business. There had been erected on the hillside just up from the wharf, a good sized frame hotel painted red. It did all right, from the first. He held a responsible post. The hotel was called the "Premier," the site being not far from where the cinder pathway today extends from Sixth Street, down to the overhead approach to the railway station.

With the establishment of the Hotel Prince Rupert, Kenny moved over. He left the Premier to become secretary treasurer of the new and fine appearing hostelry, remaining there for years, finally returning south where he passed away.

Mr. Munro dearly loved a bit of innocent fun. He had a wide acquaintance and could tell a story or anecdote with refreshing cleverness. He had many of them. Whenever he happened to sit in with those, who like himself had lived a long time on the coast, and knew about all there was to know, he was indeed the life of the party. He had a gift for repartee, and "pat" rejoinder.

UGLY BUT USEFUL

Each common toad is said to be worth about \$7.50 annually to farmers because of the harmful insects they eat.

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Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. When you are in a group of people and someone makes a derogatory remark about a certain religion, and you know that one or more of the group is of that faith, what should you do?

A. Turn the conversation quickly to some other subject. The person who makes such a remark is exceedingly ill-bred.

Q. Is it necessary to have a train on a white satin wedding dress?

A. The dress may be made with or without a train, depending upon the formality of the wedding.

Q. Must one reply to an invitation to a ball or a dance?

A. Yes; one should reply immediately.

FRIENDS HONOR BIRTHDAY OF FOUR-YEAR-OLD

Fifteen little friends of George La Sette of Terrace, who with his sister, Anne, is making his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Linney, Summit Apartments, celebrated his fourth birthday Saturday afternoon with a party in his honor.

The children played outdoor and indoor games and then enjoyed a lunch at a decorated table at which the group was photographed. Several adults who were present led in the singing of "Happy Birthday." Each of the children left the party with a toy balloon attached to a string trailing after them.

Children present were Dorothy Thompson, Sonja Berg, Lynne Nixon, Sandy MacLeod, David Whiting, Allan Cromer, Allan Mellor, Johnny Zille, Shirley Lenny, Roddy Campbell, Baby Berg, Jimmy Strand, Martin Ytreberg, Martin Vanderheide and Rickey Morley.

Once Suffragette, Magistrate Is 81

MELBOURNE, @—An English suffragette who in her youth served several prison sentences in England for militant feminist activities, has achieved the status of a children's court magistrate in Australia.

She is Mrs. Jennie Baines, 81. One of the original suffragettes led by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst,

Mrs. Baines is living with her husband at Melbourne's City on a state housing commission estate—the first home she had to herself in 40 years of married life. In Birmingham England, she lived with her mother in law at the age of 10. Their wages were less than \$2.

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