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FALL CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

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people are looking more to color; and while Chrysanthemum colors leave but little to be desired, there are many people who yearn for the blue Chrysanthemum, and some are being represented in



CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Wistaria and lavender colors.

Chrysanthemums come in many varieties from the exhibition to the hardy flowering pompons, that brighten everyones garden in the late fall. The Japanese who have cultivated Chrysanthemums for hundreds of years are very devoted to the delightful oddities of crinkly-quirly affairs, and the fluffy plumed ones, and the new varieties are greatly prized by them.

Mrs. Jessie Treadwell.

Plymouth, Wis., Nov. 23, 1917.

Primroses.—The Primrose is one of my favorite plants. It is easily grown, and is not troubled by insects. I have one lovely Obconica Primrose which I raised from the seed last year. It is now in a gallon pail. It bloomed all winter and spring, and until late in the summer. It is now full of buds and ready to bloom again this winter. Raising window



plants from seeds is such fascinating work for me! I have many nice plants grown from seeds.

St. James, Mo.

Anna W. Pratt.

Vine Support.—I found a practical use for the large-flowered Sunflower. I raised the plants for support for flowering Beans. This year I am going to plant them for Lima Beans and Sweet Peas to run on. The seeds of the large Sunflower finds a ready market as a chicken food.

Mildred Fisher.

Chanute, Kas.

COMPLAINTS still come to me of this awful trouble, the worst drawback to Amaryllis culture we know. I see Mrs. John Oliver—(by the way, I wish she would send me her address) in her most interesting and instructive article on Amaryllis Culture in February Magazine does not mention this. She has probably escaped its ravages. I would give a good bit to know its cause (I know its effect!) and a perfectly good cure.

Also whether it is contagious. Some say it is, others differ. It attacks the bulbs during their resting period. I have written to the Agricultural Dept. at Washington, Cornell, and all the florists from whom I had purchased bulbs. No one knew anything



AMARYLLIS BLOOM.

of it—had never heard of it, and could give no remedy. One was very skeptical about it, but sent two other bulbs—even worse infected than the first. I have tried everything, and I think Mrs. Fox's remedy of common baking soda rubbed on thoroughly, after shaking out all the soil from the top of the pot, leaving the entire bulb exposed, giving no water for some time, and filling up the pot after several weeks with clean sand is the best thing I know of.

Whenever I pot a new bulb, or repot an old one now, I make my soil very rich, using old well-rotted manure and bone meal—a tablespoonful to a pot, giving good drainage. Then I add nearly as much clean sand as I have soil, mix thoroughly, and on top of this soil put clean sand, set the bulb and fill up the pot with sand. I find this the best thing to avoid rot, and all the nourishment comes to the roots anyway.

Mrs. E. B. Murray.

Moon Flower.—How many of us have ever tried to grow this flower? If people could only realize its wonderful beauty, I think they would be watching for every blossom as eagerly as if it was some fine prize. J.H. Werdein. Rochester, N. Y.

Bryonopsis.—I would advise anyone who wishes to raise a most beautiful, and also an ornamental vine to buy a packet of Bryonopsis laciniosa. The past summer mine were simply grand.

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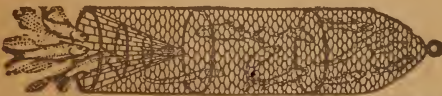
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PANSIES.

They tell of sweet and tender thoughts,
Of loyal hearts and true;
And bring a fragrant, healing balm
No other flowers can do.

E. McKeesport, Pa.

Mrs. Hoagland.

ABOUT ANNUAL POPPIES.

THERE ARE FEW hardy annuals that make a more showy or beautiful bed than the various improved races of

Papaver or Poppies. They are not only attractive in a bed, but appear well as single specimens. They are also lovely as cut flowers, being very graceful and pleasing when arranged in a table vase.

The stiff-stemmed, tall varieties of Papaver Somniferum fl. pl. grow erect, reaching the height of two feet or more, bearing silvery foliage and huge finely fringed flowers, appearing like elegant feathery balls. These are of a wonderful range of color from pure white to rich crimson, some striped, some ash-gray, and some a sort of lilac, approaching blue, still others are brown-red, or black, or creamy yellow. These Poppies are also in dwarf varieties, only a foot high. All are gorgeous in a bed, and bloom for some weeks. Papaver Daveburg belongs here, but is single scarlet with white blotches.

Papaver Pæoniflorum fl. pl. is similar to P. Somniferum, or Opium Poppy, the plants erect,

the plants large and feathery, and very showy either in beds or bouquets. The petals are broad, shining and somewhat cupped. The colors embrace a wide range and are very bright and attractive. They are both tall and dwarf.

One of the finest garden Poppies is the Ranunculus-flowered race. The plants stool out and throw up hundreds of buds, the long stems issuing from the rosette of foliage, attaining a height of one foot. The buds hang gracefully from curved stems, the stems becoming

erect and rigid when the flowers open. This is one of the best for pots or beds. The flowers have broad, cupped petals, are abundantly produced, and make a fine display in beds. They are also fine for cutting. They are varieties of P. Rhœas. The Japanese Poppies belong to this class, also the beautiful single-flowered Shirley Poppies, appearing in soft, rich colors, all with golden stamens.

Papaver umbrosum, single with dark blotch at the base of broad, rich crimson, cupped petals; and P. umbrosum fl. pl., double-flowered are superb, and make a splendid bed. They are, however, especially adapted to sow in a pasture or upon the lawn that is not cut early. They do not mind the encroachment of grasses, and make bright and beautiful the waving plumes. For this purpose sow sparingly over the sod early in fall.

Sow Annual Poppies in rows eight inches apart and thin to six inches in the rows. Avoid crowding.



PAPAVER SOMNIFERUM, DOUBLE AND SINGLE.

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Dahlia Pest.—The spotted insect that eats into the buds and flowers of Dahlias can be avoided by spraying with arsenate of lead, one ounce to two gallons of water. Apply the liquid in the evening. The treatment must be repeated after every rain.

Palms.—Sago, Kentia, and Ostrich Plume Palms are not hardy in northern Texas. The Sabal Palmetto, Sabal Adamsoni, Sabal serrulata, and Chamærops Hystrix are hardy as far north as South Carolina, and will prove hardy in southern Texas, and in protected places further north.

Dictamnus Caucasica.—This is a beautiful hardy perennial, somewhat like *D. fraxinella*, but taller and more stately. It bears large flowers on long spikes, and a well grown plant is very effective. It blooms freely for several weeks during May and June. It is readily grown from seeds.

Golden Trumpet.—*Datura Chlorantha* is sometimes known as Golden Trumpet. The plants are two feet high, and are easily grown from seeds, and the large, trumpet-like flowers are of a golden color, and very handsome. Start the seeds early in spring and give the plants a warm, sunny place in the garden.

Sambucus pubens maxima.—This is a grand shrub, producing immense flattened clusters of cream-white flowers in August, a period after which most other kinds of *Sambucus* have ripened their berries. The plant is vigorous, and when in bloom it never fails to excite the wonder and admiration of those who see it. There is some doubt as to the true origin and name of this hardy shrub, but there is no doubt as to its beauty and utility. It is one of the good, desirable things for the decoration of large grounds.

Birds in the Garden.—Few persons realize the great value of our song-birds in destroying garden pests. This is to be regretted, as the almost utter disregard and neglect of our little feathered friends has greatly depleted their numbers, and promoted the increase of hosts of our garden enemies. There is hardly a plant or bush or tree now that does not have some pest to spoil its growth and beauty. As the time is at hand for putting up homes for the returning birds those who have a garden should not delay the work. We can do much to encourage the birds to multiply and help us in our garden work by putting up suitable boxes in which to build their nests and rear their young. Do it now.

GODETIAS.



ONE OF THE GOOD ANNUALS that are popular in Europe is *Godetia*. Set six inches apart in a bed the display of bright bloom is admirable, and the colors

are rich varied and pleasing. The seeds should be sown early, and the plants set out where they are intended to bloom. They prefer a bed where they will be partially protected from the hot noon-day sun. The plants grow about a foot high, and



GODETIA.

bloom throughout summer. The flowers keep well when cut, and are fine for bouquets.

Clematis Montana.—Many people know and admire the autumn-blooming *Clematis paniculata*, but few are aware of the beauty of *Clematis Montana*, a species very much like *C. paniculata*, but having larger flowers, smaller clusters and a much earlier blooming period. It was brought from Nepal in 1831, and its merits ought to be better known by this time. It is really an early summer-blooming vine, often so profuse-blooming that the foliage is almost hidden by the mass of flowers. It should be loosely trained to a trellis, and not tacked firmly against a wall or building, as its graceful sprays are seen to the best advantage when its growth is unconfined.

Mildew.—A sort of mildew or blight often attacks the dense rosette-like foliage of *Campanula medium* and *Foxglove* plants early in spring, during damp, murky weather. For this reason it is well to have the beds for these flowers as high and dry as possible. Sandy, well-drained soil is preferable, and if the surplus leaves are removed when spring comes the plants will not suffer seriously. The more air and sunlight you can get to the body of the plants in early spring the better.

Hardy Hydrangeas.—These make much larger, handsomer heads of bloom if pruned severely early in spring, before the buds push out. The parts cut off can be made into cuttings and stuck in sandy soil in a shady place, where they will form new plants.

Children's Letter

MY DEAR CHILDREN:—The other day as I stepped outside the door of my home and started down the path to my office I heard a voice in the morning breeze calling to me "Good Morning! Good Morning!" and looking around, I saw near the path a slender pole still supporting some dry vines, and upon the vines were several clusters of dry seed-pods held aloft on long stems, each little cluster nodding and speaking in the plainest language it knew. The sun was shining bright and warm from its place above the distant eastern hills, the early song sparrow trilled some sweet notes from its perch upon the cherry tree nearby, and at a distant farm-house I heard the bark of some dutiful watch-dog. While I was thus looking and listening the little clusters nodded and rustled again "Good Morning, Good Morning".

"Good Morning to you, my dear friends," said I. "But why do you not put your children to bed. They must have a covering and some rest to be ready to awaken at the call of Spring, when the loving sunrays kiss the earth, and the gentle showers lend their reviving

influence to the happy spring elements. But I will help you." So I took the baby plants in their pretty black seed coverlets, and made a soft little bed near the place where the mother plant sprung up last year, and here I placed them, tucking the soft earth-cover tenderly about them. "Lie still, now," said I, "until Mother Earth tells you that Jack Frost has departed, and you can safely push away the cover, and raise your little heads into the bright sunlight." And so I left them.

"But what of the Mother plant," I hear you ask, and I am pleased to tell you. Last year, early in May, as I was going down the path, I noticed a pretty little vine reaching out its long fingers, trying to grasp a support, so that it could develop its buds and flowers and baby seeds. At once it enlisted my sympathy, and I found the slender pole referred to and set it firmly beside the vine, then trained it to cling. When we kindly supply aid to anything, whether plant or animal, we have a special interest in that plant or animal, and so I watched this vine day by day as I passed. It was a daily

pleasure to see it pushing its clinging stems higher and higher, to note the fresh new leaves developing and covering the stems, and at last to see the little cluster stems of buds rise from the leaf-axils. How interesting these buds were, and as they developed how curiously they were twisted in the most delicate and perfect manner. Finally, one bright morning one of the buds unfolded, and as I passed it nodded "Good Morning! Good Morning!" and I saw it dressed in richest velvety blue, charming in form, exquisite in texture, and adorning the dense foliage around it in the most pleasing manner. How beautiful! But this was only the beginning. The next morning there were two smiling faces, and they increased in number and beauty as the season advanced.

My Dear Children, we never do a kind deed in the home or garden, or wherever we have the opportunity, but the kindness reflects back to us a hundred fold. It was a small deed to give support to a little struggling vine, yet how great the reward! The lovely foliage and

bloom greeted and cheered me every day during summer and autumn. Throughout the cold winter months the rattle of the dry vines brought to my mind the sweet summer days, made sweeter by the pretty bells that hung among the foliage and nodded to me every morning from that slender



pole. And even the call to me "Good Morning, Good Morning" from the dry seed clusters reminded me of approaching spring joy and beauty, telling me that I had a duty to perform in putting these little seed-babies to bed, if I would enjoy the brightness and cheer of the lovely blossoms the coming summer.

And now, Dear Children, let me urge you all to plant a few seeds of the common Morning Glory. Plant them as early as the ground can be worked, and give support by strings or poles as soon as the little vines begin to run. Sow mixed seeds, and you will be greeted by flowers of many colors, and your pleasure will be enhanced by looking for new or different colors each morning during summer. No vine will afford you more pleasure, and no vine is easier to grow. If you heed this advice you will feel thankful to me when the flowers appear, and will see new beauty in this old and too much neglected vine. The plants are much hardier and more free-blooming than the Japanese Morning Glory.

Geo. W. Park.

LaPark, Pa., Feb. 25, 1918.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Border Flowers.—Mr. Park: I have a new house in the country with a board-walk leading from the front door to the public road, about 50 feet, with a border on each side 18 inches wide. What can I plant there that would keep up a continuous display?—Mr. Wolf, Md., Jan. 17, 1918.

Ans.—For early spring and summer flowers plant some bulbs of Narcissus, Tulips and Hyacinths, and start clumps of Columbine, Iris, Hemerocallis, and Lancifolium Lilies. For summer and autumn start plants of Pinks, Sweet William, Rudbeckia, Salvia Prætenis, Gaillardia grandiflora, Anthemis Kelwayi, Malva Moschata, Autumn Chrysanthemums and Perennial Asters. These should be scattered along the border, and not all planted together. Among them you can plant seedlings, such as Snapdragon, Double Aster, Balsam, Celosia, Calliopsis, Calendula, Petunia, Phlox, Portulacca, Stock, Salvia, Verbena and Zinnia. In planting these group several plants of the same kind near together, setting the tall-growing ones in the rear and the low-growing ones in front. There are few plants that will bloom continuously, and the border is more attractive when it contains a variety, while the bloom is more continuous.

Fertilizer.—Mr. Park:—Kindly tell me about how to fertilize my plants to make them bloom well. We have no manure. Would ammonia water be good?—Mrs. Cathcart, Ill.

Ans.—To make plants bloom one of the best of fertilizers is bone-dust. This is charged with phosphorus, which tends to the formation of buds, as well as their development. Ammonia water promotes growth, and is very useful for vines and foliage plants. A teaspoonful added to a gallon of water is sufficient. Pulverized horse manure placed over the soil about the plant has the same effect, and is more lasting. A good bone phosphate will also be found excellent as a fertilizer to promote free-blooming.

Aucuba Japonica.—Mr. Park:—I have an Aucuba Japonica that is covered with a small, light-colored scale. Both leaves and stems are affected, and are turning black, in blotches, all over the plant. How shall I treat it?—Florence Donohoe, W. Va.

Ans.—If the plant is small sponge the leaves and stems with warm soap-suds with which has been incorporated some kerosene—say a tablespoonful to a gallon of water. For either small or large plants an effectual remedy is lime-sulphur solution, one part to ten parts water. Apply with a good syringe. A thin white-wash brushed upon the stem and foliage, allowed to remain three days, then removed, will be found a good remedy.

Window Bulbs.—Mr. Park:—What makes the leaf-tips of my Chinese Lilies turn yellow; and why do the Hyacinths develop their buds with such short stems.—W. W. Wiche, Ill., Feb. 11, 1918.

Ans.—The leaves of Narcissus or Chinese Lilies turn yellow at the tips because of a dry, hot atmosphere and lack of sufficient sunlight. Moisten and cool the atmosphere by evaporating water in the room. Hyacinths fail to develop good stems because the bulbs were not well-rooted before being brought to the light.

Tuberose.—Mr. Park:—When should I put Tuberose bulbs in flower pots to have them to bloom about the last of May?—Bessie Moore, Colo.

Ans.—Tuberose require from three to four months to develop a flower-stalk and flowers. Their blooming period, however, is often uncertain, and unless the bulbs are well cared for they will not bloom. The germ in the bulb is very tender, and if subjected to cold and dampness it will rot, in which case the bulb will throw up leaves but the flower-stalk will not appear. To be sure of raising flower-stalks bearing buds and flowers, get good, well-preserved bulbs of medium size and pot them in



TUBEROSE FLOWER AND PLANT.

April, watering sparingly until they begin to grow. When the ground becomes warm set them out in a sunny place, and mulch the bed with stable litter as hot weather approaches. They like plenty of water when growing and blooming. You can also obtain bulbs and plant them about the first of June, setting them about five inches deep. Thus planted the hot sun and drouth are not so liable to injure the plants, and a good crop of flowers will result. Any plants that have not matured on the approach of frost can be potted and placed in the window to develop the flowers.

Plants Wild in Florida.—Mr. Park:—I have never seen Vinca rosea or Ageratum growing wild in Florida, as a writer states, and am inclined to think it a mistake. I have seen Vinca in masses in Galveston, Texas, where it grows luxuriantly, the sea, air and sandy soil suiting it well. It is a fine pot plant and valuable for window gardening.—Alda, Arizona.

Ans.—Both Vinca rosea and Ageratum I have noticed growing wild in Florida, and also Argemone and Castor Oil Bean. These things were taken there in past years for gardens and escaped cultivation. They all delight in sunshine and heat and sandy soil.

Anagallis.—This is known as Pimpernel. The plants are branching and spreading, and useful for rockeries, borders and edgings. The flowers are small but very bright, and mostly blue in color. A pretty native sort is known as Anagallis arvensis. It abounds in gardens and blooms freely during summer, the flowers being of a charming blue color, but not showy. Inquiry has been made about the use of the plant for seasoning soups. Has any reader had experience in thus using it?

GARDEN NOTES.

One of the finest recent additions to the large family of vines is the fringed and ruffled Morning Glory. This vine is different from the Double flowering varieties, has odd cut foliage, and the flowers are gorgeous. If you like vines, try this one.

Two of the finest flowers that can be grown from seeds are Salpiglossis and Schizanthus. Both are excellent and beautiful. Sown in hot-bed or window in February or March, and transplanted from pots or boxes in May, will bloom during the summer. If seeds are sown early in the fall, the plants can be grown in small pots, and will be of blooming size in the spring. They can be kept either in a cold pit or a cool room during winter.



SCHIZANTHUS.

Feed your fall-blooming plants with liquid manure. Once every week or so is sufficient. Chrysanthemums, Cosmos, Salvias and late-blooming Dahlias will reward your efforts with a grand display until frost.

Scabiosa and Calendula are annuals that are easily grown, and can always be relied upon to make a pretty show. The double varieties of Scabiosa are very pretty, not unlike a Carnation in form and size of flower.

Richmond, Va. A. McAuley.

Lilies and Poppies.—I want to tell about my Lilies. They are the old-fashioned kind our Grandmothers grew, and the only name I ever knew for them was Garden Lilies, Will Mr. Park name them? I grow them with Poppies. Their fragrance is very pleasing, and all the neighbors have the benefit of their odor. The petals are thick and waxy, and when preserved in alcohol is a splendid remedy for cuts, burns and bruises. The time to plant these Lilies is in August, when the bulbs are entirely dormant. They are perfectly hardy and easily cared for, if you give them a sandy soil and good drainage. They will increase from year to year.

Mrs. Josie Franks.

[Note.—The Lily referred to is *Lilium Candidum*, and I regret that I cannot reproduce the illustration. It throws up new leaves in autumn which remain until the flower-stalks push up the next season. Of late years nearly all of the imported bulbs (They are imported from the south of France) are diseased, and if you wish to get one it would be well to secure it from an old garden where the bulbs have been growing and blooming for years. You will then get bulbs that will last. The diseased bulbs are only a "delusion and a snare".—Ed.]

Pansies.—I raise Pansies every year. I think they are beautiful. I sow my seeds in the house about March 1st. After frost is over I transplant in rich, sandy soil.

Hill Grove, O. Mrs. E. C. White.

PANSY GERANIUM.

FOR those that want a plant that is choice and yet does not require extra care, I would suggest the Pansy Geranium. I have an elegant plant. On receiving it I set it in a medium sized pot filled with half garden soil, one quarter sand and one quarter stable manure. Almost from the first it grew, and when warm days arrived I changed it to a larger pot and better dirt. Still it grew, and by the last of May had several buds, which soon developed into elegant blooms. In July the plant had dozens of blooms, and was growing all the time. During the first of the winter it took a rest for a few weeks. Now it is growing again and looks as bright and healthy as any plant could. I am giving it a "tea" once a week, in fact always have when it was growing, but aside from that it has received no extra attentions. It is twenty inches tall and as many broad. Everyone who has seen it has admired it, and I have given many cuttings. I expect to see buds coming soon, and considering the size last year and this year, I do not know how many blooms I shall get—hundreds I would say. Mrs. Elsinore G. Ackerman.

Meredith, N. H.

Success with Cyclamen.—I want to tell of the success I have had with Cyclamen.

Two plants are in bloom now, and I have several more coming on later. I feel very proud of them, because I have tried in vain so many times to get one to bloom, or just even live for me, and they failed to do either and I am sure it was not because of neglect. First I sent to several places for bulbs, and they would rot or dry up. Then after a long wait I decided to try my luck with seeds, but no use, they did not come up. Then I gave it up for several years, or until I sent for seeds again, and I must say I have had very good results.



CYCLAMEN.

Reynoldsville, Pa.

Rose Enemies.—I had a potted Rose-bush in the house during winter which became infested with green lice and red spiders, and to treat them I placed a thick layer of tobacco stems upon the soil around it. This was effectual at first, but after awhile it lost its virtue, and the pests renewed their attack. What more could I do? Mrs. W. L. Sturgis.

Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1918.

[Note.—Spray the plant with lime-sulphur solution, in the proportion of one part solution to ten parts tobacco tea, being careful to reach the underside of the leaves. If one spraying is not enough give the plant another. Keep the plant from the hot mid-day sun for a few days after spraying. Properly applied this will be found an effectual remedy.—Ed.]

THE POOR MAN'S ORCHID.

BECAUSE of its beauty of form, delicate texture, exquisite coloring, and withal moderate cost, the Iris truly deserves its sobriquet, "The poor man's Orchid"; and



JAPAN IRIS.

at the time of the year, when the borders of Iris are in full bloom, resplendent in their regal beauty, it is undeniably, also the "Queen of the Garden. Yet this charming and lovely flower is of easy culture, and yields an unusually large degree of satisfaction and pleasure in proportion to the amount of time

and attention which it requires. The Iris, particularly the hybrids of Germanica, I. Delmatica, I. Florentina, I. foetidissima, etc., can be successfully grown with comparatively little effort. While it responds readily and freely to cultivation it will obligingly grow and bloom even when partially neglected; and when it is once firmly established in suitable environment, it will bloom, multiply, and last for years.

The one seeming drawback of the individual plants of this class, is the comparatively short season of bloom; but by a judicious selection of

species and varieties it is possible to secure an uninterrupted succession of flowers from early in spring until late in July. The plants are hardy and anybody can grow them. Iris

pseudo-acorus is at its best if grown near the edge of water, or in a boggy, shady place. Iris Kempferi will bloom freely when planted in deep, rich soil and fully exposed to direct sunlight. While it is possible to grow the Japanese Iris in dry soil, it seems to reach its greatest perfection if planted in a moist situation. On the other hand I. pumila and I. Germanica will thrive in almost any garden soil, providing that it is not too wet. The plants do not thrive and increase in one situation. Change their location in the garden until a situation suitable for them is found. Thus by observing



IRIS GERMANICA.

and experimenting the Iris enthusiast soon learns the requirements of his varieties, and how to supply the proper conditions for them.



IRIS BY THE BROOKSIDE.

As a rule, various species and varieties of Iris obtained from florists are hardy and will endure safely even the severest northern winters. The old-fashioned, showy Iris, commonly called "Blue Flag", a variety of I. Germanica, is one of the hardiest of the Iris family, while the Spanish Iris, usually catalogued as "hardy," is not strictly so. If planted in a sheltered place, in sandy, well-drained soil, and given protection in

cold latitudes, it may last for several years, but if placed in poorly drained, tenacious soil, the bulbs are apt to rot or "winter out". When the conditions are unfavorable lift the bulbs and

keep them cool and dry until they can be replanted in the spring. At the north, *Iris Hispanica* is much better adapted to pot culture and forcing than for a hardy garden plant. The tall, elegant *Madam Chereau* and other hybrid varieties of German *Iris* will be found perfectly satisfactory in hardy beds. When planted in groups or in masses they are very effective.

In a sunny situation in good soil they will thrive and increase so rapidly that the clumps will need to be divided about every fourth year. If the clumps are allowed to remain too long in a bed, the rhizomes may be forced above the ground, and thus be injured by exposure. A crowded condition of the roots also results in impairing the vitality of the plants, and in making them non-blooming.

After the plants are through blooming is a good time to lift and divide the clumps, or it may be done early in September when the plants are nearly dormant. If the dividing of the clumps is done in June, after blooming, the reset plants have an opportunity to make free growth and to be in condition to bloom the following spring, and by Memorial Day there is likely to be an abundance of surpassingly lovely flowers, when cut flowers are in great demand. If cut while in the bud and the stems placed in water the flowers will open in succession and last for days.

Too much cannot be written in favor of the free cultivation of these magnificent flowers, which even rival the *Orchid* in their beauty and wide range of coloring. Their profusion of bloom, hardihood, and ease of culture, make this class of plants so deservedly popular that no hardy garden can hope to be complete without its full quota of the charming *Iris*—the *Orchid* of the flower-loving masses.

Bertha Berbert Hammond.

Mahopac Falls, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1918.

Mixed Flowers.—I want to speak of my mixed flower bed. In gathering seeds from my own and other flowers I just dropped them all in the same dish, so when I went to plant them they were pretty well mixed up. I planted a strip about two feet wide and twenty-five feet long through the garden, and had about twenty varieties, including all the old varieties and everlastings. They were a continual show all summer. Where one is lacking in space for flower beds in the front yard, just try them in the garden.

Mrs. Mildred Fisher.

Chanute, Kans.

Cosmos.—I had a trench dug on the west side of the house which I filled with sand and stable litter, then sowed with *Cosmos* seeds. For three years the blossoms, white, rose and red have been glorious in the late summer and early fall.

Elizabeth Brewster.

Myndus, N. Mexico.

Heliotrope.—Plants of *Heliotrope* started in the spring make beautiful flowers for winter. I had a pot of them last year that was admired by everybody who saw it.

Marshall, Ill.

A. Schneider.

REHMANNIA.

THE *REHMANNIA* *Angulata* bloomed for me this year from plants raised last summer from seeds. I think it a very odd and attractive flower. The foliage



REHMANNIA FLOWER.

is rough and handsome. The flowers come on spikes and their shape resembles that of a *Bignonia*. They hang down like the *Digitalis*. The flowers are of an old rose color, and have a yellow throat which is veined and spotted maroon, as in the *Salpiglossis*. The range of color is very limited,

and it is to be hoped there will be more colors in time. The stems, of mine, were about two and a half feet high, and have to be staked. They seem to spread from underground roots, but the roots are close to the surface and easily removed. They seem to be hardy in this climate.

Mrs. F. C. McKinnie.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 24, 1917.

Ricinus from Seeds.—Try a circular bed next summer, and instead of the usual center of *Cannas*,

plant two or three *Castor Beans*, in a rich garden soil, as soon as the ground is warm. I placed a double row of *Celosia Magnifica* around them, and with an outer circle of dwarf *French Marigolds*, had a very ornamental bed. I mulched with lawn clippings, and did not allow the soil to dry out. The *Ricinus* were tall, and bronze, a fine contrast to the light-green feathery plumes. I shall try this combination again.



Mrs. S. A. Sargent.

Merrimac, Mass.

Fragrant Flowers.—I have many fragrant flowers now blooming in my yard. I seldom ever use any but fragrant flowers, for the non-fragrant ones are too much work, and are never as lovely as scented ones. At present I have *Paper White Narcissus*, *Prince of Wales Violets*, *Smilax* and fragrant *Callas*. I have quite a garden of *J. B. Clark Rose*, and a large bed of *Spice Pinks*. We often over hear those who pass exclaiming "O! O! O! how sweet are those Pinks".

Mrs. Geo. Wetzel.
Santa Rosa, Cal., Feb. 1, 1918.



FLORAL POETRY.

TO THE SOLDIER BOY FAR AWAY.

Oh, the sunshine would be brighter
 Darling, as it used to be,
 And I'd hold your hand now tighter
 Darling, were you here with me.
 Oh, the way seems oft' so weary
 Through each long, long lonely day,
 And the road so dark and dreary
 Since you're so far away.

Down the old lane now I wander,
 Where the Oak trees bend and sway,
 And 'tis here I pause and ponder
 Where so oft we used to play.
 Oh, the shadows gather 'round me—
 There's a mist before my eyes,
 For 'twas here one day you found me
 'Neath the bright blue summer skies.

There's a sound of so much sadness
 On the cold winds of the night;
 Once 'twas peace and so much gladness,
 Then the world looked—oh, so bright.
 But there's comfort in my sorrow,
 Tho' you are so far away,
 Darling, in the sweet to-morrow
 Will you not come back to play?

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 23, 1918. Amelia C. Hampton.

MARY'S GARDEN.

This garden Mary watched with loving eyes,—
 Laid out the bordered walks, prepared the ground,
 And dropped the seeds like tiny hopes that rise
 In their fulfillment, scattering perfume round.

How carefully she reared each little plant
 And watched its curling tendrils with delight!
 Its every need she loved so well to grant!
 But now, abandoned, lonely, is its plight.

So often, Mary, have I seen you here,
 Amid the Roses and prim cedar trees,
 That now, methinks, your spirit lingers near;
 I turn, expectant, at each whispering breeze.

It cannot be that you have really left
 This once loved spot to ruin and decay!
 Rank weeds have mustered, and the place bereft
 Sighs softly for your presence day by day.

But no; forlorn, untended, now it lies,
 Its winding path an empty echoing lane;
 The flowers droop beneath dull leaden skies,
 And hopeless vines wave beckoning arms in vain.

It must be in an Upper Garden fair,
 Some loved work fills your heart and hands and
 But, oh, I wonder, do you know or care [eyes];
 That here your garden all neglected lies.
 E. Thompson, Conn. Edith Porter Kimball.

ACROSTIC TO OLD GLORY.

Off with your hats, as you pass it by!
 Look! how it gracefully waves on high!
 Dear to us all, are each stripe, and star—
 Gladly we hail to it there afar.
 Look at the folds there fluttering, wide;
 Oh! salute it with national pride.
 Raise it higher, oh, higher above!
 Yes, its our beautiful flag we love!

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 6, 1918. Amelia C. Hampton.

THE HYACINTH FLOWER.

In a pot of earth I buried the bulb,
 An onion-looking affair,
 And I set it away in a cellar dark
 With no further thought or care.

Simply dirt, brown dirt had I given it,
 Out of which such a one as I
 Could have made not a thing on earth
 But a blotch, or a fat mud pie.

Weeks later I stubbed my toe on the pot,
 And, astonished, beheld a sprout;
 The onion bulb, from its bed of dirt,
 Was, evidently, crawling out.

A window ledge, and an ardent sun
 I gave as its just desert;
 And of water, thought and air, forsooth,
 So much had it made of dirt.

Today, in a golden jardiniere,
 With fragrance filling the room,
 Stands the marvelous wonder no mind can
 A glorious Hyacinth bloom. [grasp]

Brooklyn, N. Y. Maude Meridith.

THE RIVER AT NIGHT IN SPRING.

The broad, cool meadows dreaming lie,
 Where, wending from the mountain home,
 The river contemplates the sky,
 With starry friends content to roam.

Beneath our boat the waters bound,
 Past fisher-quay and grassy merge;
 Low sobbing from the depths profound
 Assails us like a ceaseless dirge.

Night's cloak, cast over rock and rill,
 Enchantment lends to charm the scene,
 Where dance the waves beneath the hill,
 Or glide among the meadows green.

The rippling tide is like a song,
 Played by the hand of fancy near;
 It gently bears our thoughts along,
 Recalling scenes of yesteryear.

Baltimore, Md. Will Thompson.

I LOVE YOU STILL.

I love you still! My courting days
 Are hidden well within the haze
 That veils all objects of the past
 With folds so impenetrable, vast,
 That scarce the slightest memory strays
 From out the deep, perplexing maze;
 But when I view the well-known ways,
 No clouds my skies then over-cast,—
 I love you still.

Oft when my Muse a flight essays,
 To seek where congregate the fays,
 It slowly goes or stands aghast,
 With folded pinions fettered fast,
 My mind reveals the well-known phrase,
 I love you still.

Shelbyville, Ind. Alonzo L. Rice.

MY EASTER BASKET.

The Easter basket sent by you
 Assures me of your friendship true,
 Which lives through sun and shower.
 The fancy faces bright and gay
 Look up at me, and seem to say,
 "Be happy, hour by hour!"

The candies and the Easter card
 Add further proof of your regard,
 And, making all complete,
 A bow of ribbon, at one side,
 Is to the basket-handle tied,
 My thanks, for gift so sweet!

Appleton, Md.

M. E. K.

FLORAL NOTES.

Balsam Apple.—I am surprised to find so seldom in the flower gardens of my friends the Balsam Pear and Apple. They are of easy culture, and late in the fall, when so much of summer's beauty has faded, these are very attractive. Their bright red fruits dotting the dark green foliage attracts much admiration. They are also used for medicinal purposes.

Sedgwick, Kans. Mrs. W. A. Logue.

Gladiolus.—Last year I planted twelve mixed Gladiolus, the first I ever saw. All grew, and in early August I had ten plants in bloom. One had two spikes of the loveliest blossoms I ever saw, and they kept fine when cut. Cut spikes at the florists were \$1.60 per dozen, and not nearly so nice as the ones I had. They were fine.



Wilmore, Kan. Mrs. George Fisher.

Ragged Robin.—What is more beautiful than a bed of this old-fashioned flower, as I can call back to my mind of seeing it in my dear old mother's garden long ago. I am now seventy-two years old, and this past summer I had nine different colors, but the pink and white, and the blue and white variegated ones were surely fine.

Mrs. J. H. McDaniel. Boswell, Ind., Dec. 7, 1917.

Ranunculus.—I planted a packet of Ranunculus seeds last spring. They were a little slow in germinating, but I had a fine bed of bloom—white, cream, pink, red, orange and variegated. Everybody stopped to admire them. Now I have enough for two beds next year. I would not want to be without them



Pacific Grove, Cal. Mrs. Wm. Orchard

Platycodon.—Last year I raised twelve of the finest plants of Platycodon I think a flower lover has ever seen. They die down in my pots every fall, when I bring them in, but in a few weeks new shoots spring up and all bear beautiful bell-like flowers. It seems when once started it is hard to lose them.

St. Louis, Mo. O. C. Roedler.

Hollyhocks.—I raised a lot of Hollyhocks from seeds, some of which grew seven feet high. After their first blooming period I cut them down, and they threw up new stalks and gave me a second crop of flowers. They were still blooming in November.

Fowler, Col., Nov. 18, 1918. Mrs. J. F. Dickson.

Pansies.—Sown in September in a protected bed, and the soil kept moist, Pansies will begin to bloom in autumn, and will endure the winter and bloom abundantly the following spring. The plants are benefited by mulching with fine stable litter just before winter sets in. Avoid covering the plants.



Fulton, Ky.

Mrs. Owen.

Wild Cucumber.—If you want a rapid climbing vine, try the Wild Cucumber, *Echinocystis lobata*, which is perfectly hardy, and has such beautiful foliage. But the seed should be planted in the fall where they are wanted to grow. If the seeds are allowed to ripen and fall the supply will be kept up by volunteer plants. This vine grows for me over a west porch, where Morning Glories and others fail because of the hot evening sun. Pollyanna.

Brown Station, Mo.

[Note.—The seeds may be planted early in March, where they will be frosted, to promote germination. The tough, impervious covering prevents them from starting. The vine is a native, and thrives in moist soil. It will endure considerable shade as well as a hot sunny situation.—Ed.]

Morning Glories.—For many years we have raised Morning Glories, mostly the Japanese varieties and Moon flowers. They create a good shade, and there are many beautiful combinations of colors. These are necessary to every household, especially the newer varieties.



Mantua, Ohio.

Ira Chalker.

Poppies.—My Oriental Poppies were perfectly gorgeous last year, some as large as a pint bowl. I am the only one I know who has them. They are greatly admired. Many seeing them for the first time do not think them real flowers—they are so large, their only fault being that they do not last long when cut.

Ogden, Ill.

Mrs. T. C. Johnson.

Gaillardia.—I recommend the Gaillardia as one of the hardiest and loveliest of flowers. I have a bed for them in a partially shaded place, and without much time spent on them am rewarded by an abundance of the loveliest of flowers



N. Liberty, Ia.

Anastasia Maxey.

A Late Border.—Last year I planted Marigold and Scarlet Salvia alternately in a long border, but the plants did not bloom until late in the season. Nevertheless, when they did bloom they were the admiration of all who saw them.

Frederick Co., Md., Jan. 17, 1918. Mrs. M. A. Wolf.

IN THE BACK YARD.

In this Department while the War lasts, room will be given for articles upon combined Flower and Vegetable Gardening, Poultry and Economical and Domestic subjects. Correspondence is solicited. Let us make this Department interesting.

RADISHES.

THE Radish is prized more as a relish than as a nourishing article of food. It is among the first vegetable seeds to sow in the Spring, and comes on quickly, becoming fit for table use in a very short time.



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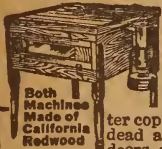
The bed should be in a sunny place, and the soil sandy, porous and well drained. Sow in rows six inches apart, the seeds being placed a half-inch apart, and some salt drilled into the row before covering the seeds, to eradicate the maggot which ruins the roots. As soon as the plants get started run the garden hoe through the rows to loosen the soil and promote rapid growth, for the good quality of the

If the family is fond of this vegetable several packets of seeds should be obtained,

early, medium and late, and all can be sown at the same time, but in different rows. If, however, only a few roots are needed, and you wish to have them during the season get a packet of mixed seeds. Such packets will afford early, medium and late Radishes, some long, some medium in length, and others turnip-shaped. In any event do not forget to salt the rows, as roots that are affected by the maggot are hardly fit for table use.

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AS TO WRENS.

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Many use hen manure for the garden, and doubt often exists as to the proper method to prepare it. It is a good plan to crush it thoroughly and mix with an equal amount of fine dry earth. When this is done it may be spread easily and evenly, and applied around growing plants if desired. About two handfuls well worked into the soil around a tomato plant will make a good, liberal application.

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 My! How I do hate the Kaiser!

—Author not Known.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl 13 years old and live in a small village. My parents have the Postoffice. I go to school every day and take music lessons. I have taken your Magazine for about two years, and wouldn't do without it. Post cards and letters exchanged.
 Miss Hattie Hughes.
 Glengary, Mont., Oct. 22, 1917.

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In March first open shall be wise;
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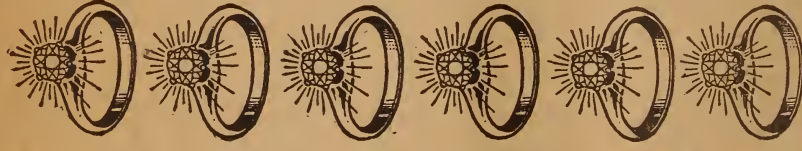
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NOVEMBER

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Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron was shown to several physicians who were requested to give their opinions thereon.

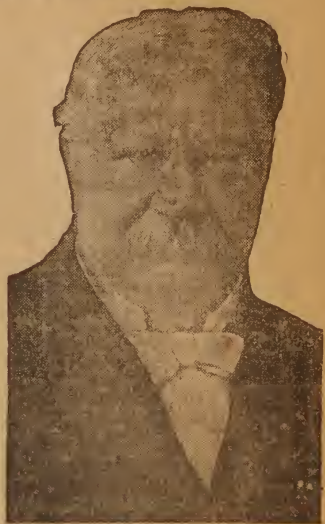
Dr. Ferdinand King, a New York Physician and Medical Author, said: "I heartily indorse Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron. There can be no vigorous iron men without iron. Pallor means anaemia. Anaemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anaemia men and women is pale, the flesh flabby; the muscles lack tone; the brain fags, and the memory fails, and often they become weak, nervous, despondent and melancholy."

Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), New York, and the Westchester County Hospital, said, "Senator Mason is to be commended on handing out this statement on Nuxated Iron for public print. There are thousands of men and women who need a strength and blood builder but do not know what to take. In my own opinion there is nothing better than organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for enriching the blood and helping to increase the strength and endurance of men and women who burn up too rapidly their nervous energy in the strenuous strain of the great business competition of the day."

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Former U. S. Senator Wm. E. Mason, recently elected member of the U. S. Congress from Illinois

Senator Mason's championship of Pure Food and Drugs legislation, his fight for the rural free delivery system, and his strong advocacy of all bills favoring labor and the rights of the masses as against trusts and combines made him a national figure at Washington and endeared him to the hearts of the workingman and the great masses of people throughout the United States. Senator Mason has the distinction of being one of the really big men of the nation. His strong endorsement of Nuxated Iron must convince any intelligent, thinking reader that it must be a preparation of very great merit and one which the Senator feels is bound to be of great value to the masses of people everywhere, otherwise he could not afford to lend his name to it, especially after his strong advocacy of pure food and drugs legislation.

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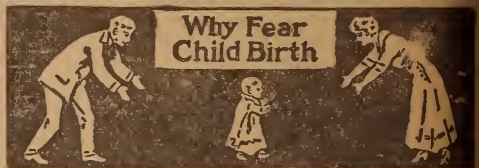
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Willie L. Gibbs.
Walls, Miss., Jan. 30, 1918.

Dear Mr. Park:—My mother has taken your Magazine for many years, and finds great pleasure in reading it. We have Roses and many other flowers. I am 12 years old, and am in the 5th grade. I like to read the Children's letters, and will correspond with other girls of my age.
Center, Ky., Feb. 15, 1918. Elizabeth Thompson.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer boy and like country life fine. I live on a farm of 335 acres, 206 acres are in pasture, and 120 acres in cultivation. I am 13 years of age and weigh about 87 pounds. Mamma subscribed for your Magazine a long time ago, and is still taking it. I am fond of birds, and the Wrens are my favorite. I build a house for them every summer. Papa has 33 head of cattle, 3 mules, 2 horses, 5 pigs, and 110 chickens. He also has an auto, but I don't run it.
Perrin, Tex., Jan. 28, 1918. Elate Mask.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl 10 years old, and go to Lenox Centralized School. I am in the 5th grade. I have always lived on a farm, and never wish to live in the city. It is so nice and quiet, and I have all the room I want for flowers. Nearly every spring I go to my aunts and stay for a week, then we go to the meadows and woods to pick wild flowers. My mother has taken your Magazine for quite awhile. Alice Roberts,
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From Texas.—We have been taking the Floral Magazine for a long time, and could hardly do without it. We have had a cold, bad winter in Texas. The ground is covered with ice and sleet now. We have wrens here and they sing nearly all the time in summer. I put up a new house for them every year, and the more houses we put up the more birds we have. I like flowers and music, the violin is my favorite instrument. Mayford Mask.

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THE LANTANA.

MORNING GLORIES.

THE LANTANA, an old favorite, may be grown either from seeds sown as soon as ripe, or from cuttings of the half-ripened wood inserted in sandy soil in a warm place under glass during summer. Cuttings three or four inches long are the best. Although I have always gotten rooted plants, I think I shall try soon a packet of seeds of the new dwarf varieties.

One peculiarity of Lantana culture is that often two plants will start from one seed, there being more than one germ within the hard outer covering. And in the case of twin seedlings both will be found equally sturdy. In fact, the little plants are usually quite thrifty from the date of their first appearance above ground, and will grow and come quickly into bloom if given a modicum of care, being half hardy, and in mild, southern climes, entirely so.

I have always preferred them for out-door culture, in beds, pots or boxes, although they adapt themselves readily to window gardens, if



LANTANA.

given plenty of sun and a warm temperature—two requirements absolutely essential to their well-being. However, they more readily appeal to some of us as out-door plants, their bright, sunshiny colors of yellow, orange, red and pink, usually two

zones contrasted in one flower, challenging comparison oftentimes with their more stately neighbors.

The new dwarf varieties should be given a trial by lovers of this accommodating, clean plant. These are hybrids, and as with nearly all hybrids or cross-breeds in whatsoever family of plants, they do not grow stalky at the expense of the flowers. The leaves of this plant when crushed, emit a pleasant, pungent odor.

The Lantana is really a half-hardy shrub, ever-blooming, and in its native habitat, South America, grows much larger than with us. In California the bushes attain immense size, producing a riot of color. I have always admired the tiny plants with their button clusters in bloom on the market.

A favorite with most people is the weeping variety known as *Delicatissima*, with clusters of lavender flowers. Some of the best of the new seedlings are nameless.

Baltimore, Md.

Will Thompson.

[Note.—The bony covering of the seed-germs of Hybrid Lantanas is such that if the seeds are not strictly fresh, germination is greatly retarded. The plants like hot sunshine and are almost ever-blooming. In Florida, where the frosts are not severe, the plants bloom abundantly in winter.—Ed.]

Coleus.—I raised from seeds the finest Coleus plants I have ever seen. I made cuttings and started many of the plants which I sold.

Gracemont, Okla.

Mrs. Franklin.

I ONCE heard a woman say, "Morning Glories are Morning Glories." Maybe they were to her, but if so she was all wrong. I have seen the old pink and blue ones, later the larger improved ones of many colors, and still later the Japanese Morning Glories.



They were all pretty in their time, and are to-day. But when you have seen, or still better, raised the Double White Fairy Morning Glory, the more common kinds are going to look small, and not so

worthwhile. Last spring I received a package of the White Fairy seeds and gave them the same care I always have given 'Glories. They came up fine and strong. I think they may not have grown quite as fast at first as other, but later they grew twice, yes, more than twice as fast as other kinds. I only provided for them to go to the second story window, but they would have gone to the top of it, if they had had the support. And such large-leaved, luxuriate vines I never saw in any climber. The blossoms! I can talk fluently on flowers, I love them so well, but I am afraid words will fail me now. To say that the vines were covered with large, fringing white flowers both double and semi-double is not doing them justice, but it is my best. No one who saw them knew what they were, and could hardly believe when I told them. They are grand.

Meredith, N. H. Mrs. Elsinore G. Atkinson.

Pothos Aurea is a little known vine with large, thick, heart-shaped, evergreen, leathery leaves striped cream and green. It is a splendid trailer for the hanging basket, being something of an aroid. Planted in sandy loam in the window garden it can be trained over the window. The leaves should be sponged occasionally in the house. To propagate, lay a vine on mellow soil, pressing in of each leaf. Keep moist, and soon a root will spring out at the base of each leaf where it joins the stem. Cut the stem between the leaves, and you will have as many plants as leaves. In the conservatory, when trained to the supports, the leaves of *Pothos aurea* become as large as elephant ears, but in the house about the size of the palm of the hand.

New Albany, Ind.

G. A. Pleis.

Note.—Climbing upon a Sabel Palmetto used as a shade tree in the city of Tampa, Florida, the Editor once saw a beautiful vine of *Pothos aurea*. The waxy texture and charming variegation of the foliage made it very effective.—Ed.

For Sour Soil.—The small "worms" so often complained of are found in sour soil, and to sweeten it and thus destroy the pest and promote the healthy growth of the plant, mix fresh wood ashes with the potting soil, or apply the ashes to the surface and stir it in. This is a sure remedy for sour soil and small "worms".

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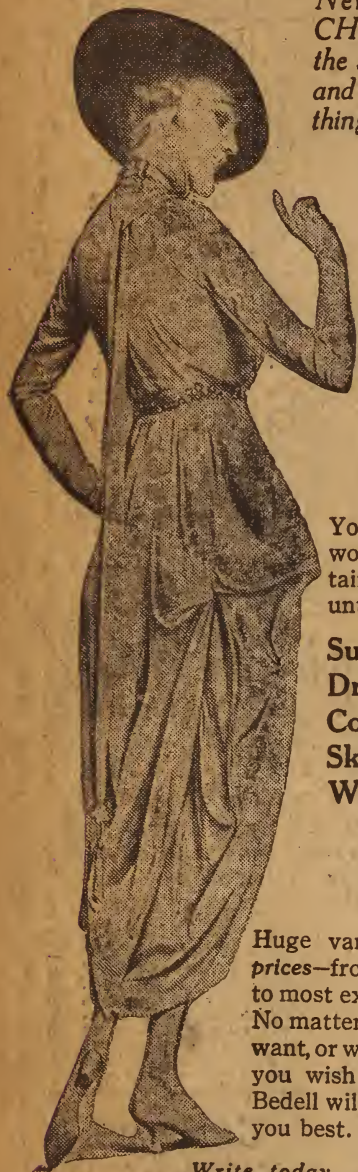
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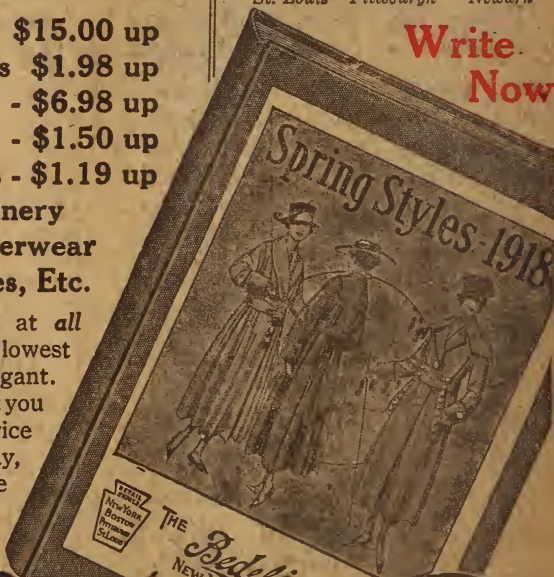
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