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ON SMALL PLOT

Joseph M. Chedester, 521 East State street, the "tomato king" of Redlands is planning on breaking all records with his Ponderoso tomatoes this year. He has a double row of tomatoes, sixty feet long, which he is training over an arbor and from which he expects to take at least 3,000 pounds of tomatoes, and perhaps two tons or more.

"Tomatoes take just as much culture as anything else" says Mr. Chester, "but I have also found that they do best when let alone to a certain extent. Don't pamper them; don't give them too much fertilizer; give them enough water but make them go down in the soil after it and above all don't keep them from the sun they love."

Mr. Chedester believes that too much fertilizer will ruin the best tomato. He has one set which he fertilized heavily, putting on a thick covering of leaf mold, and these have no tomatoes. The big arbor, sixty feet long, five feet wide and seven feet high, is his particular hobby and pet this year.

There are sixty plants and they have now reached the top of the side walls of the arbor. In another three weeks they will be completely grown over the top and there will be tomatoes hanging down just the same as grapes.

These plants are now covered with tomatoes, big ones that will weigh a pound at the bottom, smaller ones the higher up with the blossoms at the top. Inside the arbor there is a heavy mulch of grass. Mr. Chedester runs water there every five days 48 hours at a time. On the outside he runs water 12 hours.