



The McIntosh Apple

Ever since the first orchard was planted at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in 1888, the McIntoch apple has been under test by the Experimental Farms System and during that time much useful information has been obtained in regard to this fine variety. In very severe winters when the Fameuse apple was injured, the McIntcsh remained unharmed, thus proving that it is hardier than that old variety from which it is supposed to have sprung. For a long time the Mc Intosh apple had the reputation of being a shy bearer, but in nearly thirty years' experience with it at Ottawa, it has been found to be one of the most productive varieties under test. The tree does not often bear very heavily, or overbear in any one year and then fail to bear the tollowing year, but it is an annual hearer, as a rule, giving a good and medium crop alternately, the number of small crops being few. Following are the yields of one McIntosh tree planted at Ottawa in 1890, the first yield being recorded in 1898, the 8th year after planting. Some trees of this variety will begin to bear in the 6th . or even in the 5th year after planting. to February, or later, and earlier in the The yields are recorded in galloos, but if it is desired to reduce them to barrels there are 24 gallons in a standard barrel. Yield of one McIntosh apple tree from the 8th year after planting, in gallons, -17 1.2, 26, 37, 6 1.2, 71 12,

rel, and in years of plenty the price of McIntosh apples is relatively high. A! though it is in good enough condition to be eaten in October, at Ottawa, it is not in its prime until November. Un like the Fameuse which has a relative ly short season when it is at its best. the McIntosh remains in fine condition uptil February, and in good cellars keeps even until March. In parts of Canada where the autumn is warmer than it is at Ottawa it ripens earlier ; and does not keep so late.

Following is a detailed description of this apple:

Originated with John McIntosh, Dun dela, Dundas Co., Ont. in 1796, the first tree remaining alive until 1908. Fruit above medium, roundish, slightly rib bed; skin pale yellow, almost entirely covered with crimson, dark on sunny side and brighter on rest of fruit; dots few, small, yellow, distinct but not conspicuous; cavity of medium depth and width; stem short, stout, sometimes medium length and moderately stout; basin narrow, almost smooth, medium depth; calyx partly open; flesh white and yellow, crisp, very tender, melting juicy, sub acid, sprightly with a plea sant aromatic flavor; core of medium size, open; quality very good to best; has a strong aroma; season November season in the warmest parts of Canada; tree hardy, and a strong moderately up right grower.

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HISTORY OF SERIALS

The London "Standard" Was First English Paper to Print Serial

It is said that the Old Lady of Shoe Lane, as the now defunct "Standard" was nicknamed, was the first English newspaper to print a serial story, although to-day the papers which do not are to be counted on the fingers of one hand. The distinction of being the first weekly to do so belongs to the "Sunday Times." The story was "Old St. Paul's," by Harrison Ainsworth, and the author of that stirring story got a thousand pounds for the serial rights.

A well known editor, now dead, tells a good story of when Trollope came to him to arrange for the appearance serially of "Doctor Thorn." The editor offered the author two thousand pounds, but the latter wanted three. To this the editor objected, and the novelist offered to toss for the other thousand. The editor objected, and the matter was settled amicably. "But I felt unsettled," goes on the editor. "I felt mean. I had refused a challenge. To relieve my mind I said: Now that is settled, come over to my club, where we can have a quiet room to ourselves, and I will toss you for that thousand with pleasure. But Trollope wouldn't.'

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written as it ran, and the authoress intended to bring it to an end in twelve instalments. It ran to forty-three. For the serial rights Mrs. Stowe got \$300, and thought she had done well. On the book she made \$20,000 in six months on a 10 per cent. royalty.

The first title in "All the Year Round," in the very first number. dated April 30th, 1859, is "A Tale of Two Cities," and the opening words are, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." It ran for half. a year, and was one of the most successful serials ever written.

STARS AND PLANETS

There is a good deal of difference, as science has found out, in the visibility of stars and planets when viewed through a telescope by daylight. This varies according to the color of the heavenly bodies. The red or yellow stars are much more easily seen than the white ones. Unless the telescope is focused with the greatest accuracy often an extremely bright star will be absolutely lost against a daylight field. As a general thing the planets are much less visible in daylight than stars. The reason for this is that the telescope diminishes the brightness of the p lanet's disc as

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94, 12, 109, 3, 109, 41 1 2, 184, 50, 166, 55, 145, 112, 44, 149 1 2, a total of 143212, galloos for 19 seaso s or an average of a little over 3 barrels per year, from one tree.

It has been found by experiment that in Ontario, at least, the McIntos is self-sterile, or, at least. practically so and to ensure a good set of fruit there should be another variety or varieties. blooming at the same time, growing near it.

The McIntosh apple is subject to the Apple Scab Fungus, and in some sea sons if the trees are not sprayed the mall. This year, at Ottawe, it was found decessary to spray the trees six times with lime sulptur was' to en sure clean fruit, but the reward was a large proportion of No. 1 fruit in a year when there was, in many quarters, a very small proportion of No. 1 grade on unsprayed or poorly sprayed tre. s. As a rule, three or four sprayings are sufficient.

Owing to its very high quality and the great beauty of the fruit, it is believed that the cemand for McIntosh apples will be an ever increasing one. There are many relatively poor appies of the same season still being grown which will have to, in time, give place to McIntosh. Today there is no other apple which commands as high a price in Canada, No. 1 fruit being worth between seven and eight dollars a bar

well as of the sky, and, therefore, does not heighten the contrast as in the case of the star. Two of the planets, however, Venus and Mercury, are bet ter observed in daylight than in dark ness. Saturn on the other hand, can hardly be seen even through a fiveinch telescope, except at night.

BURMA GRASS FOR PAPER German Pirates

Kaing Grass May Form a Good Paper

London, Jan. 6 .- An Amster. dam special to the Times say. German submarines are now evesending out S. O. S. wireless sig nals to lore the British vessels to destruction. The Telegraaf learn from an officer of a large steame of an important Dutch line that on I his journey from the Datch E-Indies he received while in the Bay of B scay an S O. S. message. H mmediately rushed to the place i iligated and found a German subname which was not in distress The captain of the submarinch and not a British vessel and aid, "we don' want you " to sav ur sou's."

expressed regret that it was " Dut our souls, we want British to say

Meeting of County Coun Cil

The Regular Semi-Annual proportion of No. 1 fruit will be very Meeting of the County Council of the Municipality of Carleton will be held at the Court House on Tuesday, the 16th Day of January next, at Eleven A. M. Dated this welfth Day of December, A. D. 1916. J. C. HARTLEY

> Secretary-Treasurer Municipal ity of Carleton

TO RENT

TO RENT,-Rooms to rent in the Vendome, Queen Street. Apply to Mrs. E. W. Williams Maple Shade Farm River Rose

Material The possibilities of utilizing the kaing grass of Burma for paper making have for some years past been investigated by interested persons, in consultation with paper manufacturers in England, and it is now announced that the conversion of this grass into pulp and subsequently into paper can be accomplished in a simple

and economical manner. The yield of unbleached pulp is 39 per cent., calculated on the air-dry grass. This does not compare badly with esparto grass, from which about 43 per cent. of unbleached pulp is obtained. Kaing grass grows in great profusion in all parts of Burma, frequently reaching a height of ten feet. As a paper making material it may be classed with esparto grass, and is much cheaper, though the quality of the pulp is not quite so good as that obtained with esparto. Esparto grass is to a large extent cultivated, whereas kaing grass grows wild and is sometimes rank and coarse. her sys tematic cutting, however, over properly preserved areas, a finer grass of uniform quality can be obtained in a very short time.

Wreck's Sole Survivor

James Boyle, the sole survivor of the collision between the passenger boat Connemara and the conter Retriever off Greenore " precipal witness at the inc a Kilkeel. He was still suff from the effects of d for some the was his experie soceed with his evidence. unable to He told how the vessels collided and parted and how he got into a boat which twice capsized, but to which he managed to cling, eventually crawling ashore on his hands and knees.

Instead of Glass

Unbleached heavy cotton cloth may be used as a substitute for glass on hot beds and the material used for dressing it is three pints linseed oil, one ounce acetate of lead, and four ounces of white resin. Grind the acetate in a little oil, then add the resin and the rest of the oil. Melt. in an iron kettle over a fire until it is well mixed and apply it to the cloth while warm.

For the first time since the Reformation service has been held, in the ruins of the Abbey of Shaftesbury. Hang up the lantern while working in barn or stable. Many barns are burned by lanterns being kaocked over and starting fires.

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