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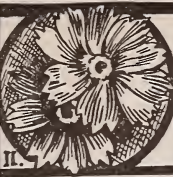
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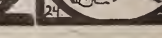
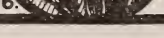
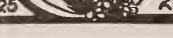
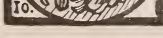
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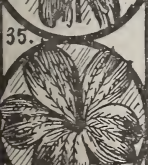
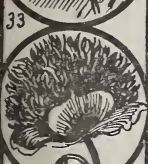
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- Aster**, China, Double, Complete mixture, all varieties, all colors.
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- Balsam**, Improved Camellia-flowered, as double as a Camellia and of all shades, as well as spotted; a beautiful, easily-grown annual; mixed colors. Fig 7.
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- Bellis**, Giant Double Daisy, charming hardy edging; also fine for pots; very early spring bloomer; white, rose, crimson; finest mixed. Fig 12.
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- Cosmos**, Early-flowering superb fall flowers, white, rose, crimson and yellow, delicate foliage; a beautiful out flower for vases; mixed. Fig 11.
- Dahlia**, Double and Single, finest mixture of all colors, as easily raised as Zinnias. Show great diversity in form and color. Fig 13.
- Dianthus**, Double, large-flowered, white, rose and red; mixed colors. Fig 14.
- Delphinium** (Larkspur), double, bloom freely. All colors mixed. Fig 15.
- Eschscholtzia**, California Poppy, silvery foliage; showy flowers; mixed colors.
- Gaillardia grandiflora**, new, hardy, a superb summer bedding hardy perennial; flowers showy and continuously produced all season; mixed. Fig 16.
- Helianthus**, Sunflower, double and single, mixed; effective in groups. Fig 17.
- Hibiscus**, Giant Primrose, fine perennial, bearing golden flowers first season.
- Lavatera**, splendid Hollyhock-like annual; white, rose, red, mixed. Fig 18.
- Leucanthemum**, (Shasta Daisy) white, large, beautiful; hardy peren. Fig 19.
- Lobelia**, New Perpetual Blue, flowers large, blue, white eye, beautiful. Fig 20.
- Mignonette**, common, excellent for bee pasture, oz. 10 cts. ½ 1.25. Fig 21.
- Mimulus**, Gloxinia-flowered, tigrèd; yellow, orange, white, red, spotted. Fig 22.
- Mirabilis**, Four-o'clock, dwarf, spotted-leaved, all colors. Evening bloomer.
- Marigold**, African, and French double sorts, all colors in mixture. Figs 23-24.
- Myosotis**, Forget-me-not, large-flowered, early varieties, all colors. Fig 25.
- Nemesia strumosa**, new colors, large-flowered, very showy, mixed.
- Nicotiana** Affinis, mixed colors, new, fine, fragrant; 1 pkt. 5c, 4 pkts. 15c. Fig 26.
- Nicotiana** Sandera, mixed colors, profuse bloomer. 1 pkt 5c, 4 pkts 15c. Fig 27.
- Nigella** Damascena, Love in a Mist; white and blue flowers, double, mixed.
- Pansy**, Large-flowered, fragrant and finely marked; all colors mixed. Fig 28.







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**Petunia**, Single, Large-flowered, plain and ruffled; mixed. Fig 29.  
**Petunia**, Double, Ruffled Giant, finest seeds, mixed colors, 5 cts. Fig 30.  
**Phlox**, Drummond, fine large-flowered; beautiful everblooming annuals; make a glorious bed; fine also for pots; all colors mixed. Fig 31.  
**Portulaca**, Double and Single in fine mixture, all colors from white to rich crimson, some superbly marked and striped; mixed. Fig 32.  
**Poppy**, a superb mixture of Carnation-flowered, Ranunculus-flowered, Pæony-flowered, Shirley and Tulip Poppy in all colors. Fine annuals.  
**Poppy**, Large-flowered Shirley, beautiful flowers, pretty shades, mixed. Fig 33.  
**Poppy**, Giant Feather-ball, huge double flowers; rich shades; mixed. Fig 34.  
**Ricinus**, New Giant and other sorts mixed; for groups or hedges.  
**Salvia**, large, early-flowered kinds, showy grown in masses; best mixed. Fig 35.  
**Salpiglossis**, new large-flowered, gorgeous colors; finest mixed. Fig 36.  
**Scabiosa**, Mourning Bride, giant double-flowered, white, rose, lilac, scarlet, black, blue, etc., showy, excellent for bouquets; best mixture. Fig 37.  
**Schizanthus**, Butterfly Flower, Orchid-like blossoms in great profusion; many colors, all richly marked; for potting and bedding; finest mixture.  
**Stock**, Ten Weeks', New Giant Excelsior, the earliest blooming of Stocks; spikes of large, rose-like, sweet scented flowers, many bright colors; mixed. Fig 38.  
**Tropeolum** (Nasturtium), Tom Thumb, dwarf; splendid for bedding or for pots; very rich colors, free-blooming all summer, finest mixed, oz. 15c. Fig 39.  
**Verbena**, Mammoth-flowered, superb mixture; very large, sweet scented flowers in large clusters; showy in beds; all the fine colors mixed. Fig 40.  
**Viola**, Tufted Pansy, finest mixture of all colors from white to deep purple, many variegated; first-class for beds; hardy, scented; mixed. Fig 41.  
**Wallflower**, New Parisian, grand, large, showy flower clusters, sweet scented.  
**Zinnia**, New Mammoth, in splendid mixture of all colors; flowers large and showy as Dahlias, covering the plant with a mass of bloom. Fig 42.



**EVERLASTINGS.**—Acroclinium, mixed; Ammobium alatum; Gomphrena, mixed; Helipterum Sanfordi; Helichrysum monstrosum, mixed, Fig. 43; Rhodanthe, mixed; Gypsophila, mixed; Xeranthemum, mixed; Briza maxima, Grass, Fig. 44. I can supply separate packets of all of these.

**Fine Ornamental Climbers.**

**Cardiospermum**, Love in a Puff, graceful trellis vine; inflated capsules. Mxd.  
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**Coclea Scandens**, rapid climber; 30 ft.; big purple bells; splendid. Fig 45.  
**Dolichos**, Hyacinth Bean, robust climber, dense foliage, big bean clusters.  
**Gourds and Cucumbers**, a fine lot of best sorts; special mixture of all.  
**Gourd**, Nest Egg, handsome, robust vine; the abundant fruits fine for nest eggs.  
**Hop**, Japanese, lovely variegated vine. **Ipomoea**, splendid sorts mixed.  
**Morning Glory**, Single and double mixed. Also Japanese, finest sorts mixed.

**Hardy Biennials and Perennials.**

**Aquilegia**, Columbine, graceful, beautiful perennials, rich colors mixed. Fig 49.  
**Alyssum**, Gold Dust, masses of sweet, golden clusters; 1 ft.; showy flowers.  
**Arabis alpina**, splendid white early flower; 8 in.; lovely for edging or bed.  
**Campanula**, Canterbury Bell, biennials; 2 ft.; rich-colored bells; mxd. Fig 50.  
**Carnation**, Hardy Garden, double, sweet-scented Pinks; border plants. Mixed.  
**Delphinium**, Orchid-flowering, hardy perennials; big spikes, rich flowers.  
**Digitalis**, Foxglove, hardy biennials, 3 ft.; long spikes, drooping bells. Mixed.  
**Hollyhock**, Chater's Double, finest strain of fluffy blooms; 5 ft.; hardy. Mixed.  
**Pinks and Picotees**, fine garden plants; flowers double, rich-colored. Mixed.  
**Platycodon**, splendid hardy perennials; blue and white flowers. Mixed. Fig 51.  
**Perennial Poppy**, huge foliage and huge rich bloom; finest hybrids mixed.  
**Perennial Pea**, Everblooming perennial; large clusters, white, red, mixed.  
**Primrose**, Hardy, lovely spring-blooming edging; many rich colors mixed.  
**Sweet William**, Single, Double, large-flowered; white, crimson, variegated.  
**Pyrethrum**, Perennial Cosmos; 2 ft.; pretty foliage, Cosmos-like bloom. Mxd.

**Choice Window-Garden Seeds.**

**Abutilon**, Chinese Maple, lovely bell flowers, white, yellow, red; finest mixed.  
**Begonia**, Fibrous and Tuberous-rooted; everblooming, many colors, mixed.  
**Calceolaria**, Large-flowered, spotted, rich-colored clusters, mixed. Fig 52.  
**Cineraria**, Large-flowered, fine winter-blooming plants; very showy. Mixed.  
**Coleus**, New Fancy, glorious pot and bedding foliage plants. Mixture. Fig 53.  
**Cyclamen**, Large-flowered, elegant winter-bloomers; colors mixed. Fig 54.  
**Geranium**, Zonale, choicest, large-flowered, large-clustered sorts. Fig 55.  
**Gloxinia**, New large-flowered; easily grown from seeds; finest mixture.  
**Heliotrope**, New Lemoine sorts; big clusters of large, sweet flowers; mixed.  
**Lantana**, New Dwarf and Large Sorts mixed. **Primula** obconica, mixed.  
**Primrose**, Chinese Fringed, large, lovely flowers, many splendid colors. Fig 56.

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## THE FIRST SNOWDROP.

Wee, modest flower! Sweet harbinger of spring!  
When winter scarce is fled, thou wakest up,  
And hangest down to earth thy snowy cup,  
Like to a tiny bell just poised to ring.  
Thou art the first of many springing joys!  
Thou art a message sent on ahead,  
A fairy thing, fresh from thy winter bed.

Lillie Ripley, Erie, Pa., Jan. 30, 1907.

Thou comest like a sweet thought, without noise;  
In thy pure whiteness, thou art like the snow;  
In thy cool marks of tender green, the spring.  
Oh thou dost stand midway twixt frost and leaves!  
And by thy fairy sign we all do know  
That every new-born day will closer bring  
The dear-loved Daffodils in golden sheaves.

## ELEGANT PITCHER PLANT.

**G**ROWING in marshes along the eastern coast of the United States we find the various members of the Pitcher Plant family (*Sarracenia*), bearing trumpet- or pitcher-like leaves, and large purple or yellow, many-stamened flowers, upon long, thick scapes. Some are found in New Jersey, but most of the species abound in the low lands of the Southern states.

The order *Sarracenia* was so named in honor of Dr. Sarrazen of Quebec. In a general way it may be divided into two classes, one bearing rather short, somewhat reclined leaves, and the other straight, erect, stately leaves. The common Side-saddle flower, *S. purpurea*, which has the handsomest flower of the group, is a type of the first class, and *S. flava*, with erect, trumpet-shaped leaves, of the second.

As yet there is some confusion in regard to the classification. Wood describes *S. flava*, *S. rubra*, and *S. Drummondii* as varieties of *S.*

*Gronovii*, while Chapman gives them a place as species in his Southern Flora.

Perhaps the most elegant of the family, however, is *Sarracenia Drummondii*, or as Wood classes it, *S. Gronovii Drummondii*.

It is shown in the illustration, the tall, erect trumpet-like leaves two feet long, green, mottled and veined, the upper part between the veins, including the lamina or hooded portion, being white, variegated with reticulated purple veins. The flowers are purple, elevated upon scapes above the foliage. They are curious, but are not as handsome as the leaves. The hood and throat of the leaf is covered with hairs, and the tube mostly contains water, enticing insects. Woe to the insect that enters that portal! Better had it entered the "spider's parlor," for it rarely returns. This bog plant can be cultivated where shade and a wet soil are provided for it, and under such conditions will prove ornamental as well as curious and interesting. Those who grow water plants should add Pitcher Plants to their collection.



SARRACENIA DRUMMONDII.



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## EDITORIAL

**White Flies.**—The tiny "white worms" and "white flies" that trouble plants are mostly due to lack of drainage, or too much moisture in the soil. Let the soil dry out till the plants begin to droop, then apply water somewhat hotter than the hand will bear, thoroughly soaking the soil. The water should be almost to the scalding point to successfully destroy the pest in the soil. As a rule, the roots, as well as the tops of plants, will bear much more heat than the human hand, and the hot water remedy is one of the most effectual for applying to plants troubled with root-pests.

**Heliotrope.**—In a damp, cold atmosphere the Heliotrope is subject to a blight which turns the leaves black, and ruins the beauty of the plant. Avoid such conditions, give the plant a very sandy, well-drained soil and a warm, sunny exposure. Bedded out in a favorable situation the plants do well in summer, and are generally satisfactory.

**Rat-tail Cactus.**—When this Cactus fails to bloom plunge the pot out-doors in a hot, sunny place during summer, and remove to a sunny window in winter, watering sparingly. This treatment may also be applied to other plants of the Cactus family to encourage blooming.

## THE FLOWERING RASPBERRY.

THE red-flowering Raspberry, known scientifically as *Rubus odoratus*, is one of the showy summer flowers found in woods and mountains in the Eastern States from Canada southward. The plants are of vigorous growth, bear large, grape-like leaves, and bear the showy flowers in clusters at the tips of the branches. The flowers are followed by scarlet berries, which have but little substance, though highly flavored. The plant is often a subject of inquiry, and the following note is a sample of others received:

Mr. Editor:—Will you kindly tell me in the next issue of your Magazine the name of the enclosed leaf and flower? My husband found it growing wild by the roadside this morning, and set it in our garden. You will notice the flower is similar to a Wild Rose, both in looks and fragrance, but the plant looks somelike an Abutilon. It grows two feet tall, and some of the leaves are quite large. There are several stalks from the one root.

Mrs. T. M. Siddons.

When brought under cultivation this Raspberry often affords a better yield of berries than in its wild state; but aside from the fruit the plant is worthy of an introduction to our grounds on account of its lovely purplish bloom, which is showy as well as fragrant. It is easily transplanted, and grows freely in any partially shaded place.

**Corn Lily.**—A correspondent inquires the true name of Corn Lily, and describes it as follows:

"The plant I know as Corn Lily is herbaceous, with tuberous roots, and foliage not unlike an *Amaryllis*. The flowers are Lily-like, born at the summit of a scape three feet high, are orange-scarlet in color, and several inches across. The roots are tenacious when once established."

Evidently the plant is *Hemerocallis fulva*, a plant found in old gardens, blooming freely in summer. As it will take care of itself, it is adapted to a neglected nook, or a place in the back-ground.

**Otaheite Orange.**—An inquirer has an "Otaheite Orange" five years old, and as many feet high, but it has not bloomed. She wants to know why it does not bloom and bear. It is doubtless a seedling plant of a common Orange, and not an Otaheite Orange. The Otaheite is of a dwarf habit, grows slowly, and blooms and bears fruit when quite small.

**Ferns.**—Ferns like a loose, porous soil, such as leaf-mould and sand, with good drainage. Water them freely while they are growing but sparingly while resting. Give them plenty of light, but avoid much direct or hot sunshine.





**THREE FLOWERS OF MERIT.**

**T**HREE flowers of special merit are represented in the plate of wood engravings upon this page. They are *Nemesia Strumosa*; *Salpiglossis New Emperor*, and the large-flowered *Salvia splendens*. All are of easy culture, begin to bloom early from seeds, and continue blooming freely till frost.

*Nemesia Strumosa* is a new South African flower. The plants grow a foot high, branch freely and bear a cluster of exquisite bloom at the tip of each branch. The flowers are irregular in form, delicate in texture, and of all shades from pure white to deep crimson. This annual may be compared with the well-known *Phlox Drummondii*, being of the same habit, and the flowers in a general way resembling

plants grow two feet high, and bloom throughout the season, the flowers being of many rich shades, as crimson, scarlet, brown, purple, rose, sulphur, etc., all beautifully penciled, some showing other distinct and charming variegations. Massed in a bed this annual makes a fine display, and is always greatly admired. It is as easily grown as a *Petunia*, and requires about the same treatment. During hot weather a mulching of stable litter improves the size and beauty of the flowers, easily grown from seeds.

The large-flowered *Salvia*, commonly known as *S. splendens*, has been much improved during the past few years. Some varieties bloom much earlier than others, and are of dwarf, compact habit. Others produce immense spikes, and grow tall and branching.



NEMESIA STRUMOSA.

SALPIGLOSSIS, NEW EMPEROR.

SALVIA SPLENDENS.

the *Phlox* when seen at a distance. When grown in a bed they make a fine summer display, and they are also recommended for pot culture in the window. At recent Flower Shows in England, beautiful exhibitions of this fine annual have been made, attracting much attention. The new Hybrids which have been developed by crosses with other species have increased the variety and blooming quality of this annual, and made it still more valuable. The plants are readily propagated from seeds, which require the same care as the annual *Phlox*.

*Salpiglossis*, *New Emperor*, is an improved race of *Salpiglossis sinuata*, mostly known in catalogues as *S. variabilis*. The original flower grows naturally in *Chili*, from which county it was introduced about 1820. The

All are valuable for a summer display, either in pots or beds, and deserve special attention. A border or hot bed of the giant variety makes a dazzling show that can be seen at a great distance. The calyx being of the same rich scarlet color as the flower, and remaining long after the flower drops off, makes the show continuous until frost. It is, therefore, one of the most desirable and attractive of bedding plants. Seedlings start in two or three weeks after sowing, and it is well to keep the soil moist but not wet after sowing, to secure the best results. The early-flowering, dwarf varieties are excellent plants for winter-blooming, the flowers being freely produced in a window with a southern exposure. *Salvia splendens* was introduced from *Brazil* in 1822. It is really a greenhouse shrub, but does well grown as an annual. These seeds are highly praised.



# EDITORIAL LETTER.



**M**Y DEAR FRIENDS:—With the mercury below zero, and a snow-storm predicted by the weather bureau, I left La Park on the 5th of February, to spend a few weeks at my St. Petersburg home in Florida, and here I am this beautiful Monday morning, February 10, writing to you from the desk in my Southern library. The sun is shining brightly, and I am sitting by the open window, with the thermometer indicating 70° F. A delightful breeze is stirring the big Orange trees in front of my window, and the rich golden fruit is swinging and dancing temptingly as I write. In the yard are Roses and miniature Dahlias blooming profusely, and great clumps of Ricinus wave their immense clusters—rosy bloom, rich green, burry seed-pods, and brown ripened seeds—twelve feet or more high, their immense bronzy stems and leaves glistening in the sun, and giving the plants a most pleasing aspect. By the broad piazza is a clump of Bananas fifteen feet high, and near-by are a dozen bearing clumps of Guavas, the luscious fruit ripening gradually, the bushes showing flowers, green fruit and mellow golden fruit at the same time. A Japan Plum is white with bloom. Peach trees are pink, and a Surinam Cherry is literally covered with greenish-yellow flowers. Since I came here I have been feasting upon the fruits of the land—Oranges, Grape-fruit, strawberries, Watermelon, and the various garden vegetables, as Tomatoes, Peas, Beans, etc. But what I particularly enjoy is the delightful climate. The air is pure and fresh, and of just the right temperature. As a rule the doors and windows are thrown open throughout the sunny hours. Houses are surrounded by wide porches, shaded by blooming vines, and these are freely utilized by the family during the daytime. There is but little variation between night and day, and a notable thing is the absence of a chilly atmosphere.

St. Petersburg is situated at the point of the narrow peninsula which separates Tampa Bay from the Gulf of Mexico, and is almost surrounded by tropically tempered water. On this account there is but little variation in temperature between winter and summer—the mercury ranging from 65° to 75° F. in winter, and from 75° to 85° in summer, with an occasional rise to 90° F. under special summer conditions. I have spent more or less time in various Southern States north of the Gulf, in Old Mexico, in California, and in Europe, but I have never found a climate so healthful and agreeable as we enjoy here in western Florida.

In California there is a vast difference between the temperature of day and night, and it is necessary to have an overcoat near-by to

draw on as the evening sun approaches the horizon. The same is true, though in a less degree, upon the eastern coast of Florida; but it is exceptional to notice a suddenly severe, or even a notable variation in temperature, upon the western coast of Florida, near the Gulf. So far as I know the temperature here is almost ideal. I do not think it can be excelled by that of any other part of the United States.

Among the less-known fruits I have mentioned is the Guava. The plants grow in clumps, and are shrubs not unlike those of *Deutzia Crenata* in general appearance. The greater part of the year you will find flowers, green fruit and mature fruit upon these bushes. The fruits vary in size from that of a large Plum to that of a large Peach. It has a peculiar, pleasing flavor, midway between that of a Peach and a Strawberry. The plants start readily from seeds, and bloom and bear in about three years from the time the seeds are started. They will not endure frost, and at the North must be grown as a pot-plant. They would doubtless do well grown in a tub and wintered in a frost-proof room, the tub being placed out-doors during the summer, to bloom and bear.

The Surinam Cherry is a beautiful evergreen, blooming here in February, and bearing its delightful cherries during the spring months. The fruit is not unlike the large Bigarreau Cherry, yellow with a pink cheek, and of a sub-acid taste. The Northern Cherries do not thrive here, but this is found fully as useful and palatable as the Cherries of the North. But Peaches, Plums, Japanese Persimmons, Figs, Pineapples, and Scuppernon Grapes, as well as all Citrus fruits—Oranges, Tangerines, Grape Fruit, Lemons, Limes, Kumquats, etc., also Avocada Pears abound. In the garden are grown Potatoes, Tomatoes, Melons, Radishes, Lettuce, Turnips, Beets, Cabbages, Peas, Beans, Spinach and Mustard. Three garden crops can be raised during the year, the gardener varying the list of varieties according to the season. The soil is very sandy, and requires frequent applications of fertilizer to produce satisfactory results. Also, the conditions are such that if the garden is high it is liable to suffer from drought, and if low it may be ruined by a severe wet spell. Few gardeners here have prepared their gardens to withstand these conditions, and hence are more or less successful, according to the season. But with a better knowledge of the climate the various obstacles of the gardener will be overcome, and gardening here will be placed upon a sure and more profitable basis.

By the time this letter reaches you I shall be back at my office in La Park, to give my personal attention to your various wants, but in my next letter I shall tell you more about Florida—its fruits and its flowers.

Your friend,  
The Editor.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 10, 1903.



## CHILDREN'S LETTER.



**M**Y DEAR CHILDREN:—The children of La Park were skating and coasting, and enjoying the winter sports of the north when I started South a few days ago. But as I traveled the temperature became milder, until I reached St. Petersburg, Florida, where I found the Peach trees and Plum trees in full bloom, and the thermometer registering 70° F., which is just the temperature we most enjoy. It was in the morning when I landed here, and what do you suppose I first noticed upon the street—just a little boy upon a bicycle, bare-footed, with knee-breeches, and without coat or hat. He seemed to be enjoying his sport quite as much as the northern children upon the ice and snow, and I am sure he would not suffer from cold hands or feet, even if they were unclad.

Another thing that attracted my special attention was a trolley car packed with bright-faced, happy children, gathered up in the country and brought in to attend school. The township pays for their ride, and they come in every morning, and go out in the evening after school hours. The schools of this city are well graded and well tutored, and are said to rank with those of any public schools in the State. It seems a good plan to give the school advantages to country children as well as to those within the city limits, and the idea is to be commended.

I have just returned from the Fair, now being held at St. Petersburg, and you cannot guess what were exhibited there in a wire cage! Just live Alligators. They were young ones, finely marked, and measured, probably a foot in length. A card on the box stated that these Alligators were for sale, price 75 cents each. Wouldn't you like to have one for a pet? Among fruit exhibited at the Fair were, besides Citrus fruits, Pomegranates, Japanese Persimmons, Spanish Paw-paws, Bananas and many other things of a tropical nature.

This morning I was awakened by a chorus of song-birds, apparently of many kinds, but it was only the varying strains of a couple of Mocking birds, which were perched upon the blooming Plum tree near my window. Then, just beyond, in the fruiting Orange grove the Red-bird whistled his peculiar, cheering notes to his mate near by. And in the old Pine, standing like a lone sentinel amid a host of blackened stumps, a whole flock of black-birds were singing "as sweetly and gayly as ever before." In the woods not far distant, a flock of Jay-birds had a glorious concert, and various fence posts that formed the division line of the fields near at hand were decorated, each by a silent, erect, bald-headed Turkey Buzzard, though homely, one of the most common as well as most useful of Florida birds.

Another bird that would interest my dear little boys and girls is the White Pelican. A number of these peculiar birds stay around the wharf and sit upon the various posts in the bay. They are almost as large as a Turkey Buzzard, and have an immense bill, with a great bag or pouch folded up beneath, which they can use as storage for food. They live upon fish, and are expert fishers. When they have a good catch they store the surplus in their storage-bag beneath their bill until wanted.

One of these days I hope to go fishing with hook and line. I may not be as successful as the Pelican, but will "try my luck," and will tell you about it in my next letter.

Your friend,

The Editor.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 14, 1908.

### ORANGES AND LEMONS.

**U**NDER certain conditions, especially when bedded out, the Otaheite Orange and Wonder Lemon fail to bloom for several years. When grown in pots, and the roots become somewhat pot-bound they bloom every year, and bear fruit every year. The Orange fruit is not palatable, but the dwarf tree laden with golden Oranges is very attractive. The Wonder Lemon is not only a novelty because of its large, showy lemons, but is useful, being less acid than the common lemon, and excellent for lemonade, custards, etc. Both of these shrubs thrive in rather sandy, porous, rich soil with good drainage. Both are easily grown in pots at the North, and in the open ground at the South. Both are readily propagated from cuttings.



WONDER LEMON.

**Propagating Abutilons.**—Abutilons are easily raised from seeds. Sow in a box, covering the seeds an eighth of an inch deep with sifted wood's earth. Pot the plants as soon as large enough. They will bloom in from six to eight months. Plants may also be started from cuttings of half-ripened wood taken in spring or summer and inserted in sand, with a tumbler or bell glass over. Keep constantly moist, and shade at first, but later the glass may be removed and the cuttings may be exposed to the sun. Pot when well rooted.

**Little Gem Peppers.**—These are not only very ornamental as pot or garden plants, but the cherry-like fruits are useful to give a relish to pickles, just as the long Red Pepper is used. The plants are easily grown from seeds.

**Crab Cactus.**—The Crab Cactus does well in a sandy soil, well drained. Give it a sunny place, watering rather sparingly at all times. It usually blooms during the winter.



## CONSIDER THE LILIES.

**I**N the command of Christ to consider the Lilies, and at the same time calling attention to their beauty, we have divine authority for the use of flowers in church and home adornment, as well as in religious work; and in a sense, also, we have an assurance of the Divine blessing in their use. In a general way, this recognition of the Lilies' beauty suggests the consideration of all the



Natural beauty with which we are surrounded. We know the world is full of natural beauty, the contemplation of which leads the soul from Nature to God. We cannot consider the beauty of a flower—its exquisite form and texture, the unity and variety of its parts, color and fragrance without realizing the infinite wisdom and power of the

Creator. I have here a Lily, and if we examine it closely we must admit the truth of Christ's words, that "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." It is composed of six perianth segments, each gracefully formed, and showing a waxy texture, a gold band running up the centre, and the delicate coloring set off by rich, brown, raised spots; at the centre is the pistil with its three-parted crown, and around hang the six brown anthers upon their slender stems, swaying backward and forward in the gentle breeze, and the whole sending forth a delicious perfume. We cannot but admire it, and we cannot, as we consider it, avoid thinking of the divine hand that fashioned it.

Dr. Brooks, who is well-known to most of you as the author of various school books, says, "It is the mission of the beautiful to raise up the lowly things of life and enrobe them with the ethereal spirit of beauty that shall make them a source of delight to the heart. Beauty leads to morality and virtue. The love of beauty refines the mind and attracts it into the paths of purity and virtue. The perception of beauty in the physical world leads to a love of moral beauty, and a love of moral beauty leads to virtuous actions. The mind that is susceptible to external beauty, that delights in the beauty of color, form and tone, will naturally be open to the influences of morality, for virtue is moral beauty. Conscience and taste are so related that they have a reciprocal influence upon each other. 'Vice is a monster of such hideous mien' that we

shun it on account of its deformity. The goddess of virtue, radiant with celestial beauty; entices us into the paths of purity and holiness. Beauty is thus a minister of virtue, and tends to purify the heart, ennoble the aspirations and dignify the life. As the sunlight comes beaming out of the depths of the pure blue heavens and illuminates the world, so the spirit of beauty carries with it purity and refinement. The mind that is susceptible to the beauties of nature and art, intuitively turns away from all that is coarse and vulgar, and sympathizes only with that which is refined and elevated. "There is no more potent antidote to low sensuality"—says Schlegel, "than the adoration of beauty. A taste for pictures, for poetry, for music, for flowers, will unfit a person for the enjoyment of the dirt of the drinking saloon, or the vulgar wit and ribald jest of the uncultured crowd. A beautiful home with its refining influences tends to infuse a spirit of refinement in the mind that lifts it above the grossness and coarseness of vice and physical indulgences. Beauty is the light of the world of thought and feeling, and the soul grows and refines in the sunlight of day."

So great is the moral influence of flowers that almost every city has a flower mission, where flowers and plants are dispensed to the sick and benighted, and it is believed that they do great good in bringing about reforms in the life of many people. A bunch of flowers once handed to a criminal reformed his life and gave to the world an able Christian Minister. A pot plant given to a poor little tenement girl, led to a reform in the entire family, and eventually to a reform of the community.

We should aim to inspire a love of the beautiful in the young, by having them consider the flowers, natural scenery, birds and insects.

Many boys and men go out with a dog and gun in autumn, their mind engrossed in looking for some little innocent bird or animal, with the purpose of taking its life, and never think of the beauty that surrounds them, or even of the beauty of the victim whose life they seek. If these persons in youth had been led to consider the beauties of nature, kindness and sympathy would dominate their minds, and the God-given life would be to them more precious.



The mind of man is triune, and consists of



the intellect, the sensibilities and the will. In the study of Nature, the intellect touches the sensibilities, and when these act the will is brought into play. Thus we see how the consideration of even the Lily, in its beauty a part of the Divine presence, brings us into communion with God, affecting the sensibilities, and these draw us nearer, and develop actions of morality and virtue. Nature is the master artist and has embodied the spirit of beauty in all her works, and we cannot consider them without being inspired with higher and nobler thoughts and feelings. It was this contemplation of Nature's beauty that inspired Wordsworth to write "To me the meanest flower that blows can give thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears." We owe it to ourselves to heed Our Saviour's command, and Consider the Lilies, and we owe it to our children to inspire the same consideration in them.

In closing I will add these beautiful sentiments expressed by Dr. Brooks:

"Man should endeavor to embody beauty in all that he does, and thus make life itself artistic. Our daily tasks should not be regarded as drudgery; they should be moulded by some idea of excellence, and then the humblest occupation will become a pleasure to us. Moral action patterned after a high ideal becomes artistic—and we have the beauty of conduct. Character should be the development of ideals of excellence, and life itself becomes a fine art. Contemplating these models of excellence we rise to a higher appreciation of that Divine beauty which is above all, through all and in all. We may thus come to feel with the ancients that the soul alone is beautiful; and in loving the beautiful, the soul loves its own image, as there expressed. And as the soul is a reflection of the infinite mind, our highest admiration will be for the Divine Artist in whom is the fullness and perfection of beauty, and who is thus The Beautiful."

**Rex Begonia Blighting.**—In nearly all instances of Rex Begonias blighting or turning brown the cause is too much water about the roots. This Begonia likes moisture in abundance while growing, but it must not become stagnant. The soil should be sandy and porous, but the drainage should be so thorough that any surplus water will quickly drain off. An occasional application of hot water—hotter than the hand will bear, will be found beneficial, and if impregnated with lime it will be all the better, as it will tend to neutralize any acidity that may originate in the wet soil. Rex Begonia plants like plenty of light, but will not endure the hot midday sun. Avoid wetting the foliage while the sun is shining upon it, as the water may scald the leaves and destroy their beauty.

**Senna.**—The wild Senna is *Cassia Marilandica*, a native Leguminous plant, with compound leaves and clusters of yellow and black flowers. A tea made of the leaflets is used as a mild cathartic.

## PERSIAN CYCLAMEN.

A SUBSCRIBER from Martin, Ohio, has a Cyclamen potted in sandy soil, which bloomed well after it was purchased, but she dried it off after the blossoms faded, and since then it has done no good. The best Cyclamen plants are those that have never been dried off.

They are started from seeds and kept growing continuously till they bloom, which is in from fifteen to eighteen months after plants are started. It is generally regarded as detrimental to dry off Persian Cyclamen entirely,



Cyclamen Plant in Bloom.

ly, and the practice should be avoided. Seedling plants are easily started and easily cared for, and are more vigorous and satisfactory during their first and second blooming periods than when older and larger. The older bulbs usually lack vitality, and yield inferior foliage and flowers.

**Chinese Lily.**—The so-called Chinese Sacred Lily is a variety of *Polyanthus Narcissus*. After blooming in water the bulb is of no value for forcing again, though side-shoots may be taken off and grown to become of good blooming size by proper management. The old bulb will throw up leaves the second season, but no blooming scapes. In a mild climate this *Narcissus* is hardy, and may be bedded out in the spring, and allowed to care for itself. At the North the bulbs are usually discarded after blooming, as they will not repay further treatment.

**Azalia Indica.**—Plants of *Azalia Indica* like a cool, moist atmosphere. The beautiful plants, found at the florists' during early spring, are grown mostly in Belgium and Holland, where the climate and soil are well suited to their culture. The plants are generally of little value, even in the hands of the florist, after the first season. New plants are imported by him every season for his spring sales.

**Carnations.**—When frost is past bed your pot Carnations out in a rich bed exposed to the sun, and cut the straggling branches back almost to the ground. New shoots will appear, and the plants will stool out and bloom during the summer.

**Calla Lily.**—When a *Calla* fails to bloom, bed it out in a sunny place in summer and let it take care of itself. Non-blooming is often due to the plants not having a resting period.



# FLORAL POETRY.

## NOW.

O weep not o'er the vanished years,  
They will not heed thy bitter tears,  
Or at thy plaintive call return;  
The Roses o'er dead hopes have lain,  
Dismiss thy grief, forget thy pain;  
Why should immortal spirit yearn  
For days gone by? The future brings  
Bright jewels for the weary brow;  
Then, with a smiling face behold  
God's mercies still are manifold;  
Accept with joy the golden now.

Waverly, N. Y. A. Ruth Annable.

## THE POND LILY'S LESSON.

Beautiful lily, so fragrant and fair,  
With petals as pure as the new-fallen snow,  
And golden heart, breathing perfume on the air,  
Tell me Pond Lily just where did'st thou grow.

Wert thou formed in the radiant Heavenly land,  
Where never a shadow obscures the glad day,  
Then brought to our earth by some Angelic hand,  
And dropped on the waves, with soft breezes to play.

"Nay, I'm not from the land of the stainless and pure,  
Nor from there came my beauty and fragrance to me,  
But alone, in the darkness, 'mid black ooze and mire,  
I won all the graces that in me you see."

Thanks, dear little teacher. The lesson you bring  
Shall not be forgotten. If we would attain  
Souls white as your petals, and lives that shall fling  
Sweet odors around us, we must not complain.

When clouds, and not sunshine, are over our way,  
And we bravely and cheerfully use what is given,  
Then, their earth-growth completed, our souls one  
glad day,

"Made perfect through suffering," shall blossom in  
Heaven.

Hillsborough Co., N. H., Dec. 6, 1907. N. L. K.

## TIME O' DAY BY THE FLOWER.

The Glories' bells begin to ring  
At three of a summer's morning;  
At four the Salsify awakes,  
With never a note of warning;  
At five the Poppy begins to smooth  
Her silken skirts with pride;  
At six the sleepy Bittersweet  
Opens her blue eyes wide;  
At seven the Water Lily bares  
Her gold heart to the sun;  
At eight the lagging Pimpernel  
Cries, "Why, has day begun?"  
At nine and ten who knows? Not I!  
But at the eleventh hour  
The "Star of Bethlehem" shines forth  
Within my lady's bower;  
At high noon comes the Passion Flower;  
At one, two, three, who'll tell?  
At four? The Four O' Clock, of course,  
As all folk know full well;  
Nicotiana peacefully naps on till nearly five;  
At six the Evening Primrose sweet  
Is certain to arrive;  
And then we wait five precious hours,  
Till midnight chimes are pealing,  
To see the fair Queen Cactus come,  
Her loveliness revealing;  
One, two, and we are round again  
To merry Morning Glory.  
What boy or girl can fill the gaps  
In this half-finished story?

Boston, Mass. Minnie L. Upton.

## ONE LITTLE FLOWER.

One little plant in my low window growing,  
Lifting its green to the light from above,  
One little bud that is spreading and blowing,  
Whispering softly of Infinite love;  
Bending beside it, I list to the story,  
Breathing its fragrance so spicy and sweet,  
Even a Solomon robed in his glory,  
Here should be humble, its beauty to greet.  
Tints of the rainbow are wondrously blended,  
Gold of the mines in the depth of its heart,  
One little flower I have lovingly tended,  
Showing the Master's unlimited art.

Tioga Co., N. Y., Dec. 3, 1907. Ruth Raymond.

## HAPPY, JOYOUS SPRING.

Whence that voice so clear and free,  
Singing merry tunes of glee?  
'Tis the robin in the tree;  
Though the skies are darkly gray  
At the dawning of the day,  
Full of cheer is robin's lay.

What is that which flashes by,  
Blue as a bit of summer sky,  
Now so bold and now so shy?  
'Tis our blue-bird home again,  
With his ever happy strain,  
Flitting through the mist and rain.

What are these, so fragrant, sweet,  
On the hills and at our feet,  
Where the vales and meadows meet?  
These are Springtime's frailest flowers,  
Decking all the woodland bowers,  
Making bright the darkest hours.

O! we love the birds that sing!  
Every tender twittering  
Tells of happy, joyous Spring.  
And we love the flowers that bloom,  
Banishing the Winter's gloom,  
Flooding the earth with rare perfume.

Ruth Raymond.

Tioga Co., N. Y., Feb. 5, 1908.

## LILIES OF THE VALLEY.

THE way I do to have these beautiful  
little flowers early in the spring is to  
chop a frozen sod of them out of the  
ground in winter, and let them thaw  
gradually, when the heat and light will soon  
bring them to blossom. When the frost is



out of the ground, and they are done blooming,  
I set them back in the garden. We live near  
an old church yard, where Lilies of the Valley  
have spread over the ground to the side of the  
road, and I get them there, as my bed of these  
Lilies is not very large, as yet.

Mrs. Jno. Camps.

Bradford Co., Pa., Jan. 23, 1908.



## VIEW OF THE LAKE AT LA PARK, PA.

**I**N the Editorial Letter last month mention was made of a lake near the La Park dam. This month I will give the readers some idea of this lake by a sketch with pen and pencil.

The space occupied by the La Park Lake is only about two acres, but its grassy bank upon the west and north, adorned by beautiful trees, with here and there tall reed grasses

melody. Under the big shady trees the good people of the vicinity often meet for social intercourse and feasting; in early spring the teacher conducts his pupils to this hallowed spot, pointing out the beauties of Nature that here abound; and many a Sabbath school picnic is held here in social and religious pleasure during the sunny summer time. In the twilight of the summer's evening, too, when the air is redolent with Honeysuckle perfume, and the big clumps of scarlet Columbine dance and nod in the evening zephyrs, you may often find the happy youth lingering by



and Cat-o-nine-tails where the margin is shallow, and its high, precipitous rocks covered with vines and showing Columbine and Honeysuckles in the crevices give it a charming aspect. The water is clear and fresh, and abounds with fish of various kinds. It is therefore attractive as a fishing ground in summer, while in winter its smooth, icy surface affords sport to many men and maids for skating. In summer huge frogs call to their mates by the water's edge, and the numerous birds that nest among the trees and shrubs make the evening air resound with their sweet

its banks, loath to bid the charming place adieu as the shades of night approach. But how charming is the place! The still, clear water, the grassy banks shaded by verdant trees, the rocks and vines and shrubs and flowers, with the croak of the happy frog, and the rich melody of bird-song! We rejoice in its beauty, its life, its grandeur. We sit enchanted under the shady trees and commune with Nature, and life seems sweeter, and the world less cold and cruel, until the twilight fades, and the warning stars of heaven tell us to retire.

**Impatiens Sultanii.**—If you wish a plant that will be sure to bloom, try the Impatiens. It is lovely and of easy culture, very free from insects, and a rapid grower.

Luzerne Co., Pa.

Eliza T. Ryman.

### Remedy for Flies and Worms.

—A few crumbs of Saltpeter dissolved in the water given to plants once a week will destroy and prevent black flies and worms in the soil.

Becker Co., Minn. Mrs. R. M. Beulah.



# FLORAL MISCELLANY.

## ABOUT SEEDLING PLANTS.

**J**UST as soon as the seed catalogues are issued, procure several of them, and while the winter leisure is at your disposal, study them carefully and make out your list for seeds and plants. The seeds will come at once, and the plants will be sent you as soon as the weather permits.

Secure the stand-bys you desire—the varieties you know will do well in your location, then invest in a few new sorts, not necessarily the novelties, but some of the so-called greenhouse varieties. Seeds of many of these will result in nice plants for the window next winter. Some of these seeds are as easily grown as any annual; some require much care, but it is a fascinating work, even if the box is less than the generally used cigar box, and the place a small southern window.

Read the description and culture very carefully. Many catalogues give explicit cultural directions. Do the very best you can, and the result will be sure to please you.

The good old Geranium is easily grown from



CARNATION.

seeds. A packet of the finer sorts will give dozens of plants that will be a surprise and delight from July on through the winter, if the seeds are planted in March, and the seedlings kept growing. The size of the blossom, and the variety of colors one can grow from a packet of seeds will be a revelation to the novice. I would advise procuring a packet of the single sorts.

Coleus will grow readily and rapidly from seeds, but don't expect the first few leaves to reveal any of the beauty the plants will give when six inches high.

Impatiens Sultani germinates readily, but the plants are difficult to grow, from their habit of damping off when an inch or so high.

Even after you think every Geranium seed has produced a plant, don't throw away the seed-box. Remove the tiny plants to roomier quarters, then care for the seed-box just the

same. Some of the seeds will germinate when the sister plants are two inches high. Many queer things about seed germination happen as you will discover.

Carnations are among the easiest of plants to grow from seeds. Asparagus, the house varieties, are very slow to germinate, but they are sure. Get the seeds of a reliable seedsman, give good care, and your flowers will be a comfort all summer.

Invest in a Floral Magazine. The cost is little, but the help derived is very great. One don't know how much they can learn until they try.

Emma Clearwaters.

Vermilion Co., Ind., Jan. 10, 1908.

**Flowers in a Sod House.**—I should like to tell the readers that there is no place where flowers will grow better than in the windows of a sod house. Mine have done fine the past year, and I don't think there has been a day that I haven't had a blossom to enjoy. I had one bunch of Geranium blossoms that measured 12 inches around. My plants are not old, either, as they froze last spring and we brought them out to the "soddy" in a cheese box.

I'm a believer in flowers, and think every one should raise them. I don't think a woman could get so tired or cross, that five minutes with her flowers would not make life worth living.

Mrs. E. W. Stigile.

Boxbutte Co., Neb., Jan. 6, 1908.

**Bulbs In Arkansas.**—In this and other Southern States we cannot plant Tulips and Hyacinths successfully until Thanksgiving or later, because of our long, warm autumn season. I always wait until the bulbs sprout, then I cannot delay planting. Even then they often come up in February, the coldest month of the year, and we have to give protection. I have to lift my Dutch bulbs every year, as, if left in the ground the autumn growth will spoil them. My Narcissus and Grape Hyacinths are now over an inch high, having been undisturbed for three years. Last year the double Daffodils were in bloom February 24th.

Miss Lillian Sheppard.

Carroll Co., Ark., Jan. 9, 1908.

**Olive Groves of Damascus.**—There is an ancient custom under which the Olives around Damascus are guarded by official watchmen, to prevent the trees being stripped by thieves. But on a certain date the Governor, or some magistrate issued a proclamation warning all owners of Olive trees, to pick their fruit, for after a certain date it becomes public property. If an owner has his crop only partly gathered when that date arrives, the public will gather it for him.

Lizzie Mowen.

Allen Co., O., Feb. 6, 1908.

**A Rose Freak.**—Mr. Park:—I will enclose a novelty I had in a snowflake rose, where the third blossom is coming out of the same stem, did you ever see its equal?

Fayette, Ia.

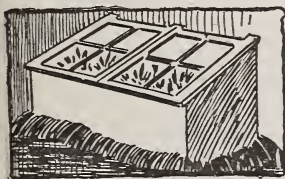
Mrs. S. J. Bretts.



**A PORTABLE GREENHOUSE.**

**L**AST winter we made a small greenhouse or plant case by a new plan, and it was a success. We placed Geraniums, Fuchsias, Roses and Hydrangeas in it in November, and they not only wintered well, but yielded considerable bloom, which was more than we could say of our flower pit. Here is the plan:

Get two boxes, one very much larger than the other. Place the smaller one inside the larger, and fill in between with sawdust. Place sash and glass over, the rear being eighteen inches higher than the front, the glass having a southern slope. Have it on the



Portable Greenhouse.

eastern or southern side of the house for protection, and at night, when severely cold, throw some rugs or old carpet over the glass. Our plants in this little greenhouse bloomed during the coldest weather. It is necessary to keep the sash raised during the warm part of the day.

Doubtless there are thousands of homes where a greater investment would be made in blooming and decorative plants if there was a good way of keeping them over winter, and this plan I think is a good one.

It has two advantages over the pit. One is, there is no water to rise in this new greenhouse, and another, you do not need a bank or hillside in which to make it. It may not do so well at the north, where the climate is colder, but with us it is a great success, and I prize it highly, as our blooming plants keep up their display throughout the winter.

Miss Mary M. Brewer.

Grayson Co., Va., Dec. 7, 1907.

**Dahlias.**—Dahlias are one of our best blooming summer plants, requiring a warm, sunny exposure, rich, sandy soil and a great amount of water. They are perfectly hardy here, remaining in the ground year after year. I dig up and divide the roots every second year. The roots multiply so rapidly that they will not bloom well unless they are divided. I have about a dozen different colors and almost all of them were raised from seeds.

Douglas Co., Oreg., Jan. 24, '08. L. E. H.

**Cactus Treatment.**—I have had a round, furrowed Cactus for many years. To get it to bloom I was advised to give it the hottest sun in summer, and in winter place in a sunny window, and water just enough to keep from drying out. I give it good soil, and a pot just large enough to hold it comfortably. When buds form water copiously. Now I am rewarded with the most beautiful double white flowers.

Sarah Hertzler.

LANCASTER CO., PA., JAN. 4, 1608.

**CLEMATIS AND LILIES.**

**A** BEAUTIFUL combination of Clematis and Lilies may be secured as follows:

First, thoroughly enrich and prepare the ground to a much greater depth than usual, and if the soil is heavy, a little leaf-mold and a considerable quantity of sand must be mixed with it. Then, in the middle of the bed place three tall posts, forming a triangle, joining these posts with strips of wood, nailed from the first to the second, another from the second to the third, and another from the third to the first. These strips should be about six inches apart, and project a little beyond the posts they connect.

Then, around the bed eighteen inches from the edge, should be driven stout stakes, so that three feet project above the ground.

There should be six of these, equally distant from each other, and now nail strips three inches from the top of these short stakes, letting them project toward the center, where they should be securely fastened to the large posts, thus surrounding the center like spokes in a wheel.

Now we are ready for our plants. The most beautiful combination would be Clematis paniculata for the center, one of which will be plenty, if it is a large, well-developed root, placing it close to the large posts. Then at the six outer stakes plant the Clematis coccinea; in the sections divided by the spokes plant Auratum Lilies.

The first year your bed will not show anything of beauty, but be patient, and if you have been thorough in the preparation of your soil, you will be better rewarded with bloom and beauty than you have ever been with any bedding plants you have ever owned, and, moreover, the wealth of beauty grows greater every succeeding year.

The great white wreaths of *C. paniculata* will stretch upwards, the coccinea will cover its part of the trellis and the surrounding earth as well, so that the stems of the most beautiful of Lilies will have to push their way up through a wilderness of green leaves.

If one likes more color, try Clematis Jackmanii for the center, and the Virgins Bower for the outside stakes, and Lilium Candium among them. Then for the lovers of old-time flowers, try the Clematis Henryii for both central and surrounding stakes, and in the spaces, plant Tiger Lilies. One must wait two years for the beauty to develop, but the waiting is amply repaid.

Do not plant your bulbs in newly enriched earth. Better place a handful of sand under each Lily bulb, as an extra precaution against losing them.

Mrs. Mabel Dresser.

**Scabiosa.**—The new German Scabiosa is a plant of easy culture and great beauty, bearing flowers twice as large as the old fashioned varieties. It is excellent for cutting, the stems being a foot long, also makes a lovely pot plant.

Mrs. Anna Craig.

Clearfield Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1904.



## ABOUT PRIMROSES.

Dear Friends of the Magazine:—

**T**HOSE of you who failed to secure your Primulas early last fall are missing a rare treat, which would have dispelled the gloomy sunless days of winter. In an east window, in a room heated indirectly from another room, I have a dozen fine plants raised from seeds secured last May. Sown in a shallow box of baked soil and charcoal, finely sifted, they soon showed rapid growth. In two months they were large enough to put into thumb-pots, and continued to grow well. In October they were shifted to three-inch pots of loam, sand and leaf-mould, care being taken that each plant was thrown well above the surrounding soil, as this plant, while wanting moisture, will not do well in a depression of soil, which causes water to stand around the crown of the plant. Such blooms as now reward me—large as a dollar, and in

loose, graceful trusses—some white and beautifully fringed! The new fern-leaved variety is especially fine—pure white at first opening, and with age turning a delicate pink. The dark red kind with green and yellow center is very good. Heretofore, in selecting these plants, I have been governed for colors by the color of the foliage. A wholly green plant—leaves and stems, throws a white bloom. However, in my collection this season, the heaviest, darkest bronze foliage throws the largest and purest snow-white bloom, while another plant of the same foliage will throw a dark-red bloom. The plain, green plant, however, will always throw a white bloom. The flower of the Primula is encased in a fuzzy, little cup-like calyx, which readily catches water and retains it, causing the tiny, delicate bud of the bloom proper to decay. I have seen large trusses of the cups strong and healthy, but upon examining them the bud would be brown and decayed. Care should be taken in watering to see that no water enters the cups. At the same time, the plant likes moisture—both foliage and roots.

L. Jarnogin.

Knox County, Tenn., Jan. 3, 1908.

**Chinese Dianthus.**—These are very beautiful flowers, and should be cultivated by all. I had a bed last summer that was gorgeous. Every one who saw them thought so. I had one very fine one that was white with a red eye.

Eliza T. Ryman.

Luzerne Co., Pa.

## A PRETTY FLOWER BOX OR BED.

**I** WILL tell you how to make a flower box or bed that is very pleasing. In early spring, when the little spring beauty (*Claytonia Virginica*) a small tuberous-rooted plant is in bloom, get a small, shallow grocery box, put in a layer of charcoal for drainage, fill up with rich wood's earth, then dig up a basket of the little tuberous flowers and set them two or three inches deep and about two inches apart, firm the soil around them and water thoroughly, then sift some fine soil over, sow some Double Portulaca seeds, then set the box in a shady place for a few days. The Spring Beauty will not make much show the first year, but the Portulaca will. The next spring, however, the "Beauties" will be a joy to behold, and the box will be good for several years, as the Portulacas self-sow. Keep the box constantly moist, and in a sunny place. If a sunny bed is used instead of a box the display will be just as good, and will be less troublesome, as it will care for itself.

Mrs. Frank Trittle.

Stevens Co., Wash., Dec. 14, 1907.

### BRAIN POWER Increased by Proper Feeding.

A lady writer who not only has done good literary work, but reared a family, found in Grape-Nuts the ideal food for brain work and to develop healthy children. She writes:—

"I am an enthusiastic proclaimer of Grape-Nuts as a regular diet. I formerly had no appetite in the morning, and for eight years while nursing my four children, had insufficient nourishment for them.

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**FLOWERING BEGONIAS.**

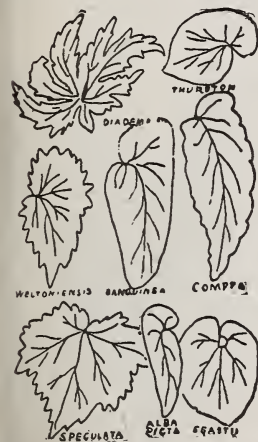
MR. PARK:—

WHILE examining your long list of selected plants in the July Magazine I noted the choice varieties of Begonias offered; and in the fibrous or flowering sort found two that are new to me. This class of Begonias has long been my best beloved among house plants, and I wondered what might be the character of the foliage of the two unknown.

The thought then came to me that outlines might be sketched to assist Begonia lovers who are not familiar with most of them. I began, not alphabetically, but with the one having the smallest leaf, Multiflora hybrida. Its leaf is nearly the exact shape and size of a leaflet of wild Rose, its foliage is plentiful, and height of stalks about thirty inches; Fuchsoides is similar.

Sandersonii has the same shaped leaf and twice the size and not so tall growing; Foliosa also. Still larger is the leaf of Carrieri, a very sturdy one; Decora, with silver-gray dotted leaf, and Alba picta. The last has vivid green with white spots shining like little eyes; it is a good climber if so trained.

Number four in size are Weltoniensis and Queen of Bedders; Compta, with dainty silver and pale green flutings and pink foot-stalks.



Zebrina has the shape of the last, but pendent deep green and silver shadings glistening down the veins. Then, there is Semperflorens, a still larger one—indeed, all of the following are larger in regular growth, but vary greatly in size according to treatment, favorable or otherwise. Rubra is plain green, the shape of Alba picta, and in size three

times larger. Sanguinea is a beautiful plant; its leaf is dark and thick like leather and lined with red. Once a plant while traveling from its greenhouse birth-place in Libonia to the Pacific Coast, wearied of the long journey, and when the box was opened it had blanched, the green to yellow and red to pink; and oh! how its owner wished she might keep it so, but it would not listen to her pleadings.

Pres. Carnot is a strong plant with leaves something like that of Rubra, but twice as large. These three, Argentea guttata (parents Olbia and Alba picta,) M. de Lesseps and Souv. de Pres. Guillaume are stately Begonias; the leaf being more lobed than Weltoniensis, and satin-like in texture, bronze with silver markings, or green running into pink, with white spots, the beauty much enhanced if the

plants are set where the light shines through the foliage.

Thurstonii, Feasti and Metalica, a grand trio! The first will grow into a tree, its leaves deep-veined, reddish green and five to seven inches across, and the second will produce green "tea-plates" if coaxed regularly with plant food; and Metalica will respond cordially to kindness, but its indented veinings, pink hairs and luster like polished steel demand Rex care. It is wider than Weltoniensis. Feasti, also called Pond Lily and Beefsteak Begonia, has a curious habit of spreading its leaves around the rim of the pot, and makes a model basket if hung in a small moss-covered can or pail.

Larger still is the grape-leaf pattern of Speculata; it is green, speckled with silver and shaded with chocolate. Diadema is truly tropical in appearance—olive green picked out with silver and cut into deep points.

Olbia and Manicata aurea close the list. Olbia is tall and robust, leaves in deep points, a foot in diameter and bright red in young growth. Its magnificence is matched by the low spreading beauty of Manicata, whose glossy green is blotched with cream and canary, etched with carmine in the older leaves, and set on the stem in a ring of red hairs. It comes from Italy and delights in rather dry soil, plenty of sunlight and warm atmosphere.

Mary H. Coates.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal.

**AN OLD NURSE**

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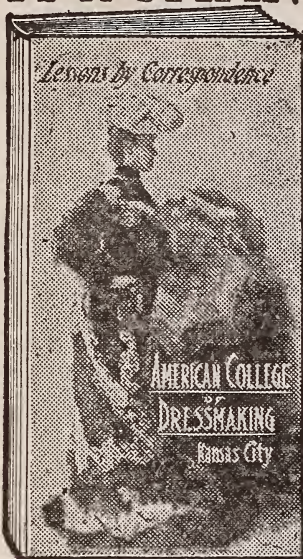
"In three months I had gained twenty pounds in weight. I now use Postum altogether instead of coffee; even at bedtime with a soda cracker or some other tasty biscuit.

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### OLD FOLKS' CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I got one hundred Tulips from you last year, and the flowers appeared in the greatest variety, and were the loveliest I ever saw. An old Tulip raiser who has hundreds in his garden did not have such a display as I had. I raise flowers to cut and send to the New York Mission. Thus I let others have the good of them. I am an old lady, 78 years of age, yet I love to work among plants, and cut the flowers to bring cheer and sunshine to other homes.

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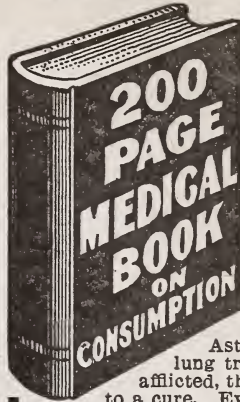
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Dear Mr. Park:—I am seven years old, and live on a farm. We have 9 cows, 11 hogs, 30 turkeys and a lot of chickens. I like the Magazine, and I like to hear the birds sing.

Cisney, Ky., Dec. 15, 1907.

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 Lilly Walter.

Moscow, Iowa, Nov. 12, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old. I love to read your Magazine very much. This is my first letter to you. I like flowers very much. My Mamma has taken your Magazine for ten years, and says she could not get along without



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Your little friend,  
 Lake City, Fla., Oct. 14, 1907. Marguerite Slagle.

## GOSSIP.

Mr. Park:—I once had a *Cereus grandiflorus*, which became a large plant, but failed to bloom. I prized it highly, as I hoped to see it bloom later. At that time I was moving about, and could not care for it properly, and I thought of giving it to some friend who could better care for it. One day I mentioned this to a neighbor who called, and she said she would be glad to take it. She carried it home and set it in her wood-shed, where she let it freeze. I was cut to the heart, but I never mentioned that *Cactus* to her since the day she took it. We are still on friendly terms, but I think it the meanest trick I ever had played on me. I am now starting a collection of *Cactuses* from seeds, and hope to succeed. I take great pleasure in raising plants from seeds.  
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Of old Jack Frost, though few of us may know."  
And then she bowed unto Miss Ladyslipper,  
While both heard sharp remarks by old Miss Pepper.

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As seeds will snugly sleep in blankets warm,  
And thus escape the ire of Jack Frost's storm."

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And happily ripened every tiny seed;  
And when in spring the Frost King lost his sway,  
As warm earth revealed in the sweets of May.

Hancock Co., O., Dec. 29, 1907. Mollie O'Rourke.

Onward! Upward! my God to thee,  
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I am like Mr. Park, I love birds. Once I had a dear little pet quail, I will tell you about him. My brother found a quail's nest in a field where he was plowing. The nest was in the way, so he just took the eggs out and brought them to the house and gave them to me. I put them under my little bantam hen, as she wanted to set just at that time. All the eggs hatched. The little



birds weren't much larger than a large bug, but the little bantam hen never knew the difference, or if she did she loved them as much as if they had been her own chicks. Now, if I had turned them out in the yard, the chickens would have picked them up and eat them, just the same as they would a bug. So I always had to stay with them when I turned them out. But sometimes when I got to playing, and wasn't watching, a big chicken would run up and pick one of them up and run off with it and kill it.

This happened until they were all killed but one, and it lived to be a grown bird. The little hen roosted in a tree by my window, and the little birdy thought he had to roost where his mother did. I think it was pretty hard for him to roost in a tree, for quails do not roost in trees. Every morning he would wake me by his calling "Bob White! Bob White!"

One night when the hen went to roost I didn't see Birdy sitting by her side. I began to look for him. I didn't have to look long, for I heard a funny noise in the top of the tree, and there I spied him in an old jay bird's nest. He was very proud of it, for he did not like to sit on a limb. I fed him wheat. When I wanted to feed him I would call out "Birdy, Birdy," and he would come as fast as he could run.

One morning when it was time to give him his breakfast I went out and called as usual, but he did not come. I looked all about the yard for him, but Birdy was nowhere to be seen. Then I went to the hen-house, and there I found him lying dead. It was cold weather, and Birdy had been roosting in the hen-house. I think he must have gotten hurt some way when he flew up to roost. Perhaps he flew against the side of the hen-house and killed himself. That morning was a sad morning for me. I will close, as my letter is getting long.  
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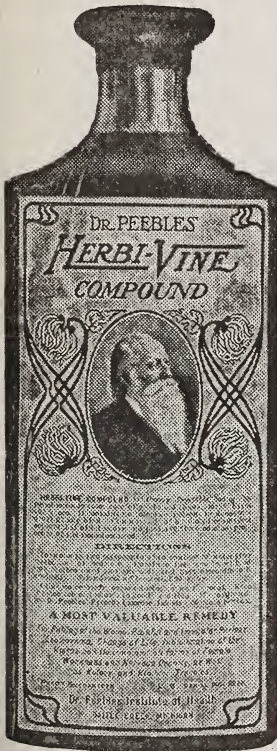
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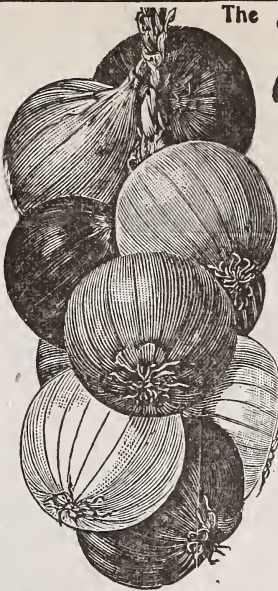
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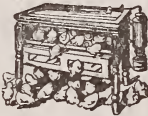
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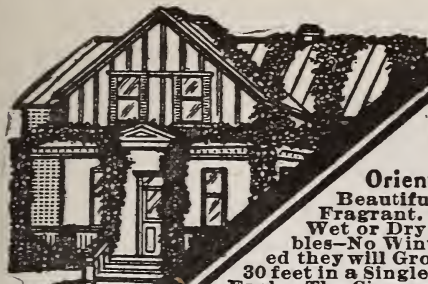
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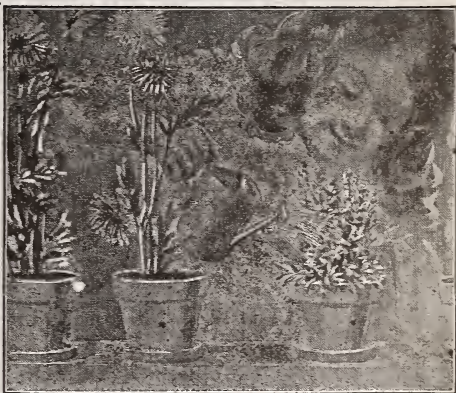
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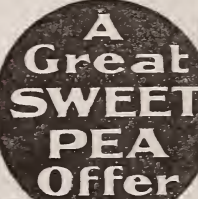
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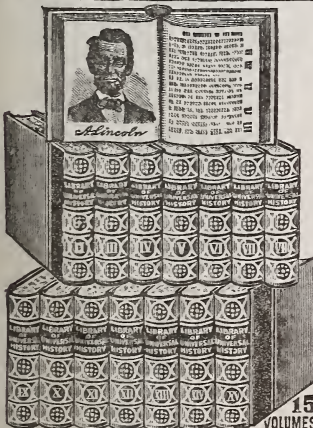
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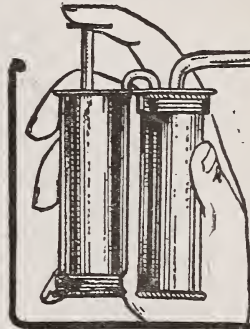
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