

over involved in the old club and in some instances, proved costly, but I can say that they are doing a grand job and contributing successfully to the lend-lease program. In 1942 and 1943, the acreage of flower seeds was again reduced and it looks as though there might only be up to 20 per cent of the pre-war acreage.

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planting of the white and brown onion sets for those who must have their green onions right away. However, if dry onions are desired for next Summer, it is better to grow them from seed and select varieties for specific characteristics, (sweet, mild, strong, etc.). Shallots and garlic are seldom if ever mentioned on any of the planting lists, but they play a mighty important part in the kitchen and must also be considered now.

GROWN FOR CHICKENS

Kale, to most Californians, is "chicken greens" because it is a common sight to see a patch of the all growing Jersey or chicken kale where chickens are raised. Jersey kale is not recommended specifically as a table green, but the very delicious and attractive dwarf green-curl Scotch variety definitely is. Kale is hardy in this vicinity and requires about the same culture as its first cousins, cabbage and cauliflower. Seed of kale is the one item in the vegetable line that is definitely short—most growers claim complete crop failure. Dwarf green-curl Scotch kale, when properly grown, reminds one somewhat of moss-curl parsley on a larger scale. I suggest planting of Jersey or chicken kale and chicken lettuce to all who raise greens for their own flocks.

The culture of garlic and shallots is about the same. The planting season continues until early Spring. Valley gardeners may delay planting for another month or so. Shallots are variously referred to as eschallots and as multiplying onions. The latter designation is cause for much argumentation inasmuch as there seems to be about as many concepts as to what a multiplying onion is as there are States in the Union. Frankly, I am up in the air on the multiplying onion question because there are some who think it is a member of the onion family that

to whom the garlic is too strong and overpowering. Shallots cloves are more slender than garlic cloves, sweeter, and milder. I have heard them described as having a flavor between half-way between onion and garlic. I do know that chefs from the north of France use eschallots to the exclusion of garlic, while those from the Mediterranean prefer the garlic to eschallots. A green salad can be greatly improved by including a heel of dry bread that has been rubbed with part of a clove of eschallot. Preparatory to planting either garlic or shallots, separate the cloves and plant them individually, about four inches apart in rows, or in a small clump, because, after all, very little is needed by the average family. Cover the soil about an inch and a half deep. Good drainage is essential. Retain some of the cloves for use until the new crop is harvested next Summer. They will keep reasonably well in a cool, dry place.

I presume every housewife who has ever used garlic is aware of the fact that there are two distinct varieties, the white and the pink. The white garlic does not keep nearly as well as the pink, so the latter is preferred. Casual inspection will not reveal the difference. The pink skin is on the individual cloves and under the outer skin. The culture through the year is not unlike that of the onion. The storage quality depends a great deal upon proper curing of the cloves before taking indoors.

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A collection of some 200 varieties of fibrous rooted begonias is now on display in the glass house at Lakeside Park. The Park Department fell heir (on a loan) to this display house after the last California Spring Garden Show and has been using it to advantage ever since in giving public displays of seasonal plants.

Chris Lanza of the Park Department, who works under Head Nurseryman Robert Ammerman, is in immediate charge of the care and propagation of the collection.

The fibrous begonia collection in the park was started a year ago by a gift to the city by Chester Nave, a naval officer now absent overseas. His collection was a large and important one and was followed by a gift to the Park Department

Forster, Oakland Park Department by the president of the local Begonia Society, H. L. Swager. Others of the society donated rare plants and the Park Department purchased here and there additional varieties until now the number of varieties is past the 200 mark.

R. C. Bitterman, vice-president of the Oakland Park Board, in a brief lapse from the Victory Garden program, of which he has been chief co-ordinator the past year, said: "We had a little hard luck during the cold weather last Winter but the Begonias are now looking much better and Mr. Lanza has certainly done a fine job in bringing these plants to their present state of perfection. Everyone who loves plants should see this display."

The fibrous Begonia display in Lakeside Gardens is about over for

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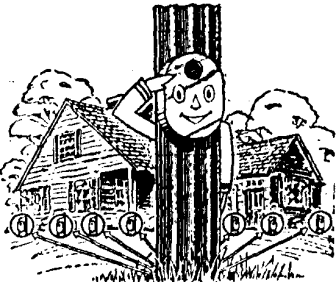
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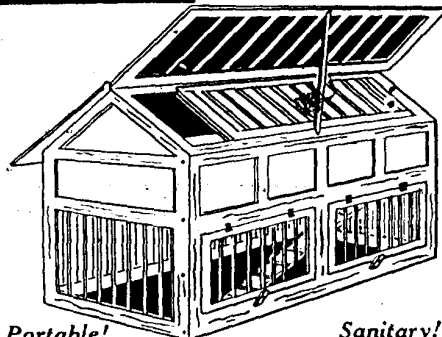
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