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Lapark, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Sow These Choice Seeds Now.

Biennials and Perennials.

These are sometimes called the "poor man's flowers," because when once a bed of them is established many of the plants will live and bloom for years with but little care. Some, as Daisies, Margaret Carnation, Gaillardia compacta and Centaurea Imperialis will bloom the first season, but most of them bloom the second year after the plants are started. The biennials, as the Adlumia vine and Lunaria bloom the second year, then die. Most of the biennials, however, keep up an annual supply from self-sown seeds. All Biennials and Perennials are successfully sown in boxes or prepared beds in May, June or July. Do not delay getting and sowing the seeds till another spring. You will lose a whole year by so doing, and life is too short to lose a whole year's pleasure with these choice flowers by a little neglect in getting and sowing the seeds. The cost of the seeds is hardly worth considering. Club with your friends, and send in a large order at once.

Antirrhinum, New Giant-flowered Semi-dwarf, Fragrant, Black Purple, Pure White, Rosy Pink, Golden Yellow, Variegated. Make an elegant bed, edged with Tunicia. The six packets 15 cents. The Snapdragons mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Anchusa affinis, splendid blue perennial, blooming first season. 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Aquilegias, Large-flowered, glorious new varieties of Columbine in splendid mixture; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Daisy, Giant Double (Bellis), the improved, large-flowered sort; a superb hardy, everblooming edging plant. White, red and rose mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Calceolarias, Bedding, highly praised by English florists; beautiful, free-blooming plants; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Campanula, new large-flowered, Peach-leaved; special mixture, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents. Also Canterbury Bells, double and single and Cup and Saucer, in mixture, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Carnation, New Malmalson, immense fragrant flowers, produced the first season. 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Carnation, New Chabaud, elegant continuous-blooming sort; mixed colors, 4 pkts. 10c, 1 pkt. 3c.

Centaureas, New Fragrant, the large Imperial and Odorous varieties in special mixture. 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Commelina Sellowiana, splendid trailing plant for pots and baskets; showy rich blue flowers. Four packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Delphinium, Early-flowering, superb blue and white flowers; perennial; very fine; Mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Delphiniums, Park's Orchid-flowering, single and double; grow from 4 to 7 feet tall; all the rich new colors—white, blue, violet and yellow in fine mixture; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Digitalis, Foxglove, splendid mixture of all sorts, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Dianthus, New Japanese, Double and Single; large rich flowers throughout the season; special mixture, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Eremurus Robustus, Giant Hyacinth Lily from Turkestan, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Gypsophila paniculata, charming fairy-like flowers in profusion on almost invisible stems; fine for bouquets; hardy perennial. 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—What is more beautiful than Gypsophila paniculata, with its misty sprays of tiny white blossoms! It gives grace to a bouquet of flowers that nothing else will, and grows so readily in any common soil, with so little trouble that I would think every one would have some of it.—Mrs. Warner Chapin, Hampden Co., Mass.

Gaillardia, Compact Bedding, an elegant bedding perennial, always blooming freely; showy and hardy; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Gumera, Giant Ornamental; enormous leaves, six to eight feet across; mixed sorts, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Heracleum giganteum, a monster perennial from the Caucasus; 12 feet high, with immense flower umbels; easily grown; 4 packets 10c, 1 packet 3c.

Heuchera sanguinea, splendid perennial with scarlet, white and rose flowers; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Linum Perenne, the Perennial Flax; everblooming; very pretty hardy plants; blue and white mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Lunaria variegata, the variegated Honesty; handsome in both foliage and flower; biennial; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Primrose, Park's Hardy, elegant spring-flowering perennials; white, yellow, rose, etc., mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Peas, Perennial, handsome climbing everblooming hardy plants; flowers white to rich red; fine for trellis or trailing bed; mixed, 4 pkts. 10c, 1 pkt. 3c.

Phlox, Perennial, showy panicles of rich-colored flowers; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3c.

Poppy, Perennial, a gorgeous perennial; flowers from five to nine inches across, of rich colors; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Platycodon, the Chinese Bell Flower, one of our finest hardy perennials; large blue and white flowers; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3c.

Pink, Park's Everblooming, new, hardy, fragrant, always blooming in summer and autumn; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Romer's Giant Prize Pansies, the finest, the largest, richest strain known; there are none better; mixed, all colors, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 pkt. 3 cents. 10 packets in shades, 25 cents.

Saponaria ocymoides splendens, a grand spring-blooming perennial; a mass of pink, clustered blooms; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Valerian, Fragrant, the Garden Heliotrope; white, rose and scarlet mixed, 4 packets 10c, 1 packet 3c.

Tofted Pansy, splendid Bedding Violas, everblooming, all colors from white to royal purple, also variegated; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3c.

Wallflower, Early Parisian, the new early-blooming sort; very handsome for pots and the garden; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Sweet William, Giant Holborn Glory, the largest-flowered and finest Sweet Williams; deliciously fragrant, marvelous in color and markings; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

For The Window Garden.

The most healthy and beautiful plants are grown from seeds, and to have fine flowers in winter the seeds should be sown during June, July and August. For handsome pot plants for foliage and bloom the coming winter I especially recommend Acacia

lophantha speciosa, Decorative Asparagus, Silver Cloud Aster, Camellia-flowered Balsam, Winter-blooming Begonia, Giant Browallia, Winter-blooming Carnations, Hybrid Cinerarias, Fancy Coleus, Malmaison Carnation, Double Daisy, Eupatorium, Grevillea robusta, Heliotrope, Impatiens Sultani, Kenilworth Ivy, Purple Lobelia, Dwarf Lantana, Baby Nasturtium, New Compact Petunia, Park's Globular Chinese Primrose, Primula obconica, Primula Forbesi, Primula floribunda and Primula gold-laced. All of these are easily grown, and are satisfactory for foliage or flowers in the window if started this month. Pleasure with the window garden is always enhanced by raising and watching the plants from the tiny seedlings till full-grown and blooming, and this method is highly recommended. Order seeds for yourself and friends this month.

Acacia *lophantha speciosa*, the elegant new Fern Tree. One of the most beautiful easily grown pot plants known. 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3c.

Achimenes, lovely gesneriaceous plants; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Angelonia grandiflora, splendid house plant; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Asparagus, Decorative, special mixture, Plumous, Sprenger, etc.; mixed, 4 pkts. 10c, 1 pkt. 3c.

Asters, Park's Silver Cloud, the finest white Aster for beds or pots. Pure white, very floriferous. 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Balsam, Park's Prize Camellia, for winter-blooming in pots. Double as a rose, and showing all colors from white to crimson. 12 colors, separate, 5 cents per packet. Special mixture, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Begonia, Park's Winter-blooming, fine free-blooming sorts for the window in winter; mixed colors, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Browallia, New Giant, elegant large blue flowers; always blooming, splendid for pots. 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Carnations, Winter-blooming, rich and varied colors; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Cinerarias, Park's Large-flowered, most showy of window plants; easily started; mixed colors, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents. New Stellata, same price.

Cyclamen, Giant-flowered, mixed colors from white to cream, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents. Bloom in from 12 to 18 months after sowing. Every seed grows.

Chrysanthemums, Splendid Double, Veitch's Finest Mixture, the showy fall perennial seen at Fairs; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Coleus, Fancy-leaved, easily grown, showing the richest colors; finest strains mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Eupatorium serrulatum, the new fringed sort; showy white flowers; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Gloxinias, Park's New Hybrid, in superb special mixture, all the new large-flowered sorts, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—I planted a packet of your Hybrid Gloxinia seed the first of April 1902 and to my delight raised forty fine plants that began blooming early in July. They were as easy to raise as cabbage plants, and the flowers were simply grand.—Mrs. Lillie Pleas, Washington Co., Fla., Dec. 11, 1902.

Geranium, Zonale, finest mixture, all colors, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Grevillea robusta, the Australian Silk Oak, fine pot plant; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Heliotrope, New Bruant, the true large-flowered sorts in special mixture, all colors, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—I never saw as large Heliotropes as I grew from your New Giant or Bruant Heliotrope seeds. I bedded them out last summer, and feel quite safe in saying one plant was over four feet high. They are grand bedding plants, as they stand the sun so well.—Mrs. Lillie Gibson, Mendocino Co., Cal., Dec. 1, 1902.

Impatiens Sultani, the Zanzibar Balsam; an excellent everblooming window plant; mixed colors, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Kenilworth Ivy, a beautiful basket plant for a shady window; also for carpeting a bed of Roses or Gladiolus; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—Your Kenilworth Ivy is a good hanging basket plant, and so easy to grow from seeds. It blooms soon after it comes up, and continues to grow and bloom with so little care.—Mrs. Lillie Gibson, Mendocino Co., Cal., Dec. 1, 1902.

Lobelia, New Royal Purple, exquisite blue-flowered plant for pots and baskets; 4 pkts. 10c, 1 pkt. 3c.

Lantana, New Dwarf, superb bedding and pot plants; mixed colors, 4 packets 10c, 1 packet 3c.

Nasturtium, Baby or Lilliput, charming miniature sort for pots or edgings. Yellow, Red, Scarlet and Purple, each 5 cents; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Ostrowskia magnifica, a new glorious Campanula-like flower; hardy perennial; seeds very scarce; 1 packet of 5 seeds 10 cents, 3 packets 25 cents.

Petunias, Park's New Compact, fine for winter-blooming in pots; special mixture, 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 packet 3 cents. Park's Giant Frilled and Plain, Park's Giant Double and Park's Choice Bedding Petunias, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Phlox Drummondii, New Hortense, fine for pots and beds. Special mixture, all colors, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Phoenix Canariensis, a fine, easily grown Palm; 3 packets 25 cents, 1 packet 3 cents. Mixed Palms the same price.

Mr. Park—Phoenix Canariensis is one of the Date palms of the easiest culture, grows very fast, plant is three years old, is large and handsome with glossy green pinnate leaves. It is as easily cared for as a Geranium.—Mrs. Jno. C. Shaw, Sumter Co., S. C. Dec. 8, 1902.

Chinese Primroses, finest fringed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—Your Chinese Primroses are among the most beautiful and desirable of our winter flowers. None repay our care and patience more generously. They require no sunshine, and are always in bloom through all the dark, dreary days of winter. From one three-cent packet, I succeeded in growing a window full for myself, and several to give away.—Mrs. J. L. Wykoff, Crawford Co., Pa., Dec. 4, 1902.

Primrose, Park's Globular Chinese, bears huge frilled flowers in huge clusters, colors from white to rich crimson; special mixture, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Scabiosa, New Giant German, the grand improved Mourning Bride, 14 colors, from white to scarlet, and from azure to black blue; separate, 5 cents; all mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—Of all the plants to stand late frosts the Scabiosa or Mourning Bride is one to be depended on. I have plucked flowers this month from the border of Brides. Who could not get a lesson of courage from these sweet balls. My sister calls the red ones pin-cushions.—Mrs. Ira Peer, Elgin Co., Can., Dec. 1, 1902.

Salvia, New Giant, the best of Scarlet Salvias; immense racemes of large, brilliant flowers; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Schizanthus retusus, large, rich-colored flowers in profusion; fine for pots or beds. 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Ten Weeks' Stock, New Early Giant, the finest of these fragrant annuals; many colors, very double; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—If the flower folks want a plant that will bloom in a cool room in winter, let them try Ten Weeks' Stock. I have some fine plants raised from seeds purchased of you in the spring.—Mrs. Ben Whitney, Chaut. Co., N. Y., Dec. 10, 1902.

Boston Smilax, a lovely foliage vine for a trellis or pot; flowers very sweet, and succeeded by scarlet berries; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—The beautiful Boston Smilax is very easy to grow from seeds. I succeeded in getting over thirty plants from one three-cent pkt. of your seeds.—Mrs. Lillie Gibson, Mendocino Co., Cal., Dec. 1, 1902.

Verbena, New Compact; the greatly improved sort; splendid flowers and clusters; all the choice new shades; 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

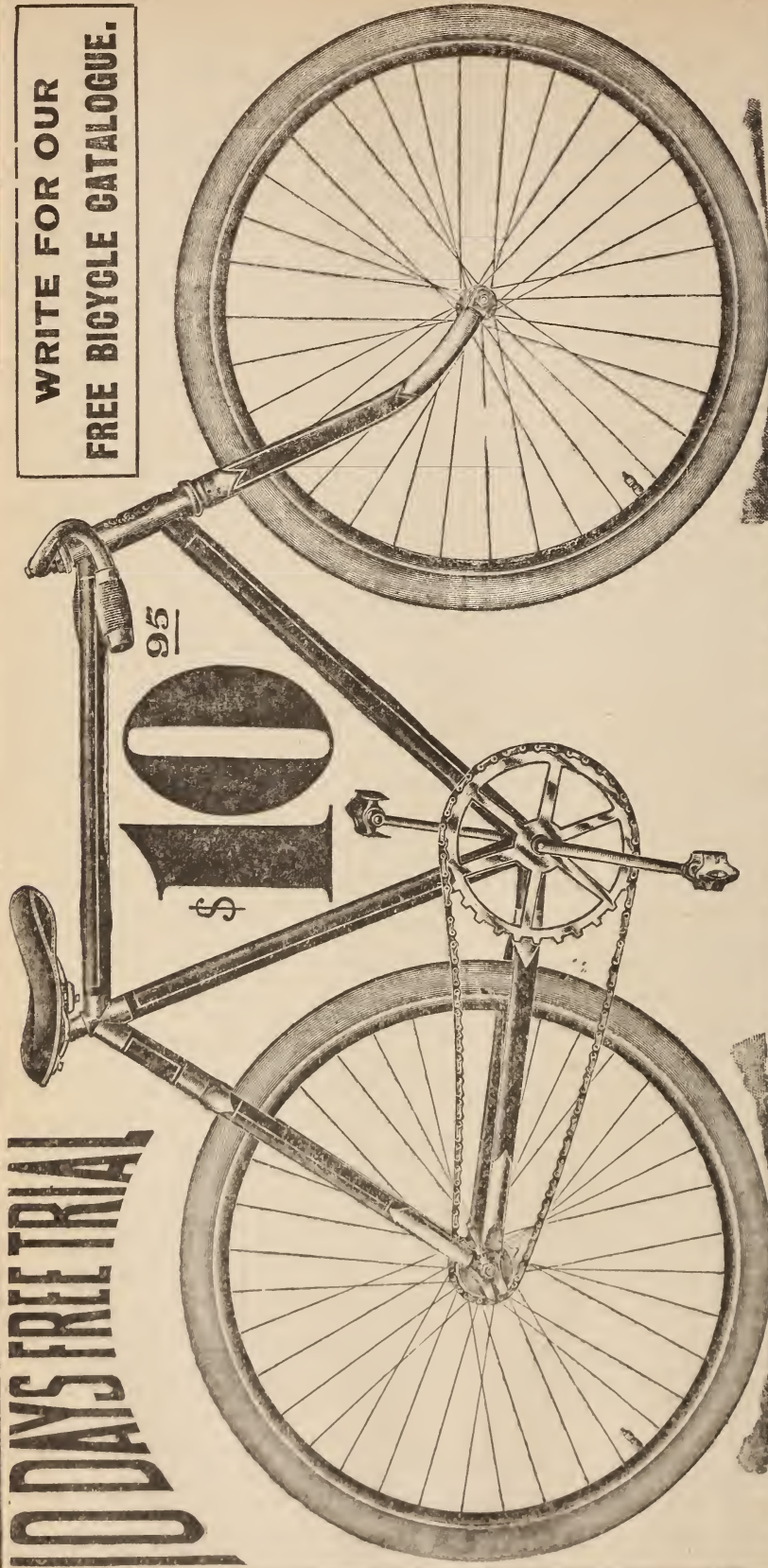
Vinca rosea, a sure-blooming and beautiful window plant for winter; flowers white and rose; mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 packet 3 cents.

Mr. Park:—Of all the flowers for the house or out of doors I think the Vincas are the best, because they are so easy to care for. If kept in the window, they are in bloom all the time. I had a white one that was never without flowers for eighteen months. Seedling plants will begin to bloom when three months old.—Mrs. C. M. Huskey, Jefferson Co., Mo.

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WINTER-BLOOMING CARNATIONS.

THE strain of beautiful perpetual-flowering Carnations recently developed by the famous French Carnationist, Moses B. Chabaud, has given a new impetus to the window culture of these flowers. These Chabaud Carnations are not only everblooming, but the seedlings show buds in from five to six months after they are started. The plants are of vigorous habit, and very free-blooming, the flowers being of immense size, double, of the richest colors, and deliciously scented.

able of all Carnations for pot culture in the amateurs' windows, as they do not suffer from variations in the atmosphere and other unfavorable conditions that would make the old-fashioned perpetual-flowering Carnations useless in the window. The plants being started from seeds, are always healthy, and not so liable to be affected by the many insects and diseases that trouble the plants grown from cuttings. The growth is regular, the bloom abundant, and a large proportion of the flowers are double. Sown during the present month (June) the plants will winter in the ground if allowed to grow undisturbed,



WINTER-BLOOMING CARNATIONS.

Some of the plants bear flowers that are attractively fringed, while others show only plain-edged flowers. Some of the flowers are self-colored; others are richly tinted, blended and marked.

These magnificent Carnations are hardy, and will withstand the cold of our severe winters, when started in the spring and allowed to become well established in the open ground. They are, consequently, well adapted for outdoor beds and groups, especially as they are everblooming and attractive throughout the season. They are, too, the most desir-

and they will begin to bloom early the following season. If potted, however, using a rich, porous, well-drained soil, and shifting until they occupy five-inch or six-inch pots, they will begin to bloom in December, and keep up the display throughout the winter months. Avoid too much heat in the room where the plants are kept, and moisten the atmosphere by evaporating water in an open pan upon the stove or register. The seeds germinate readily, and the young plants come on rapidly. To have branchy, well-stooled plants pinch out the shoots during the earlier stages of the plants' growth.

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

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Editorial.

Under Trees.—In a dense shade beneath spreading trees you may plant some of our native hardy Ferns, Lily of the Valley, Hardy Creeping Myrtle, *Leucojum æstivum*, English Ivy and various water plants. For a blooming vine use *Adlumia cirrhosa*. This is a biennial, but if started early the previous year it will make a strong growth, and each plant will stool out and throw up many strong shoots, bearing beautiful, maiden-hair-like foliage and clusters of delicate pink and purple flowers in profusion. It is the most desirable of vines for a shady place. The seeds do not always germinate promptly, and often will lie dormant for a year or more after sowing. Once started, however, the plant self-sows, and you will have no difficulty in keeping up the supply.

Louis Closson Begonia.—The Rex Begonia, Louis Closson, has large, metallic-like leaves, bronze-green center, with a red margin, the body distinctly spotted and blotched with silvery white. It is one of the handsomest varieties. It likes a moist, partially shaded place, and thrives in rich, porous, well-drained soil. If the plants become pot-bound, or the drainage is insufficient the leaves will drop off before they become fully developed. Avoid watering the plants or sprinkling the foliage while the sun is shining brightly upon them. It will often scorch and ruin them, especially when in the conservatory or greenhouse.

Tin Cans.—Many persons succeed better with tin vessels than with earthen ones. The soil in them does not dry out so quickly. See that the drainage is good.

LAVATERA TRIMESTRIS.

(See illustration on 1st Title Page.)

A VERY old, but very beautiful and showy hardy annual is *Lavatera trimestris*. It belongs to the Mallow family, and is sometimes called Tree Hollyhock, because of the tree-like habit of the plants, which attain the height of from three to five feet, and because the flowers are not unlike those of the Hollyhock in reduced form. It is a native of Southern Europe and Asia Minor, and was introduced about the year 1633.

The plants are easily grown from seeds, which may be sown early in the spring, where the plants are to bloom, or they may be sown in a seed-bed or box and transplanted. Set a foot apart they make a fine display in a border, the exquisite



rose and white flowers glittering against the mass of foliage like silk in the bright sunshine. They like a rich, porous soil. The seeds may be sown in June for late fall blooming, or in autumn or early spring for summer blooming.

The name is pronounced Lava'tera, the accented letter having the sound of a in far, and was given in honor of the Lavater brothers, naturalists of Zurich, Switzerland. The specific name means three-monthly, and is pronounced trim-es'-tris.

Impatiens Sultani.—This plant is easily raised from seeds, and is one of the most beautiful and free-blooming of plants, suitable for either pots or beds. The plants branch and assume a tree-like form, and throughout the summer are covered with their attractive salmon and carmine flowers. In groups in a partial shade in the garden they thrive well, and become a mass of beautiful foliage and flowers. If grown in pots and shifted until they occupy six-inch pots they make gorgeous specimens that will bloom throughout the winter months in the window. The seeds may be sown this month in a tray kept in a cool, shady place till the plants are large enough to pot. Plants start readily from seeds, and are of the easiest culture.

Slugs.—To rid your garden or greenhouse of slugs, sow bugs, and the like, introduce frogs. They are harmless little creatures, so far as the plants are concerned, but are set traps night and day—particularly night, for the pests. It is also said that they destroy nocturnal snails.

NEW GIANT HELIOTROPE.

THE special efforts made by a French florist to improve the Heliotrope in habit, in the size of the foliage, clusters and flowers have resulted in a new race of marvelous beauty, now being introduced under the name of Lemoine's Giant or Bruant Heliotropes. The plants are of vigorous, erect growth, bear massive foliage, and every branch is crowned by immense flower clusters often ten to twelve inches across, and the individual blooms twice the size of those of the old-fashioned Heliotropes. The colors range from pure white through the shades of blue to dark purple, and the fragrance is the same as that of the older sorts.

It may not be generally known that the most healthy and beautiful Heliotrope plants are raised from seeds as readily as those of Petunia, and bloom almost as soon. Bedded out they bear the sun well, if kept freely watered, and grow and bloom freely throughout the autumn. As pot plants they are favorites,



NEW GIANT HELIOTROPE.

being showy in appearance, and the exquisite masses of bloom filling the air with their delicious odor. These new varieties will doubtless revive the interest in Heliotropes and become popular. See engraving.

Hardy Garden Plants.—Among the choice hardy garden plants are *Aquilegia* in variety, *Æthionema grandiflora*, *Arabis alpina*, *Aubrietia*, *Double Daisy*, *Chelone barbata*, *Delphinium* in variety, *Campanula*, *Carnations*, *Pyrethrum roseum*, *Gypsophila paniculata*, *Hollyhocks*, *Linum perenne*, *Digitalis*, *Gaillardia grandiflora*, *Perennial Poppies*, *Perennial Phlox*, *Perennial Peas*, *Pinks*, *Iris*, *Polemonium*, *Primula veris*, *Rocket*, *Trollius*, *Verbascum* and *Wahlenbergia*. These are all easily raised from seeds sown this month, and with a few exceptions all will bloom next season. Most of the seedsmen supply the seeds at from three to five cents per packet.

VIOLA PEDATA.

A SUBSCRIBER in Monroe County, Pa., sends the Editor dried specimens of *Viola pedata* bearing white flowers, with the following note:

"Mr. Editor:—Enclosed find pressed specimens of *Viola pedata*. I have found this variety growing in the same locality for two years. Is it a sport or a recognized variety? The variety, *V. pedata bicolor* grows sparingly here, but the plain lavender variety grows abundantly on any poor hillside. What do you think of it?"

The plant is doubtless a well-defined variety. The Editor knows a place where there is a large patch of this Violet bearing flowers striped and blotched white, lavender and velvet. It is to be regretted that a native Violet so varied and beautiful should not be improved by the florist, and brought into general cultivation. It blooms very freely throughout the spring months, and often during the late autumn. It is mostly found in spouty places where the soil becomes very dry at times during summer.



NEW COMPACT ERYSIMUM.

New Compact Erysimum.—The new Dwarf Compact Erysimum is a showy hardy perennial growing six inches high, and bearing in the spring a profusion of bright golden yellow flowers. The little cross-like flowers are produced in clusters, as shown in the engraving, and when the plants are massed in a bed they are gorgeous and beautiful at a time when bedding flowers are scarce. The easy culture of this perennial from seeds recommends it to the amateur. The seeds are sold at from three to five cents per packet, and may be successfully sown this month to have plants for blooming next spring.

Winter-blooming Geraniums.—To have fine Geraniums for winter-blooming put in cuttings during June or July, using only varieties that bloom freely in winter. Shift the plants to larger pots as they grow, and pinch off the buds to prevent blooming during summer. Give a sunny window in winter. Among the better varieties are *America* and *Dryden*.

IMPATIENS SULTANI.

FEW persons who grow this plant know of its capabilities. It is one of the easiest of pot plants to propagate from seeds, being almost as readily started as the common Camellia-flowered Balsam. It is one of the most desirable of bedding plants for a sheltered situation, the showy bright salmon and rich carmine flowers being very freely and continuously produced. And it is, as most persons know, one of our very best window plants for blooming either in summer or winter. The plants branch and assume a handsome tree form, and the dense, delicate foliage is a charming background for the attractive flowers which are held above by their slender stems.

We are accustomed to hear of everblooming plants, and often speak of a plant as everblooming, even though it may show but a few buds or flowers scattering during the season. But in the *Impatiens Sultani* or Zanzibar Balsam, we have a plant that is truly everblooming—is never without buds and flowers—not a few stray buds and blossoms, but dozens and hundreds of them, according to the size of the plant. It likes rich, porous, well-drained soil, plenty of pot room and water, a partial shade in summer and sunny window in winter. Keep it growing and you can not keep it from budding and blooming.

Mrs. Jas. Elmer, of Illinois, writes her experience with this *Impatiens*, as follows:

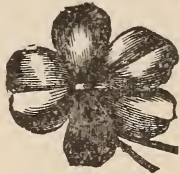
"Mr. Editor:—My everblooming *Impatiens Sultani* began blooming when very young. It grew rapidly, branched freely, and the buds multiplied faster and faster. The little, bright red blossoms among the glossy green foliage were about three-fourths of an inch in diameter, and looked very handsome as they increased. I counted over thirty-five buds on my plant when it was only seven or eight inches high. I would advise every plant lover to try it."

The Editor would heartily endorse the advice of this floral Sister. A three-cent packet of the seeds sown this month will yield a windowful of winter-blooming plants, and the flowers will be of various shades from flesh-white and salmon to dark, rich carmine. The plants thrive in a temperature that suits a *Coleus*, and requires about the same treatment.

For Shade.—Ten herbaceous plants suitable for a shady place are *Anemone sylvestris*, *Aquilegia*, *Digitalis*, *Hemerocallis*, *Iris*, *Lily of the Valley*, *Myosotis dissitiflora*, *Polemonium reptans*, *Platycodon*, *Primula officinalis*, *Trollius* and *Viola odorata*. Ten bulbous or tuberous plants are *Eranthus hyemalis*, *Erythronium grandiflorum*, *Funkia grandiflora*, *Iris Germanica*, *Leucojum aestivum*, *Lilium superbum*, *Ornithogalum umbellatum*, *Scilla campanulata*, *Snowdrops* and *Trillium grandiflorum*.

PERENNIAL PEAS.

AMONG the hardy plants commonly grown from seeds the varieties of *Lathyrus latifolius*, known as Perennial Peas, should stand at or near the head of the list. The plants are perfectly hardy, have no insect enemies, begin to bloom early in the season, and if kept from seeding will bloom the entire season, until after severe frosts. The vines may be trained to a trellis or over a summer house, or may be allowed to trail upon the ground. In either case the flowers, in large clusters, are so easily produced that the plants appear as a mass of bloom. When allowed to trail they form a perennial bed that is not only attractive throughout the season, but does not require watering, and will be fresh and beautiful during a drouth, when most other plants not artificially watered are dry and flowerless. This tenacity is easily accounted for by examining the roots. Like those of the Red Clover, they are large and strong, and penetrate into the subsoil, drawing nourishment from the deep, moist earth far below the surface. The plants, too, are vigorous in growth, and will hold their own



IMPATIENS.



PERENNIAL PEA.

even among the most tenacious and encroaching grasses. Once established a bed of these Perennial Peas will assure you flowers for a generation to come, for the plants appear in their vigor and beauty every season, and do not require the care and attention which most of our flowering plants demand. The seeds of this grand perennial may be planted this month to have fine blooming plants next year. Put them in where you wish the plants to remain and bloom, as the deep rooting character of the plants makes their removal difficult. The seeds may be obtained to color, as white, rose and red, or they may be purchased in mixture, and cost only from three to five or ten cents per packet. Those who take the advice here given, and start a bed of the choice Perennial Peas this month will always feel thankful in the years to come that their special attention was drawn to this best of perennial vines, in the above laudatory but truthful remarks.

Platycodon.—This splendid perennial is hardy and tenacious, and always satisfactory. It is a first-class herbaceous plant, easily grown from seeds. A fine garden perennial.

Trees and Shrubs.

ROSES IN POETRY AND SONG.

“I HAVE gathered me a posie of other men's flowers, and nothing but the thread that binds them is my own.”

“Did Jove a queen of flowers decree,
The Rose a queen of flowers should be.
Of flowers the eye; of plants the gem;
The meadows blush; earth's diadem.”

The month of perfect days has come, and rose-tide is at its height. To be sure there will not be a time from now until fall that we may not have Roses galore, but June is rose-time, and we cannot always have June. The June air, the June sunshine, and the June Roses! Let the joy of June into your hearts. It will give peace and rest. Let us heed Herrick, when he says,

“Gather ye rose-buds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying,
And this same flower that smiles to-day,
To-morrow may be dying.”

How we loved the dear old-fashioned Roses of the old home garden where

“Old garden rose-trees hedged it in,
Bedropt with Roses waxen white,
Well satisfied with dew and light,
And careless to be seen.”

They were not splendid nor gorgeous, those old-time Roses, but such happy fancies, such wondrous dreams as emanated from them. How bright and fair the whole world was then! How good and pure everything seemed! Now

“In rose-time I love to lie
Among the grass and name the ships,
Whose sails are clouds in fleecy sky,
And watch their swift, ethereal trips.

“In rose-time, when swallows skim
Adown the dusky way and lane,
I love to look beyond the rim
Of past and be a child again.”

From time immemorial the Rose has been the favorite theme of the poets. What quaint conceits and happy inspirations have emanated from it. A poet of the present time happily sings,

“The Rose is such a lady—
So stately, fresh and sweet,
It joys to hold her image,
The rain-pool at her feet.

“They look such common lasses,
Those red pinks in a line;
The Rose is such a lady—
So dignified and fine.

“Here's one come from a garden
To die within this book;
See, in the faded features
The old lady-like look.”

All of the great poets have sung of the Rose. Spenser calls it “the glory of the day.” Burns wrote,

“Here's the flower that I love best—
The Rose that's like the snow.”

Shakespeare mentions it frequently, and Keats sang to it. To Scott, Byron, Cowper and Wordsworth it was an inspiration. In

fact, there is no great poet but made it the theme of their songs. Moore's “Last Rose of Summer” is an immortal poem.

“'Tis the last Rose of summer
Left blooming alone,
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone.
No flower of her kindred,
No rose-bud is nigh,
To reflect back her blushes
And give sigh for sigh.

“I'll not leave thee, thou loved one,
To pine on the stem,
Since the lonely are sleeping,
Go sleep thou with them.
Thus kindly I scatter
Thy leaves on the bed,
Where the mates of the garden
Lie scentless and dead.”

Annex Bodey Calland,
Champaign Co., Ohio.

Native Shrubs.—The Spring is an excellent time to transplant shrubs, especially those found in the woods, such as Dogwood, Crab-apple, Sumach, Wild Rose, Quaking Asp, and Prickly Ash. As nearly as possible select a like position and like soil when you remove these plants. Their after-growth will thank you. I would especially recommend Wild Crab-apple, Wild Rose, Dogwood and Sumach. The objection to the latter is its propensity for sprouting, but this can be kept down. These all grow wild near the central parts of Indiana and Illinois, but unless they are protected or removed to lawns they will soon become very scarce, consequently rare.

Emma Clearwaters.

Vermilion Co., Ind.

Hydrangea paniculata.—Hydrangea paniculata is one of our best shrubs. With me it is perfectly hardy, though I put a bottomless nail keg over it the first winter. Planted at the north-east corner of the house it has plenty of sunlight, and not too intense heat of the sun. I imagine it needs plenty of water. The flowers are a pale, delicate green at first, but grow larger and whiter, like the Snowball. After a month or six weeks they acquire a pink tint which gives them a peculiar appearance. The clusters are conical, and one on my bed this year was sixteen inches in circumference. It blooms when flowers are scarce. I can recommend it heartily.

H. O. S.
Nodaway Co., Mo., Nov. 23, 1902.

Crepe Myrtle.—I want to speak a word for the Crepe Myrtle. It is hardy in the south, and very beautiful, with its crepe-like flowers, which begin to open in early summer and continue till frost. You have only to plant once in a lifetime. It grows ten feet tall. In portions of Africa it is said to grow to large trees and is much used for fuel. There are many colors, but the pink and crimson are more commonly seen here.

Mrs. Mary Junial,
Ouachita Co., Ark., Nov. 24, 1902.

Garden Culture.

THE YELLOW ROSE.

Oh, first sweet rose of summer,
With golden petals fair,
With dark and serrate foliage,
And fragrance rich and rare.

Thou art a flower of promise,
Oh, first-born rose of June!
For all thy sister Roses,
With lovely garments on,

Are coming, quickly coming,
To gladden us awhile.
Oh Roses, lovely Roses,
Ye are the Father's smile!

Subscriber.

ROSES.

No matter how many flowers one may have, there is always room for one more Queen of Flowers. Now and then we come across some kind for which the florist has little to say, and it proves of special merit to us. Madam Joseph Schwarts is not so very highly recommended by florists, but has proved a perfect gem. The plant is a very vigorous grower, with large flowers, perfectly double and exquisitely sweet. In color it is very dainty, pure white tinged and shaded with yellow and rosy blush. This is a beautiful Rose, and a constant and profuse bloomer, and one of the most vigorous growing Roses I have ever seen. My plant is about six years old, five feet in height, and a very large bush, and nearly always in bloom.

Isabella Sprunt is an old Rose, and a very valuable one. This is a bright canary yellow, with exquisitely shaped, long, pointed buds. It is a vigorous grower, and does equally well as a pot plant or bedded out.

Lincoln Co., Ky.

Laura Jones.

Snapdragons.—I had some Snapdragons this year for the first time, and I will never be without them again. Last year I planted them, but the season was so dry they did not bloom. I wintered them in the cellar. In the spring I planted them in ground enriched by manure, and hoed them well, and the first of June I had a lovely sight. They were so big, and of all colors. Mrs. Ida Comegys.

Wapello Co., Iowa.

[NOTE.—Snapdragon plants started in June, or that have not exhausted themselves blooming the first season will endure the winter in the open ground and bloom freely the following season. The new, large-flowered fragrant varieties are much superior to the old-fashioned dull-colored sorts.—Ed.]

Hardy Grasses.—If you wish a clump of grasses which will elicit many encomiums have a solid green Fountain Plant (*Eulalia zebrina*) and *Phalaris picta* (Ribbon Grass) surrounding it. Once planted it is always certain to live.

E. J. H.

Hardin Co., Ky., Dec. 12, 1902.

ABOUT HARDY PRIMROSES.

READING of the Improved Hardy Garden Primrose in the Floral Magazine, I am reminded that Hardy Primroses are growing in my garden. Indeed, they have been a fixture there for many years, and though not of the late improved varieties, they, when in bloom, present an attractive interesting and beautiful appearance. A border, thirty-two feet long, in my garden, has a wide edging of the single, yellow Primula, which is now a perfect mass of bloom of an



PRIMULA VERIS.

exquisite shade of light yellow, gleaming in the sunlight like pale gold. The flowers grow in clusters of six or eight on stems six inches long. They are of a lovely shade of clear, light yellow, with a spot of deep yellow at base, and fragrant with a fragrance like apple blossoms.

Another border is edged with "Hose-in-Hose". The plants form rosettes of crinkled leaves, which are beautiful, especially so when the rich, velvety flowers are in bloom. They harmonize exquisitely with the deep green of the crinkled leaves. The flowers are double, appearing as two flowers, one stuck within the other. The buds are a deep, rich, velvety red. The flowers when expanded are red on the outside and pale yellow within, edged with the same red, and a deep yellow at base. The effect is singularly rich and attractive. These come into bloom a little later than the others. I have, also, two other varieties of Primula, a single white and a double white, double like a Daisy. These plants are all exceedingly hardy.

Ada Gist.

Wirt Co., W, Va.

Hollyhocks.—The Double Hollyhocks are greatly to be desired, but few know how pleasing an effect a group of the single mixed ones will produce, if allowed to spread at their own sweet will for a year or two. We have such a group, and it truly is a graceful spot when the wind sways the tall stalks. Some are more than ten feet tall. To be sure one would not wish them right by the front door, but for an out-of-the-way corner, or against an old building, they harmonize so well. Try and be convinced.

Edgar Co., Ill.

Dwarf Snapdragons.—There is nothing finer for bedding, or pots in the house either, than Dwarf Snapdragons.

Runnels Co., Texas.

Hollyhocks.—I think the double lemon-colored Hollyhocks are very pretty. The blooms look like wax.

Isabel C. Wise.

Washington Co., Pa.

OSTROWSKIA MAGNIFICA.

THE gorgeous perennial recently introduced from Bokhara under the name of *Ostrowskia magnifica* has been favorably received and highly praised by the English and German florists, and it will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to our list of hardy perennial flowers in America. It is a near relative of the *Campanula*, and might be termed the Giant Bellflower of Bokhara.

The plants of this grand floral novelty grow from three to four feet high, bearing large, fleshy, deeply cut leaves dispersed in whorls around the stem. The seeds are much larger than those of *Campanula*, and are not so prompt in germinating as those of many of that genus. The plants, too, develop rather slowly, and unless the conditions are favorable they are not likely to bloom until the third season, when the plants become strong and well established. When the flowers do appear, however, they will repay our patience in waiting, for they are very attractive. Imagine the beauty of a huge bell-shaped flower six inches in diameter, as represented in the engraving, drooping in bud but developing into an

open and erect flower, delicate in texture, and displaying shades varying from lilac to rich dark purple, and you have a faint conception of this giant bell-flower.

In attempting the cultivation of any new flower it is well not to be too enthusiastic. Disappointments often arise from lack of knowledge of the plant and its requirements,

and we have often to become acquainted with the flowers to recognize their true value. The beauty of this new candidate for our gardens and its adaptability seem to recommend it to those who love hardy garden plants, and it deserves a trial. The seeds may be sown this month to become blooming plants the second or third season. When once established the plants, it is said, will last for many years. Awarded a first-class certificate by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Trained Petunias.—Many people do

not know that Petunias can be trained up. When I transplant from the seed bed, I set the plants about six inches from a paling fence that divides my front yard from our vegetable garden, and in places where I want a high screen of beauty. Then, as they grow, I keep the branches all cut off but four or five, drive a stake firmly in the ground beside each one, tying loosely to the stake. It is well to start with a long stake, for they will grow rapidly, and soon begin to bloom, and are a mass of large velvet bloom till cut down by Jack Frost. I had many that reached six feet in height this season, and my fence was literally hidden with bloom.

Many of my friends could not believe the Petunias I had were not some new climbing variety. They did the climbing, and I tied them up once a week, as they have no tendrils to hold them up, only as you tie them. Give them rich soil, and you could not wish for finer flowers than you'll have.

Wash. Co., Pa. Mrs. Margaret Huffman.



OSTROWSKIA MAGNIFICA.

Floral Poetry.

IN THE MEADOW.

Down in the meadow, pure and fragrant,
Where the grass grows green and sweet,
And the sparrow sings so sweetly
In its leafy green retreat;
Where the Cowslip and the Daisy
Star the earth with tender bloom,
And the Goldenrod in autumn
Waves its slender yellow plume.

Often down this well-worn foot path,
When the cares of day were o'er,
Have I passed with leisure footstep,
Dreaming of the days of yore;
Gay companions wandered with me,
Every heart with joy elate;
Dreaming dreams of future greatness,
When we came to man's estate.

All the air was filled with sunshine,
And the earth was decked with flowers;
And the birds sang in the tree tops,
All the golden summer hours.
Now I wander sad and lonely,
And my heart is filled with pain;
Through the meadow, by the brookside,
Dreaming those sweet dreams again.

Gone are all my gay companions,
Scattered, sundered far and wide;
Gone the happy dreams of childhood,
And the bounding heart of pride.
Yet the air is full of sunshine,
And the birds sing in the trees,
And the fragrant breath of Clover
Floats upon the passing breeze.

And the brook among the grasses,
Sings its olden song so sweet;
And the Cowslip and the Daisy
Still my wandering vision greet.
All the air is full of gladness,
And the earth with flowers is gay;
And I find 'mid all this brightness,
Only I am changed today.

Norfolk Co., Mass. *Lucretia Banks Zastre.*

SPRING.

When the roseate sunny summer
Is queen o'er wood and fell,
And the merry light-winged zephyrs
Their love to the Roses tell;
When the dewdrops lie on the Lilies,
And shine in the grasses green,
O, then we say of the season fair
Our favorite is the Queen.

And, then comes the splendid autumn,
The Prince of the leafy world,
With coronet of topaz, and
With scepter and throne of gold;
And these may be more lovely
Than the pearly winter snow,
Than the flashing, frosty jewels
In the wintry sun's pale glow.

But, today as I wandered, looking
To see where the snows were gone,
I saw a film of emerald
Over the field and lawn,
And I heard the blue-birds singing
And the lark's clear message ring,
And I said "She is fairer than all the rest,
The radiant sun-kiss'd Spring."

Beth Bradford.

Webster Co., Neb., April 1, 1903.

MY OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN.

O the dainty, white Sweet Peas,
With their lovely, waxen bloom,
Glowing brightly in the sunshine,
Lighting up the days of gloom.

Here the sleepy Poppy ladies,
With such rich and varied hues,
Stumberous incense from them falling,
Telling strange dreams to the dews.

Bright Nasturtiums, gaily blowing,
On a red or yellow horn,
Calling up the Morning Glories
Just in time to greet the morn.

And the piquant Pansy blossoms,
None more full of charm and grace,
And the Daisies, low and modest,
Nodding softly in their place.

Tulips, too, shall share my garden,
Though one Sister, sad of mind,
Bitterly condemns their colors,
"Hating" all their "flaunting" kind.

"Flaunting!" with such lovely colors!
Sister U. would surely say
That old sun, in golden splendor,
Is a little bit too gay.

They are all just as God made them,
Some so delicate and sweet,
Others like bright Tulips, surely
Can but cheer the sight they meet.

Charlevoix Co., Mich. Mrs. Leo Safford

FLOWERS FROM HOME.

'Twas but a box of blossoms sweet,
Culled with loving thought of him,
Filled with kindest wish, and purest,
While her eyes he knew were dim.
Dim with haunting fear unspoken,
While with prayers her heart o'erflowed.
Ah, there is no love like mother's
On us mortals here bestowed.

As he gazed they filled the office
With their perfume free from sin,
And they hushed his spirit's tumult,
And the city's noise and din.
He could feel the benediction
Of his mother's loving hand,
As it rested on his temples
"Darling, for the right e'er stand."

O, how seldom he remembered,
O, how dark his schemes stood out
In the light of that sweet spirit,
Shed somehow the room about.
Just a little box of blossoms,
Sent by mother's loving hand,
But it filled a day with sweetness,
And a heart with purpose grand.

Windham Co., Vt. Sarah E. Winslow.

GUESS!

Violets and Buttercups,
Daisies and Clover,
Sweet-scented breezes sigh low as they pass;
Blue skies above us,
Dear ones to love us,
Shy, nodding flow'rs deep in the tall grass.
Guess which month it is that brings
All these dear, delightful things!

Chenango Co., N. Y. Vera Warren Payne.

Bulbous Flowers.

IMPROVEMENT IN GLADIOLUS.

I AM glad to see the article in the March Magazine on the Gladiolus, as I am quite an enthusiast on this flower and would like to urge its cultivation. I consider it the most satisfactory flower for cutting of all that are grown. If the spikes are cut when the first flowers appear and placed in water all the buds will open, blooming continuously for a week or ten days. They have no unpleasant odor and do not fall to pieces. As an amateur I have made quite a specialty of the Gladiolus for several years. No flower has been more improved in late years, and most people have no idea of what fine Gladioli look like. The old common red one multiplies rapidly but is so inferior that I cannot allow room for one on my grounds.

Mrs. Mitchell is mistaken with regard to the Childsi section. I have cultivated several varieties for six or eight years—Mrs. Beecher, Mohonk, Henry Gillman, Wm. Falconer, Ethel and others. They have very strong, stiff stems and, while they do not increase rapidly by direct multiplication, they have a good number of large offsets and I have got up a good stock. This strain lacks light colors.

Another mistake is the statement that the Lemoinei have taken the place of the Gandavensis. They do form a valuable addition, having peculiar colors and markings, but they are mostly smaller, often somewhat hooded in form, bloom early and have a great many offsets or bulblets. But by far the most valuable addition are Groff's Hybrids. These were produced by H. H. Groff of Ontario, who has spent fifteen years in hybridizing, buying and testing hundreds of European varieties some costing \$3.00 to \$5.00 each, but rejecting everything which showed weakness. He has also used wild species and aimed especially at vigor of constitution, substance of petals and variety and beauty of coloring. He rejects wholly the naming system which he says has been a damage. His success may be judged by the fact that in 1900 his first introduction was awarded by the Society of American Florists the premium over the whole Childsi collection, which had been selling at five cents to \$1.00 a bulb. In 1901 I bought fifty of his second introduction and only two were alike. I planted them very late, May 22, and it was a terribly hot season, but all bloomed, though the corms were small, and some had four stalks. The increase in number of bulbs was fifty per cent and there was an astonishing number of bulblets. The second year one corm produced three large ones, and by actual count over three hundred bulblets. Of the bulblets grown in 1901 four bloomed last year. In 1902 I purchased fifty of the light colored section of his Gold Medal strain and had some wonderfully beautiful flowers. I may seem to be advertising Mr. Groff, but his Gladiolus are now offered by all leading seedsmen. I

also bought one hundred of his first introduction one-half inch in diameter and, to my surprise, nearly all flowered and produced good sized corms and many offsets.

Among the Gandavensis sorts which can be had for twenty-five or thirty cents per dozen, are Augusta, Ceres, Mad. Monneret and May, light colors; Gen. Phil. Sheridan and Napoleon III red; and do not omit Couquette, a deep pink with two good rows of flowers and a white blotch on lower petals. Snow White is not tall but has two good rows of medium size flowers opening nearly all at once. For yellow, Isaac Buchanan. Canary Bird is still better but costs a little more.

Geo. S. Woodruff.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, Mar. 24, 1903.

[NOTE.—Gladiolus bloom well in autumn planted this month. Set five inches deep, and the sun will not hurt the plants, nor will they require staking.—ED.]

Tulips and Iris.—I have a bed of Tulips edged with Iris. The bed is four feet in diameter, and has been a blaze of color since the 8th of April, when the first blooms opened. I counted 225 beautiful Iris blossoms open at one time, although they have been planted there only about a year. The Iris is an early-flowering variety with purple flowers and grows about eight inches high. The delicate, yet showy blooms contrast well with the gaudy colors of the Tulips. Amateur.

Jewell Co., Kans., Apr. 26, 1903.

[ANS.—The Iris is probably *I. obliensis atro-cerulea*, a dwarf sort much like *I. pumila*, but slightly taller and bearing larger flowers. It is perfectly hardy, and a fine edging plant.—ED.]

DOCTOR ON FOOD

Experimented on Himself.

A physician of Galion, O., says: "For the last few years I have been a sufferer from indigestion and although I have used various remedies and prepared foods with some benefit it was not until I tried Grape-Nuts that I was completely cured.

"As a food it is pleasant and agreeable, very nutritious and is digested and assimilated with very little effort on the part of the digestive organs. As a nerve food and restorer it has no equal and as such is especially adapted to students and other brain workers. It contains the elements necessary for the building of nerve tissue and by so doing maintains an equilibrium of waste and repair.

"It also enriches the blood by giving an increased number of red blood corpuscles and in this way strengthens all the organs, providing a vital fluid made more nearly perfect. I take great pleasure in recommending its use to my patients for I value it as a food and know it will benefit all who use it." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Floral Miscellany.

JUNE.

Over all the summer firmness
 In the golden afternoon,
 And o'er the tender rareness
 Smile the radiant skies of June;
 While overhead in Willow boughs,
 The robins' joyful singing
 Seems like notes from Angels' harps
 Their way to heaven winging.

Barry Co., Mich.

Lillian Ludly.

THE FLOWER CAMPAIGN.

THE spring campaign among the flowers is at hand. All the earth is radiant. There is unwritten music upon the breeze, by the brookside, in the wooded aisles, and birds and bees sing to the blossoming trees. Buttercups and Daisies star the green grass. Leaves are unfolding and flowers are blowing. The gardens are craving attention. The plants already there may be doing well enough, but there is room for more. Every spring the gardens must be refilled, reclothed and adorned with some unique and attractive features, exceeding any other season. There is an embarrassment of riches to choose from. No one garden can have everything. Some favorites must, of necessity, be rejected. Flowers that bloom Spring, Summer and Fall, beautiful at every stage, and Cannas of the improved strains, are the beacon lights of the garden. Coleus in variety enliven a flower frieze as much as the gayest flowers. The colors are deeper and richer as Summer wanes and Autumn comes with frost fall and chilling winds.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

New Orleans, La.

Beds.—For a circular bed Dwarf Morning Glories (*Convolvulus minor*) and Nasturtiums, with Cannas, Caladiums or Double Petunias for center, and Dwarf Asters and white Candytuft for border make a showy bed. Another that will remind us of our grandmother, and makes a rich display that can be seen from afar, is a round bed with African Marigold, French Marigold and Calliopsis bordered with *Tagetes signata pumila* or *Calendula*. For carpeting, *Sanvitalia* with its double, daisy-yellow blossoms is very pretty, and covers waste places where other more tender annuals would not do well.

E. F. Eggleston.

Allegany Co., N. Y., April 15, 1903.

Maturing Late Seeds.—If you have any special seeds you want to save, and are afraid the frost will get them, leave on as long as you can, then cut the best matured flowers, put the stems in a glass of water and set in a window where the sun will shine through the glass upon them. They will mature and come up when planted in the spring.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky.

CRIMSON RAMBLER ROSE.

THE Crimson Rambler Rose has proved a success with us. The first year it did not bloom, the next year, when it did bloom the clusters were small and a light pink color, and failed in so many points in not coming up to the standard set for it by florists generally, that we were completely discouraged. From that on we let it take care of itself, which it did by making a growth of something like ten feet, reaching out in all directions, as it was not staked. Last Spring for the sake of appearances we tied it up after trimming out some, and how it did surprise us. The end of twigs, large and small, was crowded with clusters of the most beautiful roses. In some of the bunches there were as many as ninety-three roses and buds. The color, too, was a dark crimson. The blooms remained perfect a surprising length of time, holding their color until the very last. Evidently this is one of the Roses that must be acclimated before it can be seen at its best. If it were only a true perpetual, would it not be grand?

Macon Co., Mo.

E. J. Saul.

MEAL TIME CONSCIENCE.

What Do the Children Drink?

There are times when mother or father feeds the youngsters something that they know children should not have. Perhaps it is some rich dessert but more often it is tea or coffee. Some compromise by putting in so much hot water that there is not much tea or coffee left but even that little is pretty certain to do harm. It leads to bigger doses. Then come the coffee ills.

It is better to have some delicious, hot, food drink that you can take yourself and feed to your children conscious that it will help and strengthen and never hurt them. A lady of Oneida, N. Y., says: "I used coffee many years in spite of the conviction that it injured my nervous system and produced my nervous headaches. While visiting a friend I was served with Postum but it was not well made, still I determined to get a package and try it myself and after following directions carefully the result was all that could be desired; a delicious, finely flavored, richly colored beverage. Since I quit coffee Postum has worked wonders for me.

"My husband who always suffered from kidney trouble when drinking coffee quit the coffee and took up Postum with me and since drinking Postum he has felt stronger and better with no indication of kidney trouble.

"You may be sure I find it a great comfort to have a warm drink at meals that I can give my children with a clear conscience that it will help them and not hurt them as coffee or tea would." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

CHOICE PRIMROSES.

For Window and Garden. Sow the seeds this month.



Primrose, Mallow-leaved, 4 pkts. 10c, 1 pkt. 3c.
 Fern-leaved, Splendid, mixed, 4 pkts. 10c, 1 pkt. 3c.
 Chinese, Double, mixed, 4 packets 10 cents, 1 pkt. 3c.
 Large-flowered Obconica, mx'd, 4 pkts. 10c, 1 pkt. 3c.
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Dear Mr. Park;—I am nine years old, and in the fourth grade. I have a sister named Ruth. For pets I have a kitten, a game bantam rooster and two little hens, and a dear little green parrot named Patsy, which a sailor cousin brought from Venezuela in South America. He can spell his name very cunningly, besides saying many other things. I love him best of all my pets. Mama has taken your Magazine many years. We like to read the Children's Corner.

Margaret K. Schautz.

Lycoming Co., Pa., Feb. 1, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have three brothers and two sisters. My oldest sister and I have taken two terms of music on the organ. My youngest sister has a little dog named Skipper. I have the care of one hundred and fifty chickens. I have received your Magazine for two years, and like it very much. Pansies and Roses are my favorite flowers.

Genie Carr.

Fulton Co., Ill., Jan. 3, 1903.

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Jackson Co., Oregon, April 25, 1903.

FOUND HER FORTUNE IN THE STARS

The Wonderful History of a Young Woman Who Raised Herself from Poverty to Wealth

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 15. — The people of this city are wondering over the romantic story told by Miss Catherine Benoit, of 61 Pineapple Street, formerly a factory girl in this place at a salary of \$3.00 a week, now a wealthy young woman and a prospective bride.

Telling her story to a reporter, she said: "Some time ago I saw an announcement in a paper which said that any one could have their fortune told free by corresponding with an astrologer in New York State, and one time while I was talking with some girls in the factory I told them about it. They laughed at me, and we all agreed it was a humbug, but in a spirit of jest I wrote to the astrologer to tell my fortune. He sent me my horoscope as he agreed, typewritten especially for me, without charge, and it certainly contained some wonderful things. He told me some remarkable things about my past, which I did not believe any one else living knew about, as well as several forecasts about the future which came true. I corresponded with him further and he laid the future before me like an open book. Among the other things he told me

was that I would receive a legacy from a relative I did not know about, and that this would come to me by a trip to Boston. I did not expect at that time to go to Boston, but acting on a suggestion in the horoscope which said I would be lucky in lotteries, I took a ticket in a church bazaar which won me quite a beautiful prize. I sold the prize and in company with a friend took a trip to Boston, where I accidentally found a gentleman who turned out to be a relative of my mother's. He died some weeks afterward, leaving me the bulk of his fortune, which amounted to quite a large sum of money. Naturally, my experience got talked

about, and I was introduced to the gentleman whom I am to marry next week. Of course, I feel very happy, but I hope you will not write up any sensation in the paper about me. The astrologer from whom I received my horoscope is Prof. Edison, of Binghamton, N. Y. He is truly a remarkable man, and convinced me thoroughly that he is an accomplished astrologer and knows what he is talking about. He has also sent free horoscopes to several of my friends, and they all say he is truly wonderful. I think everybody ought to write to him, as they would doubtless get information which would do them good."



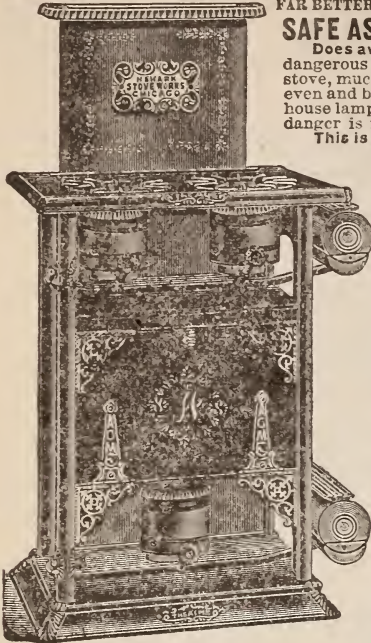
MISS CATHERINE BENOIT.

Further investigation of the story told by Miss Catherine Benoit reveals the fact that Prof. Edison, of Binghamton, has been an astrologer for a number of years, and that he offers to send a free horoscope, revealing the past and future of any one, free of charge, if they will but send him a 2-cent stamp to pay postage. Although it is true that a number of people do not believe in astrology, it appears that even in Binghamton, his own town, he has made people realize that it is indeed a science.

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 Johnson Co., Mo., Dec. 4, 1902.

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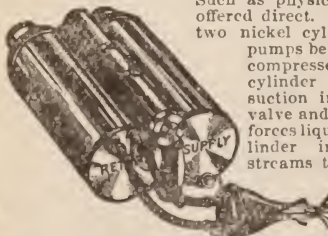
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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I go to school every day, and my teacher's name is Miss Purington. My mamma has been taking your Magazine for one year, and she reads it and likes it; and I like to read the little letters that are in it. They are very nice. I have three canary birds and a nice little sister, and she has a little dog. My dear little sister goes to school every day, too. Good-bye.
Mary Faith, age 11 years.

Indiana Co., Pa. April 14, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little boy twelve years old. I go to school. I am in the seventh grade. For a pet I have a little dog named Dewey. I have four brothers and four sisters, all older than myself. Mother has taken your Magazine for eight or nine years. I like to read the Children's Corner. I was surprised this morning when the mail carrier came—it was a beautiful gold watch. Thanking you for your kindness, I remain as ever, sincerely yours,
G. Joseph Fernbach.

Erie Co., N. Y. April 15, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl seven years of age. I go to school in the spring, but I have to stay home all winter, for I am very delicate, and take cold so easily, so I study at home. I read in the Fourth Reader, study history, geography, arithmetic and spelling. I have no brothers or sisters to play with, but I am very fond of dollies. I have five dolls, a little gray kitten, and a pair of lovely bantams; so with all of these I can pass the time very pleasantly.
Olive C. Hortman.

Hunterdon Co., N. J. April 15, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma takes your Magazine, and I enjoy reading the Children's Corner. I have one brother and one sister, and a pet dog that we call Basso. He has long, black, hair. I am very fond of flowers, and papa has made a place for me to sow some seeds. I am nine years old, and in the fifth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Clara Bailey.
Lida Wight.

Onondaga Co., N. Y. April 18, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—My mamma has received your Magazine for several years, and we all like it very much. I am a little girl eleven years old. I have a dog named Rose, and a kitty I call May. I love to read the Children's Corner. I am a great lover of flowers. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I have three sisters and two brothers.
Lillie M. Zeis.

Franklin Co., Pa. April 20, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old. I do not go to school now as it is closed. I like your Magazine, and like to read the Children's Corner. I have two pets, a dog named Nellie and a cat named Fritz. I live on a farm with grand-ma and grandpa. I have two brothers, Daniel and Roland, and one sister named Annie.
York Co., Pa. Apr. 15, 1903. Mattie Ruth Fry.

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CENTRANTHUS MACROSIPHON.

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Kings Co., Nova Scotia, Dec. 4, 1902.

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OLD FOLKS' CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am in my 82nd year, and have been a widow for 28 years. I have spent many a lonely hour, but have made companions of my plants, and they have cheered and comforted me in my lonely hours. I thank the Dear Lord for them, and for the many other blessings he is daily bestowing upon me. I have some nice flowering bulbs which are just coming up. I give extra copies of your Magazine to flower-loving friends. **Mrs. C. T. Thompson.**

Ringgold Co., Iowa, April 3, 1903.

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So great is the sensation wrought in the medical world by the wonderful cures performed by Prof. Adkin, that several professional gentlemen were asked to investigate the cures. Among these gentlemen were Dr. L. B. Hawley and Dr. L. G. Doane, both famous physicians and surgeons. After a thorough and painstaking investigation these eminent physicians were so astounded at the far-reaching powers of Prof. Adkin, and the wonderful efficacy of Vitaopathy that they volunteered to forsake all other ties in life and all other kinds of treatment and devote themselves to assisting Prof. Adkin in his great work for humanity. With the discovery of the Adkin Vitaopathic treatment eminent physicians are generally agreed that the treatment of disease has at last been reduced to an exact science.

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Mr. Park:—It is always a temptation to get your flower seeds. Although living in this country where all the hills are carpeted with flowers of every hue and color, I must have a few of our old-time favorites. Washington is certainly a land of flowers and beautiful shrubs of all kinds. Clematis grows to the tops of tall trees, Real Mock Orange grows so high that the tallest person cannot reach the top branches. Pink Spirea, the plume sort, grows along the roadside. Oregon Grape has clusters of loveliest yellow flowers, and bulbous plants too numerous to mention grow everywhere. In April Magazine I read Mrs. Tucker's letter from Spokane Co., where she speaks of white Camassia being rare. There is a meadow in front of my door, full of the blue and also the white. This is an ideal place for a botanist if he wants variety. Within a few rods one can find seven or eight different kinds of yellow flowers, some like Sunflowers that bloom as soon as the leaves are out of the ground. I could write all day and then not tell half of the beauty that our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon this favored land of flowers and evergreens.

Oregon Shewbridge.

Kittitas Co., Wash., April 30, 1903.

Mr. Park:—I want to tell of the success I have had with Fancy Coleus seeds. I have just potted twenty-three nice plants that are now three inches high which I raised from a three-cent pkt. of fine mixed Coleus seeds. Only two worthless plants among them, and many are very bright and beautiful, and different from any I have ever seen, no two alike among them. I have also seven nice Cyclamen plants from a three cent packet of seeds. The Lobelia, well it is simply grand and new to every one who sees it. It also was a three-cent packet of seeds.

Crawford Co., Ill.

Mrs. S. M. Jones.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been much interested in the letters from the flower lovers all over the United States, but I have not seen any from the new country which was opened last fall. We live about thirty miles east of Lawton, which is the capitol of Comanche county. Lawton was one year old the fifth of last August and has a population of 10,000. When we came to this country from southern Kansas, on Feb. 1, 1902, we brought with us a large wagon load of home plants, but the first night it turned suddenly cold, and the house being unfinished they all froze. Out of the whole lot we saved but one Carnation and three Chrysanthemums. We missed the flowers at first very much, but being busy building and breaking the new ground, time soon slipped by. But, when spring opened there was a glad surprise in store for us. From the earliest violets until frost came, the 15th of November, we have had a regular procession of flowers. First came the Violet and Wind Daisies, covering the creek-banks and hill-sides with a solid color. These had hardly gone before their places were filled by the wild Hyacinths, beautiful waxy, sweet blossoms, and the Redbud, which made rich patches of color in the woods and along the creeks. The warm days of early May brought a perfect throng of blossoms—the wild Yellow Primrose, Alliums, Dandelions, wild Sweet Peas, Black Haws, Button Willows, Larkspurs, Yuccas and a flower called the Prairie Bell, though I don't see any resemblance to a bell. It looks more like a long spike of pink and purple Perennial Pea. There are sometimes as many as fifteen to twenty spikes on one plant. The plants grow on rocky, exposed places, where nothing else will grow, and make perfect masses of pink and purple color. We found one bunch of white ones, but they are very rare. A little later in the summer there is a beautiful little diamond-shaped white flower which blooms in dainty bunches on slender stems. Another new flower to me is a blue, bell-shaped one which resembles the large blue Clematis flower in size and color, only it does not open out wide and grows on a low bush along the creeks. During the hot summer months the prairie is blue with the wild blue Sage. Another flower which resembles the scarlet sage grows in the low places. I nearly forgot the Coreopsis and the orange and lemon flowered Milkweed, and a kind of Wandering Jew with a lovely blue flower. But I believe the flower which interested me most was what is called down here the Rain Lily. It comes up in the spring and grows for some time, then dies clear down to the ground, and you think it is dead, but after the long dry summer has passed, and the first fall rain comes, about September 1st, you are surprised to see hundreds of beautiful white Lilies coming up out of the grass without a sign of a leaf. They last only about one day, which to me is their only fault. At the end of this floral procession comes the purple and white Asters, and the red and gold of the Wild Ivy and Oak Trees.

These are truly a part of our beautiful wild flowers, for this is truly the home of the wild flowers. But as the ground is broken up they will become scarcer each year, and like many other beautiful wildlings will pass away forever.

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GOSSIP.

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Clarendon Co., S. C.

Dear Floral Friends:—My Chinese Primrose is lovely. It has a large bunch of pink blossoms. I love to watch the flowers come out, one by one. I shall have Primroses every year, they are so easy to make live, and do not need much sun. I think mine does better in the shade. Last summer my Gaillardia grandiflora began to bloom very early, and all summer the bed was a mass of bright red and yellow blossoms. When the heavy frosts came they were full of flowers and buds. I never saw anything like them, the more I cut them the more blossoms they produced. I have had a bed of Poppies for several years, and they are lovely. Some are single and some double, and so many different colors. After they go to seed I break off the seed pods and scatter the seeds over the bed, and early in the spring I have the bed dug over, and then they come up so thick I have to thin them out. After they are through blossoming I pull up the roots, and that makes room for Petunias, Larkspurs and a number of others that sow their seeds. Mrs. E. P. Butler.
Essex Co., Mass., Dec. 7, 1902.

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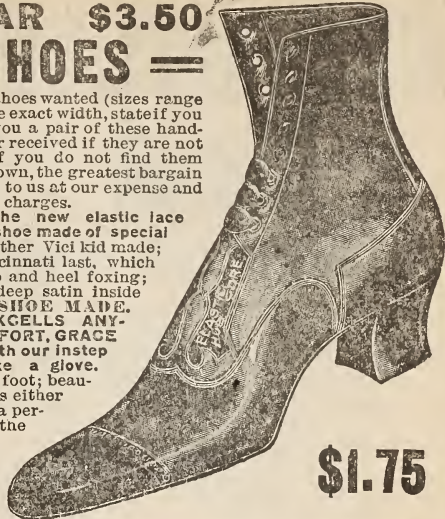
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Mary Rebecca Ellis.

Saline Co., Mo., April 16, 1903.

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Mrs. R. Turner.

Union Co., Ohio, Feb. 9, 1903.

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Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is always a welcome visitor in our home. From it I have learned much that is useful to the flower grower.

Clarendon Co., S. C. Miss Lizzie Hodge.

Mr. Park:—I have taken a number of floral publications, but your Magazine is the one I like the best.

Kings Co., Nova Scotia, Dec. 4, 1902. H. L. West.

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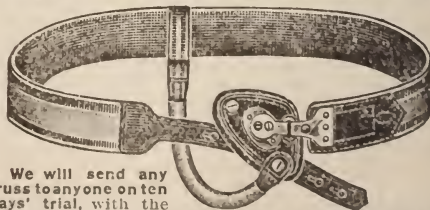
Mr. Park:—We have been taking your Magazine for a number of years, but as we have moved from Chester Co., Pa., to Mayo, Md., we have not had one of your Magazines. Mamma has sent you in lots of clubs. I am eleven years old, and in the sixth grade in school. I live on a large farm. Our nearest neighbor is the son of the great inventor, Edison. I live along the Chesapeake Bay. We have two dogs that go and bring in the cattle, and sit up and beg for their food. Their names are Carlo and Sport. I have a large Maltese cat twelve years old. We have a large flower garden, and have lots of Roses and other pretty flowers in it. I am very fond of flowers, and like to care for them. We have a large green-room and have many pretty flowers in it. My mother is fond of flowers. Eva Collison.
Anne Arundel Co., Md.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. I live four miles from the ocean. We went down to the beach May Day and I went in bathing, and papa barbecued some meat for dinner. The way to barbecue meat is to dig a small trench and put some wood in it, and when the wood is burned to coals, place rods across with small pieces of meat on. In an hour the meat will be done. We cook meat that way at nearly all our picnics. Lenora Clark.
San Luis Obispo Co., Cal., May 13, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little town girl and go to school, and am in the third grade. I play on the violin. I have only one pet and that is a horse. I love flowers very much. I have no favorite flowers. I am eight years old. Frederica Schmauch.

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row;
There are Lilac trees by the gateway, and Roses
white and red,
And the Southern Wood's spicy fragrance follows the
ceaseless tread.
A memory-haunted garden, out of life's busy way,
Where the spell of vanished summers lingers the
living day.
The hands that planted these flowers have moldered
back to dust,
But their hearts were true and steadfast, and their
souls are saved, I trust.
The memories of the old time I never can forget,
And oft in silence tears will flow, and my pillows
with them wet.
Ah, happy childhood and mother dear are now a
thing of the past,
But the flowers sweet I love them still, and will while
life shall last,

Sumner Co., Kansas. Mrs. R. W. Burton.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Mr. Park:—I raised some Cannas from seeds last year. I soaked the seeds in hot water, and though planted rather late, still they bloomed fine in September. At the sides of each plant a number of shoots or "suckers" grew out. Should I separate these from the main plant now, or should it have been done last spring, as soon as they appeared?—Mrs. Carr, Neb., Apr. 25, 1903.

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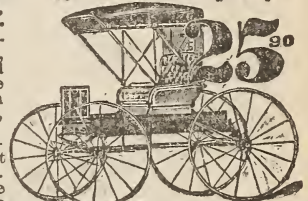
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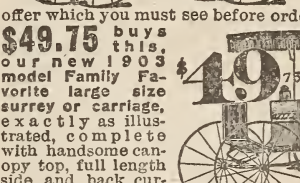


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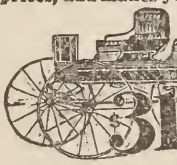
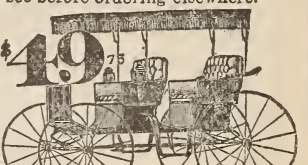
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Grace E. Bumpus.
Oxford Co., Maine, Nov. 30, 1903.

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Welcome, sweet springtime, with all thy fresh beauty;
With hearts full of rapture the happy birds sing.

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Murmuring a welcome to springtime again.

Bright pearly clouds, through the azure-hued heaven,
Restfully float to the beautiful west,
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Nature's sweet emblem of fitness and rest.

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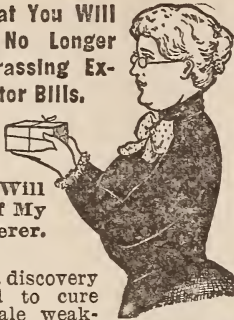
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Dr. G. W. Garrison.

Dodge Co., Minn., May 9, 1903.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I send you a leaf and blossom of a little blue flower, which blooms the first of anything for me in the spring. I should very much like to know the name of it, as so many people ask for it's name, and I am unable to tell them. Please answer in your Magazine, which I prize very highly.



SCILLA SIBERICA.

The bulbs are obtained and planted in Autumn. See engraving.

Mrs. L. Peterson,
Humboldt Co., Iowa,
April 15, 1903.

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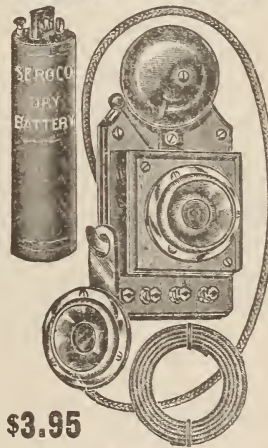
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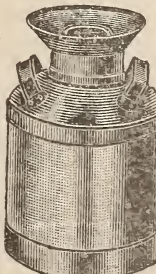
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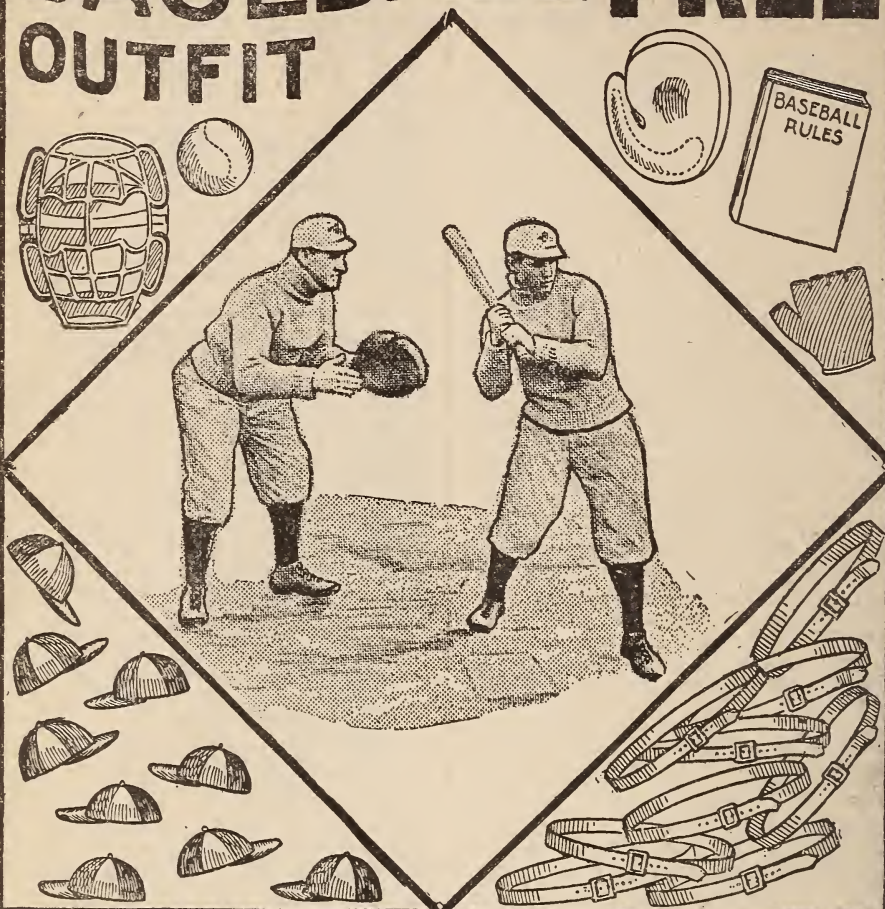
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