

Come Into My Garden



“COME into my garden.”

This is an invitation which you and I hope to give some day. Think of the pride or saying it. Think of what it can mean. It means that we have grown something that is our very own—a flower plant, perhaps, or a nice luscious fruit. It gives the picture of a little garden, well planted and well trimmed. It means success with tiny seeds.

“The Young Citizen” will help you build a garden that will grow slowly but surely. Every month, we shall invite a guest gardener who will tell us how a plant is grown. If you have a little garden and have grown a very fine tomato or a pretty flower, write us and let us help the others, who may wish to grow the same plant. This month, our guest gardener comes from the Bureau of Agriculture. He will tell us how to grow celery—a salad crop.

HOW TO RAISE CELERY

The celery grows best in a place which is rather cool, like Baguio. It needs plenty of sunshine in the daytime, and coolness at night. It is first planted in seed beds.

The seeds are very small, so care should be taken that they are planted well in the seed beds or seed flats. Let them remain in the seed beds until the young plants have reached a height of 10 to 12 centimeters. When they have reached this height, they may be transplanted in the garden plot.

The Air

By J. C. P.

YOU must have learned the different things we need in order to live. We need food but we can go without food for a number of days and not die. We need water. We suffer if we do not drink within a whole day. But there is something without which we cannot live even for a short time. It is air. Close your mouth tightly and press your nose so that you cannot breathe. See how long you can endure not breathing.

Air ocean of air is all around us. This ocean of air is called atmosphere. Plants, animals, and man all need air. Without air, we shall hear no sound. The world would be absolutely silent. Rain and wind and other weather conditions are the results of the air's behavior. These conditions come about because of certain characteristics of the air.

Warm air is lighter than cold air. Therefore, warm air rises while cold air settles near the ground. Wind is produced when warm air goes up and cold air remains near the ground. If you live near the sea you notice that there is a strong sea breeze at noon. It is because the land is warmer than the sea.

Another thing to remember about air is that it has the power to hold water. This ability of air to hold water brings about rain and dew.

Be sure that your soil is fertile, moist, loose and friable. Plant the young celery in rows that are 30 centimeters apart. Have a space of 20 centimeters between the rows. About three months after planting in the garden, the celery is ready to be harvested. If your celery is of the American variety, you may whiten it in the sun for a little while. If it is the Chinese variety, it need not be blanched.