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pletely transformed. Phillips remarks, that this beautiful family of flowering bulbs, so celebrated by the ancient poets, have many names, among them Daffodil, Pseudo Narcissus, which was one of the flowers the daughter of Ceres was gathering when she was seized by Pluto. Gerard calls them Daffadowndillies; and they are known as Chalice flowers from the shape of their nectary, and Lent Lilies, from the time of their flowering. The common Daffodil is a Native of England, where it blossoms in March. They should be scattered, as it were, by nature's hand, sometimes half obscured by shrubs, and at other times springing out of the green turf, beneath the spreading branches of some sable clad tree; for beauties but half discovered are most coveted, as the charms of the moon's beams are increased by passing clouds.

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#### **CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE, 1918**

You remember about this time last year, your chiefest concern was that the "boy" over there, should receive for Christmas Morn the special package of home reminders, that each member in the family insisted upon having a hand in making up. Somehow there was a different sort of feeling tugging away at the heartstrings of Americans last year as they bent themselves to the task of making up the "overseas bundle". They put in it, thankfulness and pride and yearning and the tenderness of regard that springs for the loved ones in far and foreign places.

And if upon your part these rich emotional experiences were borne-think upon the part of the "boys" who were the object of all of this thoughtful solicitude, what quiet tear compelling experience was theirs when they lined up to hear the "Company Santa Claus" —the Mail Orderly—announce their name as a recipient of Christmas Gifts and Christmas Posts from home.

The Government did well indeed to make special provision that a "Christmas Service" should operate to bring those of the home fireside and those of the camp into close relation-

ship on Christmas Day. Throughout France and on the Rhine our boys through the Organization of "Red Cross" "Y", "K. C." and other welfare agencies had Christmas made as real as possible. In some places Santa Claus in all his St. Nicholas trappings came in person and in other places a bit off his reindeer track, the Christmas Tree glistened and bore its fruit of "Souvenirs".

Always among the veterans of the great struggle will a number of words stand out as distinctively those to be remembered as new for common usage among our men.

for common usage almong our men. "Souvenir" with a rising inflection as pro-nounced, became the one word that as the troops paraded everywhere throughout France was on the lips of the little boys and girls as they gathered to watch the big husky "Yanks" swing past. They all wanted "Souvenirs" it seems. Mostly it seemed they cared for "Souvenirs" that would soon pass i.to thin air for the call was for "Cigaret" mostly to be saved and sent to their brothers and to be saved and sent to their brothers and fathers who were in the French Army and who for the most part could ill afford on their soldier pay of ten cents per day the "smokes" that the American soldiers were so freely given.

Along the Mediterannean at Marseilles, at Hyeres, at Cannes and at. Nice "Christmas" was made much of for the men in the hospitals and the men on "leave".

Great pleasure palaces ordinarily used by Groupeans for their winter gatherings at all of these places had been taken over by the Welfare Societies early in the fall of 1918, and these were alive with men and "workers" and the Christmas Spirit.

At Cannes-perhaps the most beautiful bit of sea side in the world—the Cirque de Nautique under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. was Yule Tide headquarters for the men located at this charming resting place, while at Nice the great Casino built out over into the MediField Circulation Manager, M. M. Hersh

terannean under the "Y" was the point around which the greatest amount of Christmas interest was centered.

Out at San Salvadour a few miles from Hyeres, is a wonderful watering place patronized in peace times by the wealthy Tourists of France and other European countries. Sitting high among the sombre pines this mag-nificent structure is approached through hill side gar 'ens that delight all who come to visit them. Here the writer with some hundreds

of convalescing officers spent Christmas Day. Though the Government had leased this property and had placed it under Red Cross management so far as welfare activity was concerned, the proprietor of the wonderful place, M. Alexander Lewita, was a Fairy Godfather, if such there be, in his interest to make every day a holiday for the Americans at this place.

He lived in his private villa on the San Salvador estate, but all of his thoughts, while in his home, must have been in the direction of what he could do to appropriately entertain guests of the Government in the rest hospital.

He worked with the entertainment directors of the Red Cross unceasingly for the best pos-sible Christmas time. After a right good sup-per the men filed into the great lounging room to dispose themselves in comfortable leather chairs for an evening's reading or reflection or for the playing of games, but Santa Claus had other wise ordered things for the evening, and in full regalia, red and resy, and hoar and white, and with the most inviting of smiles, he bowed low, sweeping the parquetry floors with his beard and with a "Merry Christmas Gentle-men—Follow Me" led into a great hall bright with list from a closering the part of the list floor. with light from a gleaming, treasure-fruited Christmas Tree.

Santa was at his best. The great crowd around the tree was entirely subject to his orders. Officers from the grade of Colonel down to the most lowly in point of rank, all recognized in Santa their superior, and when he said "Gentlemen the Sam Brown Beltish feeling will be wholly laid aside for the occasion" everyone responded, making of Christmas what it should be, a season given over to the expression of the best that there is in us.

Close to San Salvador rises the Mont Des Oiseau where the French Government has developed a health returning retreat for the "blesse" or wounded, among officers of the French Army

Many of these officers were guests of the American Red Cross at this celebration. Children of the French Commandant of the Hospital and of other local French residents were welcomed by Santa, and they brought to our minds the children at home as they joyfully received presents from the seemingly inexhaustible store of good things weighting down the tree

The Red Cross and Mr. Lewita had gifts through Santa Claus for everyone. When each officer had received his little remembrance they all formed a great lock step procession and moved about the halls in the best of Holiday humor. Groups gathered about the grand plano and chorused to a fare you well, and the day disolved as a well spent Christmas in a dance

at which our allies the French were well rep-

Ask your boy or brother or friend who was "overseas" last year, just how he spent his Christmas 1918. He will have an interesting experience to relate, feel very sure.

#### **GOVERNMENT TO SELL 500** FARMS.

Wide-spread interest is evinced in the unique plan of the Government to sell at public auction 500 farms in Yuma Valley, Ari-zona, on December 10. The land has been subdivided into 5, 10 and 20-acre units, and not more than 40 acres will be sold to an in-dividuel dividual.

Owing to the fact that this Government land occupies a region practically free facm frost, citrus fruit growers of Florida and Cali-fornia are greatly interested. The successful bidder at sole will find a

the successful block at sole will find a home in a climate baving the smallest rain-fall, the lowest relative humidity, and great-est percentage of sunshine occuring in any of the citrus districts of the country. This combination is particularly favorable to the

combination is particularly lavorable to the products peculiar to the mesa lands. The sale will be in clarge of the U. S. Reclaration Service, Washingtor, D. C., and a pan\_phlet fully describing these lands and the terms and conditions of sale will be fur-nished homescekers upon request to the Statistician of this Bureau Statistician of this Bureau.

In addition to several unsurpassed varieties of oranges, grapefruit, and lemons these lands are especially well adapted to the culture of numerous other fruits, such as dates, olives, grapes and figs. The Deglet Noor and kindred varieties of dates can be grown to great advantage here; olives of superior quality, grapes of European and other varieties and excellent rasins, figs of a sweet delicate flavor, which can be produced only in a dry, warm climate, are safe and profitable on these mesa lands, as are also truck crops, among which special mention must be given to cartaloupes, tomatoes and sweet potatoes. The truck crops and grapes may be interplanted he-tween the rows of citrus trees in young or-chards. The early growing season and good railroad facilities give this section market advantages superior to other parts of the Domestic water from wells is of country. good quality.

The minimum bid acceptable for these lands including water right is \$225 per acre, of which 10 per cent. must accompany the bid and will be returned if the bid is rejected; 15 per cent. must be paid within 60 days after acceptance of bid. and the belance in three equal annual instalments, making a total of three years and 60 days time in which to make complete payment. There are no re-strictions as to the residence of purchasers.

strictions as to the residence of purchasers. NO"E. It may interest some of the readers to know that after the Armisice the Editor was as-signed as a lecturer among the men of the camps in the LeMans area in France, and that his special topic was opportunities open for returning soldiers to take up lands under Reclamation Service and on the Public Domain. If you know of men interested to strike out anew agriculturally you cannot do better for them than call their attention to the above indicated opportunity for set'lement or to sugrest that they write to the director of the Reclamation Service. Washington, D. C.. If the edi-tor can give any personal suggestions to returned soldiers and others ont his proposition he will glad-ly do so. ly do so.

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25 of these bulbs to one address, 70 cts; 50 for \$1.20; 100 for \$2.25. postpaid,

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Blue, BLUE FLAG, Very double and showy. Red Striped White, MARIAGE de'MAFILLE, Fine. Pure Yellow, Large, most deliciously scented. Pure White, LaCANDEUR, Finest White. Rosy Pink, ISABELLE, delicately beautiful. Crimson Scarlet, GESNERIANA MAJOR, with blue

black center. First three double. 24, for 70c; 48, \$1.20; 96, \$2.75; postpaid.

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an d Magazine a year 500 **LATE FLOWERING, NAMED TULIPS** Both wonderfully beautiful, distinctive and desirable varieties. The last four are Botanicals. Scarlet, ADMIRAL OF CONSTANTINOPLE, Yellow, LUTEA MAJOR, Veryshowy. Yellow and Scarlet, PERFEOTA, Beautiful, Scarlet, OALEDONIA, Scarlet, black and gold. Yellow, RETROFLEXA, Fetale elegantly reourved. White, edged Fink, PIOOTEE, Extra fine. Roey Carmine, GESNERIANA ROSEA, Beautiful. 28 sent postpaid, for 550; 56 for SL60; 112 for SL00.

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## NATIONAL GUILD OF GROW-ING THINGS.

#### Dear Friend :--

In presenting a number of the Novem-ber issue of Park's Floral Magazine to each instructor in attendance at the Institute now being held locally, we have thought to call attention to a movement originating here in Lancaster County, that seems destined to en-list the interest of school workers throughout the state and country

We refer to the National Guild of Growing

Things. This Guild idea in original concept, to be ganization, that so frequently operates to render ineffective a betterment proposal intrinsically sound, has from the start cut away all hindrances to freeworking development.

It is intended that each Chapter should be quite independent of others. Each would choose annually or oftener its special marks for accomplishment with floral media. It might be the voted purpose for instance of a Guild Chapter to undertake the layout and upkeep of specified flower plots on designated areas close to a school or other public building. It might be that a Chapter would agree to grow flowers for sick in the hospitals or in the community. It might be the purpose of a Chapter to put Americanization into its work, and working hand in hand with the authorities and working hand in hand with the authorities having cemetaries in charge co-operate to keep the grass and the Ivy green upon the graves days to florally adorn their resting places. We have indicated possible other work that

might be done by the Chapters in a brief para-graph in the little Magazine. The purpose is that as the Guild grows the Magazine will also enlarge its compass. The movement would assuredly need to have voice to cohere its work.

If you feel at all interested may I not request that your suggestions be written to us so that in the development of the plans we may be well guided by those whose daily task is the preparation of our American youth for the responsibilities of citizenship in its best (Signed) John R. Eddy Editor of Park's Floral Magazine. sense.

NOTE. The above letter handed to some seven hundred teachers gathered in an institute here this week may possibly be of interest to the teachers among our readers throughout the country, or some of the boys and girls interested in flower growing may want to call the subject to the attention of their teachers. Address any communications concerning the Guild for Growing Things directly to the Editor.

The article on Planting Bulbs, from the Col-orado Agricultural College, came to us under date of November 11th. The article on the Gen-tians was intended for the November issue. This fall, however, the frosts have been so backward, and fall has been such a long, mild season that all gardening operations can as well be done in December as ordinarily we have to perform in November. plan to perform in November.

It is well as with early Christmas Buying to get the good job done early, for then their planting is over with and other floral cultural matters have the right of way-happily how-ever as with Christmas Buying, if we do delay our work and buying with spring-flowering bulbs as with Christmas buying we can be very sure of gratifying results in our purchases even if we delay our putting off the buying day until late in the Holiday season.

LaPark, Pennsylvania.

#### HOUSE PLANTS.

LANTS THAT require a high or low LANTS THAT require a high or low temperature, or a very moist atmosphere, and plants that bloom only in summer are undesirable. Procure fresh, sandy loam, with an equal nixture of well rotted turf, leaf mold, and rotted cow manure, with a small quantity of soot. In reporting use one size larger than they were grown in; hard burned or glazed pots prevent the circulation of air. Secure drainage by bloken crockery and pebbles laid in the bottom of the pot. An abundance of light is important, and when this can not be given, it is useless to attempt the culture of flowering plants. If possible they should have the morning sun, as one hour of sunshine then is worth two in the atterncon. Fresh air is also essential, but cold, chilling draughts should be avoided. Water from one to three times a week with soft lukewarm water draining off all not ab.

soft, luke-warn water draining off all not ab-sorbed by the earth. Do not permit water to stand in the saucers, as the only plant thriving under such treatment are Calla Lilies, and even for these it is not necessary unless while blooming. Dust is a great obstacle to the growth of plants; a good showering will generally remove it, but all the smooth-leaved plants such as Camellias, livies, etc., should be oc-casionally sponged to keep the foliage clean and healthy. Plants succeed best in an even temperature ranging from sixty to seventy degrees during the day, with trom ten to twelve degrees lower at night. If troubled with in-sects put them under a box or barrel and smoke from thirty to sixty min-utes with tobacco leaves. For the red spider, the best remedy is to lay the plants on the side and sprinkle well or shower. Repeat if necessary. The soil should be frequently

soil should be frequently stirred to prevent caking. If manures are used give in a liquid form Some of the most suitable plants for parlor culture are Pelargoniums, Geraniums Fuchsias, Palms, Begonias, Monthly Roses, Camellias, Azaleas, Oranges, Lemons, Chinese and English Prim-roses, Abutilons, Narcissus, Heliotrope, Ste-vias, Bouvardias, Petunias and the gorgeous flowering plant Poinsettia Pulcherrima. Ca-mellias and Azaleas require a cooler tempera-ture than most plants, and the Poinsettia a higher temperature. Do not sprinkle the foli-age of the Camelias while the flower-buds are swelling as it will cause them to droop, nor sprinkle them in the sunshine. They

should have a temperature of about forty de grees and more shade. By following these rules, healthy flowering plants will be the result. J. S Robinson.

#### CARE OF HOUSE PLANTS.

When Plants are frested sprinkle with fresh cold water, and place under a box or some-thing that will exclude the light and prevent too great a change in ten perature. Keep them too great a change in tenperature. Keep them thus for two days. After sprinkling, be care-ful to put them where they will not chill again. Horse manure, two years old, is best for Carnations. For Begenias, good drainage is indispensable. The whole family thrives in a compost of one-half leam and one-half leaf mold with a slight portion of sand. From September to February give Felargoniums only enough water to keep them from wilt-ing: then water freely, and when they begin to bud, apply a little liquid-manure or add am-monia to the water twice

le liquid-manure or add am-monia to the water twice a week. Double Geraniums should be kept in small pots, as they will not bloom well until the roots become compact. They re-quire a higher tempera-ture than the single va-ture than the single va-ture than the solid variable of Fuchsias should be well surinkled every evening to sprinkled every evening to prevent its becoming seared too early. To obtain plants of the greatest beauty in form and color, plenty of light and space is essential. Do not allow the foliage of one plant to overchadow and ther overshadow another.

Mrs. Prof. F. Wood.

#### HINTS ABOUT PLANTS.

A few things are necessary for the successful cultivation of house plants. A patient, untiring spirit is most im-portant. The other requisites are plenty of sunlight, fresh air, and water when they need it. It is better to give a good supply of water when called for by drooping leaves, than to give a little at a time, often. Never leave pcts set in water in saucers except the Calla Lily. To repot, turn plants upside down on the ft hand, rap pots sharply with a stick; this

To repot, turn plants upside down on the left hand, rap pots sharply with a stick; this will loosen it from the ball of earth; lift it off and place the plant in a pot two sizes larger, or in the ground. Do not leave the soil too rich with manure but well mixed, and com-posed of sod-soil, wild or leaf mold, and well rotted stable manure. Cut plants back pretty closely when you change them, and they will thrive better afterwards. Water well at first, then only moisten slightly until they begin to grow. A good rule for watering plants is once a week in winter if the weather is mild, or

when it has moderated, have a gallon watering-can filled with blood-warm water, stir in a tea-spoonful of aqua ammonia, and as you set the plants in a convenient place (I set mine on the kitchen



too freely, or the slip This is better for both slip and plant, will rot. as the slip will get nourishment from the plant while healing over, and its removal will not weaken the plant so much. Hyacinths are very attractive flowers for window-gardening, and at the same time require very little care or trouble. Get the bulbs in the fall before frost, from any good florist, and keep in a cool place until December, then plant each one in a four inch pot with soil one-fourth sand, one-fourth well rotted manure, one-fourth garden or sod-soil, and one-fourth broken bits of moss and leaf mold; water thoroughly at first, and set in a dark closet until the first of January, then bring to the light and give plenty of water. A very good way is to set half a dozen or more pots in a large dripping-pan, pour hot (not boiling) water in the pan, and let set for one hour. After they are done blooming, let them dry as the slip will get nourishment from the plant After they are done blooming, let them dry out gradually. They will not bloom the second season as well as the first. M. E. C.

Narcissus Not Blooming. Can you please tell me why my Narcissus does not bloom? It has been frozen quite a few times.—Hazel Sim mons, Pocatello, Idaho.

-Old clumps of Narcissus often fail to Ans.bloom because the bulbs become too deeply im-bedded in the soil. The new bulbs are formed beneath the old ones, and thus from year to year the depth is increased until it is found that flowers no longer develop. We too often see in old gardens groups of Daffodils or Narcissus which produce only foliage or but an occasional flower. Dig up such a clump and you will find the bulbs a foot to eighteen inches below the surface and so compacted by growth that there is no room for expansion The bulbs multiply and the offector which can be athened rapidly by offsets which, as stated, are produced from the base of the parent bulb. Such clumps should be dug up in August or early in Septem-ber and reset, placing bulbs six inches apart, and not more than five inches deep, Soon they will again become blooming delights. The soil, should be well drained, strong and righ should be well drained, strong and rich.

#### **GRANDMOTHER'S GARDEN.**

I am dreaming of my grandma In her garden trim and neat; Where the flowers from spring till autumn Gave a pertume rich and sweet. On the walls of her old cottage, Clustered thick with graceful vines, Trumpets red, Virginia Greeper, With the blue Wisteria twined.

And the apple orchard near it Covered o'er with blossoms fair, Pink and white in pale green setting, Sent a perfume on the air. There we heard the songs of wild birds In the rugged apple trees, And the drowsy, happy murmur Of the tiny, busy bees.

There were beds of early Crocus, And of Tulips gold and red, Hyacinths of white and purple Were in rich profusion spread. Near the fence the Lilacs clustered, Bending down with graceful plumes, Near the Daffodils so golden And the snowy Jonquil blooms.

There were Cowslips and White Daisles, And Sweet Iris, tall and blue; And the Violets were sprinkled With the early morning dew. There were Pæonies of crimson, And of pink and snowy white, And great bushes of Weigelia Rosy pink, a splendid sight.

There were Roses in that garden Red and yellow, pink and white, Every Rose in that old garden Forms in memory's chain a link. There were Lilies, tall and stately, Some will petals white as snow, Some were pink, and some were crimson, Some like sunaet's golden clow

Some like sunset's golden glow.

There were beds of Sweet Alyssum Bordered round with Mignonette; And the tiny blue Lobelia, Those sweet flowers I'll ne'er forget. There were dear, sweet, red Carnations, And a bed of brilliant Phlox, And the nodding Scarlet Sages, And the staid tall Hollyhocks.

The Nasturtiums by the window <sup>†</sup> Where the Ferns grew in the rocks, And the pink and red Geraniums Grew beside the Ten Weeks Stocks. And the yellow Sunflowers threw their Shadows o'er the Pansy bed, And the Sweet Peas softly twining, Pink and white and blue and red. There were Morning Glories climbing High upon the garden wall, And the fragrant Honeysuckle Looking down upon them all. Then the Marigolds and Asters Blooming bravely till the frost Touched them with his icy fingers And their beauty all was lost.

Now the summer garden's faded, And the frost is on the hill, And the voice of that dear grandma And her active farm are still; And the old place is deserted, And the cottage is laid low, For 'tis many months since grandma Went to sleep beneath the snow. Altoona, Pa. A. M. Aiken.

It is not what you make, It is not what you spend, It is what you save That counts in the end. Buy W. S. S.

#### **OXALIS CULTURE.**

HE BULBS or tubers of Oxalis should be placed in some cool place during the summer when they need rest. In the fall, early in October, the bulbs or tubers should then be potted in good, rich garden loam. bloom should be looked for towards the middle of December and should continue through the winter and until nearly May. In a hanging basket the Oxalis is particularly attractive, but this should be lined with moss before being filled with the rich garden loam in which is contained a considerable part of well chopped up decomposed sod. In each basket may be placed about a half dozen bulbs, not more than this number for a basket of moderate dimensions, and the roots should be only just covered with soil and then the basket placed in the sunlight. Do not allow the soil in the basket to dry out and of course keep out of draughts and do not allow gas to escape near the plants for the leaves will quickly turn yellow if in contact with gas.

The Oxalis is practically free from insect and fungus trouble and is most desirable both from its attractive green foliage and its delightful blossoms.

Both the tender and the hardy varieties respond to cultivation readily. They all want lots of sunshine and feeding and water and they are all checked in growth if chilled. The temperature as for most house plants should be well and evenly regulated. Of the bulbous sorts Oxalis Bowiei is easily the most acceptable. The brilliant rose colored

Of the bulbous sorts Oxalis Bowiei is easily the most acceptable. The brilliant rose colored flowers, which are profuse in bloom, are lovely indeed. Oxalis Floribunda comes both in bright pink and in pure white varieties. Add some sand to the pot or basket soil in which it is grown. Oxalis Rosea is a very free bloomer, borne in clusters on long stems, are brightly attractive. The stems are quite erect and the flowers star shaped. The foliage is a soft green and the plants are spreading in nature developing a drooping tendency when placed and grown in baskets.

**Tree Balsams Again.**—For many years I have grown Ralsams. I always bought seeds of the best double varieties. I sowed the seed in May, always using pans of rich earth. When the plants were four inches high I transplanted them directly to the beds. Often I planted them in one long row. Nearly every plant would grow. When they were about a foot high I cut off the side branches close to the main stem, also all surplus shoots from the head, and in a few weeks the plants would grow to immense size, the flowers would open and the plant stalk would be literally covered with immense, double blooms which, would resemble Roses and each year I proudly carried off the first premium on my flowers which had been cut from my Tree Balsam. Ima.

Grange County, Ohio.

Mullein for Sprains.—Take Mullein leaves green or dry and steep in vinegar and bind affected parts. In a short time heat again and apply as hot as can be borne and keep applying warm until relieved, and then let the leaves remain several hours and the swelling will leave. If not all gone renew again.

R. 2, Frankfort, Ind.

Mrs. M. J. Short.

#### **TULIPS FOR EIGHTY YEARS.**

A few days ago one of the near-by matrons living close to our gardens came to inspect at first hand some of the bulbs that had arrived,



and as the conversation turned upon Tulips she stated that all of her Tulips were from the stock planted by her Grandmother in Lancaster County, Penna, eighty years ago. Year after year they came forward with their bright red colors losing nothing in-beauty as from parent to offset the habit of bloom was

imparted. It seems that with these Tulips the bubs were rarely disturbed. Occasionally they were worked over and separated but they carried on their cheerful task of providing the family with bright blossoms without calling for the particular care that so often is urged upon beginners when they first plant a setting of the Tulip and look forward half hopefully and half fearfully to the result. There should be encouragement for the many in considering the experience of the family that keep their Tulips as they do their family plate and silver --passing forever from daughter to daughter.

This, That and the Other.—The man with the dog says "he pays the tax" so said dog has a right to run at will over my gar-den and ruin it if he pleases. Now dog owners do not glare at me as a dog hater. I own one myself. But besides being used as a child he is always attached to a leash and some one of us is always attached to the other end. I found a prize on the R. R. embankment, it was a tiny Cedar Tree, and I transplanted it. It is the apple of my eye. You see I hail from the land of whole sweet swamps of the Arbor Vite. I have watered it and it is growing fine. Now here is where the dog comes into floral talk. All winter every morning he visited my little tree. With the result that when spring came my little tree was nearly dead. The next winter it was protected with four stout stakes a little taller than the tree, with three strands of coarse wire twisted around the stakes. Look out for smaller Evergreens and Ferns, for both cats and dogs are very liable to ruin them. I saw a whole bed of Strawberries smothered by too thick a covering of pine needles. It taught the third a covering of pine needes. It tadgits year I had a War pig and his name was Sammy. This year it is a Peace pig and his name is Mike. Now here is the floral part of those Mike. Now here is the floral part of those pigs. The coarse bedding used in their sleep-ing quarters made an ideal cover for all my out of door plants. I never lost one last winter. As I look at the matter the idea is not to keep the frost out but in. Cover after the ground freezes. It is the freezing and thawing that kills the plant roots. I find that many plants that stand the cold winters of Maine have a very hard fight to winter over in Massachusetts. Very hard light to white over in Massachusetts. Now can any one tell me where I can obtain these old plants, common names only given? Sweet Clover, Southern Wood, Striped Grass, green and white, Sweet Mary, Myrtle, small, round, green leaves and yellow blossoms, all hardy. Also the little, old Oxalis known as Shamrock. I cannot find them in any cata-logue. Bertha N. Norris.

#### TO A CARDINAL.

While now I am listening to your cheery spink! spink! I think of the music that pours from your throat; I pause in my walks so otten to drink Of your warbling my fill, and admire your red coat.

But now a strange bird seeks your rival to be And sings in sweet tones his vibrant whee-whee; But he cannot displace you, or make me forget Your anthems divine, sung in tree minaret.

How oft when discouraged and borne down by gloom Thy song has come floating as on angel wings, And made me forget that I longed for the tomb And placed my feet firmly on spiritual things.

Oh bird, so divine that thy color was given To match, by our God, the glorified heaven, When thy spirit hath gone from thy frail body home Thy songs be immortal, more lasting than stone. Hazel Minor. Mapleton, Pa.

#### CHRISTMAS FLORAL ITEMS

ED, BROWN, and yellow leaves pressed in old books; branches between papers with a board and weight on top, make nice specimens. When dry, heat a toy flat-iron fairly hot and rub over some rosin then quickly over the pressed leaves, stems or branches, it puts a fine glisten on them which is superior to wax. They can then be used to trim rooms, tables, mantles, etc. for Christmas. Tiny perfect leaves are pretty glued on corre-spondence cards, or with bark frames on cardboard for calenders, or in one of the pretty gold brooch frames with gilded fronts; or an empty wood picture frame with a fine branch empty wood picture traine with a intertrained under the glass, with plain cloth glued on a wooden back, and pretty handles put on the ends makes an artistic serving tray. Take a bit of round, clear glass, size desired and glue tiny leaves, milk-weed, or pretty grass on it, back this with a bit of silk, and a narrow bias fold of



narrow bias fold of velvet put on very tight makes a frame attach this to the front of a velvet bag and you have 8 beautiful gift. These bring twenty-five dollars and up, in found Paris, are "chic" and to be serviceable, and are much in demand.

Also a pretty bunch of ever-green branchs attached to the lock on the window sash with a bow of white crepe paper with a little

POTTED TULIPS bell tucked in some-where, makes a beautiful ornament, red paper runs if damp. Tiny Ferns, Asparagus, Tulips, Pepper plants, etc. in pots dressed up in crepe paper, of baskets or vases of Tradescantia, bowls of Sacred Lily, pots and boxes of bulbs are beautiful gifts. I prefer a plant to all else. Leomaster, Mass. Bertha N. Norris.

"Waste is worse than loss. The time is coming when every person who lays claim to ability will keep the question of waste before him constantly". (Thomas Edison.) Edison buys War Savings Stamps.

#### LACK OF NURSERY STOCK MAY LEAD TO POOR TREES.

#### Demand for Trees Will Probably Cause Market to be Flooded with Diseased or Inferior Specimens, Demand Inspected Stock.

The entire country is faced with a shortage age of nursery stock of both the ofnamental and fruiting varieties. This shortage is going to be especially serious with some of the tree fruits, and prices are going to be such as were never dreamed of before, and many orders will probably go unfilled. Anyone contemplating planting in the spring could do no better than to order their stock at once.

This shortage is going to bring on to the mar-ket large quantities of stock of a very inferior grade. Nearly all nurseries have a certain amount of culls, and diseased and infected which this year is very likely to reach the mar-ket. This class of stock when handled is usual-ly bought up by some of the traveling salesmen who do not, as a rule, represent any reputable nursery, and peddled over the country regard-less of the varieties or class of stock delivered. If stock cannot be secured from a reliable nurseryman who is selling you part of his reputa-tion, it would be best to wait another year be-

fore making plantings. Practically all of the fruit growing counties of Colorado have county horticultural inspec-tors whose duty it is to inspect all the incoming nursery stock for insect pests and plant diseases. Unless you are certain with whom you are dealing it is wise to demand that all shipments be sent subject to inspection. You are thus protecting yourself against the loss of in-fested or diseased trees that will be destroyed. —Geo. M. List, State Agriculturial College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Agapanthus and Sour Soil.—I treat my sour soil, which produces flies, a little differently from some of the ways described in this Magazine. 1 put a large tablespoon full of lime in a water pail and enough water to cover whatever flower pot I want to set it in. Let the pot soak until the earth is well saturated. If the water is half

an inch above the

top of the pot, the

leaves of the plant are well out of the

way in most cases.

It has always been

successful with me.



I have a white AGAPANTHUS. Agapanthus which must be somewhat different from the blue. doesn't blossom until four years old. Mine is only three and very thrifty. It was an offshoot from a neighbors, which now blooms every year. Hers bloomed in the spring, after which it was put out of doors in partial shade and no attention paid to it until the old stalks fall off, then it is reported and begins to show a new stalk. The first year I think it grows four leaves, the second eight, the third twelve and the fourth sixteen when it is ready to bloom.

Editors Note; -- We are indebted to Mrs. H. C. Tor-rey, of Winthrop, Mass., for the above interesting and valuable cultural observations. It is pleasing to find the subscribers taking time as they send in orders or request identifications, etc., to add bits of personal experience, such as are mentioned in the above two worth while items.

#### **OUR BOYS.**

All hail to them our noble boys! America's brave sons, Proclaim to all their gallant deeds, Their victory bravely won.

They nobly fought our homes to save Their land from despot sway, The sacrifice supreme they gave Amid the hellish fray.

Not words alone can e'er repay, The debt to them we owe, A Nation's honor calls today,

Our gratitude to show.

Not words alone, but deeds of love, Our duty rightly done, Alone our gratitude can prove, To America's brave sons.

Our boys! our boys! our noble boys! All hail to them today, And generations yet to come To them shall honor pay.

Monticello, N. Y. Mrs. Martha F. Avery.

#### LIME SULPHUR SOLUTION.

Is made as follows. Mix two pounds of powdered sulphur and one pound of fresh slacked lime together, then stir into one gallon of water and boil for one hour. Let the mate-rial settle and bottle the clear red liquid for use. When you are ready to spray, prepare the spraying liquid by adding one quart of the lime sulphur solution to six quarts of water, with a few ounces of powdered lime to give color to the foliage-just enough to designate where the spray is used. Spray this upon dormant trees to eradicate scale, aphis, and other enemies that lurk about the bark. After foliage develops reduce the material to one part lime sulphur liquid to fifteen parts of water, or as strong as it is found the plants will bear. This will eradicate thris hoppers, lice and slugs that work upon Roses and other plants, and should be applied every fortnight during the spring and early summer. To prevent rabbits and mice from barking the shrubs and young trees in winter, stir in a little more lime and sulphur and apply as a whitewash to the bare of the truth or carry it upon the bark base of the trunk, or spray it upon the bark by using a coarse hose or nozzle. Sprayed upon Flowering Almond and Forsythia early in the spring it will prevent birds from eating the buds. The lime sulphur liquid is the most important of the preparations for overcoming pests, and should come into general use among all gardeners.

Fortilizers for Flowers. Kindly answer the following questions through your Floral Magazine. (1) How much water should be added to one quart of liquid manure for use on flowers and vegetables? (2) Which is best for this purpose, chicken or horse manure? (3) In what way are wood ashes beneficial to flowers, and which kind are they best for?—Her-bert Carl, Cleveland, Ohio.

Ans.—(1) One quart of liquid manure to a gallon of water. (2) Either may be used, after well fermented. Cow manure is usually better for all purposes for all plants. (3) The fertiliz-ing principle in woodashes is potash which is beneficial to all plants. Wood ashes also sweetens soil to a considerable extent, and they are quite valuable as an insecticide also when mixed with a little lime.

**IDENTIFICATION8** OF PLANTS.

Mertensia Virginica. Mrs. R. J. Curtis, R. 3, Br.



8, Walnut, Iowa writes in send-ing in the flowidenfor ers tification. "I do not know this little pretty plant which a friend gave me for a present. It seems grow six inches high and has a small black looking bulb. It has been in bloom for two weeks. fell in love with it"

The name is Bluebells, or Botanically Mertensia Virginica of the family (Boraginaceæ) the buds are pink and flowers violet-blue and come in May. It is a lovely little wild flower, we do

not keep the bulbs or seeds. Mrs. C. H. Mundt, Box 8, Winona, Ida. The specimen you sent in was too incomplete to identify

Mary C. Leonard, R. 1, Richville, N. Y. The specimen forwarded was not sufficiently com-

plete for identification. L. A. Morrow, Riddle, Oreg. It will be neces-sary to have a better description of your Cao-tus and parts more complete with flower to identify.

Muscari Botryoides. Cora S. Neill, Miltonvale, Kans.

The spray of plant with enclosed your letter is found to be the Grape Hyacinth, Muscaria Botryoides (Liliaceæ) the flowers are pale blue and ap-pear in spring. This is one of the naturalized exotics of our rich American Flora.

Fraxinus Alba. Alfred John Parton, 924 Pike Street Reading, Pa. The tree



MUSCARI BOTRYOIDES

from which you sent specimens is the White Ash, Fraxinus Alba, (Oleaceæ) the flowers are greenish and appear in May. **Veratrum Viride.** Sarah Gall, Silver

Lake, Ind. The native plant that you sent in for identification is found to be False Hellebore,

For identification is found to be raise Heliebore, Veratrum Viride, of the family (Melanthaceæ). Editors note:—In cases where we are unable to name specimens we have recourse to the leading Botanists of the country, both at Washington, and in the various State Colleges. It is advisable to, in all cases, send good specimens of flower, leaf and stem carefully pressed so as to insure satisfactory results. results.

- "On the hill the Golden Rod
- And the Aster in the wood, And the yellow Sunflower by the brook In Autumn beauty stood,
- Till fell the frost from the clear, cold heaven.
- As falls the plague on men; And the brightness of their smile was gone
- From the upland, glade and glen."

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#### LILIES.

HO WOULD not include Lilium Longifforum among the floral intimates of the garden year? The delightful fragrance of this Lily lingers with us. We think of it in connection with the Madonna Lily, because like Lilium Candidum it affords us large, gracefully, pendulous, chaste and white blooms. The plants are hardy and re spond readily to culture. The bulbs should be planted six to ten inches in depth, in porous, well-drained, sandy soil. It is well, with Lilies, to place the bulb on sand, and to surround the



#### LILIUM RUBRUM

bulb with sand when planting, and, to at all times as a practice, keep all animal manures from direct contact with the bulbs.

There are many who consider Lilium Auratum, the Golden Rayed Japan Lily, the finest Lily in cultivation Surely it is a garden gem. The large flowers, six to eight inches across, highly perfumed, with bright crimson spots shown against the pearly white petals, and with golden ray striping the petals from tip to base, will always command our closest regard and compel continuing and constant admiration We look for the Golden Rayed Lily to delight us with blooms in August and September The plant is hardy and can be advantageously planted in the fall.

geously planted in the fall. It will be understood that a mulching of manure, rotted if possible for several years, makes excellent covering over the positions in the borders or beds in which all of the Lilies are planted.

The persistence of the hardy Tiger Lilies is a characteristic that we may well appreciate. Lilium Tigridium, both the single and double varieties, we know once planted in agreeable " situations always can be counted upon to show vigorous and remarkable flowering stalks. Our mothers have all loved these annually recurring favorites, which grow up sometimes five feet tall in their established places in garden or border. Set the bulbs a foot apart, and from six to eight inches deep, and do not think of disturbing the clumps that will develop. until root congestion is evidenced by smaller size in the blooms The flowers, orange-scarlet with black spots, come to us during the latter part of the summer.

Among the Japanese varieties of Lilies, besides Lilium Auratum, should be mentioned Lilium Speciosum Rubrum, and Album, and Melpomene and Schrymakersii. It will interest garden lovers to know that for various reasons, not over 25 per cent of the normal shipments of Japanese Lilies will come to America this year. The war has certainly caused a restriction in numbers of varieties of plants coming from foreign lands, but gradually the adjustments of times of Peace will pave the way for more free entry of floral gens from all over the world. These Japanese Lilies are next in hardiness after those that have been mentioned. Speciosum Rubrum we recall as the Elegant Pink Spotted Lily.

Flower lovers aware of the peculiarities of the soil of their gardens know from experience just where their favorite Lilies are happiest in location, but in general it may be said after procuring good, sound bulbs in the fall which is decidedly the best season for their planting, prepare for Lilies a bed in an elevated situation where water cannot possibly lie, digging the soil deeply and mixing thoroughly well rotted manure with the soil, taking particular care that no fresh manure be used in this connection.

Plant the bulbs generally about six inches deep. In cold situations cover the bed with coarse straw or well rotted manure. Always if possible place the bulb on sand and surround the bulb on sides and on top with sand 'before filling other soil about the bulbs. This particular care will net big Lily satisfaction and will prove well worth while. The mulch should be removed in the spring. In warm summers the bed should have several heavy soakings. Neat stakes to which the stems in summer may be fastened should be set by each bulb for further Lily satisfaction.

The Lilies are adapted to Pot Culture. They should be planted in deep pots in which good drainage is secured by placing in the bottom of the pots a couple of inches of broken bits of pots or einders before filling with the potting soil which should be of leaf mould and fresh loam.

#### WHY BOYS LEAVE HOME.

Why did you leave the farm my lad? Why did you bolt and leave your dad? Why did you bot and leave your dad? Why did you beat it off to town? And turn your poor old father down? Thinkers of platform, pulpit and press Are wallowing in deep distress, They seek to know the hidden cause Why farmer boys desert their pa's. "Weil stranger, since you've been so frank, I left my dad, his farm, his plow Because my calf became his cow. I left my dad, 'kwas wrong, of course, Because my colf became his horse. I left my dad, 'kwas wrong, of course, Because my lamb became his sheep. I dropped my hoe and struck the fork, Because my pig became his pork. The garden truck that I made grow Was his to sell, and mine to hoe. It's not the smoke in the atmosphere, Nor the taste of life that brought me here. Please tell the platform, pulpit, press No fear of the toil, nor love of the dress, Is driving off the Farmer Lads, It's just the methods of their Dads."

-Selected.

The person who doesn't save goes without worth-while things to-day, and will go without them to-morrow. The person who saves has everything he needs to-day, and will have still more to-morrow. Buy W. S.S.

#### HOPE.

Oh Hope, thou art a friend to man! A 'ight to shine within the soul; Thy 'ealms extend to every land And help the mortals set their goal.

The sailors who are wrecked at sea Chi 3 to a spar for many days, And thou, oh hope, dost help them see A chance for life—so theo we praise.

The mother watches o'er her child Who... "Reaper Death" hati come to take, The the ught of which doth make her wid, But 1. upe steps in, her peace to make.

A sweet ,oung girl has bid farewell And parted from her lover true; He's called to fight mid shot and shell; Hope whispers, "Dear, I've cheer for you."

The man in business, losses meets, The downward course but brings affright, But hope says, "Wait, why court defeat? Wait—all will later come out right."

Like eagles in a mighty storm Soar bravely high above the clouds! Hope bids us rise from our forlorn Condition, so we sing aloud.

So, ever on since life began, A bosom friend was hope. And we 'Mid cheer hope brings today to man Are pointed to eternity And we

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

#### CHANGING COLORATION ON HIBISCUS.

Am greatly puzzled over the erratic bloom ing of Rose Mallows (Hibiscus Moscheutos). The roots are about ten years old and since



maturity have blos-scmed freely, the flowers always be-ing rose pink, the color characteristic of the wild species, but this season every flower of the same identical roots is pure white with maroon center. How

do you account for it? I grew them from seed of plants growing by the sea in Rhode Island. Of course I am familiar with the fact that new colors originated by florists sometimes revert back to the original, but in this case there was no artificial development, rose being the stand-ard color. I scattered a little lime around some Pæonies close by and have wondered if this possibly had any influence on the colors of the Hibiscus. Melvin J. Weeks. of the Hibiscus.

Hartford, Conn. It will be interesting to hear if others have ever noticed any such coloration changes as are mentioned by Mr. Weeks. We will always be glad to bring such unusual occurences to the attention of readers for discussion and explanation.—Editor.

Bulbs In Frozen Ground.-Think of 400,000 bulbs being planted with trowbar and pick ax—this was the only system that could be used one year by a friend whose picture you may see in the next issue. A wonderful wealth of bloom surrounded our little floral village the next spring. Better late than never—is a good motto—if we cannot have it as most of us like it botto never late it-better never late.

#### SUGGESTIONS OF VALUE,

Notes from the' 1919 New York City Demonstration Garden, Bryant Park. Enemies of the Garden, destroy them. Cate-pillars, All Butterflies, Ants.

Plant Lice,





PLANT LOUSE Moths, Weeds. Sparrows.

CATERPILLAR Potato Bugs, Wire Worms,

Friends of the Garden, protect them. Lady Bugs, Toads.



Warbles his sweetest

> TREE-TOAD Earth Worms, Bees, Searcher Beetles,

Garden Snakes, Turtles, Spiders, Birds.

I wonder if our floral workers have gen-erally thought to classify the garden visitors into these groups and to regard them from the standpoint of helpers and hindrances? Ed.

A word about spraying plants. For chew-ing insects, (Caterpillars, Potato Bugs, Flea Beetle, etc.) use Paris Green, or Arsenate of

Lead or Slug Shot. For sucking insects (Mealy Bugs, Lice, Root Lice, Black Fly,) use tobacco dust and kerosene emulsion.

For fungus or bacterial disease (blights) leaf rots, wilting plants) use Bordeaux Mixture.

#### AUTUMN MEMORIES.

"Far in a sheltered nook

- I've met, in these calm days, a smiling flower, A lonely Aster, trembling by a brook, At the quiet noontide's hour.

And something told my mind, That should oid age to childhood call me back, Some sunny days and flowers I still might find, Along life's weary track."

J. H. Bryant.

#### WILD FLOWERS.

S A TRIP I took into the mountains last spring in search of rare wild flowers to photograph may prove of interest to the readers of the Magazine, I will describe It and the plants collected.

There were six in the party, but only two had an eye for wild flowers, the others, being fishermen, were more intent on the ways and means of getting the limit of the finny tribe. A ride of about thirty miles in an automobile brought us within four miles of our destination, but the rest of the way we had to walk as there is no road, only a trail. Both sides of the trail are masses of Blue

Both sides of the trail are masses of Blue Bordizas, commonly called Ithuriel's Spear, and in shaded recesses where more moisture is in evidence, blue and white Larkspurs grow abundantly.

abundantly. On the steep hillslopes, among the rocks, the sticky Monkey-flower holds carnival. They are simply a mass of bloom. The commoner hue is the corncolor,



but they vary a great deal and flowers of a nearly white and of an orange color are not uncommon. In suitable places among the loose shale on the hill slopes steep where it is almost impossible to secure a footing, grows that beautiful Clarkia, Eucharidium Breweri. It is the prettiest of the Clarkias and is a rarity indeed, being very seldom collected. Its odd shaped flow-ers of a luminous

#### CLARKIA

pink are delicately fragrant, with a fragrance reminiscent of the Honeysuckle of the old fashioned gardens. Growing as it does among the loose shale on the steepest of hillsides, where the sun beats mercilessly the greater part of the day, one naturally wonders where it gets sufficient moisture to mature its beautiful blossoms.

The Pitcher Sage with its pitcher-shaped flowers is a pretty thing, as is the Yerba Santa which clothes many a hillside. The sticky, aromatic leaves of the Zerba Santa are highly valued as a domestic remedy for colds and asthmatic affections. So highly esteemed was this plant by the missionaries that they gave it the name of Yerba Santa, or the holy herb.

Alliums with pink trusses of flowers are common and are easily recognized by the onionlike scent of their leaves and bulbs.

In park-like areas between magnificent specimens of Oaks grow countless millions of the bird's-eye Gilia,—Gilia Tricolor—where later the Mariposa Lily holds supremacy. These Gilias grow so dense as to give, at a distance the effect of one mass of color, which in this case is a light blue color. There are other very beautiful Gilias but none that will produce such a beautiful effect in masses.

Along the creek banks I found growing the golden Ear-drops—Dicentra Chrysantha. Al though resembling the Bleeding Heart in shape of its flowers, they are not pendulous but assume an upright position. The pale green leaves are minutely dissected and resemble certain varieties of Ferns. In wooded canon sides grow the delicate white globes of the Hairbells, or fairy lanterns as they are sometimes called. A more charming flower, or one more exquisite in texture and poise, does not exist, and if fairies have to do with such prosaic things as lanterns then they are certainly appropriate to illuminate their sylvan revels. The whispering bells are certain to attract attention, by their cream colored corollas. The delicate papery bells rustle with every passing breeze.

Peeping from some rocky crevice or hidden away under the protecting shade of the Sage brush are the strange looking leafless stalks of the Broomrape, or Cancer-root. Having no organs for the elaboration of their nourishment, they send down roots to imbed themselves in the roots of their victims from which they draw their nourishment needed for their sustenance. Having no need of leaves, the most beautiful and useful ornament of most plants, they have no such appendages. Even their blossoms are colorless to a great extent, but though unattractive from the standpoint of color, they are, nevertheless, attractive in many other ways. Antone I. Soares.

Haywood, Calif.

**Plant Flowers In the Corners.**— Have you any corners? If so what is in them? I have two. When I came here five years ago those corners gave me a shock. I will not mention all they contained. But among the articles were rocks, ashes, einders, old rags, cans and so on. We cleared and took away all the trash.



LILY OF THE VALLEY.

By the back door a little wall of stone was set and good, clean soil wheeled in. Most all the plants the children got me from moist places.

Wild Cucumber grows up on wire net over the pantry window. A little Elm tree grew up, I left it. Then there is green Hec Homa, a clump of Lily of the Valley, little Ferns, Parsley, lots of Spearmint and blue Wild Aster; in Maine we call them Frost flower, and lovely sweet Flag. It is shady and I keep it very damp. It is my dearest bed of all. Sweet and damp and clean, and just think what it used to be.

Corner number two was worst of all. It is by the shed, so I have kept it planted in Pole Beans, Tomatoes or anything to get in sweet and clean soil. Last year it had wonderful Morning Glories and a fine Castor Bean. Then the landlord decided to paint the house. Why do they paint houses in the summer? For my Glories had to lay on the ground and just spoil. The Woodbine had to come down too, and I learned a lesson. The main stalk is on wire net, and when I put it back the branches were tied to ladders made of one-fourth inch wire and put on the house with wire staples. They look neat and will come down easier than any thing I have seen. But how are your corners? Bertha N. Norris.

#### THANKSGIVING MEMORIES.

Wasn't it great, oh, brother mine, When Thanksgiving Day rolled round, To gather at the festal board With all our stomachs sound, And eat of the good things mother made From the good things father raised, And note the pride on her tender face When her pumpkin pies were praised.

Wasn't it great, oh brother mine, For there wasn't a vacant chair; Brothers, sisters, mother and dad— The whole glad push was there, With aunts, and uncles, and bables sweet For us all to cuddle and pet, Thanksgiving Day with the folks at home Is something we'll never forget.

- The apples brought from the cellar We sampled with many a jest Agreeing among each other Of them all that the Rambo was best.
- There may for some be a better Would some say-a Northern Spy? But for me-brother-give me a Rambo, its the apple indeed of my eye.

- We never forgot, oh brother mine, Where the cider apples were stored, And we'd each lug out to the cider press Our share of the july hoard. And of all the sweet fall pleasures And memories I recall The one of the creaky cider mill, Is the jolliest one of all.

- But chariges come, oh brother mine, Loved ones have passed away, Who ate of the good things mother made For her kids Thanksgiving Day. But if one dear wish was granted To me before I die, 'Twould be another Thanksgiving at home And a whack at mother's pie.

I would want to sit at the table And hear dad's voice so dear, Give thanks for the many, blessings Bestowed in the passing year. A kiss for the loyal mother And a smile round the gingle gav.

And a smile round the circle gay, That sure would be for you and me A glad Thanksgiving Day.

Braley.

#### Sent in by Mrs. Jessie Kirk, Wellston, R. D.

#### SOLDIER BOY'S LETTER.

Dear Editor:--I am an Ex-Soldier and can truly say I enjoy your little Magazine fine, and would like to know who had it sent to me as I have received it for two years. As to me as I have received it for two years. As to flowers I saw lots of beautiful flower gardens in England and France while I was a Soldier in the A. E. F. If this is printed and any of the boys of E. Battery or F. Battery of the 125th F. A. see this letter they will remem-ber the pretty flower-gardens at Camp Stan-ton, England, and of the beautiful Grove west ton, England, and of the beautiful Grove west of our quarters there. Also the pretty swans we saw there, and the juicy Turnips we liked so well that the French Peasants gave us at Cussac, France, saving nothing of the much hated Carrot and Bulley-Beef. Where I now live is much different from where I spent most of my Soldier life, for this is a very dry country, we have very light rain fall here. Cattle raising is the chief industry. I am about 40 miles from the railroad. I think this country will eventually be a good farm-ing country. I would like to get letters from every State in the Union from Soldiers. I will answer all letters. O. F. Shepherd. B. A. Plains, Colo.

#### THE BABY PRIMROSE.

Primula Malacoides is one of the most showy and effective Primroses for amateurs to grow, and being of easy culture few will fail to suc-ceed. Do not make the mistake of sowing the seed too early; June or July is the most suit-able time for this operation. Sow in shallow boxes or pans, using a light, sandy soil, and



covering not more than a fourth of an inch Cover the seed box with glass and shade with paper until germination is effected, then grad-paper until germination is effected, then grad-enough to handle, transplant into other boxes, placing the plants two inches apart and using a suitable compost. The seedlings can remain in the box until they almost touch each other, then they should be potted into three and one then they should be potted into three and one-half inch pots. Towards the end of September shift them into five inch pots and bring indoors. They bloom from Thanksgiving until spring. Geo. W. Kerr.

Syringing Plants.-The vacuum cleaner has been a boon to plant lovers in that it has not made it necessary for the careful and thoughtful grower of house plants to pro-tect the foliage against pore clogging dust when the house is being cleaned. In winter we should use water with the chill taken off and apply in the morning and on bright, cheer-ful days. As a general proposition we may say that our house plants should be sprayed once a week, both on the under and top sur-faces of the foliage. A good syringing bathes the breathing pores or the lungs of the plants free of dust obstructions and it dislodges many insects. In the fall we must never "take ad-vantage of a cold rain" for the plants, as a chilling is hurtful and tends to stunt growth and set up conditions favorable for attacks of insect and fungus enemies. it has not made it necessary for the careful insect and fungus enemies.

The Moss Pink.—I do not think Mrs. E. M. Ford will succeed in obtaining seed of Phlox Subulata. A few years ago I saw in a cemetery on a bleak hillside in Maine, whole sheets of this plant. It was a wonderful sight. I sent everywhere to get seeds, but the answer was, "propagated from roots." I found it hard to establish, but very hardy when it got a start. Bertha N. Norris.

#### POTTING GERANIUMS.

#### Many Plants Will Continue to Live all Winter if Transferred into the House Before Cold Weather.

The time of year has arrived when flowers in the garden are scarce, the light frosts having left their marks upon them, but not absolutely killing the roots except in tender varieties. There is enough vitality left in Geraniums, for instance, to produce an abundance of flowers during the winter months, giving the rooms a cheerful appearance when frost and snow are in the air and nature seems to be at rest.

It is advisable to dig Geraniums or any other plants that are wanted for the winter, as soon as possible, as a very sharp frost will injure the roots. In lifting the plants, be careful not to damage the small, fibrous roots any more than is necessary, though at the same time it is not essential to have a lot of the old soil upon them, but to remove it carefully, as it has a



#### SINGLE GERANIUM

tendency to become sour, causing the plant to deteriorate. It is really better to get new soil, preferably two-thirds loam or heavy soil, and one-third leaf mould, mixing it thoroughly.

one-third leaf mould, mixing it thoroughly. Potting should be done with care, the size of pot used to be in comparison to the size of the plant. A four inch pot is the best for the average Geranium. See that the interior is clean, then put in some pieces of broken pots, or small stones will answer the same purpose, insuring a good drainage. Press the soil around the plant firmly (but not hard) and leave about half an inch from the rim, for water. When the plants are potted, water thoroughly and do not water again until fairly dry, and then it is best to put them in a bucket, completely covering the pot, leaving them immersed for fifteen minutes or longer, also sprinkling the foliage. This treatment can be applied not only to Geraniums, but all other plants, with good results. Put them in a light place, preferably a south window, and move around occasionally so that they will develop a uniform growth and not be one-sided, as is so often the case.—Edgar Tubby, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Thrift Stamps are caterpillars. When they have grown to sixteen in number, a few cents metamorphoses them in a big blue butterfly of a War Savings Stamp.

#### THE FRINGED GENTIAN.

Thou waitest late, and com'st alone, When woods are bare and birds are flown, And frosts and shortening days portend, The aged year is near his end. Then dost thy sweet and quiet eye Look through its fringes to the sky, Blue—blue, as if that sky let fall A star from its corrulean wall.

William Cullen Bryant.

The dainty Fringed Gentian (Gentiana Crinita) which is confined to a comparatively limited portion of North

limited portion of North America, is one of the most beautiful of our autumnal wild flowers. The plant, which is partial to a rather moist situation, bears at the top of its branches, large, deep blue, unn-shaped flowers. The top edge of the petals of these lovely flowers are very delicately fringed and resemble somewhat the grace of human eyelashes. The fringed Gentian



is rarely found near large settlements, and as it has a habit of changing its location from year to year, we can never feel sure of being able to find it even in likely places. It is, also, a most difficult plant to transfer to the home garden. I have tried it for five years in succession without success. Though the plants continued to grow after being transpianted, they failed to appear the following season. The fact that the fringed Gentian comes into bloom so late, probably accounts for the searcity of seed. This fall I have marked a number of plants in the hope of being able to secure well-matured seeds with which to experiment further. Bertha Berbert Hammond.

Mahopac Falls, N. Y.

THE LAND WHERE THE GOLDEN POPPIES GROW.

Where the mountains shine in a serried line Above the meadows green and fair; And the rivers flow thru the valleys low, Where flowers bloom so rich and rare. Where the pine-trees lean, in their robes of green Against the mountains purple breast; This is the land I love Where skies are blue above; This land in the golden west. Chorus:-'Tis the land where the golden poppies grow, In meadows high and valleys far below; Where the cool summer wind the grasses lightly In the land where the golden poppies grow (bend Let the lilies sway and their charms display, In the depths of the shady wild; Let the lupines glow, where cool breezes blow, By the oak trees so gay and old; Let the woodland ring, as the linnets sing, After the rains of spring have fled; Still the fair poppies glow

And their sweet charms bestow On upland, hill, and valley bed.

Where the cliffs loom high, and the sea-gulls fly, Above a sea thats blue and deep, Where in rock-bound cave the loud echoes rave, And the mad waves wildly leap. Where the redwoods bold, like the giants of old, Keep watch over the forest's crest. This is the land of mine. Where the air is like wine, This land in the golden west.

R. 1, Box 23, Hayward, Calif.

A. J. Soares.

#### DESTINY.

With a look from those eyes, not of sadness, That makes one wonder what they mean, You will sleep to the world and your surroundings For a glimpse, of their meaning in endless dream

You may dream of the joys of the morrow In which happy souls may meet, And listen with tender eagerness For the words that make happiness complete.

Why dream a dream and be content To never play your part? Come forward, with the hand of Fate And heal a broken heart!

For the heart that is earnest and ambitious, And follows truth in its own simple way, Will e'er look forward to the happiness of—that Which makes night seem as bright as the day.

Oh Fate; though very able master Who works, and dc s it well, Will take the dream from the dreamer In exchange, for a Farewell.

How sad are the words of a Farewell, No m: ter how just or unfair, Our creams are torn asunder But, One's love still lingers there.

J. M.

#### THE CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Christmas morn in America!

Ranging above the fireplace, or along the wall, hang the stockings, all in a row. Baby Joe's is there—a tiny knitted little thing of silk, perhaps, and doesn't it look funny when compared with dad's, suspended boldly at the other end of the row, so big that it might do almost, to cover baby altogether

almost, to cover baby altogether Every stocking, small or large, is loaded, as the railroad men say of the cars, "to capacity". A rattle for Baby Joe, with other things to catch the baby eye and ear; a brand new pair of skates, perhaps, for Johnnie Boy, with oranges, nuts, candies, and half a dozen hand-kerchiefs with a large "J", you know, em-broidered in silk by mother Lucy has a brooch, with real diamonds glit-tering in it; or a dainty gold wrist watch, and, say, a WHOLE BOX of chocolates, yuml yum | Lucy is yery fond of sweets.

yum I Lucy is very fond of sweets. And so, all along the line up to where dad-dy's mighty foot-gear bulges out with an odd assortment of almost-everything-under-thesun, the Christmas gifts await the coming of

And far away, across the ocean, in the Bible lands made sacred by the footsteps of the Sav-iour, whose birthday we commemorate, other little children awake on this same Christmas morn to find—What? Gifts? No, not even stockings to put them in if there were gifts— not even stockings to war! not even stockings to wear!

The fireplace is cold and dreary. Down its bleak and cheerless chimney no jolly Santa Claus has ever ventured. His reindeer does not know that road.

And yet, children of America, if Santa Claus should come that way, what do you suppose would be the dearest treasure in his pack? What, if there were stockings hanging over those empty fireplaces, would bring to these little children of Armenia their greatest joy? Candy? No! Fancy handkerchiefs, golden trinkets? No! Bread! children; only Bread! that, to thousands of little starving tots, would be the greatest boon of all on Christmas morn ! Editor's Note. Any contributions for Bread for Armenian Children can be sent to "Near East Relief" ! Madison Ave. New York City. And yet, children of America, if Santa Claus

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#### IDENTIFICATIONS OF PLANTS.

Balsam Pear (Momordica Zevlanica). This is the name of the very pretty annual vine, specimens of which were sent in by Mrs. S. A. Bond of Mountain Home, Ark. for identification. It belongs to the Cucurbitacea family. Is native of Tropical Asia and Africa : The flowers are yellow. It is also called "la-kwa" (Chinese) and also "art pumpkin". The fruit is edible before ripening. Mrs. Bond mentions that the plant develops little round hells obset the size of merchlow which of furt balls about the size of marbles which at first when green are white striped and which later as they ripen become red and white. They are odd and pretty, grow very fast, quickly reach-ing a height of twenty feet. They put out side branches and cover a large space during their annual period of growth. Sometimes there will be six or eight marbles in a bunch, some green and some red.

**Primula Obconica.** Of two plants sent in by Mrs. A. A. Hine of Hancock, Wisc. **7**. **2**., for identification one is found to be Prim-ula Obconica, the well known native of China. This is a winter blooming not plant with form This is a winter blooming pot plant with flow-



PRIMULA OBCONICA.

ers of lilac or light purple. Mrs. Hine says that this plant poisons her if she touches the leaves. That handling the plant causes her hands and face to swell and burn. There is'a great difference among persons as to degree of susceptibility to poisoning from certain plants. Persons subject to poisoning from the hairs of this plant should rinse the hands or exposed parts with alcohol, then wash with soap and water.

Horseweed (Erigeron Cana-dense). This is the name of the other plant Mrs Hine made inquiry about It flowers in summer. It was given to her as a "honey plant". It is not known to have value as a bee plant.

**Spider Lily (Hymenocallis Spe-ciosa).** The specimen of leaves and seeds sent to us by Mrs M L McDundded R. 6, Kamp, Tex, i found to be the Spider Lily or Hymenocallis Speciosa. This is a native of the West Indies- the flowers are white and fragrant. This is not to be confused with the

Madonna Lily. The flowers grow in clusters borne on tall, graceful stems, the leaves are long, beautifully green and delicate in texture and the fragrance of the flowers is delightful. They require the same treatment generally as Amaryllis.

Madagascar Periwinkle (Vinca Rosea). This is the name of the plant sent in by Mrs. Harvey Taylor of Pur-dy, Iowa. This is a cosmonolitan in the cosmopolitan in the tropics-it blooms in summer, the flower being a range of purple to white

Crassula. Mrs. Taylor has a Crassula VINCA ROSEA that is three years old and has not bloomed. She is also interested to have a treatment recommended for a Milk and Wine Lily three years old that fails to bloom. Perhaps a sub-scriber will send us a tried out method that insures blooming results with these two named plants.

**Carrion Flower.** The beautifully globular-formed cluster of dark blue berries sent to us for identification by Miss Helen White of Lincoln, Ill., are found to be the fruit of Smilax Herbacea, variety (Pulverulenta). This is a native of the central Atlantic states. The stem climbs from three to fifteen feet high. Its greenish flowers appear in May and June.

**Black Mulberry.** The leaf sent in by Mrs. Henry Fuller of Port Byran, N. Y., is found to be from Morus Nigra the Black Mul-berry. The tree is a native of Asia somewhat cultivated in United States. The flowers are greenish and occur in May.

NOTE. The editor appreciates the better pre-pared specimens that are now being sent in by the plant friends with requests for identification. Of course but a few of these are answered in the Maga-zine. Where the answer is personally made it is hoped that if questions still remains in the mind of the correspondent, that the doubts be frankly ex-pressed so that further light may be afforded if ob-tainable. tainable.

pressed so that further light may be alforded if ob-tainable. If by any chance you have at any time during the past two years sent in any plants for identification and have not received any replies to your inquiries, may I ask that you now send in good workable spec-imens from the plants you are interested to know more about as to name, habit, etc? and an effort will be made to get the information. Always give as much description as you conveniently can of the plant that you wish to have us name for you. This helps greatly in a search for identification. It may be too that some inquiries have been made as to "what to plant" accompaned by ground plan sketches of the home. If you have not been advised in any case and will submit a new sketch we will attempt to give renewed attention to the inquiry and guide as best we may in suggesting an appropri-ate planting plan of your yard, garden or "grounds". With any plans, if it is convenient to do so, you might send in a kodak of the present situation giv with respect to compass direction. We wish to amend as we get better organized for any seeming oversight that may have happened in connection with organization during our days of adjustment in taking over the very interesting work connected with Park's Floral Magazine.

Where do you live? The best place is Easy Street. You get there through Safety Lane. Take the War Savings Stamps Road,





#### PLANT BULBS DEEP.

## Bulbs Planted Four Inches Under Sur-face of Ground Will Withstand Winter and Bloom Early.

Tulips, Hyacinths, Crocuses, Jonquils, and Daffodils are spring-flowering plants, but the one who gets the benefit of the flowers is the one who plants his bulbs now. Prepare a bed by digging and thoroughly pulverizing the soil to a depth of eight or ten inches. Then plant the bulbs in such a way that the tips are three or four inches beneath the surface. Four inches is none too deep if the soil is light and



#### HYACINTHS

TULIPS

sandy, while slightly less depth is desirable in heavy soils. Place the bulbs four to six inches apart each way and firm the soil about them when planting. A top dressing of two inches of well-decayed stable manure will put the bed in good shape for the winter. Such a bed should give a mass of bloom in the spring. These hardy bulbs may also be planted pro-miscuously among the shrubbery where the flowers, appearing early, brighten up the place before the foliage and blooms of the shrubs be-gin to make a show—R. A. McGinty. Colorado

gin to make a show-R. A. McGinty, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

White Fly on Fuchsias.—Of all pests that affect house plants the white fly seems especially fond of Fuchsias. We look expectantly for this persistent nuisance on the under side of the leaves. We use a spray syringe directly upon the white fly. One tablespoonful of line sulphur solution and a table-spoonful of nicotine, which latter you may purchase from your local florist as (Black Leaf (40) will be found as satisfactory as any remedy that can be applied. It is well to have some of Black Leaf 40 on hand at all times as an in-secticide for other plant enemies.

**Paper White Narcissus.**—I planted one dozen bulbs of the Paper White Narcissus last winter, and when in bloom my husband, who is a "shut in" from the effects of the Flu, enjoyed the beauty and fragrance of their bloom, so this winter I have potted many to give to the sick who cannot enjoy out of door give to the sick who cannot enjoy out of door life and who are forced to pass many weary hours in pain. Grange Co. Ohio. Ima.

If in making gifts among your soldier boy friends you include subscriptions to Park's Floral Magazine, mark all such "Attention of the Editor". We list all of these with the name of soldier and the branch of the service if the information is furnished, or get the latter information afterwards from the exsoldier direct.



WATCH AND RING FREE

#### THE HOLIDAYS.

Once again, once again, Christmas wreaths are twining: Once again, once again, Mistletoe is shining.

Time is marching through the land, Decked with lea: and berry; He leads the Old Year in his hand, But both the churls are merry.

He speaketh in the clanging bells, He shouts at every portal; God speed the tidings 'hat he tells— Good will and prace to mortal.

Gladly welcome shall he be, Even though he traces Silver threads upon our heads And wrinkles on our faces.

For once again, once again, He brings the happy meeting; Hence cynic lips may preach in vain That life is sad and fleeting.

Christmas logs should beacon beck The wanderer from his roving; Leave, oh! leave the world's wide track And join the loved and loving.

Spirits that have dwelt apart, Cold with pride and jolly, Bring olive in your hand and heart To weave with Christmas holly.

By Eliza Cook.

#### CHRISTMAS IN CALIFORNIA.

OW I WISH I could take some of the readers of our little Magazine through the woods here in California at this time of the year, when the east is possibly snowbound! The first rains have just soaked the parched and expectant earth, and the air is redolent with the odor of steep vegetation. How like a second spring it is, and the air is vibrant with a thousand possibilities and countless seeds are exerting exery effort to come into the light!

Surely here in California we ought to be thankful that there are so many things to enjoy-sc many flowers, the song of birds and the genial climate.

There is not a native, who deep down in the innermost recesses of his heart, does not possess a warm spot for the Christmas berry or Toyon. By some it is called California Holly, but though the berries may have some resemblance to the English holly the leaves are much different. No true Californian would think of celebrating Christmas without some wreaths made of the leaves and berries of this tree, and loads upon loads of these berries are annually gathered and shipped to the large cities to be displayed and sold by florists and street venders.

The Madrone, referred to in one of Bret Harte's poems as the Captain of the Western Wood, is a much nobler tree than the Toyon, and its rich scarlet berries shaped like a minature orange are larger and prettier. In springtime when the air is vibrant with the hum of insects, musical with the song of many birds, and redolent with the fragrance of countless flowers, the madrone then puts forth its great panicles of white, waxy, honey-scented bells, a feast for the bees and humming birds, who come to glory in the voluptuous feast.

By this time most or all of our summer birds have left us for a more congenial clime, but have we not others equally interesting and dear to us to cheer us at this time! Birds at this time lack the impulse that in the spring time impels them to burst forth in a flood of melody, but there are a few who still sing with as much energy. Our thrasher is one of these birds, and its song, which by some is said to rival that of the mocking bird, is never sweeter nor more appreciated than at this time of the year. It is partial to regions where the scrub oak, grease-wood, and other elfin wood predominates. Its incomparable melody is never more appreciated than after a storm when the banks of fleecy clouds are castled against an azure sky. How entrancing its melody is then, when from the top of some scrub oak, it pours it forth to a glad world. How reminiscential of some limpid brook at play! It is not at all stingy with its vocal accomplishments, and seems to enjoy its efforts to entertain the enraptured listener.

As one walks through the fields and meadows he is greeted by the song of the western meadow lark. He is always in song, and now when there is a dearth of bird music he gladdens us with his simple strain, regardless of the inclemency of the weather. Some birds sing as an accompaniment to their daily task of providing themselves with food, but not so the lark, for the flood of melody that greets us from some fence post or rail, is an outburst of pure joyousness at being alive. Have we not to be thankful for all these

Have we not to be thankful for all these things nature has been so considerate to provide us with. Yes, we ought to be thankful and ought to put ourselves in tune with nature, so that we may then be able to enjoy them, and not regret those things that have departed and will not cheer us before another season is upon us. A. J. Soares.

R. 1, Box 23, Hayard Calif.

**Christmas Spirit.**—Let us all make our living room windows attractive this holiday season. No one knows just what it is in the heart of the passer by. Last Christmas in three windows of my living room were hung wreaths of Holly tied with huge bows of scarlet ribbon and upon the window sills were arranged lovely green Ferns and dark crimson Amaryllis in bloom. These windows certainly did look cheerful and verv attractive. The number of persons that appreciated them and also the number of compliments received were indications of the true spirit of Christmas that prevailed. Mrs. J: A. Oliver.

THE WRENS.

The cat-birds have long since departed, The little house wrens still remain, They heed not the on-coming winter, They sing in the sunshine or rain.

The brown wren still sings to us sweetly, While all other song birds have fled. When the flowers of summer have withered, And the leaves of the forest lie dead.

The robins have gone from the orchard, The doves from the woodland have flown, The music that sounds from the hedges, Is the singing of house wrens-alone.

Stewartsville, Va. Mrs. Rosie Quarles.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Non-Blooming Crab or Lobster Cactus. I have had a Lobster Cactus for three years, and as yet no blossoms have appeared. Kindly tell me what soil to use.—Josephine Litchfield, Cambridge, Mass.

Ans.—Try potting in a four-inch pot, using soil composed of one-half sand and one-half good loam. Keep rather dry during the sum-mer, but supply plenty of water at the normal blooming period, generally December. When the flower buds begin to appear apply a weak watering of liquid manure. This wonderfully, beautiful plant, Epiphyllium Makoyianum, with its bright and showy scarlet flowers, re-pays all the attention bestowed upon it. pays all the attention bestowed upon it.

Non-Blooming Amaryllis. I have an Ama-ryllis that won't grow. The bulbs rotted around the outer-edges, and the flowers are small and stunted. Please tell me through the Magazine what kind of soil to use and how to care for Amaryllis. Ans.—Easily grown, should be potted in

Ans.—Lashy grown, should be potted in strong fibrous loam with enough sand in mix-ture to make porous. Cover the bulb almost entirely with soil, and water freely. Not neces-sary to rest the ever green bulbs, and do not shift oftener than every 2 or 3 years. When pot bound the Amaryllis tends to flower more freely. Manure water is found beneficial to plants.

Tinging Hydrangeas Blue. How will I treat soil that my Hydrangea blossoms will be blue tinged?-Subscriber.

tinged?-Subscriber. Ans.-To induce blue color with Hydrangeas it is recommended that you purchase from the druggist a half pound of lump vitriol. Break this up into small pieces about the size of a hazel nut and mix with a bushel of soil before potting. The plants will enjoy sunshine until blooming time when they had best be some-what shaded. The flowers of Hydrangea are quite susceptible to the influence of differently composed soils. composed soils.

#### EXCHANGES.

Mrs Blanch Gow. Petalums, Calif<sub>4</sub>, has Calla Lily bulbs to exchange for other Lilies and plants.

Mrs. A. W. Hunt, Providence City, Tex., has Spider Lily Corn Lily, single white Jonquils, white Amarylis with pink stripe, green leaf Caladium, Darger Plant, Century Plant, and others, slips of Oleander, Monthly Roses, Cape Jasmine and Grenniums to exchange for second hand clothes for country use.

Mrs. Elsinore G. Ackerman, Meredith. N. H. has many house and hardy plants, bulbs, seed and Vegetable seed to exchange for house and hardy plants, bulbs, seeds, Vege-table seed. Strawberry plants and any small fruit.

Mrs. Minnie Hunt, Unity, Ky., has single white Narcis-sus bulbs and other hardy plants and bulbs to exchange for Little Wonder Victrola Records and large quilt places or remnants of lace, ribbon or clothing that can be made over or small fruit trees.

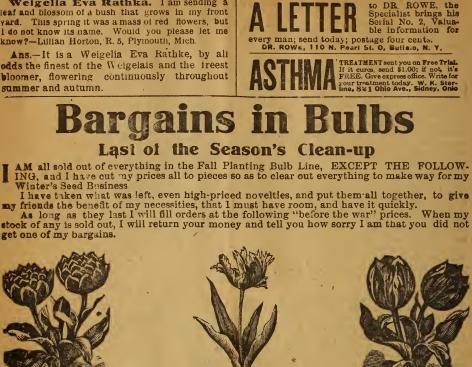
Mrs. Chas. J. Kitchin, Swainsboro, Ga., has a child's crocheted yoke to exchange for a Calla Lily. Annuncia-tion Lily, and Hyacinths amounting to two dollars. The yoke will fit a child of 10 or 12 years old.

Edna Shipe, Lander, Wyo., has a pair of pure bred Buff Orpington ducks to exchange for a pair of pure bred Rufus Red Belgian Hares.

Mrs. E. R. Behrens, R. I. Box I. Brady, Tex., has Cacti and other plants to exchange for Cannas, Dahlas, Platy-codon, hardy Plumbago, Forsythias and Spireas. C. Z. Nelson, Galeeburg, Ill., has Exotica, Succulents and Oacti to exchange for plants native in the eastern and southern Rocky Mountains.

southern Rocky Mountains. Della Seelv, R. 6. Lone Pine Farm, Boscobel, Wisc. has Cherry and Bitter Sweet vine seed and Cacti to exchange for Gladiolas, Canna, Calla or Cinnamon vine bulbs. Mrs. Addie Lee, Boz 25. Lamcsa. Tex., has Purple Lilacl Soft Cedar Virginia, Washington Bower Vine, Jongui, bulb, Rollyhock and Cosmos seed. Althea and yellow Roce bulb, Rollyhock and Cosmos seed. Althea and yellow Roce to the set of the set the set of the Unimbing Rose or any hardy shrubs, plants, Oanna seed. Thite and pink Gersniums and Verbenius.





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#### PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE.

Weigelia Eva Rathka. I am sending a leaf and blossom of a bush that grows in my front yard. This spring it was a mass of red flowers, but I do not know its name. Would you please let me

odds the finest of the Weigelais and the freest bloomer, flowering continuously throughout summer and autumn.

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#### COBBESPONDENCE.

Dear Friends: This is such a beautiful fall, Dear Friends: This is such a beautiful fall, the leaves are red, brown and golden, the sun is so bright, and the air cool and balmy. The flowers in the yard are so lovely yet, I have set out Violets this fall and several shrubs and hardy vines, the weather is so lovely I can hardly stay indoors. I have nearly all kinds of house plants, my windows are a per-fect picture in winter. Sisters, there is noth-ing like flowers for a nerve tonic and loneli-ness. My children go to school, all but one little boy almost four years old, and we spend every minute we can among the flowers. have two beautiful birds enjoying themselves in a south window. Agatha.

Pike Co., Ohio.

Dear Editor: The October Magazine was fine, especially the article "Over Seas", the nne, especially the article "Over Seas", the dear blossoms that cover Our Boys who wore the Khaki. Sweet Rocket helped me so much on May 30th, as that is the day when my bas-ket is illed for the Boys who wore the Blue. The dear little Lady Delight, or World Won-der as some call them, with the mild, dwarf Solomon Seal were pretty also. Some Tulips gave me red and white, the dear little Grape Hyacinth gave me blue. You would find many old-fashioned flowers

gave me red and white, inte dear inde of ape Hyacinth gave me blue. You would find many old-fashioned flowers in my garden. They laugh at my tangle of dowers. Those red Poppies were beautiful, and the blue and white Bachelor Buttons make the red, white and blue, of course they gave way to Asters and big, double Marigolds that our Mothers and Grandmothers loved, also the pink and blue single Larkspur. The annuals are beautiful, and if we don't hurry them away they will self-sow, so transplant if in the way. What a time we did have with those green worms. How they did go for the Roses and Pansies. Hand picking was good and kept us busy. What a year for Dahlias! but I did hate to see Jack Frost come when they were so beautiful, but Chrysanthemums and Lady Delight are still looking up. Now we must put the bulbs to bed, and hope to see their beauty in spring. Mrs. F. G. Rhodes. Rosindale, Mass. their beauty in spring. Roslindale, Mass.

Mr. Editor: I wish to speak about Wax Plant. Our neighbor had a large one, she gave our neighbor a slip off of her's, and later gave me one, and her's died. She got a slip from the neighbor she had first given to, and from the neighbor she had n'st given to, and it grew rapidly and this summer bloomed. Mine did not grow much last summer, every time it got started something broke it of, but this summer it has done very well and now has a very small bunch of bloom coming. I do not know whether it will develop or not as I have brought it in the house, and changing flowers from one place to another is very inflowers from one place to another is very in-jurious to them, but however, they bloom when only one or two years old. They should be root-bound in loose, rich soil, keep well watered and give plenty of sun.

watered and give plenty of sun. I also plant everything by the moon. There was an old southern negro woman said that every day the moon was old when fruit trees were set, it would be that many years before they would bear. And last spring 1918 we planted cherry trees, and in 1919 they had cherries on. My father set out an apple or chard and it never bore to do any good for fifteen years. Now why the difference, was it the moon? the moon? Seaman, Ohio. Tina Glasgow.

## Rheumatism Left Him As If **By Magic!**

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#### HOW IT HAPPENED.

HOW IT HAPPENED. Mr. Ashelman is only one of thousands who suf-fered for years, owing to the general belief in the old, false theory that "Urid Acid" causes rheuma-tism. This erroneous belief induced him and legions of unfortunate men and women to take wrong treatments. You might just as well attempt to put out a fire with oil as to try and get rid of your rheu-matism, neuritis and like complaints, by taking treatment supposed to drive Uric Acid out of your blood and body. Many physicians and scientists now know that Uric Acid never did, never can and never will cause rheumatism; that it is a natural and necessary constituent of the blood, that it is found in every new-born babe, and that without it we could not live. we could not live.

These statements may seem strange to some folks, who have all along been led to believe in the old "Uric Acid" humbug. It took Mr. Ashelman fifty years to find out this truth. He learned how to get rid of the true ccase of his theumatism, other dis-orders and recover his strength from "The Inner Mysteries", a remarkable book now being distributed free by an authority who devoted over twenty years to the scientific study of this particular trouble. NOTE: If our notice of Device Florite The .

NOTE: If any reader of Park's Floral Magazine wishes the book that reveals these facts regard-ing the true cause and cure of rheumatism, facts that were overlooked by doctors and scientists for cen-turies past, simply send a pret card or letter to H. P. Clearwater, 29 N. Street, Hallowell, Maine, and it will be sent by return mail without any charge what ever. Gut out this notice lest you forget! If not a sufferer yourself, hand this good news to some afflicted friend.



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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sirs;-My mother was so pleased today to receive our "dear little Magazine" that I

to receive out dear hour vou know. 51 E. 123 St. N. Y. W. C. Beller. Editor's Note:-These are the little unsolicited testimonials that make the work of preparation of floral data very pleasing indeed. Dece View Becaived my Magazine a few

Dear Sirs;-Received my Magazine a few days ago. Oh! how glad I am to have our dear little Park's Floral Magazine with us again. Here is wishing you all the success in the world. It is the best Floral Magazine that I know of. I just received a letter feom Mrs. E. B. Murray and she said it was surely a red letter day to her when she received the dear

letter day to her when she received the dear little paper again. She also said she will soon send i an article for it. Just as soon as she has time. Mrs. J. T. Greenwell. Editor's Note—It is gratifying to have so many letters like the foregoing, and it will be a pleasure to find that Mrs. Murray and others whom the sub-scribers would like to hear from are interested to let us all hear from them again. us all hear from them again.

Dear Editor:

I was so glad to receive the October number and the assurance that it was coming right along hereafter. I was fearing for its life at one time and mourned, for 1 do think so much of it. I always feel when it comes as if I had had a visit from an old friend. I have taken it for years and could show you copies of the year 1896. The plants I received were fine, large ones, and all lived. The Wistaria, Trumpet Vine and Clematis Paniculata I received from you last year from the "Pick Me Outs' were such large, fine, well rooted plants. I was surprised and delighted with them. They have done finely this year. Success and long life to you is the wish of. Mrs J. Wright Herrington, Buskirk, N. Y.

Jear Editor:-I have read your little Maga-zine only once but it has charmed me. I found this column very interesting and could not resist the plea of its many advocates to write. I live in a city of over 100,000 popula-tion, but I love flowers and the free, open count y. I am 16 years old and would be de-lighted to correspond with boys and girls of my age or just a bit older my age or just a bit older.

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#### CHILDREN'S (OZNER.

Dear Editor:-As yet I have not seen any letters from Minnesota, so thought I would write and join your Childrens Corner. I live on a farm three and one-half niles from town. on a farm three and one-half hills from town. I am 15 years old and am a senior in high school. We lost our buildings in the large forest fire last fall—all except the house. We are now building our large barn and hope to have it finished before cold weather. If I see this letter in print I may write again. Will exchange letters with boys and girls who will write to'me. Merle Walker.

Cromwell, Minn.

Dear Editor:—Please let me in the Chil-dren's Corner. I am 12 years old and love flowers and pets. We have a large number of house plants and out of door shrubs. I live in a small town on the Scioto River bank, and there is a beautiful hill on the west side of town where we go and gather Wild Flow-ers in the spring and Hickory Nuts and Chest-nuts in the fall. I have an organ and a guitar and take lessons. We have canary birds named Rhody and Billy and two cats named Joe and Maude. The cats never bother the canaries but they will catch mice. I have two brothers Elwood and Victor. Mother has taken the Magazine a long time. I go to Sunday School. I love Pansies and Geraniums, but we have nearly all kinds of flowers and in winter our windows are full of blooming plants. Postals exchanged. and there is a beautiful hill on the west side plants. Postals exchanged.

Jasper, Ohio. Ethel Eleanor Newton. Editor's Note:-We feel very sure the Rev. Billy Sunday and his great chorus leader Mr. Rhodheaver would be glad to know that they had been remem-bered when the little canaries mentioned were receiving their names.

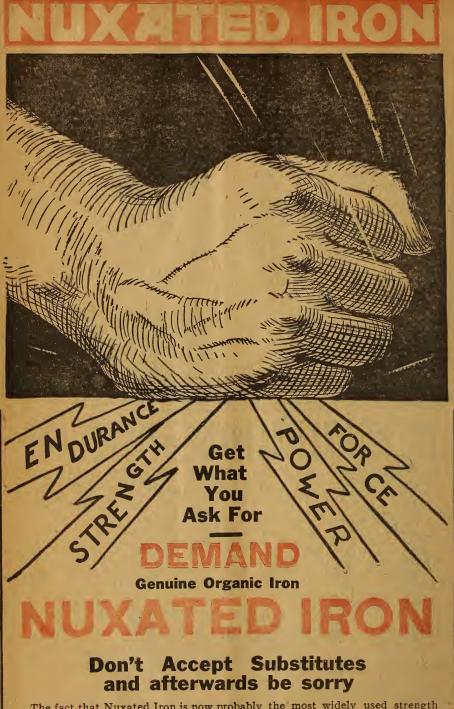
Dear Editor:—I have just discovered long how interesting the Floral Magazine is. I am the daughter of the carter of Morley There are four girls in our family. I was 15 years old the 15th of last March. I wish to exchange cards with Aud ey Foster, Weeke Mills, Maine, I have heard so much about that nice country. Violet Whitten, that nice country. R. 3, Canton, N. Y.

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#### CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Editor:—After reading your Magazine from time to time and seeing the Children's Corner I thought I would like to exchange some letters with some of the girls and boys. I am 15 years old, weigh 105 pounds and have dark brown hair and black eyes.

Hinton, W. Va. Bessie Davis.

Dear Editor:--I am a farmer's daughter, 18 years of age. I have dark hair, blue eyes and weigh 95 pounds. I do so love flowers and music. We live on an acre farm. I like to read the Children's Corner. I will exchange cards or letters received from girls of my age. Plymouth, Ill. Almina Martyn.

Dear Editor:—I am a girl 14 years old. I live on a farm and have one sister and one brother. My mother and father are both dead. I hope to see this little letter in print. Any letters that are received will be an-swered. V. E. Bailey. swered.

R. 1, Box 184, Rossville, Ga.

Dear Editor:—I am a lover of flowers and of music, and live on a farm 12 miles west of Hastings. I would like especially to ex-change letters and post cards with 'your poets. I enjoy so much the poems in the Magazine. B 3 luniate Nehr

R. 3, Juniata, Nebr.

Dear Editor:—I am a girl of 11 years and live on an 80 acre farm. We have ten cows, and four horses. I have lots of flowers. I would like to exchange letters and post cards with boys and girls of my age. R. 1, Box 85, Emmet, Ida. Marie Amen

Dear Editor:-We have taken your Maga-sine for a number of years and I enjoy read-ing the Children's Corner. I like the poems and the floral notes, It is my guide in raising flowers. I am 14 years of age and am in the eighth grade. For pets I have a dog, a cat, three gold fish and two white rabbits. I have Roses and Iris that I take care of myself. My mother is dead and I keep house for my father and brother during vacation and go to school in winter. Letters and cards ex-changed with boys and girls of near my age. Bx. 956, Lapulpa, Okla. Ruby Hamblin.

Dear Editor;-I am a blacksmith's daughter. I am interested in flowers, my favorites be-ing Pæonies and Roses. I work in the garden every evening as a special excercise. I have brown hair and dark blue eyes and am 14 years old. It would please me to exchange letters with boys and girls of about my age. Bx. 47, Jenny Lind, Ark. Pearl Phillips.

Dear Editor:—I like your little flower book very much especially the Children's Corner. I am a city girl and have light brown hair, fair complexion and dark blue eyes, and am 15 years old and am five feet tall. I am in high school. The ocean down here is very nice. Wish all the Children's Corner girls and how could come down here and take a and boys could come down here and take a dip in the great ocean with me. We live three blocks south of town. Out west we have a horse and a car to ride about with. Down here I spend most of my time at the plano, or in crochetting and tatting. I would like to exchange letters with boys and girls of about my age. Abbie Turnbull. of about my age. Delray, Fla.

#### **Birds and Flowers.**

Dear Sirs; I was certainly glad to again re-ceive the Magazine and hope that in the fuceive the Magazine and hope that in the in-ture we will have the pleasure of getting it regularly. As I am very much interested in Wild Flowers and Birds I would like to cor-respond and exchange notes with those es-pacially interested in the Wild Flowers and Birds of the State of California. Have also a few varieties of Wild Flower seeds to ex-change. A. J. Soars.



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orous. I find them in the morning but none fall during the day.— Mrs. G. O. Bailey, R. 1 Kingsley, Pa. Ans. If the leaves

wilt the probability is you will discover a worm hole in the stalk. If so split the stalk and remove the worm and tie up with string. Also caused by sour soil, and the cure is to stir in air-slacked lime.



SINGLE DAHLIA.

**It Is a Euphorbia Jacquiniae Ora.** Please let me know the name of the plant I enclose leaves of. It grows as a vine, with thorns on the branches, sheds its leaves in mid-winter and immed-ially sends out new leaves that are very glossy, with a faint pink tinge along the edges. My plant is 3 years old, quite large, but it has never blossomed. I would like to know if it ever will? Mrs. M. C. B. Ans.—Your plant is a Jacquiniæflora, a hand-some window blooming plant from Mexico. The buds are bright orange-scarlet, produced at the axil of the leaves, forming long wreaths. It certainly should bloom for you. How long since you repotted it? Is it in a healthy con-dition?

EXCHANGE Mrs. C. J. Rehmers, R. A. Bor 33, Offerle, Kans. has seed of white and pink Cosmos, Cornflower mixed, Balsam Apple vine, Balsame, Four O'clocks, mixed Popp, and flowsring Bean vine to exchange for hardy bulbs of Tulips etc., also Dahlins, Narcissus, Hyacinthe, garden or grass Pinks, seed of dark red Cosmos and other flowers. I would like to hear from Mrs. Mary Mueller, Stewardson, III.

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#### COBRESPONDENCE.

Good Morning! dear flower friends. Soon old mother earth will be robed in her snowwhite gown, and the thousands of beautiful flowers sleeping and dreaming of a sweet spring day. What a great loving Savior and Lord who reigns in the heavens above, to give to man the many blessings he enjoys. And there is nothing in the world that possesses as much beauty as the whole floral kingdom. I think there is nothing printed which gives as much instruction on the care and treatment of flowers as Park's Floral Magazine. It sure is nice in our Editor to let us have space to tell of our success and failure with different flowers. I am fond of music and write poems for sacred music, "Hubby" writes sacred music, and has been a teacher for years. It gives me more pleasure in serving the Heavenly Father while writing poems than anything I ever did. while writing poems than anything I ever did. God has given us all a talent, and shall we bury it? or be up and doing and let our light shine-that others may be benefited thereby. We are beginning a book of sacred music entitled "The United Gospel Song-book", others are invited to contribute, may God give us help and strength in sending this book out into the world to eave men and women. Kossuth, Miss. Mrs. F.T. Mälikin

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CHILDBEN'S CORNEB.

Dear Editor: As I read your Magazine I see very few letters from Virginia, so I will write one. I am fifteen years old, and enjoy country life. 1 love flowers, my favorites are Pansies and Dahlias. Mother has taken your Magazine for six years, and I like to read the Children's Corner. We raise chickens, tur-keys, and ducks. I will exchange letters with hows and cirls boys and girls. Duffield, Va. Ila Carter.

Dear Editor: Will you admit a Tennesee boy into your charming Corner? I have been a silent reader for a long time, but have never written before. I am a country boy 16 years written before. I am a country boy 16 years of age, have light hair and blue eyes, am five feet seven, and weigh 130. I agree with Alton W. Jefferies on the whiskey question. I am strong against drink. I think the cigarette evil is about as great as the whiskey. I am fond of reading and have read many books. Mother died when I was ten years old, and left five of us children of which I was the old est and the youngest was only two months old. I would like to correspond with boys and girls of my age. J. Lester Dobbs. of my age.

Hohenwald, Tenn.

Dear Editor:-I am the daughter of a storekeeper. My birthday is December the 27th. Sweet Peas, Pansies and Calla Lilies are my favorites among the flowers. I have a sister and two brothers. I am 14 years old and would like to exchange cards and letters with girls of about my age. E. R. 2, Covington, Okawville, Ill. Edna Grefe.

#### OUESTION .

Mrs. George McQuiston, R 8, St. John's, Mich., says her Calla fails to open, buds lock splendid, plant is in good condition. What is the matter? Who will give an answer?



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#### TESTIMONIAL.

Dear Sir:-The plants arrived today and were in fine condition. Thank you much. Coldwater, N. Y. L. M. Riggs.

Gentlemen:-I am glad to learn through the Gentlemen: —I am glad to learn through the little monthly that you will continue the same. It has been coming so long that I should miss it very much. I not only enjoy the flower part of it, but the poetry is always so good. "The House on the Side of the Road" was worth the price of the Magazine. go right along and give us a good mixture. New York. Fred C. Weavers.

Dear Editor;- I have been a silent reader of the Magazine for twelve years. I love to read the letters from the sisters about flowers. I have about twenty different kinks of flowers, have about twenty different kinks of flowers, besides a large number of Geraniums and different kinds of house plants, and I have Dahlias, Cannas, Gladiolus, and different kinds of shrubs, such as Golden Bells, Snow-berry, Roses, and Lilacs besides Tulips and Lilies. I also grow the old fashioned "Life for Ever" both colors, yellow and green and plain gresn. My flowers are a perfect nerve tonic for me in the spring and fall. I always like to try some new plants. I just received two new plants today, the crimson and white Crape Myrtles. I am starting Oleander slips in water now, and I have a large dish of Paper in water now, and I have a large dish of Paper White Narcissus that I suppose will bloom be-long. I have a large box of the Magazines and look them over to see how I care for my flowers. Postals or letters exchanged. Jasper, Ohio. Mrs. J. Newton.



success with Rex Begonia. I have ordered a Rex Begonia and do not know how to care for the plant or what kind of soil to use, so I am re-uesting advice through the Floral Magazine.-Mrs Inez Colegrove, Belfast, Ark Ark.

> Ans.—Rex Begonia delights most in a sandy Begonia porous, well-drained soil and a rather warm and moist atmosphere.

Avoid hot sunshine upon the leaves while the dew is on the plant, and in sunshinny weather use the syringe for watering in the evening. Partial shade will be appreciated by the Begonia in summer. When the leaves die off it is mostly due to a wet, tenacious soil and poor drainage and it is a sure sign the plant needs repotting.

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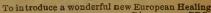
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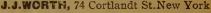
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Ans.-(1) No, it is not. (2) Yes in the ordi-nary way. (3) Never, not even in the same pot. If, however, the seed of two or more different If, however, the seed of two or more different sorts was sown together it would mix. (4) Ar-temesia Annua. (5) In summer root Ten Weeks Stock under glass jars, same as Rose cuttings, in a shady place; in winter root them in a box of sand in a sunny window. (6) Can any sub-scriber answer this question? If so write it to us and we will print it, please. (7) You did not say what sort. If a Chinese Hibiscus, plune in the fall, after blooming; if an Althea, or hardy Hibiscus, trim right away after it has finished blooming. (8) They are mealy Bugs. Rub them off with a brush and then wash with soapy water. (9) You must cut your leaf to a point and so that there will be a piece of the rib right at the point of each cutting; it is from this rib point the ribs spring. Then stick in sand. Four or five can be made from a single leaf. leaf.

#### EXCHANGES.

Woodland Rabbitary, LaPark, Pa., has Plants, Shrubs, Flower and Vegetable seeds, many varieties, to exchange for Belgian Hares, Homer Pigeons, any quality or age. Write what you have, and the price, and whats wanted.

Antone I. Soares, R. 1, Br. 23, Hayward, Calif. As I am living all alone, I would like to get in touch with a single man who is interested in outdoor life with whom I could "double up" resources to establish a home on a little farm where the two could erjoy each others companion-ablp and follow any line of work that will be congenial to both. I will be pleased to hear from any man interested.

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Mrs. Helen McKee, 666 W. Market St., Warren, Ohio, has Altheas, many colors of hardy Phlox and Iris to ex-change for something useful.

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Mrs. A. J. Ockurfek, R. I. Box 51, Branch, Ark., has seed of Petunias, Vincas, Yuccas, Zinnias and Marigolds to ex-change for Scarlet Sage and Phlox seed or root of red Begonia and Dahlia.

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hardy plants. Mrs. Francis Dickson, Q. 3, Holladay, Tenn., has Oy-donia Japonica, Bridai Wreath, Iria, Pæonies, Yuccas, Ohina Pinks, Japanese Snowball, White Chrysenthemums, Horse Radish roots, red, pink and the Chrysenthemums, Sweet Williams, Leek, Maiden's Elneh, Tiger Lily, White Lily, Daffodils, Narcissus, Blue Jonquist and purple Pinks to exchange for odd pieces of goods to piece oquit tops. Mrs. W. B. Yeater, Box 172, Albany, Mo, has Cannas, Dahlins Maderia bulbs to exchange for Tulips, Hyacinths and Gladious.

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