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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

I wonder if many of you read Florence Boyce Davis' Hill and Hollow Papers in the January Magazine? In the first chapter the author could tell you only what she had planned to make of the new Department and, therefore, you must read two or three numbers before you really know whether or not the "papers" will please you and be of help to you. After you have thoughtfully read January, February, and, say, March, will you please write and tell me what you think of the new Department and whether or not it is along the line of matter you expect to find in the Floral Magazine. This is the only way we can know to what extent we are satisfying our subscribers.

How do you younger folks like the idea of the Pine Tree Nature Club? Here again the first number, in January, could tell little more than the plans. Of course I have read the matter for the February Magazine, and I am sure you will agree with me that it is perfectly splendid. Years ago the "Children's Corner"was quite a prominent feature of the Magazine, filled with letters that could be interesting, we might almost say, only to the writer. The "Children" were really doing nothing, they were not accomplishing anything, not improving themselves.

And so I made up my mind that if Park's Floral Magazine was to do anything for young people it must be something worth while. For the four years that I have been connected with the business, I have been watching care fully for some contributor who showed signs of being the right person to conduct a "Children's" Department, and when I captured "The Bird Woman", I felt I had just exactly what we needed, someone who is young in every way except experience, with a faculty of interesting young people to a point of activity. And so I want to ask you young people to write to me after you have read three or four numbers of the "Club", and tell me how you like it.

The Magazine is growing. Before this February number is all mailed, we will have reached the 400,000 mark, and before the Summer starts I am confident we will have at least a half million subscribers. Just think of it! This certainly means more than a million boys and girls eligible as far as age is concerned for membership in the "Club." Just imagine what this means, a million enthusiasts having a new field open to them for the first time; something that probably only those who are taking Biology in the High school bad the least idea of. How could there be anything more interesting? I was young once myself. I am not so very old even now, as those of you will be able to see if you look through the Lapark Seed and Plant Company's Catalogue for 1922, because my photograph is in it, and I have always had something to do with work amon'g young people, starting years ago in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a Newsboy Club at St. Mark's Club at St. Mark's Church, with nearly 300 "Street Arabs." And I know that "The Bird Woman" has the right das when she gives you all something

Single Copy 5c. M. M. Herah, Director of Circulation to do, because you must be active, mentally

to do, because you must be active, mentally and physically, and that is just where "The Bird woman" is wise—she will keep you busy, and you will be surprised how interested you will become in the work of the "Club," how fascinated, and what a lot you

will learn through it.

I am the publisher, not the editor. I have to see to the making of the Magazine that will not end by simply pleasing me or gratifying some idea of my own. I must make it pay its way, it must be so well worth 10 cents a year that subscribers will send in their renewals and dimes without being asked to do so. Our plans are for a million subscribers, a year from now, but there is not a bit of use adding the name of a single subscriber to our list if our Magazine is not so interesting and so helpful that renewal subscriptions will come to us as a matter of course.

PUBLISHER.

### THOUGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

During February, when work in the outdoor garden is necessarily at a stand still, we can profitably give the planning of the Summer garden due consideration, and so be in readiness for garden activities as soon as the weather will permit.

February is none too early, for, with the lengthening of the days and the multiplying of one's daily tasks, the sowing and planting season will be here

before it is realized.

With the advent of the seed and plant catalogues, with their rich offerings of old stand-bys and wonderful novelties, one may, seated in an easy chair, study the descriptions carefully and leisurely, and weigh them, taking with a "gram of salt" some of the alluring promises that would probably fail to mature unless one is so fortunate as to have the ideal conditions requisite for the pro-

duction of perfect specimens.

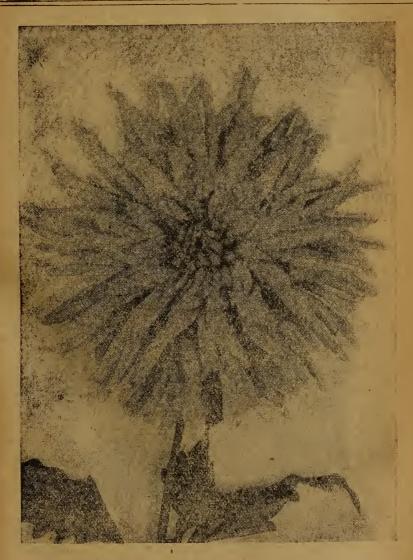
Seeds that require starting in the house should be ordered at once. Even at this early date some seeds, like Pansy, Alyssum, and others, may be profitably sown indoors, and seeds that are to be used should be obtained so as to be in readiness. It is so much easier to make a sensible selection under the reading lamp, than it is later when all is "hustle and bustle" and other important garden matters demand thought and attention. With the Summer garden still in the future, one can afford the luxury of making haste slowly and decide each question with a deliberation that will do much to assure ultimate success.

Bertha Berbert Hammond. New York.

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LaPark, Pennsylvania.



BIANCA, A MARVELOUSLY FINE CACTUS DAHLIA

### DAHLIAS FOR BEGINNERS

No flower-lover should be content without having at least a few of the Summer and Autumn-blooming bulbs, and as one of the most desirable members of this class, I choose the Dahlia. For the person who is just starting I would suggest

using choice named varieties, at least one of each of the following colors: Pure white, pink, yellow and red, both Show and Decorative sorts; and for a lovely scarlet I would suggest Mina Burgle.

In planting, if possible, have a sandy

soil, preferably rich. However, if fertilizer is necessary, remove the soil, leaving a hole about fifteen inches deep; fill in about seven inches with well-decayed fertilizer, then a little soil, and place the Dahlia tuber on this, with a stake beside the Dahlia, and fill up with wellbroken soil.

When the plants are four inches high, remove all but two of the most vigorous sprouts, topping these down two inches to promote a shapely, well-branched bush. If possible, give Dahlias a sunny position, and keep the faded flowers cut off.

When frost has destroyed the tops in the Fall, dig the roots out carefully and put them in sand, raised a little above the cellar, or pit floor. The next Spring you will have a fine number of tubers to exchange for other choice Dahlias and plants. Stanley J. Wood, Virginia.

As an aid to the beginner and in connection with what Mr. Wood has written about Dahlias, another contributor has suggested:

DAHLIA NOTES ON WORTH WHILE VARIETIES

Etandard de Lyon. Everyone stops to admire this beautiful giant which we consider one of the finest varieties for garden decoration. The flowers are very large, distinctly different from all others in shape, the petals broad, curled and wavy, at least 6 inches across, no stiffness nor formality. The color is a rich carmine-rose, or Royal purple, and most difficult to describe. Should be in every collection.

Golden Gate. A very large Hybrid Cactus, a rich, deep, golden yellow suffused and shaded fawn, on long, stiff

stems. Lights well.

Break O' Day. Large, full, high center with more or less curved and twisted petals intermingled with flatter ones, making an attractive, graceful flower; color sulphur-yellow shading to sulphurwhite, entire flower illuminated by a satiny sheen. Early, free-flowering.

Helen Durnbaugh. A delicate, rosepink Hybrid Cactus that everybody is pleased with. Flowers very double, of splendid form, with petals cleft at tips which adds to its graceful appearance. Early and free-blooming. Flowers on

stiff stems. Very fine.

Pat. A giant Decorative. Magnificent flowers, a pleasing shade of old rose, held erect on stiff stems, a free-

flowering variety and one of the finest. Attraction. Hybrid Cactus, large, elegant, full flower, lilac-rose with long, strong stems holding the flowers upright. Extra good bloomer, with petals curled and twisted. Fine.

Madonna. Paeony. Fine for cut-flowers, white, slightly tinted lavender-pink.

John Wanamaker. Paeony. Very fine free-bloomer, color violet-mauve. Should be in every garden. Caecilia. Paeony.

Wonderfully large, soft, creamy white, with a tint of canary

in the center. Extra Good.

Frank A. Walker. Decorative. Great bloomer, color soft lavender-pink deepening towards center. One of the very

J. K. Alexander. Decorative. large, fully 8 inches across, a bloomer of a royal shade of deep purple.

No better.

W. W. Rawson. One of my best, although an old variety. Flowers large, of beautiful, soft lavender, always in bloom

and very double.

King of Autumn. Decorative. Fine for cutting. Color buff-yellow suffused terra cotta. Late in the season develops Paeony type. Always in bloom and one of the very best.

Marguerite Bouchon. Cactus. Perfect in form, large, and of good color, a charming, soft rose with white center

and white tips.

Mina Burgle. Decorative. Not new, but one of the best rich, dark scarlets that I grow. Free-bloomer, fine for cutting and for garden.

Souvenir de Gustave Doazon. Decorative. Still another favorite, a fine, freebloomer, with flowers 6 inches in diameter, and I have often grown them 8 and 9 inches; color rich, pure red.

Delice. Decorative. Lavender-pink and one of the best cut-flower sorts.

Maude Adams. Dainty pink and white. Mont Blanc. Cream-white, broad petals. A good cut-flower variety.

Dee-lighted. Fine, large flowers of an ivory-white.

Grand Duke Alexis. Giant white, most beautiful cut-flower.

Yellow Colosse. Giant primrose-yellow and fine for cut-flowers.

Bianca. Cactus. A new one from Holland, the only true lavender. The petals long and strikingly incurved, of a delicate pink-lavender.

These varieties are all first-class ones that I grew last Summer, so, if you are looking for fine varieties, you can do no better than to try these. I plant in good, well-drained beds, giving special attention to staking and securing the stalks to the stake, as they are brittle and easily blown down. I water with the hose when the ground gets too dry. Good cultivation will insure success. I had seventy-five fine varieties last Summer and a feast of Dahlia blooms. Am very proud of my Dahlia collection.

Mrs. Jennie Spencer Farmer, Illinois.

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# QUEEN OF THE GARDEN

Even though snow may cover the ground, and Winter winds howl and rattle the windows, it is not too early to plan your flower garden. For, of course, being a reader of Park's Floral Magazine,

vou will have flower garden - that is, if you have room for one, and if you love flowers you will make room for one somewhere. Even if you live in a city flat you can still have your window bex.

You know that when Shakespeare said, The man that hath no music in himself \* \* is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils, he might just as well have included the man who does not love flowers, and I do not believe the statement would have been a bit too strong. Most of us do like flowers, even though we do not Our photograph of Lily Lehman is in use, and so we have printed grow them a picture of another variety the same in form and habit of growth, excepting that Lehman is without the markings shown in our picture.

ourselves,

but the greatest enjoyment must come from the flowers we have seen grow in our own garden.

What will you plant in that garden of yours? Your favorite flower may be the Dahlia, or Gladiolus, or Zinnia, or Petunia, or any one of a dozen others, and no one should quarrel with you on that score -we all have our hobbies. You may have a Rose garden, or one of hardy perennials, but you will miss much if that is all you have. You need not think any less

of your Roses if they have a background of Dahlias or Holly hocks, or a border of Petunias or Nasturtiums. And if you want flowers in a bundance for cutting you must certainly have Dahlias and

already been written in this magazine about the flowers we have mentioned, all of them have their good points. but perhaps the Gladiolus has been m e ntioned less than some of the others. We all speak of what we are most interested in, or know most about, in the hope that others may become interested

Gladioli. Much has

in our hobby. If your hobby is the Gladiolus then we can meet on common ground; as for those with other hobbies, we can at any rate hope that they will be indulgent, and at least pretend to be interested in ours.

The Gladiolus has come to be one of the most popular flowers for the garden, and

being used more and more as a cut-flower. Visit the flower markets in the Summer and you will see thousands of Gladioli; the florists' windows are full of them. And can grow them, too, just as good spikes as any you will see.

What is the secret of the popuof flower, that should be grown, literally, by the million? Is it because of the wide range of color from which it is possible to choose almost any shade ever heard of? No flower, with the possible exception of the Dahlia, has SO many shades of color; but there are tints and combinations of coloring in the

A "DECORATIVE" DAHLIA Gladiolus that not even the Dahlia can show.

We find every color except blue—and a true blue is rare in flowers-though there are "nearblues," lavenders, purples, and violets, almost without number. There are clear colors as well as striped and mottled varieties; in some there is no special marking in the throat, while in others there are large spots, or blotches, of contrasting color. In one flower a bright shade of rose fades gradually to shell-pink, while at the throat there may be a touch of yellow, or a spot of scarlet; in another, a brilliant scarlet gives place to white in the throat; and in a third, a pale, bluish lavender is contrasted with a conspicuous spot of deep, velvety purple, giving the appearance, at a little distance, of a gigantic bee in the throat of the flower. And these are only a few of the combinations that could be mentioned.

But, of course, color is not the only good point about the Gladiolus. The shape of the flower recommends it, too. Its Lily-like form is partly responsible for the name "Sword Lily" which has been applied to it, not such a bad name, either, including, as it does, both foliage and flower in its meaning. One variety in particular, Lily Lehman by name, has a very strong resemblance to a white Lily. But the form varies: of the thousands of varieties now grown hardly two are just alike in form of flower and arrangement on the stem. The petals may be rounded, or sometimes sharply pointed, and in "Princeps" the resemblance to an Amaryllis is very striking.

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### BIRD-POOLS TO MONK'S HOOD

My bird-pool was a great success this past Summer. It is large and deep and wild Asters in bloom hung over the edge, and in the Summer a white and purple Siberian Iris grew there. My five little frogs made it their home, the birds came, also the little frisky chipmunk. I shall erect a bird's feed-house near it.

Last year I had some early Cosmos. It bloomed when eight inches tall, and



**ECHEVERIAS** 

never grew over two feet high. I saved the seed. When planted here it grew seven feet high, with no blooms. Am I seeing double?

Do not cover your Echeverias. And do you know that not a catalogue that I have lists the Hen and Chicks! Those I

covered rotted out. My Phlox Subulata stood uncovered the best. My Tricyrtis, or Japanese Toad Lily, bloomed in the greenhouse last Spring. I planted it outside where it showed more of its queer, little blooms; they are creamy white with sort of purple dots.

Now I will "fess up." I was not overthankful when a large bulb of the Spotted Calla arrived last year. It was grown in the small bowl at the bird-pool. The leaves were lovely but had no blooms. Last Easter the Lilies were all so dear I could not buy, when all at once the Spotted Calla budded; and it was lovely; large, creamy white with a pretty, dark throat. So I had my Easter Lily after all.

My Hetrocentron did not bloom indoors, but outside. It seems to require a shady place, as the hot sun dries the leaves early. The flowers are like small Cherry blooms and very pretty. This year it was in a very shady place under the Maples and is full of buds. Monk's Hood also grew well in partial shade.

Bertha N. Norris, Massachusetts.

# PANSIES IN THE SUNFLOWER STATE

Our way is to prepare a good, rich bed along the east side of the house. Soil that will grow other flowers will do well for Pansies.

Sow the seed as soon as possible in the Spring, or, if early flowers are wanted, seed may be planted in a box in the house and the plants transplanted after danger of frost is past. Keep free from weeds and stir soil often, watering whenever necessary, for they require plenty of moisture. Protect as much as possible from the hot South wind as that is the worst thing with which we have to contend. July and August are almost too dry to have many flowers.

In the Fall, before they freeze, we cover them with from six to eight inches of leaves, and, if the Winter and Spring are not too wet, they will live. Early in the Spring rake the leaves off and in a few weeks they will be a mass of beautiful blooms, well worth the trouble to care



TRICYRTIS HIRTA-TOAD LILY

for them. Ours were the most admired of all the flowers because they bloomed so early in the Spring.

Lewis Heitmanek, Kansas.

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# HILL AND HOLLOW PAPERS

### BY FLORENCE BOYCE DAVIS

Number Two

### **FEBRUARY 1922**

THE month of February among the hills and hollows is a sort of wedge inserted betwixt Winter and Spring. The sun is getting higher, the icicles that hang from the eaves grow longer and longer; now and then a



blue jay stops his raucous rant and flutes a Spring call across the valley, and when there comes a mild snowstorm we hear crows cawing over on Old Scrag. Every few days some one sees a robin. or thinks he does, which is

box and look over its contents, much as the small boy does his chest of fishing tackle. Here is Parsnip seed left over from last season. This we discard, for old Parsnip seed seldom grows. Here is part of a package of Early Cluster, and another of Long Green. The head of a great pickling firm once told us that Cucumber seed to give best results, should be three years old; if he bought one-yearold seed he kept it over before planting. The danger in doing this with small quantities would lie in not knowing how old the seed was when we bought it, and, again, in not understanding how to keep it properly. So undoubtedly the best way for the individual buyer is to get new seed from a reliable seedsman, and let him take the responsibility. Then if we have all blossoms and no fruit we

can take it out on the seedsman, which is some consolation.

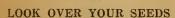
But the poor seedsman! I wonder how many of us realize how busy he is during the seed season? We happen to have one of the genus in our immediate family, and one peep into his place of business in the busy season was enough to make us throw up our hands and ex-'claim, like the merchants at Christmas time. "Do your shopping early!"

news for his neighbors, for a robin seems to bring Spring nearer; and however comfortable we have kept through the long Winter, we are always glad to see Spring come. So, even though the

ground - hog saw his shadow on Candlemas Day, and we know there are storms, and high winds, and cold waves still ahead of us, we feel a call in the air, and begin to lay plans for the year's work in the open.

Plans! What would life

be without them! It seems to me they mark the difference between the dumb animal and his talking brother. The animal takes life as it comes, but man must plan it out, and see that it comes more or less in accordance with his blueprints.



All kinds of plans develop on February evenings by the fire, from the building of red barns to gubernatorial campaigns, but gardening seems to be the topic that most universally appeals at this time of year. We get out the seed

AQUILEGIA-COLUMBINE

Most of us know absolutely how many feet of ground we are going to use for our garden, and the kinds and quantity of seed we intend to buy. Why not make out our seed order and send it in before the grand rush be-

FOUR O'CLOCKS

gins? Surely the seedsman will bless us, and we can't lose anything by it, unless it is the pleasure we get from fretting over a late order not being filled immediately. PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE.

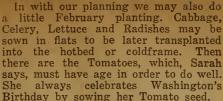


DOUBLE TIGER LILY



ministered and pills? Perhaps the flowers did as much good as the medicine; anyway, they scattered sunshine and loving thoughts about the neighborhood, which in this day of hurry and flurry seem to be getting crowded out.

There is another thing about the oldtime flowers that to commend them to us all-they are the ancestors of our present-day blooms. Many of them came over in the Mayflower. I like to think of those women of Plymouth getting out the little packets of seeds they brought across th



After we have the vegetable garden well in hand, we begin with the flowers. Then we always feel like a little girl we used to know at school, who would dispatch the bread and butter in her dinner pail with great haste, and then, as she took out her piece of cake, would lean back, sigh with satisfaction, and exclaim, "Now I can take tumfort!" Oh! the "tumfort' of picking out the flowers we are going to plant; planning the changes we will make in bed and border; looking up what the catalogues have to offer, and selecting new things to try out for

"surprises."
Of course we all love the old-fashioned flowers such as Sarah raises—Marigolds, Four O'Clocks, and June Pinks; the Balsams that she brings from her garden in the Fall and sets in tubs at her front door, and the "Portlackies" that run along the wall. And what bouquet of rare Orchids was ever so eloquent as the little, many-colored mixtures, set off with Rose-Geranium leaves, that Mrs. Dr. Van used to send around to sick-

rooms where the old doctor ad-



PETUNIA. SINGLE FRINGED



TALL DELPHINIUMS



then. Here and there among our hills and hollows you will come to an old cellarhole. The folks are gone, the buildings gone, maybe the cellar wall is caved in, but look around a little and almost always you will find a Lilac bush, or a patch of Roses, or a bunch of Day Lilies, or a purple Columbine still keeping green the memory of what was once a home.

Folk hereabout call the Columbine Honeysuckles. Queer, isn't it, how colloquial names attach themselves to flowers till sometimes the identic lest? Powhers pine

water, and planting them around their cabin doors. They were making homes

tity of the flower is lost? Perhaps nine (Continued on page 53)



EBRUARY 1st. Now the Christmas holidays are over, and we are settling down to the work of a new year. You boys and girls are back in school, and the jolly old world is locking good to you, and you are looking good to the world. It would be a sorry old world, I'm thinking, if there were no boys and girls in it, making it ring with their laughter and good spirits.

I wish I knew how many of you are keeping a bird list. If you haven't started one, please do. It's lots of fun. The Bird Woman has an old linen-covered

notebook in which, for a number of years, she has kept records of the different birds seen between January first and December thirty-first. It is interesting to look over these lists. For instance, when the first bluebird arrives, we set down the date, and

then look back to see if



A MELANCHOLY CRY OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

he came as early last Spring or the Spring before; when we hear the Baltimore oriole calling "pretty, pretty," in the plum trees, we compare the date of his arrival with that of preceding years. And so on, to the very last day of the year, when we may be closing our list by making note of the arrival of snowflakes, or maybe a flock of pine grosbeaks that have stopped in the orchard to peck the seeds from frozen apples.

This year the bird list started out with chickadees and a white-breasted nuthatch who were on the Bird Woman's back porch ready for breakfast at seven o'clork, New Year's morning. Here they have a Christmas tree on which are bones, pieces of meat, and corncobs which have been dipped in suet and rolled in chopped nuts; also trays of nuts, seeds and crumbs are set out for them, and the little visitors settle all indebtedness with their cheery songs and cunning ways. The nuthatch occasionally gets greedy, and when he has eaten all he can hold, goes about wedging food into the cracks between the floor boards—laying it up for a rainy day! Chickadees also do this, and many a sweet morsel is tucked away under the bark of nearby trees. One day we saw a chickadee hiding a crumb in one of our clothespins. Another day our special pet, a little red-breasted nuthatch, flew in at the open door and buried a nut in a pot of Geraniums, and then whisked

out again.

The third name on our 1922 bird list is a screech owl. I surely wish you could have seen the little chap! He sat on a small fungi shelf that has grown out from the trunk of a big maple. This fungus (when we have studied toadstools we will learn that this particular kind is a polyporus megaloma) has a white under surface, and made a pretty seat for the little mottled white and black and gray owl. He was so much like the color of the snow-flecked tree trunk that, people passed up and down the street all day under his perch and did not notice him. But the chickadees saw him, and flew about him, scolding vociferously. the attention he gave them was to occasionally blink his big eyes; then he would close them and seem to doze off again.

I called a friend's attention to the little fellow. "Why," he declared, "that's no screech owl; screech owls are rusty red!" So they are—some of them; and some of them are not. It has always been a mystery why a screech owl should wear rusty red feathers at one time and



mottled gray and black at another. Often birds of the same brood will not be wearing the same colors. of one thing you may be pretty certain: if you see a little owl, about 8½ to 9½ inches long, with prominent ear tufts, that look like

horns, you may know it is a screech owl, however freaky his plumage.

As this screecher sat up on his shelf above me, I took a few notes of his wearing apparel. The horns were white with a black stripe on the outside that curved down inside the eyes to the beak. His cheeks were gray, and he had a black V in his forehead. The rest of his feathers were mottled gray and black and white. The wind occasionally ruffled his horns, and when I talked to him he slowly

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blinked his sleepy eyes, but he sat almost motionless on his little shelf until late afternoon, and then flew away, probably in quest of something to eat. It may have been this very owl that awakened me one night last fall by a quavering, melancholy cry just outside my window. I thought then it was the call of a prowling raccoon, but I'm inclined to believe screecher was the singer.

Sharp hunger in Winter has sometimes driven the screech owl to killing little birds, which accounts for the animosity of the chickadees when they discovered him in their neighborhood, but on general principles he is the farmer's ally, and should be protected. Of two and fifty-five stomachs hundred screech owls examined by Dr. Fisher for the Department of Agriculture, one hundred contained insects; ninety-one, mice; thirty-eight, birds; eleven, other mammals than mice; nine, crawfish; seven,

READY FOP.

EXHIBITION

miscellaneous food; five, spiders; four, batrachians; two, lizards; two, scorpions; two, earthworms; one, poultry; one, fish, and forty - three were empty.

I would like to hear from any boys or girls who are keeping a bird list, and also who are feeding the birds this Winter. Write to The Bird Woman, in care of Floral Park's

Magazine, LaPark, Pa., and give a brief account of the birds you saw in the month of January. If you are feeding the birds, tell what you put out for food, and what birds have visited you.

### A WORD TO CLUB MEMBERS, AND OTHERS

Our topic for next month will be Gardens; Wild and Cultivated. We hope all the boys and girls who are readers of Park's Floral Magazine will have become members of The Pine Tree Nature Club by that time. Remember, there are no dues. All that is necessary is to send your name and address to The Pine Tree Nature Club, Park's Floral Magazine, LaPark, Pa., and tell the editor you wish to join the Club. If you have friends who would like to join, but are not readers of the Magazine, get them to subscribe. The more the merrier. The Bird Woman,

would like to see a local Nature Club in every town and village and school in the country. Perhaps we can organize branch clubs later, that will take up the subjects



ARE YOU FEED-ING THE BIRDS?

we are studying in the Pine Tree Nature Club, and send monthly reof their ports meetings to be printed in Magazine.

In the meaneverybody time, join the Pine Tree Club, and get

your friends interested.

### PINE CONES

Each month under this heading we will print brief items of interest to nature folk. When you read a good one, send it in.

L. A. Sprague, principal of the Ashtabula, Ohio, High School, writes us of an interesting experiment that is being tried out in his school. About the first of December seventy-seven of his pupils potted two Hyacineth bulbs and a Chinese Primrose. Each student is keeping a detailed record of each bulb and of the Primrose, and a flower exhibit will be given when the bulbs bloom. The seventy-seven pupils have enrolled as subscribers to Park's Floral Magazine, and we are promised a complete report of the results of their floral enterprise. Mr. Sprague writes us that his classes are very enthusiastic. We hope other schools will follow their example. A common interest in something that goes to make life more beautiful is a great asset for any school; and the book of Nature is the best of all books.

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### PLANTING WITH PLANS

These cold February evenings when we are fairly aching to get out into our gardens let us plan what we are going to put in them. So many times we wait until the last minute, then we skim through the catalogues hurriedly, we pick out a few annuals, a few perennials, ones that may have pretty illustrations, or perhaps we have heard a neighbor mention them. And when blooming-time comes we are ofttimes disappointed; our neighbor's tastes and ours do not agree.

This year, rather, let us begin early, ourselves giving plenty of time. While the Tulips and Hyacinths are peeping from their Winter's beds we are thinking what we are going to put in their places. Let us plan systematically, plant those things earliest that should be planted earliest. When Spring gives way to Summer and we see bright Nasturtiums in someflower body else's beds how often does the wish come to us: if only we had planted ours sooner, we, too, might have the same cheerful flowers to brighten up our homes. But we forgot; we had not made our plans, and the day on which they should have been planted slipped

Let us make a little drawing of our grounds, putting in

each flower bed or border. Then we can read descriptions innumerable and decide what to have in them for the coming year. When selecting varieties of flowers to plant, we must be sure about what we want, and what we want them for. The Aster makes a beautiful cut-flower, while the Zinnia is coming more and more into favor among us. What can be more beautiful than a huge bed of the Zinnia's bright colors on a lawn, or against a hedge, just far enough away so as not to be bothered by the roots? Many are the shades and hues in which they bloom, and there are dwarf varieties to plant in

front of the taller sorts. An effect which we have found pleasing is to plant tall Zinnias against a row of Hydrangea Arborescens with white Petunias in front. The leaves of the Hydrangea furnish a solid green mass, 'showing forth the bright colors of the Zinnias, and the white Petunias in front lend such a graceful and softening effect.

Then, in one corner, we must have some climbers. If there is no place to trail

Then, in one corner, we must have some climbers. If there is no place to trail them, a little trellis can easily be made, for a blooming vine, no matter where it is, lends a great deal of charm to any

home, and quite a bit of variety. The Dolichos is a quick grower and soon covers the place where it is planted. And so we might go through the entire list, but you know better than I do what you want.

When we have decided what to put in each bed, we can write the name on our diagram. Then a look in the catalogues and other literature which may have on the subject will tell us the date on which each should be planted, and this information can be jotted on the sheet. Our plans will serve as a chart, and each day we may look to find out what we shall plant.

By making out these little plans of ours, we can place each flower in such a way that when Fall comes we are going

to know just exactly where to plant those perennials which we decided were so pretty, and most of which grow so much better when they are planted at that time of the year, rather than in the Spring.

By doing this, all the work will not be left until the last minute and we will not have to hurry with our planting so fast as not to give sufficient time to enjoy the work and to follow out the directions carefully. When we have just one or two varieties to plant each day, or perhaps



ZINNIAS MAKES A STRIKING BOUQUET

each week, we can take all the time we want to planting them, finding out little hints on their culture which will give us the best results.

It is interesting, in this connection, tomake a little chart. The date on which each of your flowers is planted can be put in the first column. Then we might have one column for the date on which we saw the first little green shoot, then the first flower, the last flower, and so on down the list. Any number of different points of interest can be kept track of, and for those that we transplant we will want an extra column or two. the end of the season we will have a regular little history of our floral work, and next year it will furnish a valuable guide for our plantings.

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A SNOWFLAKE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR

Somerset, England says The Dear born Independent. A flock of t a m e swans

frequent the moat surrounding the bishop's palace. When the birds are hungry they tug at a rope hanging from one of the windows. This rope rings a bell and food is then thrown from the window. The birds were taught to do this by a daughter of a bishop.

### PINE NEEDLES February Questions

 Name ten birds that are permanent residents in the vicinity of New York or approximately, of the Lorty-second degree of latitude.

Name ten that are Winter residents, or visitors of New England, as far North as the forty-fifth degree of lati-

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VI. What birds are provided with long, spur-like hind claws?

VII. Name two irregular Winter visitors who have crossed beaks. Of what article of our daily bill-of-fare are they

especially fond?
VIII. What two, small, slate-colored birds are seen chiefly in Winter searching the bark of trees, often head downward? From what habit is their name

derived?

IX. What male bird excavates for himself nice Winter quarters in the heart of a tree, and leaves his mate to find an abandoned hole and make herself cozy or

not, as she likes?

X. What little drummer comes to our bird trays in Winter to eat with the nuthatches and chickadees, and in Spring wakens us at daybreak with a rolling tattoo on the mailbox, or on a resonant limb under our window?

Answers to January Questions

Pines, larches, firs, hemlocks, spruces, white cedars, and junipers.

II. About forty.

III. Pine bear their evergreen leaves

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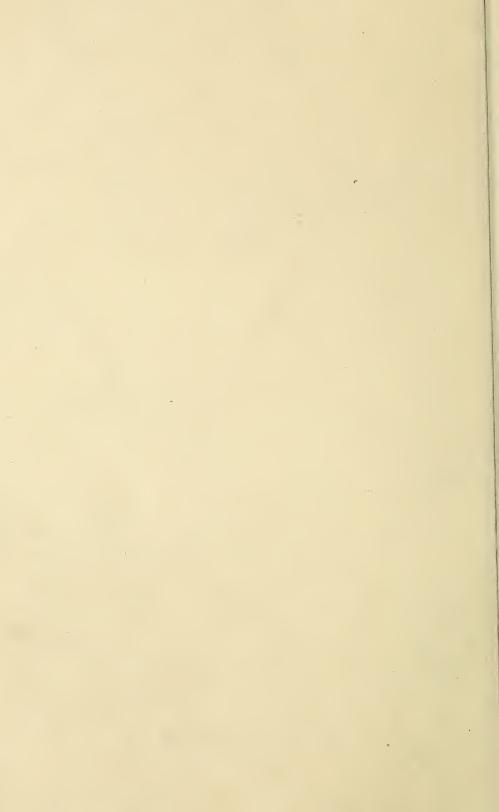
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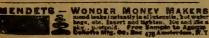
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(Continued from page 53) "I always did. she said. John wouldn't let me plant any. He was afraid I'd get some foul seed that would spread in his grass. No, John never would let me have a flower garden; but once when I was visiting my sister she gave me some Forget-Me-Not roots, and I brought them home and set them down here beside the brook where John wouldn't be likely to see them, and say!"—here she straightened up, her eyes twinkled, and she gave a delightful chuckle-"the little things spread the whole blessed length of the brook! I guess we'll always have Forget-Me-Nots."

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And we can forgive a certain amount of formality in consideration of the number of flowers the Gladiolus gives us. Fourteen, and up to twenty, individual blooms frequently appear on a stem, opening one at a time, but each following so closely on the heels of the other that there are usually three or four, and sometimes more, open at the same time.

And consider the length of time that the spikes of these bright flowers will last when brought into the house. For a week, or even ten days, you can enjoy their beauty as the successive buds open, and then, when the lower flowers are gone, and the tops begin to droop because of their weight, the stems can be cut short and the last few flowers displayed to advantage in a low vase or broad bowl. The color of the flowers as they open in the house is usually lighter than when they are allowed to bloom outof-doors, but that is not a serious matter, and is sometimes an improvement.

The last of the good qualities which we will mention is the least important to any lover of flowers, and that is, the ease with which the Gladiolus can be grown. It requires no special culture, and it is practically free from insect pests which so seriously affect many favorite flowering plants. To grow Roses or Dahlias successfully is often a constant struggle with adversity, and Asters are frequently a total failure, through the voracious black beetles that eat them, or the "yellows" that blights them. But the Gladiolus, if planted right and given no more care than you would give to any plant that you cared about, is practically sure to reward you generously.

There is often a satisfaction in overcoming trouble, in combatting diseases and putting insects to rout, if the results obtained overbalance the work put in. But there is also a satisfaction in growing a flower that is so vigorous and healthy that it can defend itself with very little help, and that is, at the same time. so beautiful as to have good claim to the title "Queen of the Garden."

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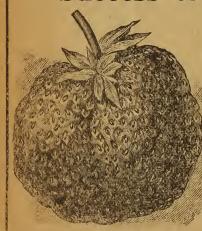
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Continued from page 55 planting so that the eyes would be two or three inches below the surface. This location seemed to suit it to perfection, and each season for the past two years it has sent up twenty-four flower stalks, every one of the big, red blooms as large, or larger, than a quart bowl. is a pretty sight on the green lawn, but let me tell you how we came near spoil-We developed a craze for Oriental Poppies, so one year we planted seed, transplanted the seedlings in August, which is their dormant season, and started a Poppy border along the south side of the house, not far from the Paeony. The next year they and the Paeony blossomed at the same time, and such a clashing of swords: The deep red of the Paeony and the vivid orangescarlet of the Poppies fairly screamed at each other. Well, we picked the Poppies as fast as they blossomed, and later changed the border. We had been told that Oriental Poppies were very hard to transplant, and that if the long root was broken they would die, but though we broke several roots in taking up the plants, they all lived and bloomed the following season. Against a background of green, where they do not conflict with other flowers, these Poppies

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The owners of a small white cottage had a fondness for white and pink flowers; on their lawn were beds of single white and pink Petunias, and Petunias and Sweet Alyssum bordered the walks. I passed the place in October and noticed the color scheme still prevailed, for pink and white Cosmos nodded all along the picket fence.

Perhaps the border which gave me the greatest thrill was a row of white Perennial Phlox with handsome red Gladioli between the clumps. I shall never rest easy until I plant a border like that!

A pretty idea in yellow was a wide border of Rudbeckia, Golden Glow, that ran along one end of a house separating it from an unsightly field, while the color was repeated in Nasturtiums along the porch.

### UNUSUAL SWEET PEAS

When we want to do something more practical than planning our flower gardens, there are the hardier ornamentals that may be started in flats in February

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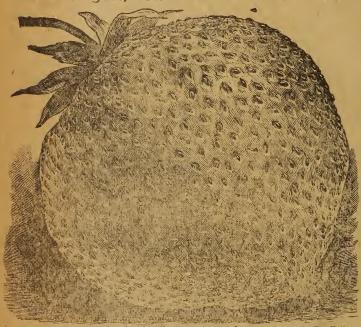
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The Sweet Pea season may be considerably lengthened by starting the seeds in the house. Our first experience with indoor Sweet Peas was last Winter when several came up in the garden soil in which our bulbs were potted. We made a wire trellis for them and in February had beautiful pink Spencers blooming with our Hyacinths. Surely one may do gar-dening the year round! There seems to be no idle month among the hills and hollows.

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