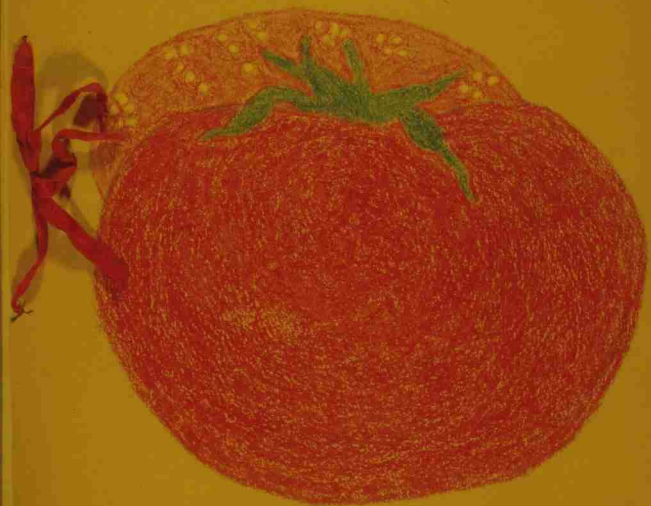


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The reason why I joined the tomato club was that I thought I could earn money in that way also that it would be of great benefit to me in my work in school and at home.

My garden had $25\frac{1}{2}$ feet by $16\frac{1}{2}$. It was 415.8 square feet.

It is located on a very high place and has a black loamy soil, with red clay subsoil.

I selected this place because I thought it would be a good place to grow tomatoes as the ground seemed to be very rich.

The land was broken about twelve inches deep and then pulverized by harrowing.

The reason for doing this was that I thought by the land being plowed deeper, the plants would draw more moisture and grow off and do better.

I used 67 lbs. of acid phosphate and murate potash fertilizer on my garden, April, 29, 1914.

My Tomato plants were grown in a cold bed. The seed were sown in a box of very rich dirt and watered everyday to keep them moist so the seed would come up

After they had come up I would cover them at night to keep the frost off and at morning uncover them to let the sun shine on them. When they were large enough to transplant I set them out with the help of my Parents sister and brother, in rows about four feet apart.

My plants were cultivated with the plow and hoe.

They did not any insects attack my garden because I fought them off by spraying.

I gathered the tomatoes off in bushel boxes and did not grade and pack them for I did not sell but just a few.

I did my canning in the shade of an oak tree, out in the yard. I would first grade and wash the tomatoes, then scald and remove the peeling from them, then I would

put the tomatoes in cans and seal them ready for exhausting, when exhausted they were taken out. pin holes soldered and replaced again into the canner to be cooked, and when cooked, they were taken out and plunged into cold water.

The girls club label contains the emblem 4 H. Brand and also the motto, To make the best better. The meaning of the emblem 4 H. Brand is, head, heart, health and hands.

The members of the Tomato club would meet at the School House and can together, untill we learned it ourselves and then we canned at home, but when we all canned together we would have picnic dinners and very enjoyable times.

I have learned a great deal about the use of vegetables, which is much benefit

to me. I have also learned how to serve them and have used the peach, beans and corn recipes

The brief account of yield in pounds of my tomatoes were 106.3 pounds.

I did not use any of my tomatoes at home and but a few sold fresh.

The cost of my work on my garden was \$5.38. I have not sold any cans and do not know the profit.

The club work has helped me to keep a correct record of what I wish to remember and has helped me to be careful with what I undertake to do or write.

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