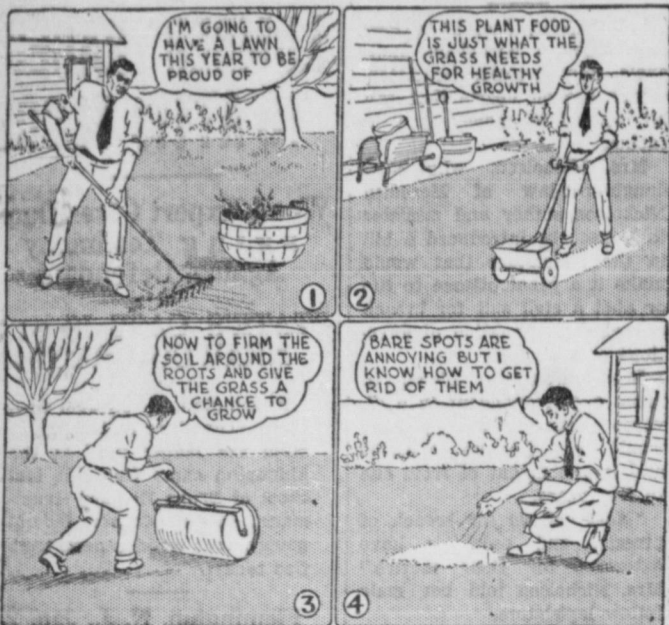




Keeping Up the Carpet of Your Outdoor Living Room



First Four Steps in Spring Lawn Care

The time is fast drawing near when we can move out to put outdoor living rooms again. But how's the carpet going to look? A lot depends on the early spring care you give your lawn. Here is a good program to follow:

1. Raking: Just as early in the spring as you can walk on the lawn without leaving deep footprints (preferably before the grass has started to grow) rake off any debris which may have accumulated during winter, so it will not interfere with growth of grass.

2. Applying Plant Food: As soon as raking is completed, apply a complete balanced plant food at the rate of about 4 lbs. (2 quarts) per 100 square feet.

3. Rolling: As soon as the lawn is reasonably dry in the spring, roll it to eliminate any air pockets which may have developed during winter through alternate freezing and thawing. This operation, application of plant food and rolling brings the grass roots again into firm contact with the soil so that growth can go on. Clay soils require less rolling than used for ordinary soils.

4. Reseeding the Lawn: Reseed thin spots in the lawn with a good grade of grass seed, using 3 to 5 lbs. per 1,000 square feet. The soil in bare spots should be pulverized with a steel-toothed rake, then seeded, using about twice as much seed as is used on thin turf. After seeding cover lightly with top soil to protect seed and give it a chance to germinate.

5. Mowing the Lawn: Do not allow the grass to grow taller than 3 inches, and do not clip shorter than 1 1/2 inches. If clipped shorter than 1 1/2 inches damage may result during dry and hot weather.

6. Watering the Lawn: Do not sprinkle the lawn. When it is necessary to water, thoroughly soak the ground, letting the sprinklers run until the water has soaked to a depth of 4 or 5 inches. Then do not water again until the soil gets pretty dry. In hot summer weather, two such soakings a week will generally be sufficient. The people who get out on the lawn every evening or morning and give it a light sprinkling are doing more harm than good. By wetting only the top inch or so of soil the encourage grass to send its roots to the surface and then the grass cannot stand either hot summer weather or cold winter temperatures.

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SALE CALENDAR

Jan. 24 — Robinson Bros., 4 1/2 mi. west of Celina, Ohio. Closing out sale. 10:00.
Jan. 25 — Decatur Community Sale and Chattanooga Sale.
Jan. 29 — Walter Reed, 2 miles east of Convo, Ohio. Closing out sale.
Jan. 30 — Byron Whitridge, 2 mi. south of Pleasant Mills, 5 miles east of Monroe, 3 miles west of Willshire on State road No. 124. Closing out sale.
Jan. 31 — Chester Grubbs, 1 mile east of Montezuma, Ohio on state road 219. Closing out sale.
Feb. 4 — N. E. Dunifon, 1 mile east of the Mid-Way Inn on Ohio State road 127.
Feb. 5 — Fred Okeley, 4 mi. south of Pleasant Mills. Closing out sale.
Feb. 6 — Schlachach & Billiard, 7 miles south & 1/2 miles east of Fort Wayne on the Ferguson road.
Feb. 7 — Walter Fetter, 7 miles south, 1 mi. west of Rockford, O. Closing out sale. 10:00.
Feb. 11 — Byerly & Alden, 1 mile south Fort Wayne on state road 1. Closing out sale.
Feb. 14 — Pete Dibert, 4 miles east of Willshire, Ohio. Closing out sale.
Feb. 18 — Everett Lake Stock Farm, 14 mi. west of Fort Wayne. Closing out sale.
Feb. 16 — Wm. T. Jones, 1 mile north, 1 1/2 miles south of Monroeville. Closing out sale. 10:00.
Feb. 19 — Adams Winnans, 1 mile east of Baldwin, Ind. Closing out sale.
Feb. 23 — Bert Marquardt, 3 mile north of Monroeville on Lincoln highway. Chester White hog sale. 12:00.

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Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these ten questions? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. Who wrote Ben-Hur?
2. What is the name of the load water line, pointed on the hull of a ship?
3. Which country controls the Island of Java?
4. What is the title of a Chinese official who is entitled to wear a button on his official hat?
5. Where is Smith College for women?
6. Who is Clarence Cameron White?

7. Name the water passage that separates Asia from America.
8. Who wrote the song "Remember Me"?
9. What three names were applied to lawless, freebooting soldiers, not enlisted, or in uniform during the Civil War?
10. Of which religious denomination was William McKendree a Bishop?

Hail the Prophet
Livingston, Mont.—(U.P.)—Out of the two-mile heights of the Bear-tooth Mountains, near Cooke City, strode "Klondyke" Graham, well known guide and trapper. Said Klondyke: "She's going to be a

bad winter. I kin tell by the animals' furs." Whereupon he hopped a train for California. A few hours later came the worst blizzard of the season.

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Get the Habit — Trade at Home

"THE LADY DANCES" by MARGE STANLEY

SYNOPSIS
In search of adventure, Mark Talbot sails on the S. S. "Orient" for Honolulu. On board, he meets beautiful Vanya Prokova, professional dancer. Vanya ignores Mark, but he cannot forget her. In Honolulu, on a round of the night clubs, he searches for her in vain. Next morning, while standing on a wharf, he watches a boat steaming by and is stunned to see Vanya on deck. He learns the vessel belongs to Pearly Shene and is undoubtedly heading south for Tonga in "The Friendly Islands." Anxious to get away from Honolulu, Mark books passage on the "Colin" sailing west. Mark cannot resist inquiring about Vanya's destination. He learns that "The Friendly Islands" were once cannibal islands now inhabited with the scum of the South Seas... a disreputable place for any girl. All night Mark is haunted by Vanya's image. Despite his resolve to forget Vanya, Mark finally arrives in Tonga. He feels that if he can find Vanya and learn more about her, he will be disappointed and the obsession will vanish. Vanya is not at Tonga so Mark heads for Tongatapu where Pearly Shene lives. Mark is content and strangely happy. Percy Loring-beachcomber, war derelict, and member of a prominent English family—informs Mark that Vanya dances at the Diver's Helmet, owned and run by Pearly Shene; but she is away at the present time. Mark buys Loring a drink.

"Anything reasonable," said Mark.
"Here it is, and it's reasonable. You buy me one quart of Shene's poison there, tonight. Just buy me the bottle and fade out of the picture yourself. The celebration lasts a day or two longer, and tomorrow night I'll guide you up there, and we'll watch the unholy thing from hiding. But I can't guarantee the long pig; that's rare enough these days."
"Why do I have to leave you alone tonight?" asked Mark. "I've been known to indulge in a little celebration myself."
"I don't drink to celebrate," said Loring grimly.
"Then why do you?"
"I drink to forget. Your arrival and our conversation has reminded

him of sense of regret and pity. Loring looked at him.

"Good night," he said.
Mark took the hint, and turned toward the stairway that led to his room. He could not resist a backward look at the curious figure of the beachcomber; Loring sat solemnly at his table pouring his second glass of forgetfulness with a care that might have done credit to a religious ritual. Hong, behind the bar, was glaring with undisguised hatred at the ragged, unkempt figure. Mark turned thoughtfully and ascended the creaking stairway.
A corridor ran the full length of the second story; Mark recalled the number of his room, and found it at the end of the hallway, a corner room. The oil-lamp was lit, but turned down to a faint blue glow;



"She plays no favorites, and Shene's got the other girls for customers in need of friendship," Loring told Mark.

me of a number of things. I've a considerable bit of forgetting to do tonight."
"I don't mind helping," said Mark.
"I drink alone. That's my offer. You can take it or not."
"Why not?" said Mark. "It's none of my business what you choose to do. But I think you're crazy."
"Undoubtedly," agreed Loring. "That's why I offered to lead you into the hills tomorrow night. And that implies that you're crazy too, you know."
Mark laughed.
"You win," he said. "Choose your bottle."
They walked over to the bar, where Loring demanded a poisonous-looking bottle of trade-rum.

"It serves the purpose," he told Mark, "and it's somewhat easier on your purse. You see, you've been agreeable enough to earn my gratitude, and I'm looking out for your best interests."
Hong glared evilly at Loring as he passed over the bottle, but accepted Mark's proffered pay without comment. Loring re-seated himself at the table, and deliberately uncorked the container, pouring himself a stiff drink of the villainous amber liquid.
"I always drink from a glass at the beginning," he remarked. "That's while I still remember I'm a gentleman. And that is one of the things I shall endeavor to forget as expeditiously as possible."
He gulped the liquid without a tremor, while Mark stood staring at him with an expression of doubt. The curious deliberate way in which the man set about becoming suddenly drunk fascinated him; it was something hitherto outside of his experience, and he felt a dis-

he turned it higher, and sat down on the edge of his bed. Apparently he was alone on the second floor; the doors of the seven or eight rooms had all been open and dark. With the cessation of Loring's distraction, the thought of Vanya returned, but he felt none of the emotion that had sustained him during the early part of the day.

He had found her, indeed; yet he was somehow disappointed in the circumstances of his success. Despite the unpleasant picture he had deliberately built of her, he realized that he had been hoping to prove himself wrong. Yet here she was, a dancer in the worst of South Sea dives, and, apparently, just what such a person was generally supposed to be.

What of the cure he had promised himself? Hadn't he hoped for just this—an opportunity to disgust himself with her? Well, here he had that opportunity; here was his chance to see her at her worst; why wasn't he pleased?
"It's that damned pretty face of hers!" he muttered. "I'd like to punch that perpetual pout off her lips!"
"I'm six kinds of idiot," he told himself, "to trail a pretty face over half the Pacific! I'd be better off right now to leave without seeing her."

But he wasn't going to. He was regretfully certain of that fact. And he knew well enough that if he did, he'd simply be haunted for life by the doubts and memories and might-have-beens that his imagination would summon. Better to face her, learn her true character, convince himself of her faults, and depart cured.

(To Be Continued)

MARKET REPORTS

DAILY REPORT OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN MARKETS

Brady's Market For Decatur, Berne, Graigville, Hoagland and Willshire

(Corrected January 23)

No commission and no yardage. Veals received Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

250 to 300 lbs.	\$7.69
190 to 250 lbs.	\$7.50
300 to 350 lbs.	\$7.50
160 to 190 lbs.	\$7.30
140 to 160 lbs.	\$6.40
120 to 140 lbs.	\$5.69
100 to 120 lbs.	\$5.00
Roughs	\$6.25
Stags	\$12.25
Vealers	\$9.50
Ewe and wether lambs	\$8.75
Buck lambs	\$7.75

Fort Wayne Livestock

Hogs 15 to 45c lower; 200-250 lb \$7.75; 250-300 lbs. \$7.60; 300-350 lbs. \$7.25; 180-200 lbs. \$7.60; 160-180 lbs. \$7.50; 150-160 lbs. \$7.14; 150 lbs. \$6.50; 130-140 lbs. \$6.00; 120-130 lbs. \$5.75; 100-120 lbs. \$5.25; roughs \$6.50; stags \$4.50. Calves \$10.50; Lambs \$9.

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSE

Wheat	May	July	Sept.
	96 1/2	88 1/2	86 1/2
Corn	84 1/2	80 1/2	77
Oats	51 1/2	44 1/2	41 1/2

East Buffalo Livestock

Hog receipts 1000; somewhat slow, mostly steady with Monday's average and fully 15c below Tuesday's light trade; desirable 190-250 lbs. \$8.35-8.50; 160-180 lbs. \$8-8.35, 140-160 lbs. \$7.50-8.10; packing sows \$7.25-7.50.

Cattle receipts 125; few good steers \$9.25; others \$7.50; load plain steers unsold; cows strong to 25c higher; low cutter and cutter \$2.25-3.50.

Calf receipts 100; vealers \$1 to largely \$1.50 higher; good to choice \$12; common and medium \$7.50-10.50.

Sheep receipts 500; lambs active; generally 25c higher; good to choice \$10; medium and mixed offering \$9.50; short lambs \$8.75, fat ewes \$5-5.50.

Cleveland Produce

Butter market firm. Extras 38; standards 37 1/2.
Egg market firm. Extra white 29. Current receipts 28.

Poultry market steady. Fowls, colored 4 1/2 lbs. and up 19-20; ducks, light 15; ducks, 5 lbs and up 20; geese 14-15; turkeys young 20.

Potatoes: Maine \$1.15-1.25 per 100 lb. bag; Ohio best mostly 75-86 per 100 lb. bag; New York \$5-90 per 100 lb. bag; New Jersey \$1 per 100 lb. bag.

NEW YORK PRODUCE

Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 19-30; chickens, 13 1/2-27; broilers, 17-22; capons, 28-30; fowls, 12-21 1/2; Long Island ducks, 13 1/2-19c. Five poultry, firm; geese, 11-23c; turkeys, 19-27c; roosters, 12c; ducks, 12-18c; fowls, 18-22c; chickens, 14-26c; capons, 18-26c; broilers, 10-16c.

Butter, market steady; receipts, 10,352 packages; creamery higher than extras, 35 1/2-36 1/2c; extra 92 score, 35 1/2c; firsts, 90 to 91 score, 34 1/2-35c; firsts, 88 to 89 score, 33 1/2-34c; seconds, 32 1/2-33c; centralized 90 score, 31 1/2c; centralized 88 to 89 score, 33 1/2-34c; centralized 84 to 87 score, 32 1/2-33c.

Eggs, market firm; receipts, 27-315 cases; special packs including unusual henner selections, 34-35c; standards, 33c; firsts, 32c; mediums, 30c; dirties, 30c; checks, 28c.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

(Corrected January 23)

No. 1 New Wheat, 60 lbs. or better	90c
No. 2 New Wheat (58 lbs.)	89c
Oats, 32 lbs. test	49c
Oats, 30 lbs. test	48c
Soy Beans, bushel	41c
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FOR SALE—20 tons choice sales west of Decatur. Niblick, Warren, Ind.

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FOR SALE—Simmons and springs, in good condition. 752.

FOR SALE—Michigan Jonathans; Grimes Gas Wagons; Goldwins; 80 bushel, S. E. Haggard, 3 1/2 east of Monroe.

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LOST—Billfold containing and several checks on Line of streets. Finder return to police office and receive reward.

PERSONALS

Dorothy, You're telling me always keep my school girl by chewing Wrigley's Gum.

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The Dailies, Ore.—(U.P.)—Oregon residents avoid winter-quarter mile to their homes. Housewives place letters mailed in a toy train and lover. The train runs to the box, where the rural postman mails in the cab and regular lever, conveying it back to the house.

Mirage Fooled Haverford

Montesano, Wash.—(U.P.)—E. Smith, enroute from the area to Averdore, was astonished when a beautiful snow-capped mountain appeared in the distance. There were no mountains in the valley, so he stopped his car and looked again. Gradually the mirage faded away. It was the first mirage was known to have appeared in this section.

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