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New Seed Offer for 1910

For only 25 cents I will send PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE one year and these splendid collections of Flower and Vegetable Seeds—enough for the Entire Family Garden.

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Aster. Pæony-flowered Perfection, double, incurved flowers. Mixed colors.
Balsam. Improved Camellia, double as roses, rich colors in finest mixture.
Carnation. New Margaret, double, rich colors, clove-scented. Splendid, mixed.
Lobelia. Royal Purple, elegant basket and edging plant; masses of bloom.
Mirabilis. Four-o'clock, variegated foliage; new shades, sweet-scented.

Pepper. ornamental and culinary sorts in superb forms and colors, mixed.
Pansy. Large, very sweet-scented, fine new shades and variegations, mixed.
Portulaca grandiflora. fine large-flowered, in 15 brilliant varieties, mixed.
Poppy. New Cardinal, fine fringed, double sorts, like feather-falls; mixed.
Sweet Peas. Large-flowered, new shades and very pretty forms, all colors.

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FOR 15 CENTS you will get the Magazine a year and either of the fine collections of seeds you ask for; or, for 25 cents you will get the Magazine a year and both collections. Tell your friends and get up a club. If you will send me four subscriptions, at either 15 cents or 25 cents, or both, I will credit you the Magazine a year for yourself, and send both of splendid collections as offered above.

SPECIAL CLUB OFFER.

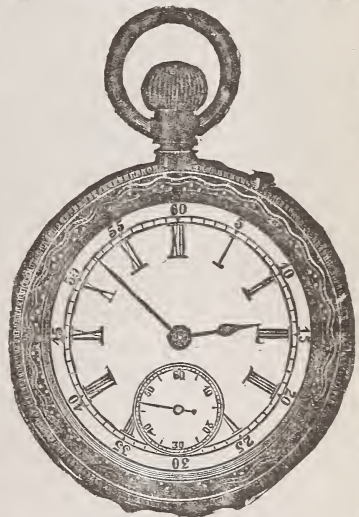
I WOULD GREATLY ESTEEM THE FAVOR if everyone of my many friends would get up a club for our Magazine upon the above offer. Now is the time to do this, before the flower-loving people have secured their seeds for the coming season. The premium seeds I offer are all first class. There are none better to be obtained, no matter what may be the price. This liberal offer is made to increase the interest in gardening through the increased circulation of **Park's Floral Magazine**, and by disseminating choice seeds. Don't put it off! Now is the best time to get up a big club.

A CLUB PREMIUM:—I do not ask you to favor me with a subscription club without compensation: Send me only 10 subscriptions of 25 cts each (\$2.50), or 10 subscriptions—some at 15 cts and some at 25 cts each, and I will mail to you, safely packed, prepaid, an elegant Nickel-plated, Open-faced, Stem-wind, Stem-set Watch, a good Time-Keeper, Guaranteed. This handsome time-piece will please any boy or girl who gets it, and the housewife will find it valuable for the kitchen or bed-room. *May I not hear from every friend of the Magazine this month, before the flower folks have ordered their supply of Flower and Vegetable Seeds for the season?*

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P. S.—If preferred I will send a Swiss Clock instead of the Watch. If you want the Clock or Watch alone, I will mail either on receipt of \$1.00.



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THE FOLLOWING CHOICE FLOWERS ARE ALL EASILY

Raised from seeds, and I supply them, fresh, tested, and of the finest quality, at only 5 cents per packet, or 25 packets, your selection, for \$1.00. My mixtures are carefully prepared, and will yield a great variety of beautiful colors. If you do not see what you want here send for PARK'S FLORAL GUIDE, which describes many hundreds of the choicest kinds, and contains more than 600 fine engravings of flowers, also much information about their culture.

SEND ME \$1.00 FOR SEEDS THIS MONTH and I will mail you extra (in time for spring planting), three Giant Named Dahlia Plants, Pure White, Pure Yellow, and Pure Pink, all perfectly double, and superb free-blooming kinds, bearing enormous flowers. The Dahlias alone mailed for 25 cents. Tell your friends, Get up a club.

Acacia lophantha, Fern Tree.
Ageratum, large-flowered, dwarf sorts, fine for beds or pots, mixed.
Alonsoa, free-blooming, bright colored annuals for pots or beds.
Alyssum, Sweet, fine for edgings and baskets; ounce 25 cents.
Antirrhinum, semi-dwarf, large-flowered, many delicate colors.
Aster, China, Double, a complete mixture of all varieties, all colors.
Aster, Improved Paeony-flowered Perfection, incurved, double.
Aster, Park's Quilled, best yellow Aster; two feet high, very fine.
Aster, Ostrich Feather, large flowered, many handsome colors.
Aster, New Victoria, large flowers double, imbricated petals.
Aster, Hohenzollern, fine fringed flowers; like a Chrysanthemum.
Aster, New Marvel, globe flowered double, white blood-red centre.
Balsam, Improved Camellia-flowered, double as a Camellia, all shades, spotted, easily grown annual; handsome; mixed colors.

Browallia, New Giant, big blue flowers in profusion; pot plants.
Bellis, Giant Double Daisy, hardy edging, also fine for pots; very early spring bloomer; white, rose and crimson, finest mixed.
Calliopsis, New Compact, crimson, gold, marbled, mixed.
Candytuft, beautiful if grown in masses; all varieties mixed.
Canna, New Gladiolus-flowered; Crozy's finest mixed; splendid.
Capsicum, Ornamental Peppers, all shapes and sizes, colors mixed.
Carnations, Hybrid early flowering, large double flowers from white to crimson, striped and marked; finest mixture of colors.
Celosia, Cockscomb, beautiful comb-like heads of rich bloom; mixed.
Centaurea, annual, superb flowers for bouquets or button-holes.
Chrysanthemum, Annual, a foot high, double and single, all colors mixed; very handsome.
Clarkia, Double and Single, splendid varieties; elegant in beds.
Cosmos, Early fall flowers, rose, white, crimson and yellow, a fine cut flower for vases; mixed.
Dahlia, Double and single, all colors; as easily raised as Zinnias.
Datura, big trumpet-like flowers, very fragrant, in fine mixture.

Dimorphothea aurantiaca, New African Daisy golden flowers.
Dianthus, Double, large-flowered, white, rose and red, mixed.
Delphinium, (Larkspur), double blooms freely; all colors mixed.
Eschscholtzia, California Poppy silver foliage; pretty flowers.
Gaillardia grandiflora, a hardy perennial; flowers continuously produced all season; mixed.
Godetia, splendid annual, showy in beds; finest mixture.
Helianthus, Sunflower, double and single, mixed; fine in group.
Hibiscus, Giant Primrose, fine perennial, golden flowers.
Impatiens, Sultani and Holsti, fine everblooming bedding and pot plants; mixed.
Lavatera, Hollyhock-like annual; white, rose, red, mixed.
Leucanthemum, Shasta Daisy; white, large, fine; hardy perennial.
Lobelia, perpetual blue, flowers large, blue, white eye; beautiful.
Mignonette, fine for bee pasture; very sweet; oz. 10c, lb. \$1.25.
Mimulus, Gloxinia-flowered, orange, tinged, white, red, spotted.
Mirabilis, Four-o'clock, dwarf, spotted-leaved, all colors, fine.
Marigold, African and French, Double sorts, all colors, mixed.
Myosotis, Forget-me-not, large-flowered, early sorts, all colors.
Nemesia strumosa, new colors, large-flowered, showy, mixed.
Nicotiana Affinis, mixed colors, fragrant; beautiful.
Nicotiana Sanderae, mixed colors, profuse bloomer; handsome.
Nigella Damascena, Love in a Mist, white and blue, double, mixed.
Pansy, large-flowered, fragrant and finely marked; colors mixed.
Job's Tears, (Coix), grass; bead-like seeds, for fancy work; worn about the neck for croup and sore throat; 50 seeds 8 cts, 1 oz. 25 cts.
Oenothera, Evening Primrose, large-flowered, golden yellow.
Petunia, Single, large-flowered, plain and ruffled, mixed.
Petunia, Double, Ruffled Giant, finest seeds, mixed colors.
Phlox, Drummondii, large-flowered, everblooming annuals; make a glorious bed; elegant for pots, all colors mixed.
Poppy, large-flowered Shirley, fine flowers, pretty shades; mixed.



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TROPAEOLUM



AQUILEGIA



ANEMONE JAPONICA



ARABIS ALPINA



CENTAUREA



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ACONITUM



ADENOPHORA



ADONIS



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ALYSSUM



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AUBRIETIA

Poppy. a fine mixture of Carnation flowered, Ranunculus - flowered, Pæony-flowered, Shirley and Tulip Poppy in all the finest colors.

Poppy. Giant Feather-ball, huge double flowers, rich shades, mixed.

Portulaca. double and single in all colors from white to crimson.

Ricinus. New Giant and other sorts mixed, for groups, hedges.

Salvia. early-flowered kinds, very showy in masses; best mixture.

Salpiglossis. large-flowered, gorgeous colors; finest mixture.

Scabiosa. Mourning Bride, giant double-flowered, white, rose, lilac, scarlet, black, blue, etc., excellent for bouquets; mixture.

Schizanthus. Butterfly Flower, Orchid-like blossoms, in profusion, many colors, all richly marked.

Senecio Elegans. an elegant dwarf plants for beds and edgings; very handsome free blooming; mixed.

Stock. Ten Weeks' Giant Excel sior earliest blooming Stock, large spikes of Rose-like, sweet-scented flowers of handsome colors.

Tropæolum. (Nasturtium), Tom Thumb, dwarf; splendid for beds or pots; rich colors, free-blooming all summer; mixed, oz. 15 cts.

Valeriana. a foot high; small flowers in big clusters, fine mixed.

Verbena. Mammoth flowered sweet scented flowers in large clusters; large blooms, all colors.

Viola. Tufted Pansy, finest mixture, all colors, white to purple.

Wallflower. New Parisian, large flower clusters, sweet-scented.

Zinnia. New Mammoth, in fine mixture of all colors, flowers very large and showy as Dahlias, covering plant with mass of bloom.

EVERLASTINGS.

Acroclinium, mixed; Ammobium alatum; Gomphrena, mixed; Helipterum Sanfordii; Helichrysum monstrosum, mixed; Rhodanthe, mixed; Gypsophilla, mixed; Xeranthemum, mixed; Briza maxima, Grass. I can supply separate packets of all of these.

FINE ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

Cardiospermum. Love in a puff, trellis vine; inflated capsules.

Cypress Vine. white, rose and scarlet mixed; fine foliage.

Coclea Scandens. rapid climber, 30 feet high; big purple bells.

Dolichos. Hyacinth Bean, robust climber, big bean clusters.

Gourds and Cucumbers. fine lot of best sorts; mixture of all.

Gourd. Nest Egg, robust vine; the fruits fine for nest eggs.

Hop. Japanese, variegated vine, Ipomeea, splendid sorts mixed.

Maurandya. lovely vine, mixed.

Morning Glory. single and double; also Japanese sorts mixed.

Sweet Peas. mixed, oz. 5 cts.

Thunbergia alata, lovely vine, bearing an abundance of rich bloom all season; mixed.

Tropæolum. Climbing Nasturtium. Mixed 1/4 lb. 20 cts, oz. 5 cts.

HARDY BIENNIALS AND PERENNIALS.

Aquilegia. Columbine, beautiful perennials, rich colors mixed.

Alyssum. Gold Dust, masses of sweet, golden clusters; 1 ft high.

Arabis alpina. white, early flower; 8 in.; fine for edging or bed.

Adumia. Achillea, Adenophora, Adonis, Agrostemma, Ajuga, Aubrietia, Anemone, each 5 cents.

Campanula. Canterbury Bell; 2 feet; rich-colored bells, mixed.

Carnation. Hardy Garden, double, sweet-scented Pinks; mixed.

Centaurea. Cerastium, Chelone, Chrysanthemum, Coreopsis, Crucianella, Dianthus, Gaillardia, 5 cts.

Delphinium. Orchid-flowering, hardy perennial; big spikes, rich.

Digitalis. Foxglove, hardy biennials, long spikes, drooping bells.

Hollyhock. Chater's Double very finest strain of fluffy blooms.

Linum Perenne. Perennial Flax rich flowered bedding plant, mixed.

Pinks and Picotees. fine garden plants, flowers double rich.

Plycodon. hardy perennials; blue and white flowers, mixed.

Perennial Phlox. a grand perennial; seeds start tardily; mixed.

Perennial Poppy. huge foliage, rich bloom; finest hybrid.

Perennial Pea. Everblooming, large clusters, red, white, mixed.

Primrose. hardy spring-blooming edging; many rich colors.

Sweet William. Single, double large; white, crimson, variegated.

Pyrethrum. Perennial Cosmos; fine foliage, Cosmos-like bloom.

CHOICE WINDOW GARDEN SEEDS.

Abutilon. Chinese Maple, bell flowers, white, yellow, red, mixed.

Asparagus. ornamental, mixed.

Begonia. Fibrous and Tuberosus-rooted; everblooming, all colors.

Calceolaria. large, spotted, rich colored clusters, mixed.

Cineraria. large-flowered, winter-blooming plants; showy. Mixed.

Coleus. New Fancy, fine pot and bedding foliage plants. Mixture.

Cyclamen. large-flowered, winter-bloomers, colors mixed.

Cyperus. Umbrella Plant, a lovely water plant; grown in a large pot it is as fine as a Palm.

Geranium. Zonale, choice, large-flowered, large-clustered sorts.

Gloxinia. large-flowered, easily grown from seeds; fine mixture.

Heliotrope. New Lemoine sorts, big clusters of sweet flowers.

Jerusalem Cherry. a splendid pot plant with showy scarlet and orange berries.

Lantana. New Dwarf and Large sorts mixed.

Primula Obconica. mixed.

Primrose. Chinese Fringed, fine flowers, many lovely colors.

Smilax. Boston, an exquisite pot vine, graceful and easily grown.

Torenia. lovely, free-blooming pot plant of easy culture, mixed.

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.



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CHELONE



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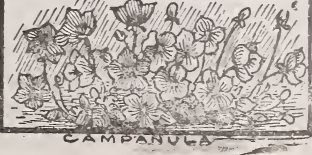
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Beet Lettuce Radish Turnip
 Onion Cabbage Spinach Parsnip
 Carrot Parsley Tomato Cucumbr-

FLOWER SEEDS

Annuals, 200 sorts mixed, Perennials, 100 sorts mixed, Sweet Peas, 50 varieties mixed. Your money back if not satisfied.

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Premo Aster almost four feet high, with flowers nearly five inches across.

I will send you large packet **Giant White Premo Aster**, and circular of seeds I offer, with particulars how to earn from \$5 to \$35 a week from flowers in your garden all for ten cents.

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Fairview Seed Farms, Box 122, Syracuse, N. Y.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Park:—I read and enjoy all of your letters in your Magazine, and often wish I could see LaPark. I also have enjoyed the account of your trip abroad, and would like to take one just like it. My father was a German, and traveled a great deal in the Fatherland when a young man, and I have often heard him describe some of the same places you visited.

I keep a garden book in which I take great pleasure. In it I record the date of receiving and planting all plants, bulbs, etc., from what firm they were bought, and in what condition they were when received. Then, when they bloom, if they are not true to name, or are unsatisfactory after giving them the best possible care, I do not patronize again a firm that sends me inferior plants. I am happy to say that my experience has been that there are few of that sort. I know one firm, however, in our own State whose plants, while looking very nice, are so poorly packed that their vitality is all gone before reaching me. I ordered Pæonies from them the second time, thinking the first time was due to careless help, but the packing was no better; so I quit. Another one in Pennsylvania, who advertises so freely in high priced magazines, must spend more on advertising than on getting good plants, for he sends out very inferior ones.

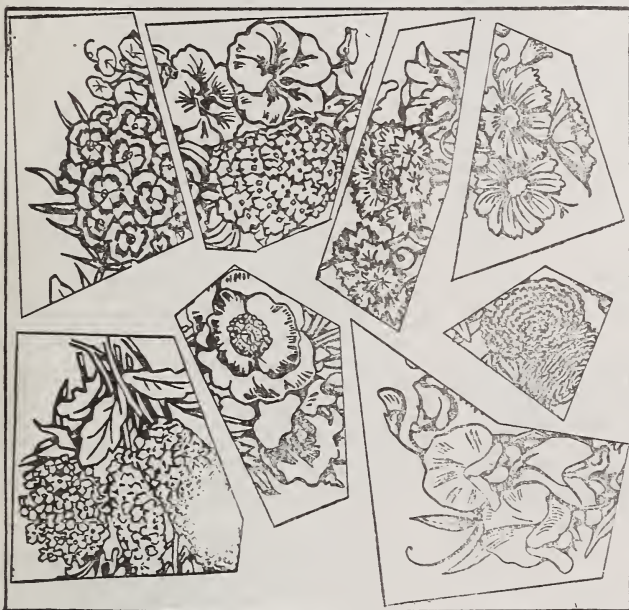
He advertised Longiflorum Lilies so highly as being perfectly hardy everywhere, etc.; and what fine bulbs he offered! So, I ordered a dozen. When they came they had the appearance of spent bulbs that had been forced for greenhouse bloom; and I think they were, for only three of them came up, and they only grew about four inches high, and only one bloomed at all. So my garden book pays me in keeping track of such things. Margaret Flindt, Jefferson Co., Iowa, Dec. 4, 1909.

CAN YOU MAKE A BOUQUET?

A PRIZE FOR EVERY CORRECT ANSWER

If you will cut out these **eight pieces** here illustrated and join them together in their proper places you will have a very beautiful picture showing a collection of flowers suggested by the flower seeds we are giving away. The eight pieces being all the same shape makes this look hard at first, but if you will give your whole attention to it for a few minutes, you will be surprised how easy it is to do this and how fascinating it becomes. If you succeed in correctly joining them together so as to complete the picture, we want you to paste them on a piece of paper and send to us.

Here you have all the Seeds for Your Flower Garden



Ten Varieties

Our Dear Old-Fashioned Favorites

Poppies

Nasturtium

Mignonette

Bachelor Buttons

Sweet Alyssum

Sweet William

Cosmos

Calendula

Candytuft

Sweet Peas

All Guaranteed True
to Name
Cultural Instructions
Included

10 Prize Seed Packets Given

To every one who sends us the entire eight pieces pasted together correctly we will award as a prize 10 of our beautiful packages of seeds all as specified above. This is a practical puzzle. After you have cut the pieces out, trimmed them and found out how they go, we want you to paste them on a piece of paper, write your name and address on it and send to us with **4 cents in postage stamps**, and, to pay you for your trouble, we will send you these **10 assorted packages of flower seeds**. We have a wonderful assortment. When we send you these **10 packages** we will also make you another big offer that will **surprise and amaze you**. Cut out the pieces today and see if you can put them together so as to make the original picture, then send to us with 4 cents in stamps, if you want the valuable seed prize award and want to know what our big surprise offer is. Send answer and 4 cents in stamps to

THE SEED MAN, 6 Worthington St., Springfield, Mass.

GOSSIP.

Delinquents. — Mr. Park: — Those who offer exchanges should not judge another hastily. There may be good and sufficient reasons for a delinquency. A package may be lost, or the address lost, or possibly the party may be sick, or death may have entered the family. I have sent a good many exchange packages, and have received many, and as yet, I have not met with one who intentionally slighted me. Most of those who exchange, aim to be fair and just, and I say again we should not be too hasty in judging them.

Pierce Co., Wash. Mrs. G. W. Douglas.

Salvia Wilting. — A Salvia will become wilted and drop its leaves if allowed to get too cold. The same effect, too, will occur if drainage is clogged, and the moisture about the roots is stagnant, thus injuring the roots.

Bulbs for Water Culture. — The best bulbs for growing in water are Narcissus, especially those of the Polyanthus class. The Chinese Sacred Lily is one of these, and is the most popular of water-grown bulbs. Hyacinths, Crocuses, and some other bulbs are used in this way with more or less success; but, as a rule, the Polyanthus Narcissus are always successful in water.

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Lily of the Valley

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Large descriptive catalogue of all kinds of plants, seeds, and bulbs mailed free. Ask for it.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of 11 years. We have twelve sheep, two horses and some cattle. I love flowers. Pansies and Portulacas are my choice. I like your Magazine very much. I wish to exchange postals.



PORTULACA.

Cecil, Ohio, R. 1, Box 44. Mae Post.

Dear Mr. Park:—I like to read the Children's Corner very much, and can hardly wait until your paper comes. I go to school and am in the 8th grade; history and grammar are my favorite studies. I love flowers, and every year we have a bed of several different kinds in our yard. I have a bantam rooster I call Pete, and two bantam hens, Polly and Betty. Our canary bird is named Nellie. Postals exchanged.

Clark Mills, Pa. Florence Eckles.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl nine years old. My Mamma takes your Magazine, and I like the children's letters, while Grandma likes the floral letters. We have sixteen cattle, eight horses, three cats and one dog. I wish some of the little floral girls would write to me.

Silver Creek, Neb. Natalie Haynes.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of 14 years, and live six miles from town. Mamma has taken your Magazine for a number of years, and likes it. We have lots of flowers, and have many in bloom from February until December. We have 27 monthly Roses, and 16 different kinds of Chrysanthemums. We have over 100 Rose cuttings planted out. Clara Hoelscher.

Randolph Co., Ark., Dec. 2, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old, and go to school. My home is near Lake Winnepesaukee and Lake Wentworth. The latter is named for the first Governor of New Hampshire, whose home bordered on the lake. Mamma has taken your Magazine 15 years, and we like it very much. I like the Children's Letters and the Editorial for children.

Carroll Co., N. H. Doris Mayheu.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old, and live on a farm. There are many beautiful wild flowers here, and also many beautiful shrubs. We get lots of help from your Magazine in caring for our flower garden.

Stevens Co., Wash. Jessie Jenkins.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old, and love flowers and birds. We have no cats. I am going to raise Chrysanthemums next year, and have them bigger than Mamma's. Postals exchanged.

Searcy, Ark. Marion V. Lightle.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live in town and go to school. I like birds and flowers, and have some Carnations, Roses and Tulips. I have a nice doll, and can iron, wash dishes and help Mamma. I am six years old.

Cloud Co., Kan. Lettie Buttler.

4 SEED WONDERS

We have bought direct from Mr. Luther Burbank seed of his Giant Blackberry. Vines will trail on arbor or any support from 25 to 50 ft. producing enormous clusters over a foot long, berries large, exquisite flavor.

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Drought Proof

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Clark Co., Mo., Oct. 18, 1909.

Mr. Park:---I highly prize your Floral Magazine, which I have taken for almost fifteen years. I never had so many flowers as I had this last summer. My Dahlias, Sweet Peas, Asters, etc., were the delight of all who saw them. Many who passed by made happy expressions of delight about them, and many were the bouquets we gave away. I have a Primrose which has been blooming for some time. I never want to be without your Magazine, and hope to get many subscribers for you.

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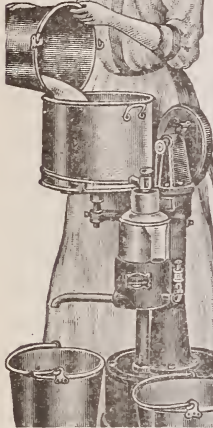
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Mr. Park:—I am a great lover of birds. We had a dear little humming bird near our camp last August. Several times we saw him sit on a limb not more than a rod from our dining table, and make his toilet. There were also many other birds, as well as squirrels, and plenty of hornets; of course we did not enjoy these last quite so well.

I usually have fifty or sixty plants in my home each winter. I have a Dryden Geranium which I bought several years ago. It is a beauty. I have given away dozens of slips of this one plant. I have seven different Cactuses, several Begonias, Geraniums, Asparagus plants, Sansevieria Zeylanica, and a large Pierson Fern. It always makes me feel sad to see my lovely plants die in the fall. I long to be able to protect them from the cruel blasts which end their days so soon.

Mrs. Bertha H. Clapp.
Hampshire Co., Mass., Oct. 29, 1909.

Mr. Park:—Among the seedlings of Impatiens Sultani bought of you last spring, I have one that is a mixture of colors on one plant. It has all shades, pure white, white with pink eye, white striped pink, clear pink, pink striped salmon and white, and orange-salmon, all on the same plant at the same time. I do not know what color it will bloom next. It is very bushy and a free bloomer. Are the plants apt to sport so?

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Eliza C. Smith.
Chenango Co., N. Y., Nov. 15, 1909.

Ans.—The Hybrid Impatiens are liable to sport, but the plant referred to is a novelty, and if the habit could be fixed, it would be worthy of propagation.—Ed.

QUESTIONS.

Rose.—I had the dark crimson Monthly Tea Rose of old times—forty or fifty years ago, until a year ago, when I bedded it out with other Teas, and lost all by failing to cover them during winter, the neglect due to the severe illness of my husband. Who can supply me with another in exchange?—Belle B. Gale, Guilcene, Wash., Nov. 8, 1909.

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Amole Plant.—I am very much interested in the Amole plant that grows in New Mexico. Who can tell me about it, and whether I could successfully grow it, also where I could get it.—Mrs. O.R., Comstock, Neb., Nov. 9, 1909.

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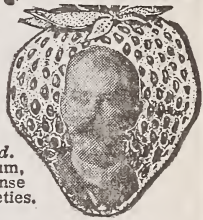
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WINTER FLOWERS.

The Roses faded, in the garden blooming,
The Pansies fell asleep beneath the snow
And all the outdoor blossoms that I treasured
The Frost King smote with death and laid them low.

But in my window-garden, white and crimson,
When tempests rage and days have shorter grown,
Safe as a child love-nurtured, prized and sheltered,
I keep a bit of Summer for my own.
Bradford Co., Pa. Laelia Mitchell.

NIGELLA DAMASCENA, MISS JEKYLL.

BELONGING TO the Crowfoot family (Ranunculaceæ) we have a genus of handsome annuals known as *Nigella*, the name being a diminutive of *Niger*, black, referring to the black color of the seeds. The plants grow from one to two feet high, have fine-cut foliage, and showy blue, white and yellowish flowers. The species are mostly natives of southern Europe and Western Asia, the better known being *N. Hispanica* and *N. Damascena*, and their varieties, both species from southern Europe. A new species, *N. diversifolia*, has recently been introduced, bearing bell-shaped, light-blue flowers an inch across. It is pretty, and will doubtless be a favorite when better known. *N. Sativa*, from North Africa, is supposed by some to be the *Fitches*, mentioned in Isaiah XXVIII, 25, 27.

The oldest and most common of the species is *N. Damascena*, which has been under cultivation since 1570. It was originally single-flowered and light blue, but we now have a white-flowered varie-

ty, and double-flowered varieties showing white, light blue and rich dark blue colors, as also a race of dwarf, compact varieties. All are showy in beds, and of the easiest culture, the seeds being sown either in late fall or early spring where the plants are to bloom, as they do not transplant well. They make a very attractive bed, the tall varieties occupying the center, and the dwarf varieties the margin. They like a sunny bed, and the plants should be thinned out till they stand from four to six inches apart.

The most beautiful of the varieties is the new rich blue one called *Miss Jekyll*, shown in the engraving.



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The common name of *Nigella* is *Devil in a bush*, and *Love in a mist*. As both names probably mean the same thing you can take your choice.

Fuchsia Leaves Dropping.

— Fuchsias usually drop their foliage when removed in the autumn to a heated room. The change from the cool, moist open air, to the close, hot, dry atmosphere is the cause. The remedy is to provide a gradual change rather than a sudden one.

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

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Number of copies printed of Park's Floral Magazine, as indicated by press counters, for January, **520,150.**

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SWANLEY WHITE VIOLET.

SWANLEY WHITE VIOLET is not free-blooming, nor is it always satisfactory in the hands of the amateur. To have good plants for winter blooming, the runners should be bedded out in a shady place during summer and encouraged to form strong clumps. In the autumn, remove these to a cold-frame or pit and give sun during winter, and water as needed. Avoid sprinkling over the plants, except in the mornings of bright days. Keep all rubbish and dead leaves picked off to prevent mildew. Ventilate when the weather will permit. During severe, dark days in winter, cover with straw mats or old carpet to keep out the cold. In the South cold-frames will furnish ample protection. At the North the plants must be grown in a partially heated house or pit. As a rule, the blue varieties, Marie Louise and Helen Campbell, will be found more satisfactory than the Swanley White.

Plant Lice and Tobacco.— You can get entirely rid of plant lice upon your Petunias and other plants by syringing them with hot tobacco tea, then dusting with fine tobacco dust, and placing tobacco stems among the plants. Tobacco is a sure remedy. It will kill about everything (I was going to say pest) but a tobacco-enslaved man, and it will kill him in time if he uses it long enough and freely enough.

WHITE GRUBS.

A WHITE GRUB with a dark brown head and tail is sometimes troublesome in the flower beds, strawberry beds and the garden generally. It is the larva of the May beetle, also known as June bug, an insect of a



GRUB AND INSECT.

sect of a brown or black color, which comes to a light at night. It lays its eggs in the ground, and the larva exists over a period of three years. They are readily destroyed by freezing, and a good remedy is to plow the ground late in the fall, thus throwing them near the surface and exposing them to the cold. Thorough cultivation is good, too, as it brings the grubs to the surface where they can be preyed upon by birds and small animals. A dressing of quicklime is also beneficial in destroying them.

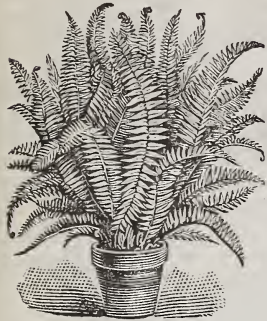
WONDER LEMON.

MRS. ROGERS, of Virginia, sends a leaf of her Wonder Lemon, which is not thriving. The trouble is due to the roots being unhealthy, and the cause of the ill health is doubtless on account of the soil being too tenacious, and the drainage imperfect. In southern Florida, where Oranges and Lemons grow to perfection, the soil is almost pure sand, and does not bake. If a compost of leaf mould, sand and well-rotted manure were used, the sand predominating, the plant would doubtless recover, and become healthy. The hot sun will not injure a Lemon tree unless it shines against the sides of the pot and burns the roots. During the growing, blooming and bearing periods, water should be freely applied. A moist temperature is desirable, but the tree is not liable to be injured by natural heat.

Geraniums in Winter.— To have blooming Geraniums in winter, the plants should be started in the summer and grown in pots, shifting into larger pots as they develop. During the autumn partially withhold water, giving only enough to keep the plants from wilting, and keeping them in a rather sunny place. When frost comes, remove them to the window, and begin watering more freely. New buds will shortly appear, and the plants will bloom throughout the winter. The dwarf, single-flowered varieties should be grown, and such varieties as are recommended for winter-blooming. In a sunny window with a moist, warm atmosphere, such varieties as Mars, Dryden and Paul Crumpel will bloom freely throughout the winter.

PIERSON FERN.

THIS FERN is liable to revert to its original form, the Boston Fern. When the plain fronds appear, cut them off, and enrich the soil by stirring into the surface some porous fertilizer and apply occasionally a liquid fertilizer. To keep the Fern



BOSTON FERN.

in good condition, shift it occasionally into a larger pot, and keep it in a good growing condition. The more favorable the conditions are for its growth, the more handsome are the fronds. The Tarrytown Fern is similar to the Pierson Fern, but more dwarf in habit, and more delicate in the plume. It is not so liable to revert as the Pierson Fern.

LAVENDER.

LAVENDER is popular in England, and is grown in large beds for decorative purposes, as well as to raise foliage for drying, the fragrance of the leaves being prized. The dried branches are also placed among clothing to give off their perfume, and to keep away moth and other insects, which, they are said to do effectually. Plants are easily raised from fresh seeds, the seeds germinating in from ten to fifteen days. The young plants grow slowly, and often attain only a few inches in height the first season. They will endure the winter, however, unless the climate is exceedingly severe, and will make a fine growth the following year. It is well to afford some protection the first winter, but do not cover the plants; simply place a board edgewise at the north and west side of the bed, to prevent the ill effect of cold winds, and place some coal ashes over the bed, among the plants, to ward off the action of severe frosts.

Rhododendrons.—These are showy, hardy evergreen shrubs from three to ten feet tall, blooming beautifully in early summer. Their leaves are leathery, similar to the Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia*) found in the eastern states, and their flowers are in bunches, also, much like Laurel, the chief variation being in the leaves, flowers and clusters being larger. They come in many shades of color, and must have a partial shade and protection from wind and severe cold at the North. Such protection is usually given by planting hardy Conifers upon the north and west side, and by applying stable litter about the roots. The plants can be obtained from all large nursery establishments.

ANTS.

THESE INSECTS sometimes become an annoyance among house plants as well as garden plants, especially during the summer season. They may be readily destroyed by placing a mixture of calomel and sugar mixed together in proportion of one part calomel to ten parts sugar. Another remedy is to put a small piece of camphor the size of a filbert into two quarts of hot water and apply to the soil when it needs watering. The camphor will be beneficial rather than injurious to the plants. A mixture of sulphur



and lime scattered over the surface is also distasteful to the ants, and will cause them to disappear. When garden plants are troubled, find out where the nest of ants is, and thoroughly saturate the ground with boiling water. If plants are adjacent that would be injured by this remedy, use simply cold water, applying it copiously until the ground is thoroughly saturated. Keep applying water until the ants leave. A good remedy also is to plunge a piece of iron pipe into the ground where the nest is, and pour in an ounce or more of bisulphide of carbon. This will destroy the pest. The presence of ants about the plants is often an indication of aphid or plant lice. In such case they are not injurious, except that they foster an increase of the aphid, and when the aphid is destroyed, the ants will disappear.

Asparagus Plumosus.—This is a lovely lace-like plant, sometimes called Baby Breath. When the stems become full-grown, they often die back, and the plant becomes rather unsightly. It is well then to give it a season of rest, by withholding water for a few weeks, then replacing the top earth with rich, fresh compost, and begin watering, when new sprouts and new leaves will develop, more vigorous and more handsome than before. The plant should be shifted into a larger pot when root-bound.

Purple Leaved Shrubs.—The Purple Leaved Berberis is perhaps the most desirable purple-leaved shrub for a hedge. Another shrub useful for that purpose is the Purple-leaved Hazel Nut. For a more vigorous growth, the Purple-leaved Beech is very desirable: it will require, however, more pruning than either of the others, and will quickly form a hedge of large proportions. The Berberis is readily started from seeds, which should be sown in the fall to germinate promptly.

AGAPANTHUS.

THIS PLANT is almost hardy, but is a beautiful pot plant for the North. It should never be dried off, but can occupy a frost-proof, dry room, sparingly watered during winter. In summer place it on the north or east side of the house, and keep well watered. If it is in a pot, it will thrive if the pot is kept in a pan of water, as it is thus constantly supplied with an abundance of water. The roots are fleshy and strong, and will often break an ordinary pot unless the plant is shifted into a larger pot as it grows. Some persons prefer to grow in tubs, watering freely from above during the growing period. The plants must have plenty of pot-room to develop and bloom perfectly. They like an abundance of light, but the hot mid-day sun is injurious to them.



AGAPANTHUS.

Cestrum Aurantiacum.—All the Cestrum like a warm, sunny situation and sandy soil. *Cestrum aurantiacum* is not an exception. To enrich the soil, apply liquid fertilizer, which causes a vigorous growth, and the branches become wreaths of fragrant bloom. It is well to syringe the foliage occasionally to keep down the red spider, which sometimes becomes troublesome. If a soap-suds is used for this purpose, to which has been added a little kerosene oil well incorporated, it will be more effectual in eradicating the pest. Avoid a close, tenacious soil and poor drainage. When the plants are inactive, water sparingly until they have had a season of rest.

Gourds.—The various forms of dipper gourds are useful vines to grow, as they have lovely flowers, emit a musk-like perfume, and the fruits are always graceful and attractive. If the fruits are picked when ripe, they may be used for various purposes according to their forms. Some are in the shape of bottles, some dippers, some are shaped like a cannon-ball, and others like a cheese. These various Gourds are useful for dippers, bottles, sugar-troughs, lard cans, and receptacles about the house generally. They are light and convenient, and will endure considerable wear, if properly handled.

Sternbergia lutea.—This little bulb is hardy, and can be left in the bed where it grows from year to year. The soil, however, must be sandy and porous, well drained and fully exposed to the sun. If given a tenacious soil and a low shaded bed, the bulbs will not bloom, and are very liable to rot in winter. Where the soil is chiefly a clay loam, the bulbs should be lifted in autumn and kept in a frost-proof place till spring. A well-exposed, sunny place must be given them, however, so that the bulbs may develop properly and bloom satisfactorily.

PEACHBLOW HIBISCUS.

THIS PLANT likes a fibrous, sandy loam and thorough drainage. It will bloom almost continuously, if the soil is in proper condition, the temperature right, and the plant pruned from time to time, so that the strength of the roots will go into the blooming branches. Do not let the plant become pot-bound, but shift into a larger pot as it grows. The larger the plant, the larger should be the pot in which it is kept. A subscriber from Indiana complains that her plant has a diseased stem, and that near the ground the stem cracks, and the buds fall off. This may be due to a fungus that attacks the bark. It would be well to make a mixture of sulphur and lime, and apply in the form of a white-wash over the stem and trunk. A little lime and sulphur, also, applied to the surface soil, will be found beneficial.



Tuberose in Georgia.—In southern Florida Tuberose may be allowed to remain in the ground undisturbed for several years, and many of the clumps will develop spikes of bloom every season. In Georgia, however, it is doubtful whether they would bloom if left in the ground. Where they are left in the soil they should not be disturbed until the warm weather of spring, as the packed soil about the clumps will have a tendency to prevent the cold and dampness from injuring the flower germs. Where severe frosts come, as they often do in Georgia, it is better to take up the clumps in the fall, dry them off, and keep in a dry, frost-proof place till planting time in the spring.

Planting Palm Seeds.—Palm seeds should be planted while fresh, to come up promptly. Such species, however, as *Lantana borbonica*, *Brahea filamentosa*, *Areca lutescens*, *Phoenix Canariensis* and *Phoenix reclinata* all germinate with some degree of certainty, even when the seeds have become dry, though the germination is more tardy than with fresh seeds. In planting, cover to the depth of twice their thickness, and keep moist, not wet, until the plants appear. Do not expect germination to take place in less than from three weeks to three months. Keep the box covered, moistened, and in a moderately warm place until the plants appear.

Geranium Blight.—A sort of fungus sometimes attacks the stems of Geraniums, and spreads until the whole top dies. It is due to the condition of the weather. There is no reliable remedy. It is well to cut away and burn the affected parts, to prevent contagion.

THE TREE LUPIN.

LUPINUS ARBOREUS is generally known as Tree Lupin, though the plants, if allowed to grow without staking, assume a prostrate form. When trained they attain the height of several feet, and are exceedingly handsome, the showy, pea-like, highly-perfumed flower appearing in long spikes, and exhibiting various fine shades of yellow and lilac, as well as pure white.

The plants are readily propagated either from seeds or cuttings. Seedlings do not always come true, but the plants are vigorous and healthy, and when young will endure the winter without protection. A sheltered place, however, should be given all of the plants, whether from seeds or slips, for the branches separate readily from the stalk, and on this account are easily ruined by a storm when fully exposed.

When the plants are growing in summer, slips taken off with a heel may be successfully started in sandy soil in a shady place, and kept watered. The plants like a warm, porous soil, and in early summer make a glorious display. It is to be regretted that its cultivation is not general, for it is one of the most beautiful

and showy of the garden perennials. The engraving represents the white-flowered, Snow Queen, which some regard as the most beautiful variety.

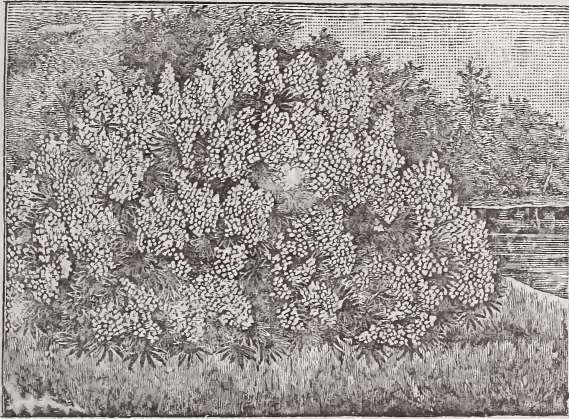
Potting Soil.—An excellent potting soil may be made by piling sods, sand and manure, equal parts, and adding a sprinkling of lime to each layer. If leaf mould can be had, a layer can be made of leaf mould. These materials should be thoroughly wetted and allowed to remain for six or eight weeks, then stirred over and thoroughly mixed, the stirring being repeated two or three times at intervals of two weeks. By this means, you will have a good compost for Geraniums, Heliotropes and the majority of house plants.

Japonica Fruit.—The Japan Quince, which blooms so beautifully in the spring, often sets and ripens fruits, and a subscriber in New York state asks if these are edible, as they have the fragrance of the Orchard Quince. They would doubtless be useful for jelly or for preserving. They are sour to the taste, and not palatable raw, but by cooking, sweetening and seasoning they might make a fit "dish to set before a king".

CLIVIA.

CLIVIA MINIATA, sometimes known as *Imantophyllum miniatum*, is a beautiful pot plant of easy culture. It belongs to the Amaryllis family, and should be grown in a compost of fibrous loam, leaf-mould, and charcoal, well mixed and thoroughly drained. The plants are mostly propagated by division, or by removing offsets from the large plants. An offset should be potted in a five-inch pot, in which it may remain for two years. It should then be potted into an eight-inch pot, and finally into a ten-inch pot. Avoid repotting until the plant is thoroughly root-bound. The plant should be given a season of rest, allowing the soil to become almost dust dry. This season of rest is the secret of having free-blooming plants. If it is neglected, the plants are liable

to show only foliage. There is no danger of giving the plants too much water, or syringing too frequently when growing and blooming, and a liquid fertilizer occasionally will be found beneficial. When a plant comes into bloom, it should be given a cooler situation, and kept without direct sunshine, in order to prolong the beauty of the flowers, and the blooming period.



LUPINUS ARBOREUS.

the beauty of the flowers, and the blooming period.

Coal-ashes.—Sifted coal-ashes are of use to apply to a garden that has a tenacious clay soil, but it is in making the soil more loose and porous that their use is beneficial. The application is not regarded as of value for fertilization. It is true, however, that nearly all coal-ashes have more or less wood-ashes intermingled, and wood-ashes are highly beneficial on account of the potash they contain. Coal ashes are valuable to apply as a mulch in the heat of summer, to keep the soil cool and moist, and as a protection from cold to shrubbery in the winter season at the North. They have, therefore, their place for garden purposes, and should not be cast aside as worthless.

Auratum.—A subscriber from Indiana asks if an Auratum is a garden plant or a house plant. She probably refers to the *Lilium auratum*, which is a hardy plant, but is often grown in a large pot, and when in bloom is used for hall or porch decoration. It is one of the most beautiful and fragrant of Lilies, and of easy culture.

EREMURUS ROBUSTUS.

A GRAND herbaceous plant from Turk-
 estan, belonging to the Lily family, is
Eremurus robustus. It may be grown
 from seeds, but does not attain blooming
 size till it is four or five years of age. This
 plant likes a deep, mellow loam enriched with
 well decayed cow manure. Applications of a
 weak liquid fertilizer when the plant is grow-
 ing, or developing its flower-scape, will be
 found of great benefit. Under favorable con-
 ditions the flower-
 stem will reach
 the height of ten
 feet, and be a
 wreath of lovely,
 fragrant white
 bloom for a long
 period during
 the summer.
 The buds begin to
 open at the base,
 and continue
 opening as the
 flower-stem
 grows. The en-
 graving shows the
 foliage and mas-
 sive scapes of
 bloom. It is a
 royal herbaceous
 perennial, and
 success with it
 will afford much
 satisfaction and
 pleasure.

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**Bird of  
 Paradise.**—

The plant called  
 Bird of Paradise  
 is a deciduous  
 shrub known as  
*Poinciana*. There  
 are several spe-  
 cies, but *P. pul-  
 cherrima* and *P.  
 Gillesii* are the  
 most common. In  
 the South they  
 are perfectly  
 hardy, and grow  
 as out-door  
 shrubs; in the  
 North, they are  
 used as pot plants.  
 They like a very  
 porous, sandy soil,  
 well-drained, and a  
 hot, sunny situation.  
 During the resting  
 period in winter,  
 they should be  
 sparingly watered  
 and kept in a  
 frost-proof place.  
 The plants may  
 be cut back in  
 the spring and  
 repotted. Their  
 free blooming  
 depends largely  
 upon the thorough  
 ripening of the  
 branches, and this  
 is effected by  
 keeping the plants  
 dry in late au-  
 tumn and expos-  
 ing them to the  
 bright sunshine.  
 The plants are  
 easily raised from  
 seeds, and when  
 in bloom are a  
 source of much  
 attraction.

**AMARYLLIS ROSEA.**

**T**HIS LITTLE *AMARYLLIS* is the same  
 as *Zephyranthes rosea*, and is a plant  
 of very easy culture. The dry bulbs  
 bloom in a few days after they are put  
 in the soil, and then the leaves push up  
 and develop. The plants should be cared for un-  
 til the foliage ripens, then they can be taken  
 up and kept as you keep *Gladiolus* and  
*Dahlia*s. In the South they may be left in the  
 ground all the time, and will bloom several

times during the  
 year. In the North  
 the bulbs must be  
 kept in a dry,  
 frost-proof place  
 during the winter,  
 or until you wish  
 them to start to  
 grow. Planted  
 thickly in a bed  
 during the sum-  
 mer, this little  
*Amaryllis* makes  
 a fine display,  
 especially after a  
 rain, when the  
 flower-stems  
 push up and  
 display their  
 flowers. Several  
 bulbs may be  
 placed in a five-  
 inch pot, and  
 after they bloom  
 and ripen their  
 foliage, the soil  
 can be dried out  
 and the pot re-  
 tired for a few  
 weeks, then place  
 it in the window  
 and begin water-  
 ing, and the bulbs  
 will shortly bloom  
 as freely as be-  
 fore. In this way  
 several crops may  
 be obtained from  
 a pot of the bulbs  
 during the year.  
 When blooming  
 the flowers last  
 longer if kept in  
 a cool, sunless  
 window, but with  
 plenty of light.



EREMURUS ROBUSTUS.

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Cinerarias After Blooming.—As
 a rule *Cinerarias* are raised from seeds,
 and discarded after they have bloomed.
 Propagation, however, may be effected by
 cutting the tops off at the base after the
 flowers fade, and encourage the growth
 of sprouts. When these are large enough
 they are removed with a few roots,
 potted in three-inch pots, and shifted
 into larger pots as they develop. As a
 rule seedlings are stronger and healthier
 and yield the most satisfactory results.

MAMAN COCHET ROSES.

PRUNING A RUBBER.

THE PINK and White Maman Cochet Roses are thought by many lovers of Roses to surpass all other varieties of the Tea class. The flowers are of exquisite shape and texture, are of large size, and are charming either on the plants, or as cut flowers in vases. The plants are among the most vigorous and hardy of the Tea Roses, and bloom freely and continuously. Even in the colder northern states they will endure

the winter with some protection, while they are not troubled with mildew as are many of the choice Tea Roses. Avoid severe pruning. In the spring simply cut away the dead wood and some of the less vigorous parts, and if larger blooms are wanted remove the less promising buds, taking with them a portion of the branch. Mulch with stable litter during hot weather, and apply liquid fertilizer when needed. The plants are satisfactory either for pots or the garden, being unequalled by any other variety in beauty, vigor, hardiness and free blooming.

Fern-growing.— Most Ferns delight in a loose, fibrous compost with plenty of pot room and good drainage. They also like an abundance of light, but direct sunshine should be avoided, especially during mid-day. They resent a hot, dry atmosphere and clogged drainage, by the fronds browning at the edges and becoming unsightly. To avoid this trouble, it is necessary to bring the conditions into harmony with the requirements of the plants.

YOUNG RUBBER TREES are often allowed to grow in a single stem, and in time become too tall for the room or the window in which they are grown; also, Rubber Trees are sometimes allowed to grow one-sided, and are then unsightly. In either case the top may be pruned, and a tree-like head encouraged to develop, or even a single stem, if that form is desired. For a tree form, cut the top off a foot or eighteen inches from

the ground, according to fancy, and in time latent buds will develop so as to form a symmetrical tree-like head. If the single stem form is preferred, cut the plant off near to the ground, and allow only the strongest shoot to grow. When this is well started, prune the stem smoothly by a sloping cut to where the new shoot started, and in a short time the place where the old stem was pruned will hardly be noticeable. The Rubber Tree is tenacious and tractable, and will endure much ill usage and neglect with-



MAMAN COCHET ROSE.

out serious injury. It is one of the most desirable of window plants.

About Crocuses.— Crocuses will be found hardy bedded out, in the Dakotas. Set them early enough in the fall to get rooted before cold weather, and cover the bed with a coat of stable litter when cold weather comes. The bulbs forced in water may be bedded out in the spring, but are not generally regarded as of much value after grown in water. The bulbs in window culture should bloom in from five to eight weeks after planting.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—There is a marked difference between the people of Austria and those of Germany. In Germany there is little attention paid to personal appearance and fashion. The people dress respectably, but they seem to be more serious—almost morose in disposition, and to have more regard for the realities of life. As a class, they do not seem to be poetical or imaginative, and so in dress, in architecture, in gardening, or in whatever sphere,

cortege I noticed passing along the street there were three wagon-loads of flowers. Even the street corners are decorated with flower-women—peasants of more than ordinary size, who carry, by means of a broad strap, a big hamper of beautiful flowers, all charmingly arranged, as shown in the engraving (Fig. 1). The cheerful face of this woman, as well as of the little girl carrying the laundered clothing (Fig. 2), simply shows the happy disposition of the people as a class. The big, wooden, tub-like carrier with basket, shown in Fig. 2, is common, and differs materially from the carriers in Erfurt, Germany, illustrated in a previous letter.

It is a real pleasure to do shopping in Vienna. The stores are not so large, but their windows contain a most artistic and beautiful display of the goods dealt in, and the clerks are always pleasant and agreeable. Nowhere in Europe will you find such a variety of novelties and souvenirs, and the prices are ridiculously low. The jewelry stores are wonder-



FIG. 1. STREET FLOWER-WOMAN OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

there is often a lack of the harmony and grace that excite enthusiastic admiration. But the German-speaking people of Vienna are different. As a class, they are happy, open-countenanced people who do not worry over trivial matters. They enjoy life, being very fond of amusement, music, poetry and dress. The many great theatres, dance halls and opera houses, as well as the most famous and popular musical conservatory in the world, attest their love for pleasure, while the grand specimens of architecture and superb costumes reveal the freedom of their imagination and their exquisite taste in harmony and beauty. They are very fond of flowers and gardening, and the flower stores are the most tasteful and beautiful of any I have ever seen. In a funeral

fully attractive, and the merchants, as a class, can be depended upon in their statements. In the fashionable shopping districts you will find ladies in "swell" costumes, as neatly and tastefully dressed as a shop model.

I would call to your notice the peculiar architecture in the background of Fig. 2. This is common in older portions of the city.

Perhaps the most prominent and exciting of the things seen by an American in Vienna is the soldiery. Armed soldiers in companies and regiments, fully equipped squads of marshalled cavalry, and processions of cannon and the accompanying wagons of heavy artillery may be seen upon the streets almost every day. Often the movement is at night, or in early morning, accompanied by a number of

cornet bands, so that you are liable to be awakened at any hour of the night by the ceaseless and regular and heavy tramp, tramp, tramp, or by the suggestive strains of martial music, bringing to mind the awful carnival of death upon the field of battle. The Emperor lives in his palace near the center of the city. Here his sentries and many soldiers are always on guard and ready for service; and here, and adjoining, are the royal gardens and pleasure grounds, library, and museum of antiquities, one of the finest known.

While the waiters in the restaurants in Vienna are mostly men, it does not mean that the men monopolize all the work. One of the industries in which the women have the monopoly is in mortar-mixing and hod-carrying. The masons and builders, so far as I observed, were all attended by women. Being in summer they were usually bare-footed, and had a cloth over their head. They did not carry a hod upon the shoulder, as in America, but

ing, while the women drew the load.

One day a company of Hungarian peasants came to the city to attend a stock sale. Half of the company, which consisted of 60 or 70 persons, were young women ranging in age from 25 to 35 years. A man walked at the head of the procession carrying a lettered banner, and the other men followed after, each carrying a small satchel. Then came the women, dressed with thick skirts reaching below the knees, the head enveloped in a big, highly-colored bandana kerchief. But the most curious sight was that, while men carried some light baggage in one hand, every woman had a pack secured in big red cloths, like table-cloths, as big as an ordinary cooking-stove. This awful burden was arranged with shoulder-straps and carried upon the back. Thus they filed into the rear court of the hotel, through the big open arch-way. Here were many tables beneath the shade trees, and upon these tables their burdens were placed and soon opened up. Several cloths were unknotted, and there in other recepta-



FIG. 2. GIRL CARRYING LAUNDERED CLOTHING.

used a small tub holding as much as a hod, which they elevated to the top of the head when filled, and thus they ascended the ladder to the 2d, 3d and 4th stories, where the masons or plasterers were at work. The mixing they did in a mortar-bed upon the ground, using a hoe and shovel, just as in America. Usually a mason was accompanied by two women, and owned a heavy, long-coupled hand-wagon which he used to convey his hods, hoes, mortar-box, trowels, etc., from place to place. You would often see the mason moving to a new place, his tools loaded upon the wagon, drawn by the women, and the mason walking along behind, smoking his pipe. One day, looking from the hotel window, I saw a mason moving, and, besides his outfit of tools, he sat complacently near the center, where the boards were springy and comfortable, smok-

cles were loaves of black, solid bread and other very plain articles of diet. The other part of the pack seemed to be bed-clothing, which they carried with them to insure cheap lodging. After spending an hour eating and drinking, for many of them got beer, the man with the banner started out, and the whole procession filed out after him, the poor (I should say fat) women trudging along in the rear, borne down by their heavy load.

Such is country-life, my friends, in that portion of Europe, known and peopled and cultivated before the Christian Era. When oppression and poverty crush ambition progress ceases. History repeats itself, and with the present tendency of wealth to usurp our country, it is a certainty that it will be only a matter of time till the land will be owned by wealth, peasantry will appear, and the enterprising spirit of Americans will be crushed, never to rise. Yours truly, The Editor.

LaPark, Pa., Jan. 15, 1910.

TO A LITTLE FRIEND.

Dear little maiden with eyes of blue
And soft, curling hair of golden hue;
Merry and happy and romping all day,
Little feet never grow weary of play.

Out gath'ring flowers on a bright, sunny day,
Running to Grandma's just over the way,
Loving your dollie and doggie, too,
Busy and happy all the day through.

Asking me questions about all in sight,
Talking to "Lady Moon" up in the sky,
And how Mamma and baby, sweet,
Are going to Heaven by and by.

Dear little maiden, in life's busy day
When you no longer find pleasure in play,
When life's busy cares engross your thought
In darkness or in light,

May you ever look toward the heavenly realm,
Always choosing the good and the right.
God's richest blessings abide with you,
Dear little daughter with eyes of blue.

Polk Co., Neb., Jan. 9, 1910. Kathryn Babcock.

CHILDREN'S LETTER.

MY DEAR CHILDREN:—The time has come once more when we must think of the flower garden—what we shall sow, where the beds will be, and how we shall care for them. Let me then, urge you, one and all, to study the seed lists during this

month, and choose from the many fine flowers offered such kinds as you may wish. You should have seeds of such annuals as Alyssum, Snapdragon, Balsam, Lupin, Pansy, Phlox, Petunia, Verbena, Stock and Zinnia. Then you should have some vines. The old-fashioned Improved Morning Glory is good, and will give you joy every morning during the summer. Climbing Nasturtiums, Sweet Peas, Thunbergia, Balloon Vine, Fancy Gourds. The Canary Vine, which climbs so fast, and bears tiny yellow flowers that look like a Canary bird hanging to the stem by its bill, is also odd and pleasing.



All of these seeds will start in a few days, and you can sow them in a box of sifted soil about the time the peach trees are pink with bloom. Before sowing, press the soil firm with a brick, then press rows with a strip of lath, sow your seeds thinly, place a label at the head of the row, and cover according to the size of the seeds. Very small seeds, as Petunias, need but a thin covering. Now lay a piece of cheese cloth over the box and sprinkle with water till the soil is moist, and set in a dark place for a few days. After three days remove the cloth and look for the plants.



SNAPDRAGON.

Give light and air as soon as the plants show, but do not fail to keep the soil moist, not wet, until the kinds show their tiny heads above the ground. Avoid the hot noon sun, which will wilt the plants, and the cold air or wind, which will kill them.

When the ground becomes warm, about the time the farmers are planting corn, or a little later, set your plants out where you wish them to bloom. The Sweet Alyssum, Balsam, Petunia, Phlox and Zinnia will need a sunny bed, also the Nasturtiums, Gourds and Sweet Peas; but the Morning Glories and Canary Vine can be grown upon strings by the wall, and the Balloon Vine will climb a trellis in a shady place. Pansies will bloom well in partial shade the first year, and their smiling faces and bright eyes will make a fine show in the spring.

Some Balsam plants will show single flowers, and these are all held by a little "goose", which can be set in play rows as shown. The Fancy Gourds in many shapes, sizes and colors will please you, and with them you can make many toys. The Zinnias will begin to bloom early, and keep in bloom till frost. The Pansies will look at



ROW OF BALSAM GESE.

you with eyes almost human, and when the seed-pods ripen the sun will touch them with his warm rays, and with a snap they will burst open and scatter their little brown seeds every way. The Balloon Vine will flaunt its tiny balloons in great number, and tempt you to burst them to hear the report. Lupinus hirsutus will please you with its pea-like flowers, and bear pods of seeds that will appear like the face of an old be-whiskered man. Thus will your little garden give you much pleasure in the growth of the plants, their flowers and their fruits. What can do more?



Seeds will appear like faces.

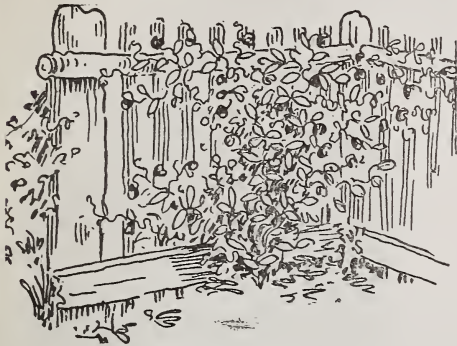
When I was a small lad I loved to be with my mother when she went out to care for her flowers. She allowed me to pluck some of the clusters of bloom, and showed me the special beauty of the different kinds. Then she gave



BALSAM.

PLANT BOX WITH ROWS LABELLED.

me a little bed to cultivate, and some Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils and Blue-bottles to plant in it. She divided her seeds with me, and taught me how to sow them, and directed me about their care. This awakened in me an enthusiastic love and care for flowers that will be mine as long as life shall last. It has been a source of much pleasure to me. It directed my business course; it directed my college life and education; it has given to me tens of thousands of warm friends throughout the length and breadth of our land. The



CORNER OF MOTHER'S GARDEN.

care of that little garden occupied my youthful mind and kept my hands busy, so that I had no time or desire to be idle. "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined," and this truism has given to me the pleasant, profitable and useful life-work which has developed into a business of national importance.

Now, dear children, you may not all become florists by giving early attention to flowers; nor is it desirable that you should. But to have a flower-bed of your own, and to care well for a few plants, will give you ideas and inculcate habits that will be of benefit to you throughout life, no matter what may be your life-work. I would, therefore, insist upon every boy and girl who reads the Magazine to study the seed lists, plan for the season's floral display, and thus improve themselves, their surroundings, and all of those who come within the happy influence.

Your friend, The Editor.

LaPark, Pa., Jan. 15, 1910.

Moon Vine.—This vine is a perennial in the South, but not hardy at the North. It can be kept over winter, however, if cut back and potted in autumn, and kept in a frost-proof room, partially watered. The plants may also be raised from seeds in the spring, ready for autumn blooming. The seeds are mostly sold under the name of *Ipomœa Mexicana grandiflora*, and cost five or ten cents per packet.

Oxalis Buds Dropping.—When buds of the Buttercup Oxalis turn yellow and drop off, it is an indication that the air is too hot and dry. Oxalis plants, as a rule, thrive and bloom freely in a cool, moist atmosphere, and in partial shade.

KEEPING DAHLIA ROOTS.

DAHLIA CLUMPS are easily kept by digging in the fall after the frost kills the tops, drying the clumps without removing all of the soil, and then storing in a dry, well-ventilated cellar. A shelf in the furnace-room will keep them perfectly.

In Florida and other mild climates the clumps may be taken up and placed on a shelf beneath the house, where there are no cellars. In taking up the clumps cut tops off, but



DAHLIA ROOTS.

avoid injuring the neck of the tubers and the stem. The strength of the tubers should go to the stem, where the buds are dormant, and if the connection is broken, the buds will not develop; while if the stem is mutilated, the buds will be destroyed. It is even more important to preserve in good condition the stem to which the tubers are attached, than it is to preserve the tubers themselves.

Care of Amaryllis.—Mr. Park: I saw in the Magazine to set Amaryllis bulbs out in summer, and I tried it with great success. They blossomed for a long time and were fine. Now, must I dry the bulbs off, as we do *Gladiolus* and *Tuberose* bulbs?—M. V. R., Va.



AMARYLLIS BULB AND FLOWER.

Ans.—Yes; when frost comes lift the plants and lay them on a loft, where they will dry off and ripen. When dry keep them in a frost-proof place till January, then if you wish them to bloom in winter or early spring pot them up, water moderately and place in the window. In a short time the buds will show above the surface, and the scape will rise eight or ten inches, bearing the big, bright flowers at the summit. The new Aigberth Hybrid Amaryllis are grand, and far surpass the old, well-known Johnsoni. They show rich colors, from white to deep crimson, and some are shaded and striped. So much finer are they that they are hardly to be compared with *A. Johnsoni*. They are simply magnificent.—Ed.

After Treatment of Bulbs.—After Hyacinths and Tulips have bloomed in the window, keep the soil moist until the foliage ripens, then set the pots on a shelf in the cellar and do not disturb them till planting time next autumn, when the bulbs should be taken out and given a garden bed. Avoid early bedding. It is not desirable to have the top growth begin to develop before winter, as it is an injury to the bulbs.

HOME ADORNMENT.

IT IS NOT the elaborate use of flowers and shrubs and trees that gives the charming home-like effect. Often a simple arrangement yields an air of refinement and beauty that is pleasing to the senses, and makes a home strikingly attractive. The cottage shown in the engraving, the home of Mrs. Thos. Kilborn, of Dowagiac, Michigan, illustrates this truth. The well-kept lawn is made more pleasing by the handsome border of blooming plants, and the thrifty shade trees, affording protection from the warm noon-day sun, suggest the pleasure of the resting hour. The neatness of the home within is indicated by the tasteful decoration of the veranda. Thus it is not necessary to have a great variety, or an extravagant outlay to beautify a

HIBISCUS.

THE LARGE-FLOWERED HIBISCUS Manihot, known as Primrose Hibiscus, because of the lovely Primrose-yellow of the flowers, should be started early in spring, to be in bloom by autumn. The seeds germinate readily, and the plants grow freely, but the flowers will not appear until the plants have attained a certain age, and hence must be started early. In case the plants do not bloom the first season, pot them firmly before frost, and water well at first, then, as winter comes give them a place in a frost-proof cellar or room and keep barely moist till you wish growth to begin. Thus cared for, and bedded in a rich sunny



HIBISCUS.



COTTAGE HOME OF MRS. KILBORN, MICHIGAN.

place, and make it pleasing and attractive. It is the tasteful selection and arrangement, and the special care given in culture that counts, and endears the home by its surroundings and sweetens the home influence.

Care of Oxalis.—Oxalis are of easy culture. Simply pot the little bulbs if wanted for the window in winter. Keep moist and in a moderately warm place, not too sunny. The pots will soon become a mass of pretty green foliage, and if the kind is free-blooming the showy little flowers will appear in fine, long-stemmed clusters. Oxalis cernua and O. floribunda are fine for winter-blooming. O. hirta, O. Bowiei, and O. lasiandra are good edging garden sorts. O. Deppei is often grown in pots and sold for St. Patrick's Day as Shamrock.

bed when danger from frost is past, the plants will make a fine display the second season.

About Cape Jasmine.—This shrub does well as a pot plant at the North, grown in a compost of rotted sods, manure and sand, well inter-mixed. The branches are easily rooted if taken early in the spring, just before the plant becomes active, stripping downward, so as to get a heel of the old wood. Place in sand, and keep moist, shaded and rather warm until roots start, when they may be potted. To have the plant bloom freely, keep in a sunny place in autumn, and water sparingly, which will harden the wood, and develop the flower germs. In summer plunge the pots in coal ashes in the shade of a tree and keep well-watered while growing. Repotting should be done just after blooming.

PANSIES FROM SEEDS.

FASHION changes in flowers as well as in everything else, but no matter how many new plants may be brought to our notice, we will still find a place for the velvet-faced Pansy. The finest flowers, those with long stems and deep velvety colors, are the ones that have been given a rich soil that is frequently stirred, plenty of moisture, and I find they bloom best in sun, notwithstanding many recommend a shady situation. Do not let them dry out. By pinching back the



PANSY PLANT.

branches they will bloom twice as long, will send out new shoots, more branches, and of course, more flowers. They bloom best in the cool months of spring and fall, and must have moisture at all times. If allowed to dry out, that will be the last of them. I have grown the Pansy under a grape arbor, where they received nearly all the morning sun, but not the noonday sun, and they gave me an abundance of large, long-stemmed flowers, and I had large bowls of their cut flowers throughout the summer. Start the seeds early in March.

Stanford, Ky.

Laura Jones.

Fern Culture.—Ferns, especially the house Ferns, are tender plants, and should not be handled. People will run their hands through a mass of the beautiful fronds, breaking and bruising the tender stems and pinnae or leaves, and then wonder, later on, what ails the plant. Ferns should not touch other plants, nor be crowded, to look and do their best. As a general rule, they require only morning sun. Shower often, to keep off dust, and to furnish the moisture so necessary for the fullest development of this class of plants.

San Jose, Cal.

Ida C. Cope.

Grafting.—In answer to L. B., I desire to say that Roses will not grow grafted upon White Thorn. There is no unity, nor relationship between them. Only things of a like species can be grafted together. Even then the affinity is not sufficient, and sometimes the graft will grow feebly, and soon die. The sap must be similar, and the wood structure the same in all cases.

V. Deviny.

Edgewater, Col., Nov. 19, 1909.

A HINT TO TEACHERS.

THE ENTRANCE to the school house should be made inviting. Plants and trees should be set out. The children like to attend to such tasks themselves, and are happy in spading, planting and weeding. How earnestly they watch the growth of the plants from the tiny seeds they have bought. Even the brick or stone walls of the school house may be made very attractive by the clinging vine. When Arbor Day comes around, the children take great delight in doing those things which are appropriate for the day. The time is employed in making the yards attractive. They receive knowledge in the variety of trees, shrubs and plants. Thus their mental, physical and moral natures are being developed, side by side. Children learn by doing, and the material Nature-study is within their reach. He is more interested in the tree he has planted than he is in the one that grows by the wayside, or in his yard at home. He will study the different parts, the trunk, branch and leaf, and will wonder how it grows and lives, and asks "Who made the tree to grow?" The child's mind and body have been employed, and evil thoughts never come to him. Living in such an atmosphere, and surrounded by such an influence, he will grow up into a beautiful and useful life, and attain a beautiful manhood.

Bath, Me., Jan. 4, 1910. Alice M. Douglas.

MY SWEET PEAS.

LAST YEAR I sowed my Sweet Peas early in May, along the side of the house facing East. I dug a trench about six inches deep, and put some well-rotted cow manure in the bottom, and then scraped some of the earth on top of that, and sowed the seeds. I covered them one or two inches, which just filled the trench. When they were well up I placed a board eight inches wide around them, so as to hold the dirt in place. I then took a mixture of two parts good rich earth, one part very well rotted manure, and one part wood ashes, and with this mixture I gradually filled in around them as they grew, until almost even with the board. Well, the first of July they were three feet tall and began to blossom, and from then till November they were just one continual mass of blossoms, and reached a height of seven feet. Of course I kept them picked, so they did not go to seed, and also watered them every night after sundown.



SWEET PEA.

Chaut. Co., N. Y. Herman Adamson.

An Ivy Covering.—Don't fail to pot some Parlor Ivy in autumn to grow over your plant stand. It will grow and make a pleasant picture, even when the rest of the plants are not flourishing as you would like. Just at the season of the year when the rest of the plants are not doing much it will be doing its best.

Nellie.

A FLOWER GARDEN.

WITH THE passing of winter comes the clear call of spring, bidding us to come out and "wake up" with Nature; to hear the birds sing as they fit to and fro in the warm, bright sunshine; to see the leaf-buds as they swell on the trees; and to watch the Pansies and Violets modestly turn their faces heavenward. Oh! what a boundless delight there is in it all. Every one must experience a certain joy when spring enters, following as it does the cold drear days of winter.

Some of us living in large cities are not as fortunate as our country friends, who may stroll through green fields and budding forests; and breathe, think and live with Nature. Yet the city resident, with just a small space of ground, may have great pleasure raising flowers with little time and expense. Looking over our flower garden (which in reality is nothing more than a three-foot border on the two sides and one end of the back yard), I think I see great possibilities for flowers this spring and summer. I know there is a probability that the seeds may be scratched up, the tender shoots picked off, and my plants ruthlessly broken down. Who is there so fortunate as not to be troubled with cats, dogs and chickens? Certainly there are many, yet the vast majority of us must fight against these pets (pests?) Now as we have only four cats, and the neighbors are considerate enough to keep their chickens at home sometimes, that is, from 6 p. m. till 6 a. m., I expect to raise some flowers.



SWEET PEA.

There will be two borders eighteen feet long, while the shorter one is only twelve feet. There are seven or eight Chrysanthemums growing in the garden at the present time; together with half a dozen small Rose bushes, and two Peach trees. Besides, there is a clump of Mint and two clumps of Hoarhound, ever spreading and taking more room than I can allow. In the extreme end of one of the borders is a small bulb bed, where *Scilla Siberica*, Winter Aconite, Anemones, Hyacinths and Tulips will soon be up and blooming. The yard is enclosed by a close board fence which requires vines or tall-growing flowers to keep it from view. The southern border being shaded somewhat from the mid-day and afternoon sun, will no doubt be the favorite side with me; for here is where the climbing Sweet Peas, sown in February, will be trained to run up on the fence with the aid of string, wire and nails. Here in front of the vines will be a bed of the little cupid



VIOLET.

Sweet Peas, another of Pansies, and another of Pinks and white Geraniums. While preparing these beds, I shall not fail to have a shady nook for the Forget-me-not (*Myosotis*) a charming little flower.

On the opposite side of the yard I shall plant a few choice Dahlias, Cosmos, Chrysanthemums and Cannas for the background. These will be planted as near the fence as will admit of their growth. As they grow up, I shall tie them securely to the fence, to prevent their being broken down by wind or rain, using inch-wide cloth strings instead of twine, which might cut the tender stalks. In front of these taller growing plants will be placed the dwarf Nasturtium, Dwarf Canna and Asters. The end border will be given up almost entirely to the newest strains of the Zinnia, an old-fashioned flower, though in my estimation deserving a place in every flower-garden.



ZINNIA.

We cannot raise all the flowers we would like to have in one year; so the best way I know out of the difficulty is to raise some flowers one year, and other kinds the next year. We do hate so much, however, to give up our old friends.

Richmond, Va.

R. M. Tonswin.

A Hall Window.—We have an upper hall window facing south, in which I placed shelves, after making sure it was made good and tight. In this window I have put choice Geraniums, Roses and such things as do not like too much dry heat. It is warmed at night from a hard-coal heater below. Part of the time it is pretty cool, but I never had healthier plants—so full of bloom and not troubled at all with insects. Try it, if you have such a window.

Brown Co., O., Nov. 5, 1909.

Nellie.

Flowering Dogwood.—About the last of February I shall get some budded Dogwood branches and put them into water. Then in a few weeks we shall have some beautiful flowers. Dogwood and the red Japonica (Japan Quince) respond readily to this treatment. I have twice, unsuccessfully, tried Lilac the same way, but shall try it again.

Berks Co., Pa., Dec. 23, 1909.



CANNAS.

MY HYDRANGEA AND PLANTS.

CANNA AS A BEDDING PLANT

HEREWITH is a photograph of my Hydrangea hortensis, which is growing and blooming in a large tub. It was more than five years old last spring, and at the time it was photographed had twenty-five fine large flower clusters, as represented. The plant is well branched, and densely clothed with healthy green foliage, which makes a pleasing background for the big bunches of bloom. It is one of the most beautiful and lasting of pot plants, and a source of much pleasure to me and my friends.

I wish you could see our home when my flowers are in bloom. I have twenty-five or more varieties of Geraniums, all choice ones, and quite as many varieties of other flowers and plants, such as Wonder Lemon, Hibiscus, Roses, Lilies, Cyclamen, Gloxinias, etc. I have been a subscriber to the Magazine for many years, and to it I owe much of my floral success.

Mrs. Champion.
Henry Co., O.
Aug. 25, 1909.

Hepaticas in Pots.

About the last of January, if possible, I intend to dig up a few Hepatica plants from the woods and take them in. The 25th of last January I found Hepaticas in bloom. I took up two plants full of buds, and they repaid me a hundred-fold for what little care I gave them. Their blooms lasted for over two weeks; then the beautiful new leaves came. As the new leaves grew the old ones drooped, and I cut them off. Really I don't know when the plants were prettier—during the time they were in bloom, or after the new leaves came. If you have never seen Hepaticas in pots, you cannot imagine how beautiful they are as pot plants. Lillian M. Bullock.

Berks Co., Pa., Dec. 23, 1909.

Achyranthus.—I have found plants of Achyranthus, with their brilliant red foliage, among the prettiest of foliage plants for the window. They look so bright and pretty among the other plants, and are so easily grown.

Nellie.

THE EVERBLOOMING CANNA is one of our finest bedding plants; with its tropical foliage and brilliant flowers, and its long season of bloom, there is hardly anything to give greater satisfaction than this. The plants can be banked up along fences, porches, driveways, or grown in circular beds. There are sorts for the centers or the background, tapering down to the dwarf sorts at the edge, all very showy and beautiful, and all making a rank, rapid growth in a short time. Robusta, eight feet tall, is the tallest of all Cannas, and this is much used for the center and background of all beds. The flowers are small, and I have grown it throughout the season without showing flaws.

But it has luxuriant brown foliage that makes it popular, the leaves being from twelve to eighteen inches wide, and thirty to thirty-six inches long.

Of the dwarf sorts, Florence Vaughn, Chicago, Italia, Pennsylvania and Burbank are the best. The last two named are Orchid-flowered varieties, that are valued for the size and beauty of their flowers.

When buying do not purchase the dormant tubers, but pot-grown ones that have had a good

start, and will grow right off, and be ready to flower long before the dormant tubers can be started.

The Canna bed should be as rich as possible. It cannot be too rich. Have a sunny situation, and give plenty of moisture. If these requirements are met, the foliage and flowers will both be large and beautiful. Cultivation must be given throughout the season. Even the finest varieties will be disappointing if not given these requirements.

Good plants begin blooming almost as soon as bedded out, and continue until cut down by frost. They increase very rapidly, soon forming large clumps, and from a few tubers one can have sufficient tubers for large beds the second season.

Laura Jones.

Stanford, Ky.



HYDRANGEA HORTENSIS IN BLOOM.

PLANTS UNDER TREES.

ONE OF your readers thinks flowers cannot be grown under trees, except in pots. If the right plants are used under trees they will grow and bloom well. Snowdrops, Crocuses, Hyacinths and Tulips do best in just such a situation. The leaves in the fall give them protection during winter, and they bloom while the ground is wet with the melting snow and early rains. Later, when it gets dry, it is their resting time. Then pots may be set there, but not over where the bulbs are. Narcissus do not do well, as they need sun to ripen the bulbs. In the woods we find flowers growing close to the trunks of trees, in shade most of the time. Most of these may be grown if carefully transplanted to the garden and given the shade of trees or buildings. Hepatica, Violets and Trillium do better than in the woods, growing larger and finer every year. The Adder's Tongue or Dog-tooth Violet is another wild flower that improves with cultivation.

The Bleeding Heart (*Dielytra*) blooms early, and is ready to rest when the trees are



DOUBLE TULIPS.



BLEEDING HEART.

in full leaf and take all the moisture to themselves. Some clumps of the old-fashioned Crown Imperial are growing close under a Maple tree, and do as well as the Hyacinths and Tulips that are set near them. Plants that die down in early summer should be where the ground is dry during summer, as a wet place is liable to cause the bulbs to rot when not in growth. Eliza C. Smith.

Chenango Co., N. Y., Nov. 15, 1909.

Wandering Jew.—Grow cuttings of Wandering Jew in water during the winter. They will thrive, and be ready to plant around your boxes nailed on posts next spring. Set a glass or can of Jew on top of your high hook-case. Nellie.

Brown Co., O.

A FINE COLEUS.

AT ONE TIME years ago, I secured a cutting from the cemetery at Springfield, Illinois, of a Coleus which had the most brilliant foliage of anything I ever had.

The leaves grew very large, showed but little green, the larger part being a zone of bright red, with yellow and white, not blotched. I believe the center was yellow. I would like very much to know the name of it.

Brown Co., O. Mrs. E.

Note.—The bright new Coleus plants are often raised from seeds. A packet of seeds of a good strain and mixture will yield many very beautiful varieties, and the plants are mostly more healthy and vigorous than those grown from cuttings. The seeds germinate readily, and the plants are as easily raised as a Coxcomb. If you once try raising Coleus plants from seeds you will continue the practice, for as much pleasure can be obtained from five cents, worth of good Coleus seeds as from a much larger expenditure in seeds of many other flowers and plants.—Ed.



COLEUS.

Milk and Wine Lily Hardy.—In the September number of Park's Magazine, I saw where some said the Milk and Wine Lily was not hardy. It is hardy here in central Kentucky. About five years ago I got a bulb from a lady in Florida. I worried with it two years in the house, and not blooming I dug a hole about eight inches deep early in spring, put it in, covered it well with sand, then filled up with dirt, and said "Live or die, I don't care; for I am tired caring for you". It came up, but did not bloom. Last year, however, I was rewarded with one bloom-stalk, and this year it brought forth five bloom-stalks, each with from five to seven flowers on it. They were rare, and greatly appreciated by sick friends, to whom I took them.

Clark Co., Ky., Oct. 26, 1909. Aunt Nan.

Success with Seeds.—From a packet of *Cineraria* seeds, costing five cents, I have twenty-one nice plants. They were sown the 10th of August, and some of them have leaves as large as a dollar. I have seven Chinese Primroses from one packet, some with pink stems and light green leaves, and two with purple leaves and stems. Every seed of my Cyclamen came up, and the bulbs are now about the size of a Sweet Pea. The under side of the leaves are a rich purple. These are all new to me, and I am rather proud of my success. M. A. Shaw.

Penobscot Co., Me., Oct. 25, 1909.

Nasturtiums in Water.—Break off branches of your favorite Nasturtiums and insert in a two-gallon glass fruit jar of soft water. Put in a small piece of charcoal, a small bit of rotten manure, and cover with sand. The branches will grow and bloom in a sunny window. Nellie.

Brown Co., O.

FLOWER-GROWING IN FLORIDA.

A WORD to the Northern sisters who are living in Florida, and, like myself a few months ago, was rather homesick for the old home flowers. Let us not mourn over what we cannot have, but turn our attention to what is within our reach. My first disappointment was with Pansies! I sowed the seeds in early spring; the plants came up and grew fine, until hot weather came on, when they all promptly died. Next time I will try sowing them in late summer, and expect a beautiful bed of Pansies all winter. Then, I have learned that they may be grown in pots on a shaded porch, and will bloom all summer.



PETUNIAS.

ly flowers of this climate. All the half hardy shrubs of the North prove hardy here, and may be grown in the yard without protection. Among these is the house Hydrangea, Lantana, the tender Roses, and many others. I think with a little study we could have a far larger collection here than in the North, and with less care. I already have a porchful of beautiful plants and vines, among them a dozen Cactus plants which are doing well here. Geraniums, Begonias, Heliotropes, Tuberoses and Chrysanthemums also seem to delight in the hot days with the cooler nights. One would be very hard to please who could not find flowers to suit their love for this luxury in all the many beauties around us.

Ft. White, Fla. Mrs. Lizzie Eastman.
 Note.—At St. Petersburg, on the west coast of Florida many of our greenhouse plants thrive out doors. Such vines as Bougainvillea, Bignonia venusta, Thunbergia odorata and Grandiflora, Morrenia odorata and Pothos aurea are at home there. And many beautiful shrubs also do well, as Oleander, Hibiscus Sinensis, Poinsettia, Poinciana, Grevillea, Acacia in variety, Camphor and Jacaranda. Grevillea, Camphor and Jacaranda are used for shade trees, and are beautiful. The Jacaranda Mimosæfolia, easily grown from seeds, beautiful as a pot-plant at the North, there becomes a glorious tree, the leaves dense and delicate, and as handsome as fronds of Fern. Bauhinia grows as large as an Apple tree, and is covered in winter with clusters of Azalea-like bloom, appearing at some distance like an Apple tree in full bloom. Pansies, Petunias, Portulaca and Phlox Drummondii make a gorgeous display the winter through, if started at the proper time. There need be no craving for the "Cucumbers, and the Melons, and the Leeks, and the Onions, and the Garlic," of Egypt. Many of these can be grown there, and the other good things provided, will more than compensate for any lack of those found at the North.—Ed.

SUCCESS WITH CINERARIAS.

CINERARIAS have never yet failed me. I sow in July, in boxes of good soil, with a pane of glass laid over, tilted slightly to admit air. I keep the soil moist by occasionally placing the vessel in a flat pan containing an inch or two of water, enough to moisten the earth in the box, but not to



CINERARIA.

drown the seeds or plantlets. The seeds come up surprisingly soon. When large enough, I transplant into shallow trays, setting an inch or two apart, and later transplant again, and finally pot the plants, shifting to larger pots as they grow, to keep them thrifty. The only enemy of Cinerarias is the aphid, and this can be kept away by placing tobacco-dust or chopped tobacco stems over the soil in the pots. The plants like a cool, moist place in summer, and must not be neglected, as stunted plants rarely recover. Shift regularly to avoid becoming root-bound, water regularly, to encourage continued growth, and do not fail to apply the tobacco, to avoid aphid. I prefer Cinerarias to Primroses. Their bold, showy, rich-colored flowers are truly beautiful and attractive. Cassandra.

Greenbrier Co., W. Va.

LAVENDER.

My triumphant success the past season was starting five Lavender plants from twice as many seeds. I kept the seed box covered with several thicknesses of dark cotton cloth, folded the exact size of the box, and thoroughly dampened. I am not sure that they can be wintered safely in the living room, but will give them a trial. Cassandra.



LAVENDER.

Frankford, W. Va.

Note.—Lavender seeds are not generally hard to start, if the seeds are fresh. The plants are hardy, and if transplanted from the seed-bed in early summer will endure the winter safely, unless in a greatly exposed situation.—Ed.

MASTERPIECE PANSY.

THIS IS a remarkable type of Pansy, each petal being frilled in a fashion that makes it appear double, while in reality the number of petals is the same as found in other Pansies. A packet of seeds from LaPark gave me flowers of enormous size,



MASTERPIECE PANSY.

the rich, dark velvety shades predominating, and I think every seed germinated, which is rare in many strains of Pansy seeds, or rather, the seeds some firms send out.

Sheb. Co., Wis.

Mrs. T.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

OUR CHRYSANTHEMUMS are just beginning to bloom. The double window of the dining-room is filled with their beautiful flowers. I only have pink and white, but they are lovely. Do the plants bloom the first season when grown from seeds?

Dawson Co., Nebr., Oct. 23, 1909.

Jennie Bonnell.

Ans. — The autumn-flowering Chrysanthemums may be grown from seeds started early in the spring, and the plants will bloom the following autumn. Not all of the plants raised from even a first-class quality of seeds will produce first-class flowers, but a number of the plants will develop flowers that are worthy of propagation, and it is in this way that the new varieties are obtained. The plants of choice kinds, however, can be obtained so cheaply that unless one is fond of experimenting, it is as well to obtain plants in the spring.—Ed.

A Post Box. — One of the prettiest things in my back yard this summer was a box of Geraniums nailed on a post driven securely into the ground. It had Wandering Jew growing around it, and a couple of plants of *Asparagus Sprengerii* grown from seeds, tucked in. It was close to the well, and was watered freely. Try this plan, where you cannot have a flower-bed. I like something to cheer me while I work.

Nellie.

Brown Co., O., Nov. 5, 1909.

CULTURAL HINTS.

IF YOU have not a good place for plants do not try to grow the more difficult ones. If you do, you are liable to become discouraged, and give up window plants altogether, as I have known of several doing. A fine Geranium, an easily-grown Begonia, and a Boston Fern will give you more real pleasure than a whole windowful of sickly insect-infested plants. Don't let yourself be tempted to crowd plants too much. Discard from your collection all Geraniums which do not come up to the highest standard of excellence. There are so many fine varieties which make a thrifty growth, bear fine large trusses of flowers, and bloom so freely, that I consider it unwise to give time and room to those that do not do so well. Our kind Editor recommends only the best, and you will do well to study our little Magazine and purchase accordingly. Don't try to grow the Geraniums you wish to bloom in a room too highly heated with a stove. Give them a sunny window in an adjoining room, and you will find they will do much better. Start slips of only the very best varieties in June, keep them growing thriftily, and do not let them bloom. Transplant in early fall into pots large enough so they may have plenty of nourishment, and I will insure bloom if not kept too warm.

Nellie.

Brown Co., O., Nov. 5, 1909.

Leptosyne Stillmanii. — This is a new and beautiful plant, worthy of cultivation. It has handsome, fern-like foliage, and bright yellow flowers, in both light and dark shades, mounted on leafy stems a foot long. It is easily grown from seeds, but does not do well when transplanted. Being of bushy habit, one plant will afford many flowers.



Mrs. Anna Craig.

LEPTOSYNE STILLMANII.

Clearfield Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1909.

A Bouquet. — For a beautiful bouquet, take sprays of the Wandering Jew and put in a tall vase, allowing them to droop over the sides, then fill the vase with Crape Myrtle, putting one orange-colored single Dahlia in the center. One flower seems to bring out the beauty of the other, and it is indeed beautiful.

Ft. White, Fla.

Mrs. L. Eastman.

Blush Rose. — I will tell you how I made my Blush Rose bloom satisfactorily for years. Watch for the buds that blast and cut them off, and the good buds will bloom nicely

Howell Co., Mo.

Mrs. J. W. Sears.

CHRYSANTHEMUM INODORA PLENISSIMA, BRIDAL ROBE.

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BRIDAL ROBE.

The plant is covered for a long period with graceful flowers, which are splendid for cutting, for home or church decoration. I looked at the seedling plants the first of the season with the idea of throwing them away, but decided to give them a trial

which proved them of merit. But give them room or they will crowd others near them.

Sheb. Co., Wis.

Mrs. T.

Seedlings.—Last January I purchased and planted some seeds in boxes in the house. I took much pleasure in watching for their appearance, and in noting their growth during the early spring, and later in the summer I removed the boxes out of doors to a spot somewhat sheltered from the full force of the sun. Among the seeds planted were Primrose, Cineraria, Cyclamen and Asparagus Fern, all of which I had heretofore bought already grown, at the greenhouses, and supposed were too difficult for an amateur to undertake to grow. But to my great pleasure, I succeeded in raising one Primrose, which is now in bloom, four Cineraria plants, one of which fell a victim to a voracious caterpillar, and another to plant lice, but I still have two which look very thrifty and promising; and two Cyclamen, which look very thrifty, although I find they are very slow growers. I also succeeded in raising the Asparagus Fern, and have taken much more pleasure in seeing these tiny plants develop from the seeds, than I have ever taken from those purchased fully developed and blooming. Flora Rodeheaver.

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Seedling Plumbago.—I have a *Plumbago capensis cœrulea* in bloom that I raised from seeds planted February 19th. It is sixteen inches high, has many branches, and had six large clusters of bloom upon it at one time. It has been blooming for nearly two months, and is growing in a quart tin can.



PLUMBAGO.

Tulsa Co., Okla., Nov. 2, 1909.

S. G.

THREE FINE FLOWERS.

THE ORCHID-FLOWERING Iris, *I. Hispanica*, deserves all the fine things ever said about it. I had the plants last spring for the first time. I could scarcely keep out of the garden while they were in bloom, and all who saw them greatly admired them. They are certainly beautiful.



IRIS HISPANICA.

Browallia, which first came to my notice



BROWALLIA.

through the Floral Magazine, has given me great pleasure for two summers. The plants grow high and bushy, and the flowers are both blue and white, and are a dainty setting for a bouquet. I have never seen them in any other garden.

The Shasta Daisy is one of the finest perennials. The flowers, which bloom profusely during July and August, are long-stemmed, and look like big stars. They keep remarkably well in water, and are pretty at all times.



SHASTA DAISY.

Erie Co., N. Y., Oct. 14, 1909. M. A. M.

Remedy for Aphis.—I have seen so many times about washing plants in tobacco water for aphis, that I feel I ought to give my way, which I think so much easier. Several years ago I procured a large paper bag of tobacco stems, put them in a large tight box, and keep it well covered. As soon as I discover any green lice, I sprinkle a few spoonfuls of hot water on the tobacco, and set my plant in the box, and put a few of the stems around the plant, and let it remain for twenty-four hours. In a few days repeat. It is no good for the little red spiders.

Knox Co., Me.

Louise Payson.

Verbenas.—I wish all the flower folks could see the bed of Verbenas I have in my garden. The plants were grown from a packet of *Verbena* seeds costing five cents. The seeds were planted in March, and have been in bloom for a long time. There are eight different kinds or colors, and all are beautiful and fragrant. They make a very showy and handsome bed.

Mrs. A. S.

Spottsylvania Co., Va., Oct. 7, 1809.

Plant Support.—Use the rods of old umbrellas as supports for your plants. They are the neatest thing I have found yet. Wire may be woven around them, making a neat trellis. Paint the same color as the pot.

Brown Co., O.

Nellie.



FLORAL POETRY.

A WINTER MORN.

The morning sun looks down upon
A dreamy bed of snow;
The Winter breezes fan the earth
As shadows come and go.

The deep, deep tints of azure blue
Above the hilltops high
Reflect upon the fleecy snow
From yonder distant sky.

And dreamy clouds go drifting on
In beauty overhead;
Methinks that angels sleep at night
Upon the snowy bed.

And snowy clouds of lace chiffon
Just bear them back on high
When morning dawns and softest tints
Glow in the far-off sky.

In yonder dark ravine the snow
Lies cuddled in a heap;
The waters of the little stream
Sing as the angels sleep.

Elk Co., Pa. Ella J. Rothrock.

THE LOCUST TREE.

The Locust tree beside the gate
Puts on once more its robe of spring,
And every branch beneath its weight
Of foliage seems a vibrant thing,
Alert and trembling with the bliss
Of new life pulsing through its veins,
Its hands uplifted lest it miss
The blessings of the April rains.

Oh, Locust tree beside the gate!
Beneath your boughs since last they wore
The garb of Spring, in queenly state,
A fair bride passed; and once we bore
A casket forth that held, at rest,
A form as stately as your own,
With pulseless hands across its breast
And lips that knew not smile or moan.

Beside the gate, oh, Locust tree!
You stand again in emerald drest.
Call back the butterfly and bee,
The wrens and robins to their nest,
Death's image comes in barren bough,
Where snow and ice unchallenged cling,
But through it all, you knew that now
Should come the miracle of Spring.

Bradford Co., Pa. Dec. 11, 1909. Lalia Mitchell.

SORROW'S MISSION.

It was just the sting of a common thing,
But it caused the tears to start,
For my soul seemed slain as the bitter pain
Like an arrow pierced my heart.

As the days passed on and the pain had gone—
Like the cloud that drifts away—
It was often then that I mused again
O'er the grief it brought that day.

It is now I know that the days of woe
Are but blessings in disguise,
For the pain we bear and the woe we share
Are the steps to Paradise.
Elk Co., Pa. Ella J. Rothrock.

WHERE HAVE THE ROSES GONE?

A little bird sings in an old Rose-bush
That grows near my kitchen door,
With more sorrow expressed in his wee little voice
Than ever I heard before.
In the bare, brown bush he warbles and trills,
While the winds in the treetops moan,
And this is the burden of the song he sings:
Oh, where have the Roses gone?

In the old Rose-bush when the sun shines warm
He sings of the summer that's past;
With a droop in his wing and a tremulous voice,
The winter he feels coming fast.
The north wind blows, there is snow in the air,
The flowers are dead, everyone,
And this is the song the little bird sings:
Oh, where have the Roses gone?

Mrs. George T. Kelbaugh.
Baltimore Co., Md., Dec. 1, 1909.

TO MY VALENTINE.

Maiden with the beauteous eyes
Within whose clear, calm depth there lies
An image of a soul as pure
As dewdrops on the grass at morn,
Accept this gift I send to thee,
White Roses, dear, that speak of thee,
My dainty valentine.

Then go, White Roses, unto her
That's fair and pure and sweet as thee,
And in thy heart this message bear:
Thy lover true still loves but thee.
Oh, dearest maid! within my heart
Thy image fair shall dwell for aye,
And I will love thee still, my dear,
Forever and a day,

My own sweet valentine.
Polk Co., Neb., Jan. 9, 1910. Mrs. Clyde Babcock.

SPRING.

May ushers in the joyous spring,
And winter blasts are past and gone;
The birds with echoing notes rejoice,
And flowers adorn the verdant lawn.

In childhood's days we oft have trod
Some sunny spot, some soft retreat,
To hear the rippling waters flow,
Or Cuckoo's call, so plaintive sweet.

Fond memory now oft loves to dwell
In raptures o'er youth's sportive ways;
Dear to the heart, those early scenes,
Fondly borne through manhood's days.

But where the friends whose gentle voice
Kind words of love and joy expressed?
Some toiling o'er life's busy path,
Some gone to mansions of the blest.

So Spring in gorgeous form arrayed,
And childhood days that swiftly fleet,
Bring to our minds these absent friends,
With joyful hearts we used to greet.

William Patman.
Philadelphia Co., Pa., April 20, 1909.

PANSIES—MY VALENTINE.

Saint Valentine greet you!
I send him to meet you
Laden with Pansies from nature's own bowers,
Which seemeth most like you of all the fair
flowers;
For thine eyes are like Pansies all bright with
the dew,
And Pansies mean thoughts, and my thoughts
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May angels caress thee—
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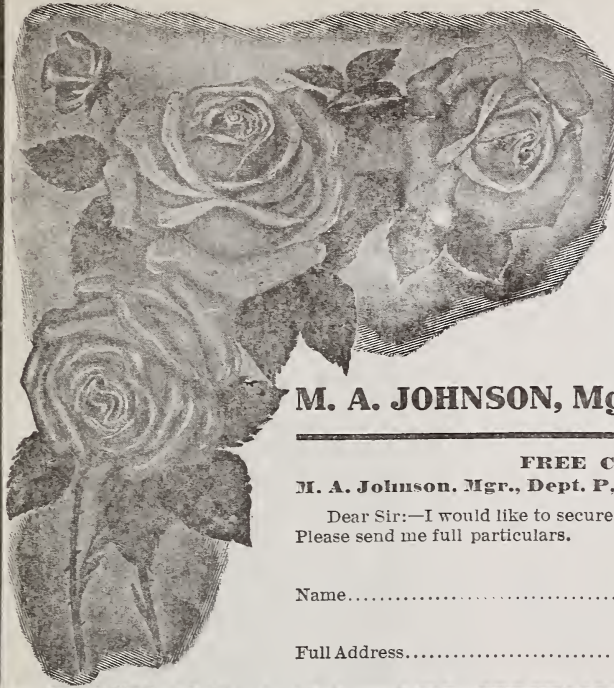
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Mary V. Reeves.

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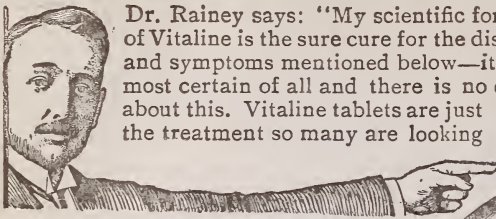
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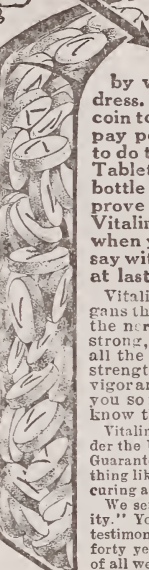
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On October 17, 1784, Rebecca Watson and Dr. Abram Stoutenburg were married in a little Baptist church at Bangal, Dutchess Co., N. Y. It is believed that the bride came from Vermont, but not known for certain. The groom was the son of Col. Tobias Stoutenburg of Hyde Park and New York city and Catherine Van Vleck, daughter of Abram Van Vleck. He was the grandson of Judge Jacobus Stoutenburg of New York city, Philipsburg Manor and Stoutenburg (Hyde Park), Dutchess Co., first settler of Hyde Park, his wife being Margaret Teller of Teller's Point, the daughter of William Teller, and her grandmother was Sarah Racloff, the official interpreter of the Algonquin Indians. The father of Judge Jacobus was Pieter Van Stoutenburg, gentleman of New Amsterdam, born in Holland in 1618. Pieter was the rich treasurer of the colony, and was one of the prominent burghesses of New Amsterdam.

Thus we see that the bride entered a very prominent family, and was no doubt envied by the fair maidens of Hyde Park, where she went to reside with her distinguished husband. A son was born to this couple, and he was named Abram for his father.

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Many children came to call her grandmother, and to them she told of their prominent ancestors and that their father should be a wealthy man instead of a poor carpenter, never seeming to blame herself for the trouble that had come to the family.

In 1834 Abram Stoutenburg died and was buried at Havana, N. Y., and Rebecca Watson disappeared again. Her grandchildren were small, and they only knew it was supposed that she returned to her girlhood's home. She took with her the family Bible, which contained very valuable records, both in Dutch and English. Where she died and was buried not one of her descendants knows.

Should any of the readers of Park's Magazine ever have heard of this mysterious woman, if they will communicate what they know of her to the undersigned it will be most gratefully received. Ruth Raymond, Waverly, N. Y.

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The Blue Rose.—The new "Blue" Rose offered by florists this year is not a perfect blue, but is believed to be a fore-runner of a genuine blue Rose, and as such it deserves, and will doubtless receive, considerable attention. The following note in reference to it is copied from the "Rose Journal":

Veillehe. blau (Violet Blue).—The new Rambler, "Veilchenblau" (Violet Blue), which is hailed by the German Rose growers as the fore-runner of a genuinely Cornflower-Blue Rose, is a seedling of the Crimson Rambler. The blossoms, massed in large umbels, are semi-double, of medium size. The color, on first unfolding, is either reddish pink or purplish pink, then turns amethyst, and finally steel blue as the flower fades. The general color impression is that of the March Violet. The yellow stamens appear in sharp contrast to the blue petals. The plant is vigorous in growth, with shining green foliage and few but sharp thorns. So far it has not suffered from mildew and is considered one of the most hardy Ramblers.

HOME-MADE RECIPES.

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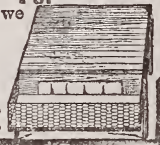
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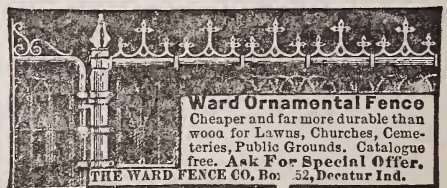
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EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Increased Postage.—Congress has been advised by the President and the Postmaster General to increase the postage upon Magazines and periodicals that are not for the purpose of circulating general news. It is claimed that these publications are not paying their share of the postage, while the daily papers, which are carried but a short distance, are paying enough. There is no notice taken of the fact that half of the mail carried by the Rural Routes is made up of daily papers, and that the loss on the Rural Delivery is \$28,000,000, which is paid out of the public treasury. The fact is lost sight of, too, that every advertisement in a Magazine or Mail Order publication adds by the correspondence resulting to the first-class mail, which is considered very profitable. To raise the postage would be a backward step in the way of progress, for it would curtail the spreading of intelligence, curtail advertising, reduce the income on first-class mail, and ruin many publishers who are now making an honorable living for themselves and their numerous employees. The paper-maker, ink-maker, press-maker and many other industries would suffer as well. And more, the price of the Magazines would have to be increased to meet the increased postage. It is to be hoped that the subject will have serious consideration by Congress, and that the postage may remain as it is. A change would be ruinous in many ways.

Changed Date.—Mary E. Lester, of Colorado, says she has a "crow to pick" with the Editor or his helpers, because of a changed date in an article she wrote for the Magazine, the change causing a misunderstanding with some of the subscribers. The Editor never changes a date intentionally, or allows it to be changed, and does not know how the error occurred. He here tenders his regrets, as he would rather help to eat the "crow" and get it out of the way after it was picked and cooked, than to help pick it and have trouble with an esteemed friend and contributor. So let us "shake and make up".

The New Tariff.—It is to be regretted that the new Tariff laws increased the Custom duties upon hardy bulbs sent out from the LaPark postoffice during the autumn, in most cases from 25 per cent. to 100 per cent. This made the sale of the bulbs unprofitable at the prices of the season, and unless conditions change again another season it will be necessary to raise the prices. The new Tariff upon vegetable seeds will affect the seedsmen more or less, and lead to higher prices in that line. The "substantial revision downward" seems to have increased prices and expenses in a great many things.



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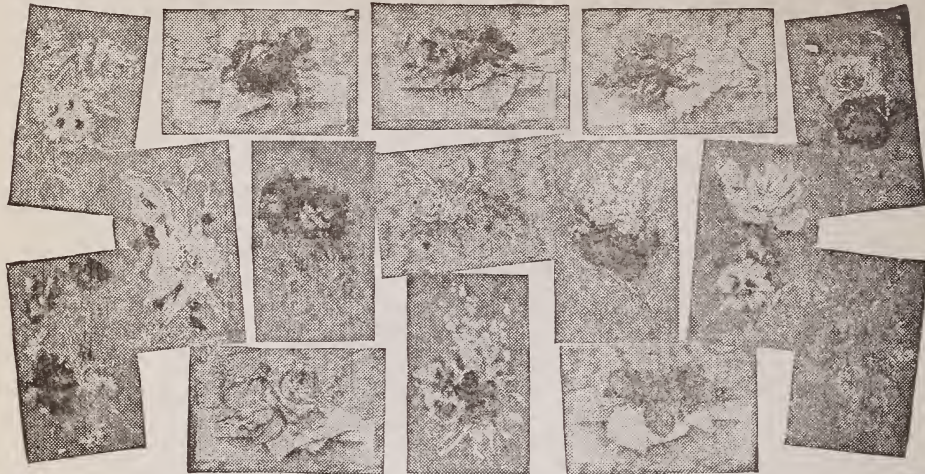
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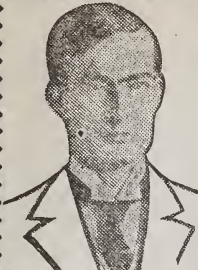
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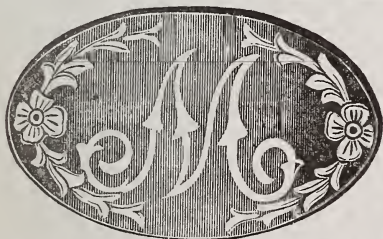
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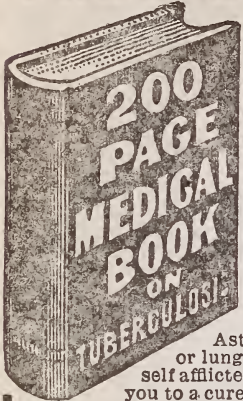
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A beautiful plant while growing is *Nicotiana tobaccum*, which is extensively grown commercially in various sections of our country, especially in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Kentucky. It has broad, showy leaves, and the flower-stalk grows five feet high, bearing tubular, purplish flowers in great abundance, at the branching summit. A variegated-leaved variety of this *Nicotiana* is prized as a decorative plant.

Nicotiana tobaccum, however, is grown chiefly for the poison contained in its leaves, known as nicotine—a poison so rank that one drop, by actual test, is sufficient to kill a dog. It is this element in tobacco stems and leaves that destroys insect pests when applied as smoke, as dust, or as a tea. It is this element that lures a portion of the human family into the filthy and disgusting tobacco-habit of smoking, chewing and using snuff. The beginning of this nasty and degrading habit is largely due to the cigarette, which is much used by boys, who are apt teachers to the innocents. By this means I have known whole families, from the 16-year old down to the 5-year old, to acquire the habit, and when acquired so early in life the subject mostly becomes a confirmed smoker, often begins chewing, and frequently is led eventually to the intoxicating cup, the gambler's den, houses of ill-fame, and finally an untimely death. Usually the tobacco habit is the first step in a downward career, and why? Read these statements of persons who have studied the influence of the cigarette habit upon boys:

"The moral depravity which follows the cigarette habit is appalling. Lying, cheating, impurity, loss of moral courage and manhood, a complete dropping of life's standards all along the line, are its general results."

"Cigarette smoking is one of the worst habits a growing boy can acquire. It hinders his growth, it retards his intellectual development, and, worst of all, it weakens his will, and thus renders him less capable of resisting temptation to evil courses."

These seem to be strong statements, but my observation of and experience with boys who have acquired the habit fully confirms them. They are not in the least over-drawn. And what is true of the cigarette habit with boys is more or less true with the tobacco habit in general, regardless of age. With such facts before us, does it not seem strange that the United States Government should encourage the growth of the filthy weed, spending large sums of public money in experimental culture and curing of the plant, and sending out bulletins and lecturers to herald the results? Has our Government any right to expend the money of the people in gaining and spreading information that indirectly ensnares our innocent children and degrade them morally, physically and intellectually?

At North Platte, Nebraska, the superintendent of schools, and the principal of the high schools, have taken advanced ground on this question, and here is an extract from their manifesto:

"Realizing that the use of tobacco by a boy is not for the best interests of his mind and body, and * * * * believing that those in authority should by example and practice encourage only those habits which make for the highest physical and intellectual development of the boys under their charge, I hereby order that no member of the Cadet company shall accept a commission as an officer, who uses tobacco in any form at any time. * * * * The Board of Education endorses this position and has further resolved that no pupil that uses tobacco be eligible to a position on the high school football team or basketball team, or eligible to a commissioned or non-commissioned office in the high school cadets, or office in any of the class organizations."

Coming events cast their shadows before, and this action of LaPlatte educators is but a forecast of the time not far in the future, when all popular educators, ministers, physicians, and most of the men of influence will disparage the growth and use of the filthy weed. It is a menace to the welfare of mankind, wasting their energies, diminishing their resources, defiling their bodies, weakening their intellects and degrading their morals; and it establishes a nuisance that is an abomination to the refined senses of sight and touch and smell. The time has come that it should go.

Geo. W. Park.

LaPark, Pa., Jan. 18, 1910.

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It, from the lovely "dreamland tree",
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Then you will wake up early, too,
And hear the singing lark!
"Well Mamma, will you leave the light?
I'm 'fraid here in the dark!"

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Now be a good boy, go to sleep,
There's nothing here to fear.

"Please Mamma, will you bring the flag?
And put it on my bed?
Then I will go to sleep right off!"
The little fellow said.

She laughed, but brought the starry flag,
And placed it over him;
He went at once to dreamland, for
With sleep, his eyes were dim.

Next day, they asked him why he wished
The Stars and Stripes put there.
He answered, "Grandpa said, the flag
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Nashua, N. H.

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CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of 13 years, and enjoy your Magazine. We have 30 cows, 10 calves and 8 pigs. I have a pet

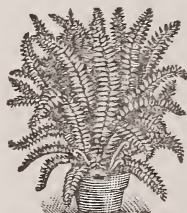


horse named Kit, and a cow named Alice. Postals exchanged. Mabel Montgomery. Gleewood, N. Y., Jan. 13, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live on a farm north of Newark, Ohio. We have been taking the Magazine, and we all like it very much. We have a lot of beautiful plants, and are fond of flowers. Postals exchanged. Laura M. Bishop.

Newark, Ohio, R. F. D. 3.

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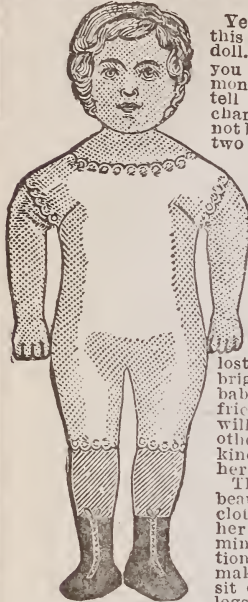
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A homemaker should not shut his grapes up in a vineyard, at least not altogether, but should let them climb all over his house and his barn and cover all outhouses as well as arbors—only the best arbor in the world is a tree; and then there should be Concord in the cedar trees for the birds and fowls. If you wish to prevent bird depredation have enough, and enough over.

Talking about the birds, a homemaker must learn how to count them into the family, and I will tell you right here how to do it. Besides the grapes plant elder bushes and bush honeysuckles all the way round your acres. Let there be a good supply of wild cherry trees, and with these, to make a good windbreak, alternate mountain-ash trees. Then send out word to the birds, and they will come to you, and sing to you; and they will not take one berry more than their share, nor will they spoil your bunches of grapes.

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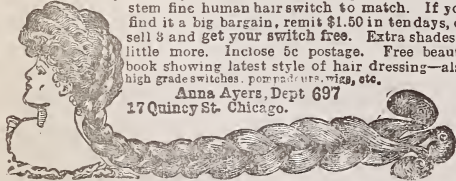
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AN OLD SONG.

Mr. Park:—I am sending you an old song I knew when a child. I think it pretty, and it may be of interest to others.—Mrs. Mary Kaylor, Grant Co., Ind., Oct. 11, 1909.

The old brown Homestead reared its walls
From the wayside dust aloof
And the apple boughs could almost cast
Their fruitage on the roof

The cherry trees, so near they grew.
That when awake I've lain
In the lonesome night and heard the limbs
As they creaked against the pane.

I fancy now I hear the call
Of my brothers in the trees,
Rocked to and fro in the branches tall,
As they sway in the summer breeze.

The Sweet Brier bush by the window sill,
Where the early birds made glad
And the Damask Rose by the garden fence
Were all the flowers we had.

I've looked at many flowers since then,
Exotics rich and rare,
That to other eyes were lovelier
White to me there were none so fair.

Oh, the Roses bright and the Columbine
That I twined in my sister's hair!—
My sister who now in silence lies
In the churchyard over there.

We had a well, a deep old well,
Where the spring was never dry,
And the cool drops down from the mossy stones
Were falling constantly.

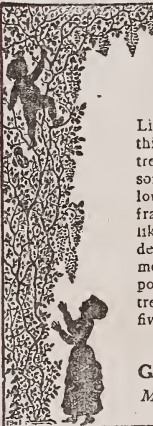
Fond memory paints a lovely scene
Of that old and homey well.
And I still recall the pleasing sound
Of the bucket as it fell

And never was water half so sweet
As that in my little cup
Drawn from the curb by the rude old sweep
Which my father's hand set up.

Our Homestead had an ample hearth.
Where at night we loved to meet;
Where my mother's voice was always kind
And her smile was always sweet.

And there I've sat on my father's knee
And watched his thoughtful brow.
With my childish hand in his waving hair—
That hair that is silvery now

Oh, that ample hearth: my father's looks!
And my mother's loving smiles!
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I have been reading your Magazine for the last year, and think there is no paper printed that gives so much information about flowers, and instruction on their care. I am a great lover of flowers, and raise many kinds from seeds, bulbs and cuttings. It would not seem like home if I did not have my flowers. My Husband is also a great lover of flowers, and spends most of his spare time in helping to care for them. He also appreciates the Magazine very much.

Mrs. H. C. Kemrer.

Wmd. Co., Pa., Jan. 10, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 14 years. I live in town and have only a little way to go to school. I am in the 8th grade, our school is very nice and the pupils have good times.

I got the clock you sent me about a year ago, and have neglected to thank you for it. I suppose you think I don't appreciate it, but I do. I am proud of it, and it keeps good time. A friend of mine got up a club in one afternoon. She saw mine and said she would get one for herself, as she liked it very much. Mamma and I take your Magazine, and think it is a nice and worth-while book. Mamma has quite a lot of plants, and they are very pretty ones, too. I love all kinds of flowers, but do not have any of my own. I don't know what we would do if I had any, for Mamma has so many. I also love birds. There is an orchard across from our place, and in the summer time they all come there to sing, until they waken us. The robins start and other birds follow, until it is beautiful to hear them. I do not like cats that catch birds, but I like all white or all black ones that do not harm the little songsters.

Alpha Paterson.

Greenville, Pa., Jan. 10, 1910.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been reading your Magazine for three years and like it. I enjoy the Children's Letters, and the articles on flowers. I have a dog, Collie, and a little colt, Rose. We have 2 mules, 6 horses, 3 cows, 7 calves, 27 hogs, 10 sheep and 150 hens.



Gussie Campbell.

Macedonia, Ill.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy 9 years old, and love flowers very much. Mamma takes your Magazine and we all enjoy it. Postals exchanged. Milbert Milstead.

Maysville, Mo., R. R. 3., Jan. 12, 1910.

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 eral thousand roots and shoots were trans-
 planted and a native Japanese farmer was
 engaged to care for the test. In the five
 years these bamboo shoots have grown to
 be trees nearly thirty feet high with a uni-
 form thickness of six inches.

The tract on Bainbridge Island is im-
 mune from zero weather and is tempered
 by the ocean currents, so that as far as the
 experiment was made it has proved a suc-
 cess. Large acreage is now to be planted
 with bamboo trees, which will be utilized
 for the manufacture of light furniture,
 while the larger trees will be used in mak-
 ing lumber.

Another experiment is the growing of
 the Udo plant, which is used in Japan
 much as we use Asparagus. Soy, a Japa-
 nese dressing for meat and fish, made from
 the soy bean, is very popular, and large
 fields for its growth have been leased on
 Bainbridge Island.—Clipping by Wm. H.
 Eldridge, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 15, 1909.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I have had good luck with
 Geraniums, Abutilon, Asparagus, Oxalis,
 and other window plants raised from seeds.
 I also had lovely Dahlias from seeds last
 year. I am going to turn my attention to
 hardy flowers this coming summer, as I
 never tried raising them from seeds. We
 live on the banks of the Columbia river,
 and I am anxious for spring to come, to
 see what the native wild flowers are. Last
 year we lived in Oregon, and we found
 many lovely wild flowers. Amongst others
 was a white Bleeding Heart, a blue velvety
 Forget-me-not, and the trailing Arbutus.

Mrs. B. Odell.

Klickitat Co., Wash., Jan. 1, 1910.

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QUESTION.

Cyclamen.—Will some one who is successful with Cyclamen in the window give their culture of the plants, from the tiny seedling till the plants are full of flowers, and then the after-treatment?—Mrs. L., Cincinnati, O.

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Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine only a year, yet I look for it every month as I would for a dear friend. I would not be without it for many times the price.

Herman Adamson.

Chaut. Co., N. Y., Jan. 6, 1910.

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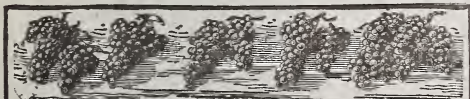
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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl 11 years old, and live on a big farm. We take your Magazine, and like it better than any other small Magazine. I love all flowers, but my favorites are Geraniums and Pansies. A blue bird has built its nest in our yard, and I love to hear it sing. Postals exchanged.

Fay McDowe.
Maysville, Mo., R. R. 3, Jan. 3, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 8 years old, and go to school. I am in the 2d grade. I have a pet sheep. I love birds and flowers.

Anna Ramsey.
Ellery, Ill., Jan. 13, 1910.
Note.—Interesting letters were also received from Aleda and Nina Ramsey.—Ed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Editor:—In the morning of January 1st, I expected no unusual display in the floral kingdom. I was much surprised to find on the south side of the house in my hardy garden,—flowers! oh, no; but sturdy little *Linum perenne*, dressed in glistening robes of white from Mr. Jack Frost's generous supply. Two hours later I visited the same spot, and lo! she had donned her usual gown of green.



LINUM PERRENE.

Last May many times I studied the catalogues, for the seeds must have come to me in a mixed packet of wild flowers. It had started in growth in the spring of 1903 from Park's mixed seeds. "Oh, *Linum perenne*, how did you get here from far-away LaPark, Penn'a?" Now, in this cold winter, every hoar frost clothes this brave plant with its glistening white robes: again in an hour, I visit the same spot, but lo! it has donned its dress of gray-green.

I told a friend of the beauty of this flower, asking her if she cared for some seeds, telling her it blossomed until noon; she said "That would be a fool of a thing to have in my door yard". And do you wonder I was offended?

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ARCTOTIS GRANDIS.

choice among future "must-haves" is *Arctotis grandis*. It looks so modest among Cosmos-like blossoms, be they yellow, blue or white.

Neighbor's horses very unkindly reached over my fence and topped my Golden Glow, thus making my Glory border for this year a failure.

My dog, among other pranks, tore the top off of my *Vernon Begonia*, and to put it where it would grow again but not be noticed, I set it among the Hardy Phloxes in partial shade. My, but it did grow!

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Mrs. Ira Peer.

Belmont, Ont., Can., Jan. 2, 1910.

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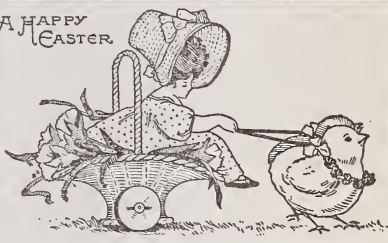
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GOSSIP.

Mr. Park: — I received the twenty-five different bulbs by mail, and took great care in setting them out. We went to the woods and got leaf mould and sand, and mixed with the soil in the bed, then planted the bulbs. I hope they will make a fine display next spring. We had a handsome bed of Biennial and Perennial flowers the past summer, and I hope to start more plants the coming spring. We think a great deal of your Magazine, as we get lots of good information from it in regard to growing our flowers. **Mrs. F. Lockwood.**

Stewart Co., Tenn., Nov. 24, 1909.

Mr. Park: — Your Magazine is a little gem. It is all anyone could wish for. But I think the cat question has become old. If the people would give Kitty a bowl of milk and a kind stroke it would be better. I have a nice cat, and it is as white as snow. We have plenty of song-birds and a Kitty, too. **Mrs. W. W. Mortimer.**

Clarion Co., Pa., Nov. 17, 1909.

Dear Sisters:— I have been getting the Floral Magazine for some time, the gift of some friend, but I have only lately begun to prize it. I am now so much interested that I have renewed my subscription, and want to chat with the sisters.

I am a friend of the cat. God made it and gave it a mission just as he did the bird, and I do not think that we should destroy anything that He created. The cat is here for a purpose, otherwise it would not have been created. If the cat does kill a bird now and then it does not know any better, and it is simply following its instinct. I have found that a cat can be trained not to catch birds, and it is needed to keep down the pests that gnaw and destroy our young trees and shrubbery, and become a nuisance in our barns and dwellings. I love our Magazine, but it hurts me to hear so much said against the cat because of its bird-killing propensities.

Mrs. Ad. E. Axum.

Union Co., Ark., Oct. 18, 1909.

Cellar Plants.— Rooted cuttings of Carnations, Verbenas and Double Petunias would not winter well in a cold cellar, even if kept only partly moist. Roots of Nicotiana affinis, Datura Wrightii, and Mirabilis should winter safely there if the ventilation is sufficient to prevent moulding.

Hardiness of Plants.— Spirea Revesii is perfectly hardy, and would not need protection in Indiana. Passion Vine and Blue Spirea will be found hardy by proper protection.

To Prevent Chapping.— I want to tell the flower lovers a little secret that I learned. When you are working among your flowers, and your hands get dirty, they feel harsh and dry after washing them. So I simply pour some good apple vinegar in my hand and rub it all over them good, and it seems to make them feel softer, and keeps them from chapping. It is also splendid when you have been using lye. It seems to keep the lye from eating into the skin. **Aunt Nan.**



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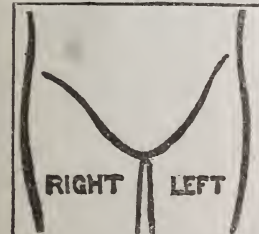
WHY I AM A GARDENER.

An innovation at this year's annual exhibition of the Chestnut Hill Horticultural Society, which was held recently in Joslin Hall, was the competition entered into by a number of the members who are employed on the extensive grounds of wealthy residents of Chestnut Hill, Jenkintown and this city. Each was asked to present a composition of 200 words on the subject, "Why I Am a Gardener." A handsome silver cup was offered as a prize for the best essay by a horticultural publication. The judges have decided that Edward J. Day, gardener to Samuel S. Fels, of Thirtieth and Walnut streets, is the winner in the contest. His prize composition follows: "Because I inherited a love for natural beauty. When a boy I took great interest in planting seeds and watching them grow, learning to wait patiently for the flowers to expand and the fruit mature. I noticed that gardeners, as a rule, were industrious, sober men of intelligence, who were respected for their integrity. The air of refinement, surrounded by fragrance and beauty, induced me to become a gardener and learn the profession. I find, in late years, the capacity to cultivate the soil is the most healthy and self-supporting occupation to be desired. The inborn love for horticulture has increased with advancing years. The services of a gardener skilled in landscape and the production of flowers, fruits and vegetables are essential to the owner of a mansion. Furthermore, the association of gardeners is an organization of competent men of repute, with whom I am glad to be identified, and to assist in the most profitable occupation of earning a livelihood. These are some of the reasons 'why I am a gardener.'"—Clipping by Wm. H. Eldridge, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 15, 1909.

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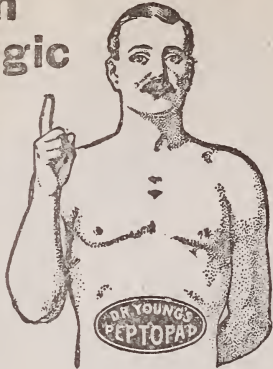
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Mr. Park:—The unpromising look of a Geranium bed in the spring might well deter many from planting. I can give you a review lesson I learned from somebody—"I've forgotten the singer, but remember the song." It is this way: Throw some dirt or coal ashes in a sheltered, sunny place early, set your Geranium pots on it, and fill in between with earth from old plants, or potting ground. Remember to cover them from frost or storms. When it is time to make up your bed to plant them, turn them out in a deep, well-spaded bed, and they are a lovely green from the first.

I wish Mr. Park would describe a Platycodon. It's a Campanula, is it not? And does the real bush Clematis have a cork stem?

Our front yard is not much comfort after Rose time, for it is so dusty from auto driving; but the dust seems to be a good insecticide, for our Rose hedge keeps its leaves and blossoms well. As yet we can grow only the sweet, old-fashioned Rose, but I fancy a Dorothy Perkins might do well. E. E. T.

Seneca Co., Ohio.

Ans.—Platycodon is now regarded as a monotypic genus belonging to the natural order Campanulaceae. It was formerly classed as Campanula grandiflora, and by some botanists as Wahlenbergia grandiflora, but it is now generally known as Platycodon grandiflora. The plants are stiff and erect, about eighteen inches high, with firm leaves, and large, open flowers, mostly blue or white in color, and very attractive. The plants are easily raised from seeds, are very hardy, and appear well in clumps or beds. A perennial of superior merit, and deserves a place in every collection. P. G. Mariesii is an improvement on the type, the plants being dwarfed and the flowers larger. There are also varieties bearing semi-double flowers.—Ed.

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Mr. Park:—I love to read your Magazine. When it comes, it seems like a letter from some friend. I have been a subscriber for a long time, and should not want to do without it. Mrs. F. S. Chanzmeyer.

Osage Co., Mo.

Mr. Park:—I eagerly read your little Magazine, and always find some valuable information. M. F. Leslie.

Greene Co., Pa.

Mr. Park:—The first thing I do is to sit down and read your Magazine through as soon as I receive it, and I always find something in it that I just wanted to know about. Edith Hoffman.

Delta, Ohio, Nov. 17, 1909.

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GOSSIP.

A Giant Perennial.—We have a plant that was given to me when a small seedling plant. It was described to me as an "English shrub", showing the most gorgeous tints in the fall, followed by purple and red fruit. It proved to be a herbaceous perennial, growing to the height of ten feet, with large, coarse, hollow stems, and leaves measuring six by eight inches, and somewhat heart-shaped. It is somewhat drooping in habit, thus partly concealing the stems. In August it is covered with thick clusters of small white flowers, that spring from the axils of the leaves, and stand stiffly upright, making it extremely ornamental and beautiful at a little distance. The flowers do not attract bees, but only flies, which hover thickly about it, but only when the sun shines on it, not otherwise. At the first touch of frost it is ruined, and has to be cut away to the ground. It is very hardy, attaining the same height each year. It throws out underground stems, which spring up all about the plant, and if not removed would soon crowd out everything near it. Many have admired this plant, but do not take very kindly to it on a closer acquaintance. I have never been able to learn its name. Can you tell me what it is?

Erie, Pa.

Lillie Ripley.

QUESTION.

Chrysanthemum.—Will someone tell me how to treat Chrysanthemums that are affected by rust spots, which appear on the under side of the leaves and afterwards crisp up, and the plant looks as if fire had run through it.—Mrs. R., Kent Co., Del.

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Carl Butler.

Cloud Co., Kans.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. I have two little dogs named Fido and Terry. We have lots of flowers. We have five horses, five cows and seven calves. I go two miles to school.

Cowley Co., Kans. Edna Hoyt.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl eight years old and live twelve miles from town. I go two and a half miles to school. I love flowers and have lots of them. Postals exchanged.

Agnes Nelson.

Langford, S. D., Nov. 15, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am thirteen years old, and have two pets. We have a pretty flower garden, and like to read your Magazine. Postals exchanged.

Etta Hoak.

107 E. 4th St., Frederick, Md.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a city girl nine years old, but now stay with my aunt in the country. I am going to see my Grand-ma, and hope to get her to take your Magazine, as I know she would enjoy it. My uncle has a pet calf named Jane, which will follow him about everywhere he goes.

Solano Co., Cal. Ruth Crandall.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl 13 years old and live on a farm in the summer. We have some flowers. My favorite one is the Rose. Mamma likes Lily of the Valley and Sweet Peas. Papa thinks Pansies look very human, although he likes all flowers. We have taken your Magazine for some time, and I always like to read the Children's Letters. Postals exchanged.

Florence E. Hawkinson.

31 Park St., Webster, Mass., Dec. 3, 1909.

SPRING HAS COME, SWEETHEART.

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Spring has come, Sweetheart,"—

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GOSSIP.

Wistaria and Bignonia.—Both of these vines are successfully propagated by sowing the seeds in a shady place in the spring, not too early. The Wistaria should be planted a half inch deep, but the Bignonia (Trumpet Creeper) not more than an eighth inch deep. Keep the soil moist until the seeds germinate. The Wistaria germinates tardily, but the Bignonia germinates promptly if the seeds are good.

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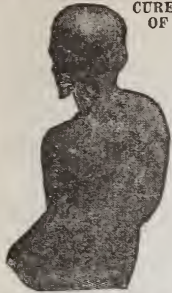
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