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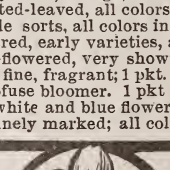
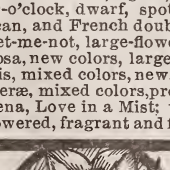
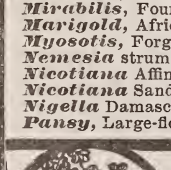
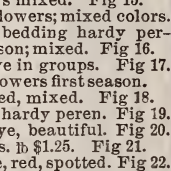
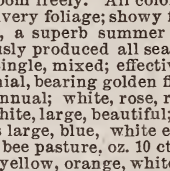
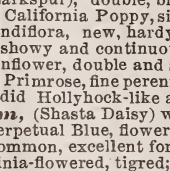
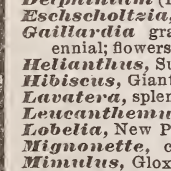
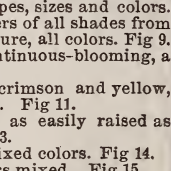
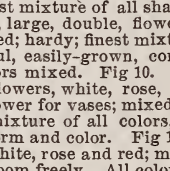
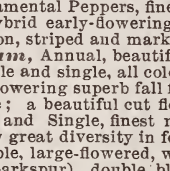
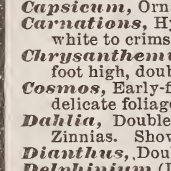
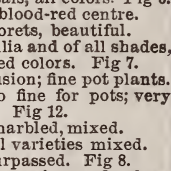
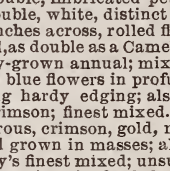
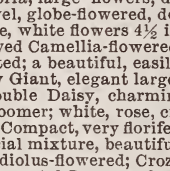
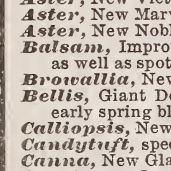
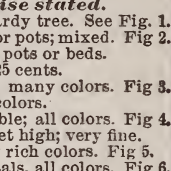
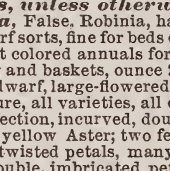
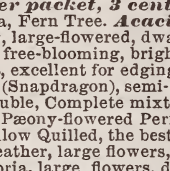
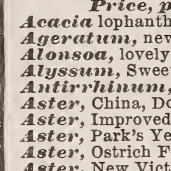
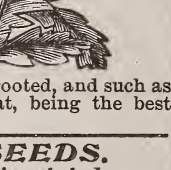
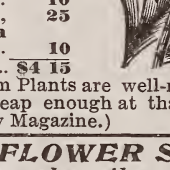
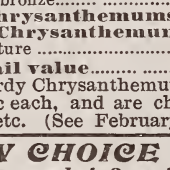
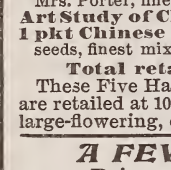
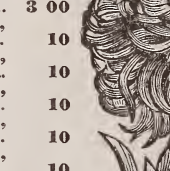
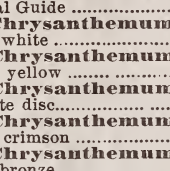
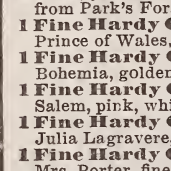
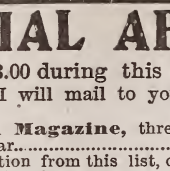
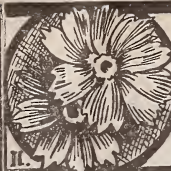
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- Aster*, Improved Pæony-flowered Perfection, incurved, double; all colors. Fig 4.
- Aster*, Park's Yellow Quilled, the best yellow Aster; two feet high; very fine.
- Aster*, Ostrich Feather, large flowers, twisted petals, many rich colors. Fig 5.
- Aster*, New Victoria, large flowers, double, imbricated petals, all colors. Fig 6.
- Aster*, New Marvel, globe-flowered, double, white, distinct blood-red centre.
- Aster*, New Noble, white flowers 4½ inches across, rolled florets, beautiful.
- Balsam*, Improved Camellia-flowered, as double as a Camellia and of all shades, as well as spotted; a beautiful, easily-grown annual; mixed colors. Fig 7.
- Browallia*, New Giant, elegant large blue flowers in profusion; fine pot plants.
- Bellis*, Giant Double Daisy, charming hardy edging; also fine for pots; very early spring bloomer; white, rose, crimson; finest mixed. Fig 12.
- Calliopsis*, New Compact, very floriferous, crimson, gold, marbled, mixed.
- Candytuft*, special mixture, beautiful grown in masses; all varieties mixed.
- Canna*, New Gladiolus-flowered; Crozy's finest mixed; unsurpassed. Fig 8.
- Capsicum*, Ornamental Peppers, finest mixture of all shapes, sizes and colors.
- Carnations*, Hybrid early-flowering, large, double, flowers of all shades from white to crimson, striped and marked; hardy; finest mixture, all colors. Fig 9.
- Chrysanthemum*, Annual, beautiful, easily-grown, continuous-blooming, a foot high, double and single, all colors mixed. Fig 10.
- Cosmos*, Early-flowering superb fall flowers, white, rose, crimson and yellow, delicate foliage; a beautiful cut flower for vases; mixed. Fig 11.
- Dahlia*, Double and Single, finest mixture of all colors, as easily raised as Zinnias. Show great diversity in form and color. Fig 13.
- Dianthus*, Double, large-flowered, white, rose and red; mixed colors. Fig 14.
- Delphinium* (Larkspur), double, bloom freely. All colors mixed. Fig 15.
- Eschscholtzia*, California Poppy, silvery foliage; showy flowers; mixed colors.
- Gaillardia grandiflora*, new, hardy, a superb summer bedding hardy perennial; flowers showy and continuously produced all season; mixed. Fig 16.
- Helianthus*, Sunflower, double and single, mixed; effective in groups. Fig 17.
- Hibiscus*, Giant Primrose, fine perennial, bearing golden flowers first season.
- Lavatera*, splendid Hollyhock-like annual; white, rose, red, mixed. Fig 18.
- Leucanthemum*, (Shasta Daisy) white, large, beautiful; hardy peren. Fig 19.
- Loebelia*, New Perpetual Blue, flowers large, blue, white eye, beautiful. Fig 20.
- Mignonette*, common, excellent for bee pasture, oz. 10 cts. lb \$1.25. Fig 21.
- Minulus*, Gloxinia-flowered, tigrèd; yellow, orange, white, red, spotted. Fig 22.
- Mirabilis*, Four-o'clock, dwarf, spotted-leaved, all colors. Evening bloomer.
- Marigold*, African, and French double sorts, all colors in mixture. Figs 23-24.
- Nyosotis*, Forget-me-not, large-flowered, early varieties, all colors. Fig 25.
- Nemesia strumosa*, new colors, large-flowered, very showy, mixed.
- Nicotiana* Affinis, mixed colors, new, fine, fragrant; 1 pkt. 5c, 4 pkts. 15c. Fig 26.
- Nicotiana* Sandera, mixed colors, profuse bloomer. 1 pkt 5c, 4 pkts 15c. Fig 27.
- Nigella* Damascena, Love in a Mist; white and blue flowers, double, mixed.
- Pansy*, Large-flowered, fragrant and finely marked; all colors mixed. Fig 28.





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**Oenothera**, Evening Primrose, large-flowered, golden yellow; mixed.

**Petunia**, Single, Large-flowered, plain and ruffled; mixed. Fig 29.

**Petunia**, Double, Ruffled Giant, finest seeds, mixed colors, 5 cts. Fig 30.

**Phlox**, Drummondii, fine large-flowered; beautiful everblooming annuals; make a glorious bed; fine also for pots; all colors mixed. Fig 31.

**Portulaca**, Double and Single in fine mixture, all colors from white to rich crimson, some superbly marked and striped; mixed. Fig 32.

**Poppy**, a superb mixture of Carnation-flowered, Ranunculus-flowered, Pæony-flowered, Shirley and Tulip Poppy in all colors. Fine annuals.

**Poppy**, Large-flowered Shirley, beautiful flowers, pretty shades, mixed. Fig 33.

**Poppy**, Giant Feather-ball, huge double flowers; rich shades; mixed. Fig 34.

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

**Salvia**, large, early-flowered kinds, showy grown in masses; best mixed. Fig 35.

**Salpiglossis**, new large-flowered, gorgeous colors; finest mixed. Fig 36.

**Scabiosa**, Mourning Bride, giant double-flowered, white, rose, lilac, scarlet, black, blue, etc., showy, excellent for bouquets; best mixture. Fig 37.

**Schizanthus**, Butterfly Flower, Orchid-like blossoms in great profusion; many colors, all richly marked; for potting and bedding; finest mixture.

**Stock**, Ten Weeks', New Giant Excelsior, the earliest blooming of Stocks; spikes of large, rose-like, sweet scented flowers, many bright colors; mixed. Fig 38.

**Tropæolum** (Nasturtium), Tom Thumb, dwarf; splendid for bedding or for pots; very rich colors, free-blooming all summer, finest mixed, oz. 15c. Fig 39.

**Verbena**, Mammoth-flowered, superb mixture; very large, sweet scented flowers in large clusters; showy in beds; all the fine colors mixed. Fig 40.

**Viola**, Tufted Pansy, finest mixture of all colors from white to deep purple, many variegated; first-class for beds; hardy, scented; mixed. Fig 41.

**Wallflower**, New Parisian, grand, large, showy flower clusters, sweet scented.

**Zinnia**, New Mammoth, in splendid mixture of all colors; flowers large and showy as Dahlias, covering the plant with a mass of bloom. Fig 42.

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### Fine Ornamental Climbers.

**Cardiospermum**, Love in a Puff, graceful trellis vine; inflated capsules. Mxd.

**Cypress Vine**, white, rose and scarlet mixed; fine foliage; 10 ft.; beautiful.

**Cobæa Scandens**, rapid climber; 30 ft.; big purple bells; splendid. Fig 45.

**Dolichos**, Hyacinth Bean, robust climber, dense foliage, big bean clusters.

**Gourds and Cucumbers**, a fine lot of best sorts; special mixture of all.

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

**Hop**, Japanese, lovely variegated vine. **Ipomœa**, splendid sorts mixed.

**Morning Glory**, Single and double mixed. Also Japanese, finest sorts mixed.

### Hardy Biennials and Perennials.

**Aquilegia**, Columbine, graceful, beautiful perennials, rich colors mixed. Fig 49.

**Alyssum**, Gold Dust, masses of sweet, golden clusters; 1 ft.; showy flowers.

**Arabis alpina**, splendid white early flower; 8 in.; lovely for edging or bed.

**Campanula**, Canterbury Bell, biennials; 2 ft.; rich-colored bells; mxd. Fig 50.

**Carnation**, Hardy Garden, double, sweet-scented Pinks; border plants. Mixed.

**Delphinium**, Orchid-flowering, hardy perennials; big spikes, rich flowers.

**Digitalis**, Foxglove, hardy biennials, 3 ft.; long spikes, drooping bells. Mixed.

**Hollyhock**, Chater's Double, finest strain of stufty blooms; 5 ft.; hardy. Mixed.

**Pinks and Picoetees**, fine garden plants; flowers double, rich-colored. Mixed.

**Platycodon**, splendid hardy perennials; blue and white flowers. Mixed. Fig 51.

**Perennial Poppy**, huge foliage and huge rich bloom; finest hybrids mixed.

**Perennial Pea**, Everblooming perennial; large clusters, white, red, mixed.

**Primrose**, Hardy, lovely spring-blooming edging; many rich colors mixed.

**Sweet William**, Single, Double, large-flowered; white, crimson, variegated.

**Pyrethrum**, Perennial Cosmos; 2 ft.; pretty foliage, Cosmos-like bloom. Mxd.

### Choice Window-Garden Seeds.

**Abutilon**, Chinese Maple, lovely bell flowers, white, yellow, red; finest mixed.

**Begonia**, Fibrous and Tuberous-rooted, everblooming, many colors, mixed.

**Calceolaria**, Large-flowered, spotted, rich-colored clusters, mixed. Fig 52.

**Cineraria**, Large-flowered, fine winter-blooming plants; very showy. Mixed.

**Coleus**, New Fancey, glorious pot and bedding foliage plants. Mixture. Fig 53.

**Cyclamen**, Large-flowered, elegant winter-bloomers; colors mixed. Fig 54.

**Geranium**, Zonale, choicest, large-flowered, large-clustered sorts. Fig 55.

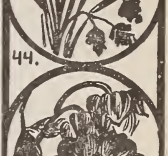
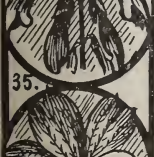
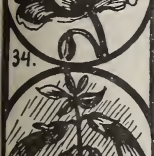
**Gloxinia**, New large-flowered; easily grown from seeds; finest mixture.

**Heliotrope**, New Lemoine sorts; big clusters of large, sweet flowers; mixed.

**Lantana**, New Dwarf and Large Sorts mixed. **Primula** obconica, mixed.

**Primrose**, Chinese Fringed, large, lovely flowers, many splendid colors. Fig 56.

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Have you heard the rain-drops dripping?  
Have you felt like dancing, skipping  
With the joy you could but share?

Have you seen the grasses springing?  
Have you heard the blue-bird singing?  
Have you felt the breezes flinging  
Warmth and beauty everywhere?

Robin-red-breast prunes a feather,  
And the children shout together—  
This is royal April weather,  
All the earth is growing fair.

Waverly, N. Y.

Ruth Raymond.

## THE CORNFLOWER.

**C**ENTAUREA Cyanus, the Cornflower, is a hardy, annual flowering-plant found native in Great Britain. It grows from two to three feet high, both stems and

foliage being rough and of silvery green, and bearing throughout the season, on long, stiff stems, delicate and beautiful flowers from an inch to two inches in diameter, each flower-head supported by an array of green, scale-like bracts. The original color of the flowers was blue, but by selection and fixation the flowers now appear in a wide range of hues, from white to dark purple, as well as striped. In the garden the plants make a fine display,

and when cut the flowers are excellent for bouquet work, and especially for the button-hole, as they will retain uninjured, out of

water, their form and freshness for more than a day. The double-flowered varieties are rather more attractive than the single-flowered, the blooms being larger and of more substance. The new dwarf varieties are preferred for low borders and pots, as they are very floriferous, and of low, compact growth.

The best time to sow the seeds is in autumn. The plants will then make a good growth before cold weather, will endure the severe winter, and be ready to push up and bloom in the spring. In the south they will continue growing, and bloom during the winter months. The seeds germinate readily, and the plants are of the easiest culture. The seeds may be sown where the plants are to bloom, and the seedlings thinned till they stand six or eight inches apart, or, they may be started in a seed-bed and transplanted. Being a hardy annual the seeds may be sown in early spring as well

as in the fall, as the plants are not injured by frost. As a button-hole flower the charming, blue-flowered variety, Kaiser William, is preferred, and for a bit of green to go with the flower either a spray of the Boston Smilax or Asparagus Sprengeri lasts well. The plants self-sow, and when once introduced a supply of plants, can be assured without the trouble of resowing. This is one of the annuals not to be overlooked when you purchase



SPRAYS OF ANNUAL CORNFLOWERS.

your spring seed-supply. Its ease of culture and general merits most highly commend it to all flower-lovers.

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## EDITORIAL

**Milk and Wine Lily.**—This is hardy in the South, but a pot plant at the North. The bulb is very large and should be given a large pot. Use a rich, fibrous, sandy loam, and good drainage. In potting put only the base of the bulb in the soil. The long neck should protrude above. If the bulb is two inches deep in the soil the growth will be satisfactory. Support should be provided when the tops become heavy. In the South, where hardy, set the bulb fully in the soil, but let the neck extend above. Do not disturb for several years, and a large clump will develop that will bloom finely. Water freely while growing and blooming, but sparingly while resting. Never dry the bulb off entirely. Remove the flower scape as soon as the buds have all developed and the flowers faded. Mulch during warm weather. In pots the bulbs should not be subjected to frost.

**Auratum Lily.**—When potting the bulb use a large pot and set the bulb at least three inches deep, so there may be room above the bulb for the annual rootlets. When bedding the bulb set it six or eight inches deep. A loose, rich soil, such as leaf mould or chip-dirt suits this, and most of the Lilies cultivated. Half-rotted sods, sand and thoroughly-rotted cow chips, all well incorporated may be used as a compost for Lilies.

## GLOXINIAS AND TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

THE tubers of these are mostly conical and rough at the crown when young, and concave when old. The base is generally globular and smooth. By ob-

serving these characteristics the mistake of planting "wrong side up" will not be made. In potting or planting always let the upper part of the tuber protrude above the soil. Excavate the surface, and do not insert more than two-thirds of the tuber in the soil. Use light, porous loam, well mixed with sand, and see that drainage



GLOXINIA.



TUBEROUS BEGONIA.

is good. Water sparingly till the tubers are well rooted, then apply water rather liberally. Avoid putting water in the concave part of the tuber, as it is liable to cause the stems to rot. A partial shade, where protection from wind is afforded, is an ideal situation. Young tubers start more tardily than older ones, but produce more vigorous plants, and generally finer flowers. They are to be preferred to the larger, older tubers, as they improve for several years, while the older ones deteriorate till they become useless.

**For Various Beds.**—For the border of a star bed sow *Portulaca* in a row six inches from the margin. For the body of the bed use *Phlox Drummondii*. For a bed where lettering is desired make brown background of *Oxalis tropaeoloides*, and form the letters with *Echeveria*, a dwarf *Sedum*, or the old-fashioned "Hen and Chickens. If these cannot be secured use plants of *Diamond Cineraria*, which may be raised readily from seeds, as well as the *Oxalis*. The effect will be a brown surface with silvery letters.

**Root Aphis.**—This pest troubles *Asters*, *Beans* and other plants, and its presence may often be known by the runs of small ants, which congregate about the aphis to feed upon the honey which it exudes. Excavate about the plants infested, and apply hot water or hot tobacco tea—hotter than the hand will bear. A few such applications in time will effectually eradicate the pest.

***Sansevieria Zeylanica.***—This plant starts freely from the root. It is as well to give it more pot-room as it grows, and thus secure a fine, large clump in a large pot. If preferred, however, the shoots may be taken from the old plant as they appear, and given pots by themselves, where they will soon become well-rooted plants.

**A ROSE HEDGE.**

**T**O MAKE a Rose hedge prepare the ground thoroughly in the spring, then set the hardier Hybrid Perpetual Roses, such as Gen. Jacqueminot, John Hopper and Paul Neyron, spacing them a foot apart. Head them down to six inches, and thus promote a low, bushy growth. Keep the plants well cultivated, and as summer approaches mulch the plants with a layer of good stable manure, which later in the season can be dug into the soil. Trim back such branches as are inclined to make a long, straggling growth, and each season cut away the dead or sickly branches that appear in the spring. After the flowers fade cut back the branches that seem to be of weak vitality, and encourage new shoots to start out. Many of these will bud, and bear flowers during the autumn. At the South the strong-growing everblooming Roses can be used for a hedge, and will make a more continuous and attractive display of bloom than the Perpetuals. A hedge may also be made by the hardy Prairie and Rambler Roses, a wire trellis being provided for them to climb upon. Such Roses, however, bear but a summer crop of bloom.

**Transplanting Hardy Roses.**

Prairie, Rambler, June and other hardy Roses may be successfully transplanted in November, in New York State, provided the soil is in good condition, and well heeled in about the roots, and some protection given, as a mulching of stable litter, coal ashes, or even earth. If the tops are ever injured by frost, cut them back in the spring, and remove the mulch as soon as severe frosts are past. The hardier herbaceous perennial plants, as *Hemerocallis*, German Iris, *Pæonies* and *Funkias*, may also be transplanted late in autumn with success. In all autumn transplanting in a northern climate it is important to firm the soil well, and to furnish, as a rule, some protection from the severe weather.

**Saxifraga sarmentosa.**—This plant requires a moist, rather cool place in summer, and one destitute of direct sunlight. In such a place it will make a vigorous growth, if kept well watered. It is a fine basket plant for a moss basket, if the runners are pinned into the moss, so as to become well rooted. The luxuriant, handsomely variegated leaves of good specimens, as well as the big, graceful sprays of delicate bloom make a display that is always greatly admired.

**Hydrangeas and Chrysanthemums.**

—The best time to set these is in the spring, about the time the apple is in bloom. Both do better in a place shaded from the hot, mid-day sun, and where they will not suffer for want of water. *Hydrangea paniculata* will mostly bloom in the autumn from good plants set in the spring; and both the hardy and Chinese *Chrysanthemums* will bloom well when spring-set, and well cared for.

**ROSES IN THE KITCHEN.**

**S**UCH Roses as *Hermosa*, *Queen's Scarlet*, *Clotilde Soupert* and *Caroline Kuster* do well in pots in a frost-proof kitchen. Get the plants in the spring and plant them in three-inch pots of a rich, fibrous compost, with good drainage. As the plants grow shift into four-inch pots, later into five-inch, and still later into six-inch pots, keeping the buds picked off. In autumn remove to the sunny kitchen window, and let the buds develop. As soon as a flower begins to fade remove it, and take with it a portion of the branch, if the branch does not show new growth or buds. Keep the surface soil loose, water regularly, and avoid extremes of heat and cold. Keep the atmosphere moist by evaporating water. With these simple hints any person should be able to grow Roses satisfactorily in the house.

**Sacred Lilies.**—In pots of earth these plants require an abundance of water while growing and blooming. To get the buds to develop set the plants in direct sunlight, and in a rather warm temperature. To retard their opening keep in a cool, shaded window. When the flowers are open give a cool, shaded place, and their beauty will be prolonged. A good bulb will usually produce several clusters of bloom. After blooming the bulbs may be set in the garden, and allowed to care for themselves. In a mild climate they will eventually form blooming clumps, but the forced bulbs will not repay continued pot culture.

**Infested Pansies.**—A lady in Alabama had a fine bed of Pansies that became infested with a tiny mite or spider, and the plants turned brown and died. This pest only troubles plants in a dry, warm atmosphere. When the pest first appears syringe the plants freely with soap-suds, repeating the application at intervals of two days. If the plants are badly affected cut the tops back almost to the base, removing the foliage, and sponge off the parts left with soap-suds. If regularly syringed or sprinkled with clear water in the evenings the plants are rarely troubled with mites.

**Cape Jasmine.**—After growth is completed give this plant a period of rest, watering sparingly, but not withholding water entirely. The bush should be grown from a cutting of a blooming plant. Use a rather sandy, rich soil, and see that the drainage is thorough. Give a warm, sunny situation, especially while growing.

**Honeysuckle for a Porch.**—Hall's Evergreen Honeysuckle will grow and bloom well when transplanted to shade a sunny porch. Set the plants in rich soil early in spring. The plants may not make much shade the first year, but when well established provide all the shade desired.

# EDITORIAL LETTER.



Y DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS:—Among the Northern trees which thrive in Florida is the Mulberry. This tree grows rapidly, and begins to bear when quite small, yielding two crops a year. It loses its leaves in the autumn, and the first thing that appears in the spring is the flowers, some of which soon develop into ripened fruit, even before the leaves are full grown. The berries are very freely produced for weeks, and are of the largest size and finest quality. The tree quickly attains a large size, and is valuable for shade as well as most delicious fruit.



Ripened fruit of Mulberry.

An East Indian Shrub or tree of great beauty in grounds about St. Petersburg is *Bauhinia variegata*. At a distance this tree very much resembles an Apple tree, in full bloom. A closer view, however, shows the flowers to be like a handsome Azalia in form, the color being rosy carmine with a rich purple blotch upon each of the upper petals. The leaves are, in general appearance, not unlike those of the Ginkgo tree, light green, and disposed regularly along the branches. They are evergreen, and are easily injured by frost. The flowers develop in little clusters at the axil of each leaf, and at the tip of each branch, and unfold successively, each cluster showing embryo buds, half-grown buds, and full-blown flowers. The tree likes a sandy, well-drained soil, and a sunny situation. It blooms for several weeks during the spring, and is said to bloom again in the fall. Indeed, one man who had two of the trees in his yard, said there was hardly a day in the year that he could not find a flower upon his trees. They were a mass of bloom when I saw them, early in March, and their fragrance scented the neighborhood. Propagation is effected from both seeds and cuttings, and a tree blooms when quite small.



*Bauhinia variegata*.

I believe it would be a valuable pot-plant at the North. If so it would be a fine substitute for the Azalia, and a novelty that would become immensely popular.

When in the forest one day, I came to an opening covered with young trees and shrubs, and I noticed something of a dazzling scarlet

color which at first sight I took to be a Red-bird. Going closer, however, I found it to be a big raceme of flowers of the native *Erythrina herbacea*. Digging about the root revealed a broad, thick, stump-like root, from which many tender, prickly sprouts had pushed up the pre-

vious year. These were leafless, as yet, the flowers developing before the leaves. Excavating the sand to the depth of two feet, however, the chief roots were secured, and the plant was transferred and grouped with other shrubs upon the lawn. I am in hope that it will prove a valuable acquisition to the list of plants that thrive in sandy soil. In this connection I would call the attention of my southern friends to the beautiful *Erythrina crista galli*, which is much like the native one described, except that it is larger in all of its parts, and a gorgeous and constant summer bloomer. Its roots deep, and I believe would be found a desirable out-door southern shrub.



*Erythrina herbacea*.

A glorious tree in Florida is *Poinciana regia*, the Royal Peacock Flower. Like both the *Bauhinia* and *Erythrina*, this is leguminous, and the flowers are succeeded by showy seed-pods. It is an introduced tree from Malabar, where it reaches the height of thirty or forty feet. It has magnificent, compound, evergreen leaves two feet in length, and is glorious with bloom throughout the



*Poinciana regia*.

summer. The flowers are described in the Dictionary of Gardening as "bright scarlet, in loose, terminal racemes issuing from the axils of the upper leaves; petals almost orbicular, spreading, reflexed, tapering into long claws, veined on the upper side, and dashed with yellowish lines above the base; upper petals variegated and striated with red; pedicels alternately patent." This tree will endure more or less frost; and in foliage as well as flowers calls forth the most enthusiastic praise from all who see it. It seems well adapted to a sandy, sunny situation.

Perhaps the handsomest shrub to be found in Florida is *Jacaranda mimosæfolia*, introduced from Brazil. It grows 15 feet high, branches freely, and forms a dense head. The mimosa-like leaves are "a foot and a half long, bipinnate, with many pairs of opposite pinnae, each pinna bearing 10 to 20 pairs of trapezoid-oval-oblong, mucronate, downy, rich green leaflets." The numerous branches are terminated in early summer with large, erect, pyramidal panicles of drooping, blue flowers, their corolla bell-like, silky, and attractive. This grand shrub delights in a com-



*Jacaranda mimosæfolia*.



post of sandy, fibrous soil, and thorough drainage. As yet it is quite rare, but as its beauty becomes known it will certainly become popular in that genial climate. It is propagated from half-ripened shoots during early summer, the cuttings being shaded and the sand moist until well rooted.

A handsome Native Rose found growing luxuriantly in Florida, is the Cherokee Rose, and I will transcribe the following interesting legend and description from an old book, for the benefit of my readers:

"The legend of the Cherokee Rose is as pretty as the flower itself. An Indian chief of the Seminole tribe, taken prisoner of war by his enemies, the Cherokees, and doomed to torture, fell so seriously ill that it became necessary to wait for his restoration to health before committing him to the fire. And, as he lay prostrated by disease in the cabin of the Cherokee warrior, the daughter of the latter, a young, dark-faced maid, was his nurse. She fell in love with the young chieftain, and, wishing to save his life, urged him to escape; but he would not do so unless she would flee with him. She consented. Yet, before they had gone far, impelled by soft regret at leaving her home, she asked leave of her lover to return, for the purpose of bearing away some memento of it. So, retracing her footsteps, she broke a sprig of the white rose which was climbing up the poles of her father's tent, and, preserving it during her flight through the wilderness, planted it by the door of her new home among the Seminoles. And from that day this beautiful flower has always been known, between the capes of Florida and throughout the Southern States, by the name of the Cherokee Rose. It is of rapid growth, and soon forms a hedge as dense as it is beautiful. It runs along the roadsides likewise, converting roads and fences into thick banks of leaves and flowers. It climbs to the tops of high trees, hanging its festoons among the branches, or letting them droop gracefully to the ground. In fact, this showy wild-flower, with its five white petals and centre of gold, imbedded as it is in so many brightly-shining leaves of green, gives almost a bridal aspect to the spring landscape, and well-nigh makes all the citizens' cottages look like homes of the poets.



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Florally yours,

Geo. W. Park.

La Park, Pa., Mar. 17, 1908.

**Rex Begonias.**—These require a light, porous soil. Such a soil may be secured by piling up weeds and the walk scrapings in summer, and when rotted so as to handle satisfactorily, mix some sand with it and use in potting Rex Begonias. Keep well watered and in a partial shade, after potting. The character of the soil has much to do with the growth and beauty of these Begonias. It should be given due attention.

**Garden Mould.**—Soil inclined to mould should have a top-dressing of fresh slacked lime and flowers of sulphur, equal parts, mixed. Stir this into the soil and cultivate often to allow free circulation of air.

**Dahlias Mixing.**—Dahlias of different colors can be grouped together without danger of mixing. When a plant bearing flowers of a distinct color yields a flower of a different shade it is simply sporting. The variation is not likely to be permanent.

"NAKED BROOM-RAPE."

IT WAS our good fortune to stumble upon a whole settlement of Naked Broom Rape, *Aphyllon uniflora*, in a damp, woody spot in New York State last summer. We just revelled in their beauty. Picture to yourself a tight cluster of delicate, naked flower stalks, three to five inches high, each scape bearing a solitary flower about an inch in length, purplish, with a yellow throat, not a green leaf, or indeed any kind of a leaf to be found, simply a handful of lovely little flowers, exhaling a delicate fragrance. This is a leafless parasite. Its stem is subterranean, and often branched, each branch sending up a flower scape.



A. R.

Lancaster Co., Neb.

**The Agapanthus.**—I have two tubs (or old paint kegs) with seven Agapanthus Lilies in one, and five in the other. The tubs are large, and will hold about twelve or fifteen quarts each. I only disturb them when they get so full the roots begin to come out at the drainage, and lie bare on the top. The roots are nearly as large as a lead pencil. The Agapanthus never dies down like the *Amaryllis*, but grows through the winter, and in the spring the large flowering stalks come up in the middle of the plant, nearly three feet high, with 75 to 100 blossoms, and as it ripens it divides the plant, making two plants for next year.

Mrs. Jno. Camps.

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

**Gloxinias from Seeds.**—A few years ago I bought a three-cent packet of Gloxinia seeds. About thirty plants came up. All, however, did not come to maturity, but you would have been pleased to look upon my stand of them in full bloom, some fourteen in all, and no two alike. In their rich, velvet foliage they were just glorious. Wasn't I proud of them? And my husband quite as much so. Last summer I raised seedlings from the handsomest one, and in the early autumn I had over twenty little green dots. A few of them are now beyond their infancy, and doing well.

Mrs. Alfred Chipman.

Berwick, Nova Scotia, Feb. 28, 1908.

**Starting Roses.**—I take slips of the hard wood of Roses, breaking off by a quick downward movement, thus getting a heel, or round, ball-like end. This I place two or three inches deep in wet sand, and turn over it a glass fruit jar. Do not allow the sand to get dry, as this has caused the death of many a healthy slip. I prefer starting Roses in July or August, as they then make good roots by planting time. I protect during severe weather by turning a crock over them.

Knox Co., O.

Mrs. J. H. Rucker.

# CHILDREN'S LETTER.



**Y** DEAR CHILDREN:— Just imagine that you are with me in Florida, and we are going on a ramble to the forest. The day is clear and bright, as are most of the days of Western Florida, and the silky leaves of the big shade trees of *Grevillea robusta* sway gracefully, as they are stirred by the gentle Gulf breeze. How delightful is the atmosphere, redolent with the arbutus-like odor of countless masses of Citrus bloom, and as we follow the cow-path to the forest, we find it adorned here and there with glorious patches of the native *Lupinus villosus*, the plant trailing, with grayish foliage, and showing huge, erect spikes of bluish-purple flowers. This plant is a perennial, and thrives in the dryest, sandiest soil, fully exposed to the sun. It deserves to be brought under cultivation. We pass a fine specimen of *Phoenix Canariensis*, a grand Palm for a colonnade, with elegant, arched, plume-like leaves from eight to ten feet long, interspersed with golden-stemmed panicles of ripening seeds. Then we pass a Pineapple house filled with ripening fruit. It is simply a space of ground enclosed with a close board fence eight feet high, and covered with roofing lath placed several inches apart to afford some protection from the sun and storm. Here we see also a Pear tree bearing blossom-buds, green fruit and ripe fruit, but not yet in leaf. The poor tree taken from a northern climate hardly knows at what time of year to bloom or bear or develop its foliage. Here, too, are Peach trees with half-grown peaches, peaches just shaped, full-blown pink bloom and buds, some trees green with leaves, while others are yet dormant. We pass big Orange groves, Tangerine groves, and Grape-fruit groves, the road often adorned with fine Palm trees transplanted from the Florida forests. Now we turn into a cross-road, and are soon in the forest. But here is a murky, sluggish stream meandering through the thicket of trees. It can hardly be said to have banks, for the water simply finds its way through a watery bog, thickly set with trees and vines, all decorated with long, gray moss and air plants of various kinds, giving them an elegant, weep-

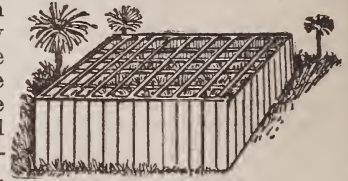


"Glorious patches of the Native plant, *Lupinus villosus*."



"*Phoenix Canariensis*, a fine Palm for a Colonnade."

ing, tropical appearance. A thicket of dwarf Palms covers the ground, and towering far above are the Palms of *Sabal Palmetto*, intermingled with Live Oak, Water Oak and other native trees, some of which are evergreen, and some deciduous. A bridge spans this boggy stream, and I will not need to call your attention to the glorious array of beauty which issues from the watery bog at the left. It is a swamp Aster, growing as a vining mass through some shrubby willows, hiding them with a wealth of lovely, rosy flowers. The plants are rooted in the black bog, and are fully fifteen feet high. In grandeur they surpass anything I have ever seen of the Aster kind.



"Pineapple house, filled with ripening fruit."

Across the road, at the right, the trees show fine specimens of native air plants. A particularly fine one is growing upon the trunk of an Oak, twelve feet from the ground. This I decide to get, and in bear-fashion climb until I can reach it. A little effort detaches the plant, and turns it upside down, but, horrors! it is filled with water, and gives me an unexpected immersion. I hear you all laughing, as with my handkerchief I try to dry up some of my clothing that was most exposed to the bath. We find other air plants growing upon the trees, some with clusters of flower buds developing, and some with tubers at the base of the leaf-stems. All are curious and interesting. Taken home and used with some of the gray moss they make a handsome hanging basket.

Passing on we hear merry voices, and in an opening in the wood we find a half dozen little boys and girls laughing and talking and gathering flowers. Most of the flowers are light-blue and dark blue Violets, and each one of the girls had a fine bunch of the large, delicate, fragrant blooms. Two of the number, however, had circled around and gathered flowers other than Violets, some a fine yellow which they called Buttercups,



"The road often adorned with fine Palm trees."

others blue and rose and white. The boys gave their gatherings to their favorite girls.

But here comes a little boy running as fast as he can, and crying excitedly—"Say, say, I heard an awful big rattlesnake in the thicket back there. It was close to the path." "Come along and show me where it is, my son, and we will get a big string of rattles." We start back, the boy going cautiously, but a little girl, who proved to be his sister, runs in advance,

and with her foot shoves away the Palm-leaves and bushes, trying to discover the "rattler." "That little girl is no coward, my son. She is brave. She's not afraid of snakes nor anything." She hears, and pushes fearlessly on into the thicket where the boy heard the "rattler," and I caution her not to be too careless. "Ah, yes," says the boy. "Sis wants



"A bridge spans this boggy stream."

to show how brave she is now, when you are here; but when she's with me she's afraid of her shadow."

From here we move on up the shallow ravine, passing masses of big Palm trees, under moss-covered and plant-laden Oaks, the open spots here and there bedecked with Violets and other early spring flowers.

We soon come to a white man and two colored men, digging off the black surface soil and throwing it back, exposing a sort of white clay or marl. "What are you doing, gentlemen?" "Oh, we're throwing off this soil to get at the marl or soft white material beneath," says the white man, who is the foreman. "In this section there are no stones—nothing but sand, and in some places a sort of humus. But this marl is hauled off to make roads. When it dries it hardens, and makes a solid, cement-like road. This is hauled to St.



"A little effort detaches the Plant."

Petersburg, three miles away, and used for improving the streets." We look around and find the place all dug up and undermined to get marl. Huge trees are overturned to get the material beneath, and where the men are at work a big Palm has been overturned and the top sawed off. The foreman asks, "Did you ever taste Palmetto Cabbage? You get it in the centre of the Palm trunk. Its fine when boiled and seasoned like Cabbage." A piece is excavated with a knife and tested without boiling. It is tender, and probably would be palatable when boiled and seasoned. "Laws O, Massa, but dat am fine when biled," exclaims one of the colored men.



"A brave little girl."

"T's gwine to have a chunk ob dat biled fer my supper."

The sun is making long shadows, and after securing some rooted Palms, and native flowers

we return home, the entire way back being enlivened by the varied evening song of the Mocking bird, with an occasional note of the Red bird calling in the twilight to its mate in the distant bush.



"Palmetto Cabbage."

Your friend,

The Editor.

La Park, Pa., March 11, 1908.

**Our Native Plants.**—We have in the Virginia Mountains, flowers from early in April until winter. Arbutus is the first, coming the last of March or first of April. We always look for it on the north side of hills, generally underneath or near the Rhododendron or Mountain Laurel. Next come Violets in sunny places, one bearing large, lilac flowers, appearing in sunny places, and another, dark purple, in shady places. Later we have Dogwoods, red and pink Azalias and Rhododendrons—white, pink and purple, also Mountain Laurel in its spotted beauty. Many Ferns are found here, from the very small ones to those that reach the height of three and four feet. The Galax or Colt's foot is shipped from here in large quantities. Blossom.

Grayson Co., Va.

**German Iris.**—Last summer I had a beautiful show of the easily-raised German Iris. Six varieties bloomed, a pale lavender with very large blossoms and so sweet scented; also blue, yellow, smoke color and a dwarf yellow that was lovely. But what I thought the prettiest was a rich cream color, the blossoms very large and fragrant, and lasting rather longer than the others. I have about ten more plants to blossom this year, when I shall look for more choice varieties. These have been collected from several different States. I think there is much pleasure in making a collection of these beautiful plants. I hope the sisters will try them.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Kennebec Co., Me., Jan. 10, 1908.

**Rooting Rose Cuttings.**—Here is the easiest way to root monthly rose cuttings: Fill a milk-pan two-thirds full of clean sand, saturate with water, and insert the cuttings two eyes deep. Make the cuttings from medium new wood. Keep the sand constantly moist, and in a sunny window, and the cuttings will be nicely rooted in two months. Then take them out and transplant to cans or pots until the roots are well ripened.

Chaut. Co., N. Y.

Subscriber.

**Two Native Ferns.**—Two blooming Ferns in our yard are as fine as Palms, and for tropical effect are all that can be desired. One grows four feet high, and the other three feet, the fronds and bloom-stalks appearing at the same time, early in spring, wrapped in a heavy coat of wool, or resembles it. One has sword-like leaves, and the other fronds with side branches, making it broad. The flowers are like those of the Smoke Tree. Scioto, O. S. W. K.

**AMARYLLIS BELLADONNA.**

**T**HIS is a bulbous plant from the Cape of Good Hope. It grows two feet or more in height, bearing in autumn, after the leaves have faded, clusters of large, rosy, Lily-like flowers on strong scapes.

To do well the plants should be given a southern exposure, protected by a wall or building or fence at the north side. Excavate the soil two feet deep, put in some broken crock or brick, then a layer of half-rotted stable manure, then fill with a compost of partly rotted sods, leaf-mould and sand, well mixed. In this set the bulbs in clumps, placing a handful of sand around each bulb. If planted in the autumn tread the earth well after planting, then protect the bed by a dressing of strawy litter, which can be removed in the spring. The leaves push up early, and make their growth during the summer. When they fade remove them; and the flowers will shortly appear. Should a drought occur during autumn, water liberally, and occasionally apply liquid fertilizer. When well grown these Lilies make a fine display. They deserve more attention.

**Asparagus Sprengeri.**—This is a lovely plant for baskets and vases. It increases in beauty with age, and becomes an immense, drooping, draping vine, growing so dense as to entirely hide its receptacle. The plants start from seeds, appearing in about a month after sowing. They are small and spindling when young, but each spray that pushes from the roots is stronger than the preceding, until the stems become vigorous, branching masses of delicate foliage. The older branches fade and die as they become old, and should be removed. The new branches take their place, however, and renew the life and beauty of the plant. It likes a rich, porous, fibrous soil and plenty of water while growing. Water sparingly while the plant is at rest.

**Cutting Hyacinths.**—It is beneficial to a bulb of Hyacinth to cut off the flower scape above the ground while the flowers are blooming or fading, but it is detrimental to pull the scape so that it will separate at the bulb, beneath the surface. When pulled the cold earth or moisture comes in contact with the tender central part of the bulb, and decay almost invariably results.

**Wonder Lemon.**—This plant is of the easiest culture. It is readily grown in a pot, and if set out in a mild climate does well out-doors. Give it a rich, very sandy, porous soil with good drainage, and keep it moist. Shift into a larger pot as the roots begin to crowd.

**Ricinus.**—W. S. Walker, of Idaho, has a seedling Ricinus seven feet high, bearing seeds. He intends to winter it and secure its growth as a shrub. In western Florida the Ricinus is hardy, and lives for many years, becoming an immense shrub or tree with age.

**HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS.**

**I**T IS pleasing to know that there is an increased interest now shown in the hardy class of Chrysanthemums. These flowers adorn the gardens and homes of the masses, while the florist's varieties, which form the chief attraction at the late Shows, are sparingly found as cut flowers or as single pot plants in homes where flowers are rarely grown. It is to be hoped that in the future the size, style and beauty of the hardy varieties will be improved until they will be as much admired as the glorious tender varieties found in the florist's window.

To awaken a deeper interest along this line, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rhode Island Horticultural Society voted at its last meeting to hold in the coming Autumn an exhibition of Hardy Chrysanthemums, just to encourage Amateurs, and see what can be accomplished with this class of flowers. A lady member of the Society writes:

"Our Horticultural Society has three fine exhibitions a year, the last one being the Chrysanthemum Show, in November, being so late that the Amateur has no chance, as most of our best Hardy Chrysanthemums are taken by frost or gone by. That exhibition is virtually a Commercial growers affair, and the growers 'walk off' with all the prizes. So for the Amateurs, we have adopted the idea of having an exhibition of hardy varieties, given by the Ladies' Auxiliary Society, and we propose for the schedule to call for Single blooms, Double blooms, Blooms of this year's seedlings, Potted plants."

This enterprising society of ladies has set an example that is worthy of imitation, and it is to be hoped that many special exhibitions of Hardy Chrysanthemums will be held in the Autumn of 1903, as the result of their progressive thought and energy.

**Honeysuckles from Seeds.**—Honeysuckles are easily raised from fresh seeds, or seeds that have not been allowed to dry out. Sow in a shallow box, and keep moist till the plants appear, which will be in several weeks. If the seeds are dry, sow in a rather shady place out-doors, where the bed can remain undisturbed for several months. Dry seeds will germinate, but require considerable time to do so.

**Tuberous Plants.**—Callas and Arums push out roots near the crown, which is readily distinguished by the active sprout. Set them below the surface. Gloxinia and Begonia tubers root around the base. Set them with the crown above the surface.

**Christmas Cactus.**—When this plant does not thrive it is mostly due to lack of drainage, or the application of too much water to the roots. A porous pot suits it, and sandy soil well drained. Give the plant full exposure to the sun in summer.





A familiar station scene in Georgia.

## COMING THROUGH GEORGIA.

**M**Y DEAR READERS:—On the 9th of March I returned from my sojourn in Florida, coming through Georgia by way of the Atlantic Coast Line, and I will tell you of a few odd things I saw from the car window.

At almost every log cabin or faded,

unpainted house was a group of Peach trees in full bloom. The pink color was vivid, and every tree seemed



A group of Peach trees.

to be wreathed with bloom, the showy flowers being set very thickly along the branches. How beautiful and ornamental they were. They really gave a poetic sentiment to every dingy home.

At almost every station I saw an ox-cart drawn by eight oxen. Usually a colored boy or man walked along at each side of the long team, to prod the dilatory beasts with a sharp stick. Their speed on the road was not worthy of emulation.

Here and there by the railroad the workmen had thrown up earth, leaving a pond of murky



"Just a lot of big Mud Turtles."

water in which Water Lilies found a congenial home, showing a mass of luxuriant foliage, which, later will be set with flowers. Occasionally a log or a plank would appear in



Cows wading and grazing in the swamps.

this water, and what do you suppose adorned it? Just a lot of big mud turtles, their heads

extending out as far as their long necks would reach, looking this way and that as they sunned themselves while the train passed. Now and then one becoming frightened would unceremoniously drop into the water, head foremost, his long, tapered tail showing until entirely immersed.



Draped with Southern Jasmine.

Very much of the way was through big, long-needed Pine forests, low and wet; but here and there the scene was enlivened by blooming trees of Red Maple, the flowers showing a mass of rich crimson color. And shrubs and even tall trees were draped with the beautiful evergreen Southern Jasmine, the wealth of golden bloom making a grand display, and



Colored man plowing with a single ox.

filling the warm air with a pleasing perfume

In one place the water extended over considerable space, appearing as a shallow lake, and covered with a sort of trailing plant. In this water were cows wading and grazing, the water so high that only the body of the animals could be seen. They were grazing for a living.

Occasionally a flock of goats were seen grazing in the forest, and a common sight at the stations was a few poor, brownish, long-



Everywhere forest fires prevailed.

nosed pigs rooting around and picking up what they could find. In several fields I saw a colored man plowing with a single ox, geared to a mold-board plow, the harness being a collar and hames, just as we use upon horses.

Everywhere forest fires prevailed, for the people evidently wanted the dried grasses burned out of the way to make more valuable for grazing the new growth just pushing up.

Your friend,

The Editor.

La Park, Pa., Mar. 16, 1908.



## FLORAL POETRY.

### GOOD-BYE, OLD TREES, GOOD-BYE.

Hear the lofty forest kings  
Fall with growl and roar!  
They have ruled their kingdom well  
For a century or more.

Venerable, old, majestic,  
Tall, straight, and broad of girth!  
Yet vain we mourn the hand of man,  
That fells you to the earth.

I've plucked the wild-wood blossom  
That nestled at your feet,  
And I've rested in your pleasant shade  
Among the Ferns so sweet.

For years you've stood so haughty,  
Oft bending to and fro,  
But now, good-bye, old Forest Kings,  
For man will lay you low.

I am mourning for your beauty,  
And the thought that you must die;  
But the hand of man is mighty,  
So, good-bye, old trees, good-bye.

Geauga Co., Ohio, Jan. 9, 1908.

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### TWILIGHT.

Soft tints reflect from yonder sky,  
Down in the little stream;  
And every breeze that hastens by,  
Bears on its wing a dream.

No fairer picture paints a scene  
Than this at twilight's glow;  
Methinks 'tis some fair angel's dream,  
Sent down o'er earth below.

Far in the East soft, silv'ry tints  
Gleam from the realms afar;  
Upon the skies an angel prints  
Just here and there a star.

The twilight softly fades away,  
And night comes stealing on;  
The dreamy closing of the day  
Grows fairy-like and wan.

Elk Co., Pa., Jan. 27, 1908. Ella J. Rothrock.

### SUNSET.

Lo, the sky is lit in splendor,  
And the colors bright and gay,  
Seem as though they're smiling  
At the closing of the day.

O'er the streamlet and the meadow,  
And the houses, trees and all,  
There's a tinge of gold reflecting,  
'Ere night lets the curtain fall.

Nature is the grandest artist,  
For there's naught that can compare  
With her paintings which are lovely,  
And they make a picture rare.

And to paint in gold and silver,  
On the charming skies of blue,  
All the while the picture changing,  
Seems to baffle me and you.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, 1907. Albert E. Vassar.

### OUR TREES.

From fair New England's pigmy Yew  
To California's king,  
The various trees are sweet-toned keys  
That aid Dame Nature sing.

Well might the "Sage of Concord" love  
The whispering Pines among,  
Or Maples' praise be weaved in lays—  
Our northern neighbors' song.

Wherever points a spire on high,  
Or waves a plume the breeze,  
I love them all—the great, the small—  
The noble race of trees.

They give the fine background to art,  
The landscape craves their charms,  
They grace each spot from city lot  
To largest sweep of farms.

And when the wind and tempest breaks,  
The major keys begin  
In crash and groan—discordant tone—  
A fearful warlike din.

But when the winds are stilled at last,  
They change their vocal stress,  
In whispering sighs, like lullabies,  
They speak of gentleness.

From sea-girt Cuba's royal Palms  
To Canada's Fir-trees,  
The wandering wind tries for to find  
The sweetest symphonies.

With roots that know the sweetest springs,  
With tops that love the sky,  
We'll bless the hand that lets them stand  
And grow—like you and I.

Ulysses R. Perrine.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 28, 1908.

### SWEET PEAS.

Ethereal beauty dressed in shades  
Of robes the angels wear,  
Too beautiful for human touch,  
Too sweet! Too wondrous fair!

Dear Lord, in these fair perfumed things  
Thy skill divine hath wrought,  
In petals moulded, folded, placed,  
The beauty of Thy thought.

Comes a pure breath of Paradise,  
The presence of those bowers  
Where our departed rest with Thee,  
Amid unfading flowers.

Berwick, Nova Scotia. Mrs. A. P. Chipman.

### THE WILD PRIMROSE.

A sweet, white, innocent Primrose,  
With its face all wet with dew,  
Like tears on the face of childhood,  
With a sweet smile struggling through,  
Looked pleadingly up one morning,  
As I was passing by.

In a voice so soft and timid,  
It seemed to say with a sigh,  
"Will no one admire my beauty,  
Because I am lowly and small?  
I was planted here by the Father,  
Who told me not to grow tall,  
But live down here 'mong the grasses,  
And every day do my best;  
So I smile at each one who passes,  
And leave unto Him the rest.

Valentine, Neb., Mar. 2, 1908. Mary Bable.

**MY FAVORITE FLOWER.**

You ask me, dear, which is my favorite flower?  
 But you do not expect me to tell  
 Which one is most deeply enshrined in my love,  
 Lest I to my flower friends a traitor should prove,  
 For many have served me well.

The spring brings the beauties so tender and fair,  
 Their shy, blushing faces upturned,  
 To be kissed by the sun as he wakes from his sleep,  
 And bathed by the soft dews till dainty and sweet  
 They stand, not a one to be spurned.

Then the Roses coming with summer's bright days,  
 Would reign queen of my flower-loving heart,  
 Were it not for the beauties the gardens display,  
 In colorings gorgeous and splendid and gay;  
 They must each of my love share a part.

The autumn brings Pansies so charmingly sweet,  
 With thoughts that are tender and true;  
 And Asters, and Golden-rod growing so tall,  
 And vines over-hanging the old garden wall,  
 All sparkling with jewels of dew.

And winter, ah yes, winter, gives us his share,  
 When spring blooms are sleeping and cold  
 Neath the mantle of purity, silently spread,  
 As one tenderly covers the face of the dead,  
 The sweet buds of the Primrose unfold.

You have asked me, dear, which is my favorite flower,  
 But the answer I cannot recall,  
 For as I in search for the one I love best  
 Call to mind their sweet faces, I see all the rest.  
 And I'm sure that I love them all.

Jessamine Hartford.

Fulton Co., Ills., Mar. 12, 1908.

**A LATE SNOW IN SPRING.**

The fields of green  
 Are now unseen,  
 And hide beneath a coat of snow;  
 The sombre clouds  
 Hang like to shrouds  
 O'er the gloomy scene below.

The distant scene  
 Is one I ween  
 No heart could desire better,  
 For searching sight  
 Will win delight  
 In Nature's ice-bound fetter.

Frost's well-made spears,  
 Like frozen tears,  
 Hang well from bud and stem;  
 Their dazzling light  
 Gives true delight,  
 Reflected back by them.

Coated with snow  
 The trees bend low,  
 Their snowy branches curving;  
 They yield no place  
 Within their space  
 For shivering birds deserving.

The Birds are lost  
 Amid the frost  
 Of limb and branch of tree,  
 And voiceless they  
 Through all the day,  
 And naught of them we see.

Of the days of spring  
 I fain would sing  
 Are the saddest of the year,  
 When snows do fall  
 And cover all,  
 Oh then how chill and drear!

The spring's bright day  
 Brings flowers gay,  
 But returning frost and snow  
 Kills in an hour  
 Both bud and flower,  
 And fills the heart with woe.

Edgewater, Col.

V. Deviny

**A YELLOW DAFFODIL.**

'Twas on a lovely April eve,  
 We sat beside the babbling brook;  
 I told you how I loved you then,  
 And read the answer in your look.

'Twas then you promised to be mine,  
 To sail with me, o'er life's rough sea;  
 You plucked a yellow daffodil,  
 And, sweetly smiling, gave to me.

You said to me, with trembling voice,  
 "My hand, my heart, I give to you;  
 And only ask you in return  
 To prove to me as fond and true."

'Twas then I took your hand in mine,  
 And fondly pressed you to my heart;  
 I vowed my love would never change,  
 That naught but death us two should part.

The years have come and gone since then,  
 And you and I are left alone;  
 Yet we have known some happy hours,  
 And sweet to us has been our home.

Just fifty years ago to-day,  
 We stood beneath the marriage bell;  
 And now that day we celebrate,  
 My love for you again I tell.

This, my Love, is that same flower,  
 That little gift, I've kept till now;  
 It tells of love and bygone days,  
 When beauty sat upon thy brow.

Soon we'll cross death's dark cold stream,  
 Then all our sorrows will be o'er;  
 We'll love each other then as now,  
 Where there's no parting ever more.

Ennis, Texas.

F. H. Yarbrough.

**THE VIOLET'S MESSAGE.**

Dear little Violet, come, speed away,  
 I choose thee Love's gentle bearer to-day,  
 Hie to the maid called Violet, too,  
 Bear her this message, while sweet with the dew;  
 Say "there are Roses, and Lilies, and yet  
 I love the sweet little Violet."

Haste modest Violet, haste on your way,  
 Bear this sweet message with dawn of the day;  
 When she awakens, breathe on the air,  
 Pour out thy soft, fragrant perfume so rare;  
 Say "Lovely maiden, you'll never regret,  
 If you'll be his little Violet."

Now gentle Violet, mark well I pray,  
 If she is tender and bid thee to stay,  
 And if she press thee close to her breast,  
 Fair speeds my wooing, my heart is at rest;  
 Surely the dearest or flowers will yet,  
 Bloom for me always, my Violet.  
 Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. H. L. Johnson.

**EASTER LILIES.**

Of all the fair Lilies, the fairest we know,  
 Are the sweet Easter Lilies as pure as the snow.  
 Round altars most sacred their fragrance is spread,  
 While the light of the morning is breaking o'erhead.  
 We love them, we love them, the Lilies so fair,  
 New budding and blooming and scenting the air.

In the garden where Jesus knelt pleading for all,  
 His tear-drops of anguish unheeded did fall;  
 And there, when He rose in His power from the tomb,  
 Were found the fair Lilies of Easter in bloom.  
 We love them, we love them, the Lilies so pure,  
 Symbolic of love that shall ever endure.

While the Lilies of promise and purity swing,  
 The joy bells of Easter exultingly ring;  
 And voices are chanting a wonderful strain—  
 "Our Lord has arisen in glory to reign."  
 We love them, we love them, the Lilies all white,  
 That are crowning with beauty this glad Easter light.  
 Ruth Raymond.

Tioga Co., N. Y., Feb. 28, 1908.



THE LAWN VIEW AT LA PARK, PA.

### LAWN VIEW AT LA PARK.

IN FRONT of the publication house of Park's Floral Magazine is a lawn which is well cared for in summer, and affords a pleasing view to the employees, and all who pass by. Along the building is a border of plants which is a mass of bloom throughout the summer. Then space is given to a roadway, which is bordered by a stone curbing, to prevent its encroachment. The body of the lawn is a dense carpet of Blue-grass and white Dutch Clover. In the centre is a group of Paulownia trees, showing large, tropical leaves. This is surrounded by a row of Yucca plants, their erect, sword-like foliage retaining their shape and handsome rich green color throughout the winter. The tree near the building is a Bigarreau Cherry, which every season bears a crop of large, yellow, pink-cheeked fruit. The small tree or shrub near the curbing is a bedded specimen of Hibiscus Chinensis grandiflora, which is covered with big double blooms the entire season. The plant in the foreground is just a common Elderberry, but it is beautiful in mid-summer, first with its big, creamy, umbel-like panicles, and then with its showy purple fruit, which remains in beauty till Autumn. Along the margin at the right are groups of Berberis Thunbergii, Philadelphus, Spirea, Deutzia, Cydonia and Syringa. These shrubs are beautiful in their various seasons, and in them many little

song-sparrows find a place to hide their nests. Beyond the lawn is the continuation of the road, then a border of California Privet and Spirea, and still further the garden of herbaceous perennials. There is a border of shrubbery to the right of the Cherry tree, and a border of Chinese Pæonies along the curbing which do not appear in the picture. This bit of lawn is not large, but its economical arrangement of space allows the growth of many plants and shrubs, and it well repays the labor expended in mowing and trimming and cultivating during the growing season.

**Chilled Plants.**—Plants that have been allowed to get too cold usually die gradually. First the leaves will droop; then they will turn yellow and drop off, and one part after another will die until only the stump is left, and this might as well be dead, for it may be months in starting, and then will produce but a sickly growth. There is really no remedy for a chilled plant. The only thing to do is to give it good treatment and give it ample time to recover. As a rule it is better to discard it and replace it with a vigorous, healthy one.

**Scaled Ferns.**—When Ferns are attacked by scale, cut off the fronds at the ground, and burn them, then water rather sparingly until new fronds appear. See that there are no scales upon the stems below the cutting. Place some chopped tobacco stems around and over the plant, to eradicate any remaining pests.



FLORAL MISCELLANY.

PETUNIAS AGAIN.

A FIVE-cent packet of Double Petunia seeds bought last Spring, giving me one general effect, was worth the price of the seed several times over.



Single Bedding Petunia.

It was a rich pink in color, with a creamy throat, single, and of good size. The main stem grew strong, and I trained it upward, tying to a stake. I trimmed the lower branches tree-shape, and no one guessed what my Petunia was until they investigated. Out of this packet I raised a beautiful fringed lavender and white

colored flowering Petunia. That, for close effect, was far prettier than the pink mentioned above; also three double, several white, and majenta colored ones, and a dwarf, maroon with black markings, that every one fell in love with. I have started many cuttings from the pink and maroon plants, and intend massing them separately this summer.

San Jose, Cal.

Mrs. Ida A. Cope.

**Some Window Plants.**—For some winter pets I have a large pot of Skeleton Geranium, so fragrant, and stands both heat and cold; a fine large Pennyroyal Geranium; a large Calla; some very choice Cacti, and a dish of Saxifraga sarmentosa or Strawberry Geranium. "How old-fashioned," I hear someone say. Yes, it is, but I am very fond of the old-fashioned flowers, and raise a great many of them. I also have an Aralia which is a beautiful decorative plant; an Aloe variegata; a few choice Begonias, and several others. I keep the most of my bedding plants in the cellar, and find they winter very well.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Kennebec Co., Maine, Jan. 8, 1908.

**Asparagus.**—Asparagus deflexus looks as though it was going to prove a good second to Sprengeri for hanging baskets. Its effect is more lacey and airy, and the color is different, too, being a silvery green. A. decumbens is not so good. My plant looks too frail, and is slower of growth. Mrs. Ida A. Cope.

San Jose, Cal.

THE LAWN.

IT CERTAINLY is very discouraging to the lover of flowers to have to admit that all her efforts are in vain on account of her own or her neighbor's chickens, that cannot be kept from the lawn where the newly turned ground affords such a temptation. It is no additional beauty to the lawn to have a few irregular beds laid out, surrounded by stakes, stones, brush, etc., to keep off the poultry! Why continue to struggle, when your lawn may be made so much prettier if kept smooth and green, and dotted here and there with clumps of Roses and flowering shrubs.



It should be remembered that in both city and country, shrubs should be selected according to the space they are to occupy, and that a thorough knowledge of the habits and the requirements should be learned before buying any of the plants; and if you are not willing to give them the necessary attention that they need to produce fine bushes, for pity's sake leave the poor things with the florist, who will care for them properly.

THUNBERGIANUM AUREUM

There are many varieties of Roses, Lilies and perennials that can take care of themselves. Lilacs, Snowballs, Flowering Almonds and Hydrangeas, are all nice to have and easy to grow. Here it is almost impossible to get an evergreen to grow; but the Tamarix Africana, with its beautiful evergreen-like foliage, is a good substitute.

What is more inviting than a porch covered with climbing Roses, Honeysuckles and Clematis? And best of all the poultry can't hurt them. An arbor, too, if nicely arranged, is very desirable, and not much labor to care for. A tub of aquatic plants is also sure to please, and they, too, are safe.

This year try arranging your lawn with shrubs, and plant your flower seeds in the vegetable garden, where they may be surrounded with sticks and not be an eyesore. They will furnish just as many cut flowers, and may be cared for with less trouble.

Geneva M. Sewell.

Whitman Co., Wash., Jan. 11, 1908.

**Scarlet Runner.**—If you want a handsome vine, and one easy to grow, try the old-fashioned Scarlet Runner, or Flowering Bean. I had some lovely ones last summer, and they were much admired. Mrs. M. L. Warren.

Kennebec Co., Maine, Jan. 10, 1908.

## IN FAVOR OF GERANIUMS.

**A** CORRESPONDENT asks what plant we would choose, if we could have only one in our window.

I have so many favorite flowers, for I love them all, but I think I should choose my old stand-by, the Geranium, if I could only have one, as it will stand almost any kind of treatment and live, and with reasonable care will reward one with flowers.

Then, there are the Fancy-leaved Geraniums, the Silver-leaf, Bronze-leaf and Tricolor.

The blooming Geraniums in my window this winter are mostly double pink and white and have had blooms all winter, and more coming. I just give them ordinary care, but it is a south window, which I think is a very important factor. In the fall I potted them each in a pot small enough to make them pot-bound in a short time after taking them up, just crowding the roots of some of the larger



GERANIUM.

ones in after putting two or three small pieces of charcoal or little rocks in the bottom of pot, and shaking dirt, about one-third old, fine horse-manure, one-third good fine earth, and one-third sand, down over them, pressing it down with the fingers. I start my winter-bloomers from slips in June, putting them outside in the ground; then, in August or early September take them up. But I have two or three which bloomed profusely all summer, and were not taken up until about the middle of November, nearly Thanksgiving, which are blooming now in mid-winter.

Mrs. L. A. Bailey.

Bent Co., Col., Jan. 16, 1908.

### A Protection for House Plants on Cold Nights.

—I provided four upright sticks about two and one-half feet high, with cross pieces on top of same length, making a frame like a box. Then I procured building paper and covered the frame. The uprights must be stout or they will not bear the weight of paper. By placing my plants on the dining table and setting this box over them I wasn't obliged to worry about my plants freezing. This protector could be made in shape of a house and any size to suit. Several pieces of newspapers pasted over it would answer very well.

Mrs. Mamie Orne.

Orleans Co., Vt., Jan 28, 1908.

**Two Choice Plants.**—A friend has but one plant—her choice, a large Pierson Fern, which nearly fills her bay window. It is beautiful. My choice is a Cyclamen. I have had one for four or five years, and it is a constant winter-bloomer.

Gertrude.

Trego Co., Kan., Jan. 6, 1908.

## VARIATION OF THE CYPRESS.

Mr. Park:—

**T**HERE are, perhaps, few who have not seen that handsome annual climber, the Cypress vine. It is well known, and grown by almost everyone who grows flowers. Its delicately cut foliage and bright blooms make a show that even the high famed Japanese Imperial Morning Glories cannot equal, as it is much easier grown and makes a much handsomer trellis vine than they do. They seem to have but one drawback, and that is in the fact that there are so few different colors of them. We have them in rose, scarlet and white, but while we are lamenting about their scarcity of colors, we might be improving them in other respects, namely, the size and form of the blooms. The Cypress naturally has five-pointed blooms as shown in No. 1, while under fair cultivation about



twenty per cent. of the blooms are four- and six-pointed, as shown in sketches Nos. 2 and 3, and about one per cent. are eight-pointed, as shown in number 4. This shows that about twenty-one per cent. of the blooms are changing form this year, while the percent-

age was much lower last season. The six- and eight-pointed flowers are larger than the five-pointed ones, so I think by selecting the six- and eight-pointed blooms for seed for several seasons that we would get a variety that will produce only six- or eight-pointed blooms, and be much superior to the common Cypress. Let us flower-lovers hope that in the six- and eight-pointed blooms of today, we see the parents of the double and improved Cypress Vine of the future.

Logan Slotter.

Washington Co., O., Aug. 11, 1898.

**About Jasmynes.**—Isn't the Jasmine, Maid of Orleans, a dreadfully disappointing thing? The Catalogues illustrate it covered with a profusion of flowers as large as Paul Neyron Roses, while my plant bears one wee, double, sweet-scented flower, about a half inch across, at the tip of each branch—only one bloom at a time, but its fragrance is very agreeable. I was Jasmine crazy once, and had a number of sorts, including Cestrum Parqui, but in my opinion, the Cape Jasmine is the only one worth giving window room. It is one of my favorite plants.

L. M. S.

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

## HANGING BASKETS.

HERE is hardly a home with a veranda that does not contain a hanging basket in the summer, and some of these are dainty bits of greenery, while others show only neglect, and are soon taken down and thrown away. The hanging basket is a little harder to grow than plants in pots, only because they dry out sooner in their exposed positions, and when not on the level with one's eye, are apt to be forgotten, and soon lose their beauty. It is a good plan to take them down and immerse them in a pail of water twice a week in dry weather; then they are always growing and always attractive. I find the hanging basket of wire and moss dry out sooner than other kinds. Pouring water on top does little good, as it all runs off and does not reach the roots.



ASPARAGUS SPRENGERII.

The prettiest and most popular plant for the hanging basket is the *Asparagus Sprengerii*, which sends out long fronds two or three feet in length, and is a plant that it pays to keep, as it improves with age, and a well-grown plant is something to be proud of. This is fine for cut flowers, or anything where a dainty mass of green is needed, as it retains its freshness even longer than the *Smilax*.

The Weeping Lantana is a fine basket plant, and produces small, lilac flowers at all times.

There are few prettier vines for the hanging basket than the *Kenilworth Ivy*, and this can be grown from seeds, a small packet costing only a few cents. The seeds germinate very quickly. The flowers are small and dainty, but make the vines doubly attractive.

The *Striped Tradescantia* or *Wandering Jew* is much used for hanging baskets, and grows very rapidly from slips.

The Japanese Fern Ball is a complete hanging basket in itself, but must have moisture to be a success. In starting it into growth soak well for half an hour in tepid water, and then hang up. It usually takes them six weeks to start into growth.

Laura Jones.

Lincoln Co., Ky., Jan. 17, 1908.

## SWEET PEA CULTURE.

SWEET Peas must have lots of sun. I had a trench spaded five inches deep and eight inches wide, throwing all the dirt out of the trench, some on each side. In this I planted my seeds and covered to the depth of one inch. When the plants were two inches high I pulled the dirt from both sides around each plant. Again, when they were five inches, I put up wire fence, and pulled more dirt on them. By this time they were strong enough to have the dirt almost three inches around them. Then, when seven inches high, I had pulled all the dirt from both sides around them, and they are strong healthy plants. I only watered my plants twice a week till I had all the dirt around them, and after that they were watered only by the rain, or on very, very hot days. I had a line twenty-five feet long, and from them I gathered every morning a bunch that could not be held in a peck measure. They were beauties. I planted them three inches apart.

Two years ago, in the same place, I planted Sweet Peas, and watered them every other day, and I only had a dozen or two of blossoms; so, last year, I gave them the treatment I describe here, and oh, such beautiful flowers I had up till the frost touched them.

Dane Co., Wisconsin, Mar. 4, 1908. F.A.H.

## HAPPY OLD AGE

## Most Likely to Follow Proper Eating.

As old age advances, we require less food to replace waste, and food that will not overtax the digestive organs, while supplying true nourishment.

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"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

## PROFITABLE FLOWERS.

**M**ANY varieties of flowers may be raised for profit as well as pleasure, and it is no more trouble to so raise them, and one may often thus gratify their love for their flowers, by getting new plants or shrubs or seeds with the proceeds of the flower money.

The Cineraria is a profitable plant to raise, and quite easily raised, when planted in dried herring boxes, the odor of the fish keeping off all insects. The plant, when in blossom, sells here for from 50 cents to \$1.50, which is a fine profit.

Sweet Peas are always easily sold if they are of choice varieties, and are early; they are the flower "par excellence" for the graduates, or for any sort of decoration.



SWEET PEA.

Then there are the spring bulbs, Hyacinths, Narcissus, Daffodil, Jonquil, etc. These flowers {winter outside here, and come on very early in the spring, and make very profitable shipping to nearby cities. But they may be brought on even earlier in the house, and thus command a higher price.

Carnations are profitable at \$1.00 a dozen. They also live outside here, but do not bloom as early as when grown in the house. Though mine are budded now (January 10), they are very apt to get frozen or chilled, so we do not count on them quite as early as February. But there are plenty of others that will sell well also.

The place to sell is of course to the hotels, and for festive occasions among the wealthy, also for funerals. A person can work up a trade for all they can raise in the house in a small town, and earn a good income thereby, but they must buy fresh seeds and bulbs often, and not try to go into the seed business as well, for flowers can not be sold from plants where seeds that are any good are ripened.

Geneva M. Sewell.

Whitman Co., Wash., Jan. 11, 1908.

**The Cotton Flower.**—In the South Cotton is grown as an agricultural plant, but at the North it is considered a handsome flower. To grow it sow the seeds in-doors and transplant, or sow out-doors when the ground becomes warm. The plants thrive in a rather dry, sandy soil, with ordinary cultivation. Do not draw much soil to the stalk, as that will produce root-rot. The flower is showy and handsome, and the ripe pods showing the cotton is curious, and always admired.

Paul Kautz.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 20, 1908.

## CLOVER BLOOM.

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Wafted on the summer breeze,  
Like a honey-laden plume,  
Swaying humming-birds and bees.

Speaks of meadows, cool and shady,  
Where the rippling brooklets flow,  
Lined with Ferns and Mosses hardy,  
Sparkling with the heaven's dew.

Speaks of Willows lowly bending,  
Kissing with their leaves the stream,  
While beside the Elms are standing  
Swaying branches like a dream.

Speaks of Bob-o-links and Swallows,  
And the Cat-bird's saucy mew,  
While the song of singing Sparrows  
Seems a medley always new.

Oh, the Clover-bloom, unconscious,  
Brings a message we adore,  
And we lose earth's cares and trials  
In the sweets of Nature's store.

Lillian E. Bisbee.

Oxford Co., Me., March 4, 1908.

**Wintering Roses.**—I sunk a deep box in the ground, filled it half full of rich soil, planted it with Roses, and put a sash over, slanting so the sun could shine upon it good. My Roses wintered well, and bloomed before it was time to set them out in the beds.

Mrs. H. W. Fisel.

Whitley Co., Ky., Jan. 10, 1908.

## GROWING STRONGER

### Apparently, with Advancing Age

"In 1896 at the age of 50 years, I collapsed from excessive coffee drinking," writes a man in Mo. "For four years I shambled about with the aid of crutches or cane, most of the time unable to dress myself without help.

"My feet were greatly swollen, my right arm was shrunken and twisted inward, the fingers of my right hand were clenched and could not be extended except with great effort and pain. Nothing seemed to give me more than temporary relief.

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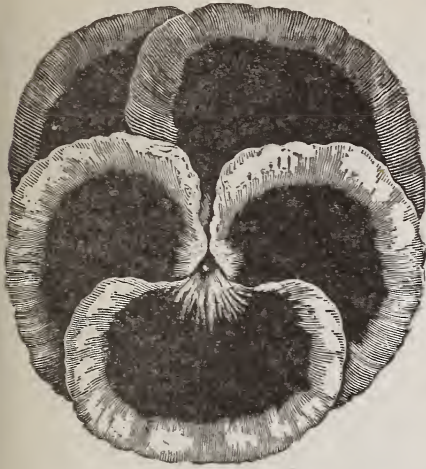
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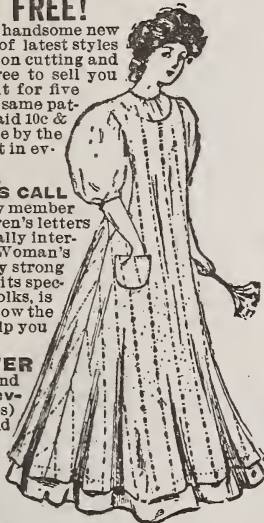
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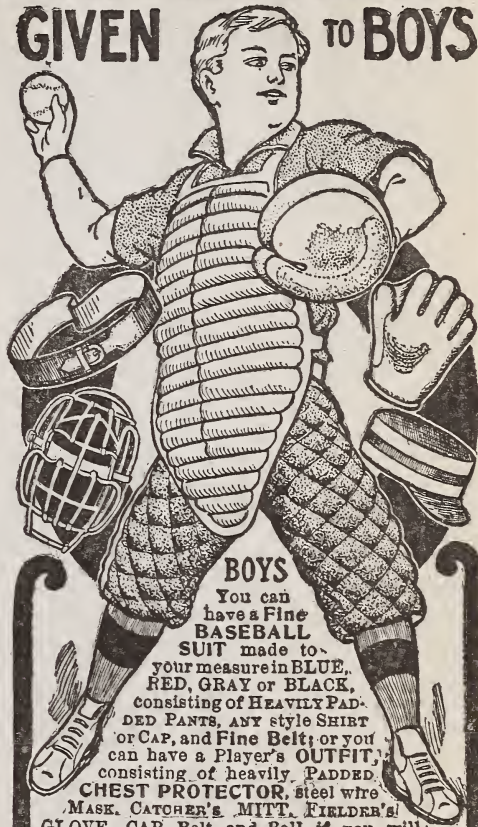
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 Mrs. B. F. Middleton.

South Park, Wash., Feb. 10, 1908.  
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## QUESTION.

**Golden Glow**—Here in Mississippi my Golden Glow only grows a few inches high, and rarely blooms. It is in a low, wet place. Why does it not thrive and bloom?  
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Henry Co., Ill.

Dear Mr. Park;—I am a little boy, six years old, and this is my first year at school, so Aunt Rosa is writing this for me. My mamma died when I was two years old, and I live with Grandma. For a pet I have a nice kittie I call Captain Crews. Earl Brummet.

Crowley, La.

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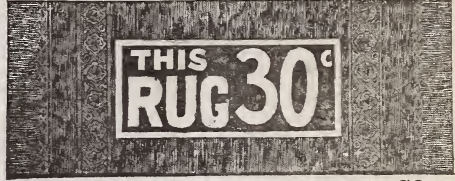
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J. S. Eddy.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 27, 1907.

[NOTE.—Mr Eddy has been a faithful reader and friend of Park's Floral Magazine throughout the greater part of its existence, and I cheerfully place his name upon the roll of honor, and credit him with a life subscription. May his hope of future joy grow brighter as his days grow shorter, until his happiness is complete in the Great Beyond.—Ed.]

## CATS AND BIRDS.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for fifteen or twenty years, and hope to have it as long as I live, but I complain about the anti-cat articles, and I object to the tin-can trap. A person who would as soon see a snake as a cat around must have a goodly amount of Mother Eve in his or her composition. I would also like to know why men who shoot birds for pleasure are not written up and condemned for the brains and conscience which they possess (?). My blood fairly boils when I see a big, strong man with a handful of little, helpless birds, shot for pleasure, and I could easily hate that man. Be careful that you bird-lovers (and I am one of them) wear no little dead bodies or wings on your hats, and please write floral articles for a Floral Magazine.  
Long Island, N. Y. Mrs. H. A. Lowden.

[NOTE.—It is estimated that every cat in the country kills at least 50 birds annually. It is also stated by men who have given the subject much thought, that without birds the farmers' and gardeners' occupation would be ruined. If that is so the protection of birds becomes the most important subject that can be discussed.—Ed.]

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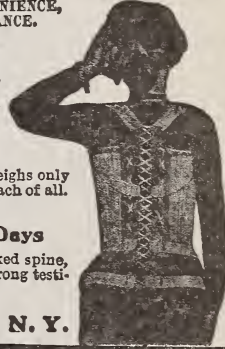
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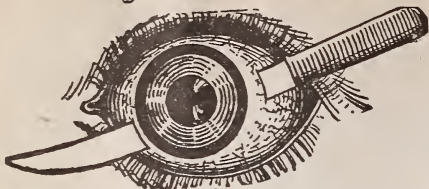
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Sometimes we can look away in the West,  
And it does not seem so far;  
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Sometimes when we look away in the West,  
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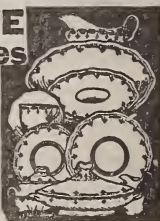
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Mrs. Ida R. Berry.  
Alcorn Co., Miss., Jan. 13, 1903.

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'Twas in those earlier winter days  
When fields are brown,  
When o'er the fretted, frozen ground,  
To cover sleeping roots around,  
Dame Nature's robe cannot be found;  
She holds aloof while Jack Frost plays  
With field and town.

One morn I woke and all the scene was changed—  
No grime was there!  
Thro' all the night a downy coverlet fell,  
Till tree and shrub were covered well,  
The Town woke 'neath enchanter's spell;  
It seemed as if it all had been arranged  
For some affair.

And as I walked down the street  
I noted right,  
How everything so sordid, dirty yesterday  
As if a fairy wand had touched in play,  
And hid the noisome signs away,  
That oft' the thirsty toper's eyes may greet  
From out of sight.

How could one help but think this wise;  
That should the call  
Come to our hearth to leave our sphere  
When Winter ruled "the inverted year,"  
And till the flowers we loved were sere,  
'Twere well that we could look down the skies,  
On earth so beautiful!

And then the news came winging down our way  
From tongue to tongue,  
How in the quiet of the night  
The soul of D. M. Ferry took its flight.  
The one who stood for truth and right,  
From his beloved Town had winged away  
His friends among.

All honor be to him who wished the beautiful  
In town, in park,  
Should not be marred by drunkard's sign.  
O, Temperance yet shall rule benign,  
Like Winter's robe o'er tree and vine,  
For not in vain live men so dutiful—  
They leave their mark!

Ulysses R. Perrine.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25, 1908.

## BIRDS AND CATS.

Mr. Park:—There is too much killing of cats because they are cats, rather than because they eat birds. It is simply an excuse with some people to get rid of their neighbor's pets. I've never been without at least one cat, and we've plenty of birds. I tell you, I've forgotten the taste of cherries off of the tree, on account of the robins. Still, we neither kill the Red Breast nor the cat.  
Mrs. F. Van Fossen.

Tacoma, Wash.

[NOTE.—If a few Russian Mulberry trees were planted with the cherry trees, they would protect the cherries from birds, for the fruit of the mulberry is sweeter and better relished by birds than cherries. The trees grow and bear quickly, started even as seedlings, and the crop is very productive, and never fails.—Ed.]

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Kingsbury, O., Nov. 11, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old, and live on a farm with Grandma. I love flowers, and for pets I have bantams, pigeons and a dog. **Your little friend,**  
Meigs Co., O. **Leona Sargent.**

Dear Mr. Park:—I thank you for having the children's corner in your Magazine, for I love reading. I am nine years old, and am in the fourth grade at school. My teacher's name is Wm. H. Crater. Papa has a shepherd dog named Arnel. We live on a ranch five miles from North Liberty. Papa has twenty-one horses. I have two dolls. **Your little friend,**  
Edith Ziems.  
Saint Joseph Co., Ind., Nov. 4, 1907.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 11 years old, and a lover of flowers and animals. It makes me sad at heart to see dumb animals abused. I love to read the children's letter.—**Delaine James.** Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy of 14 years. Mamma takes your Magazine, and likes it. I love flowers, and will have a garden next summer. I have a pet dog I call Carlo. Mr. Park, I saw in your Magazine that God told us not to eat meat. He did say it, but in Genesis, the ninth chapter and third verse, he tells us that all flesh will be food for us. Do I understand it right?  
**Your friend,**  
Carroll Co., Mo., Oct 15, 1907. **Lee James.**

[Ans.—The first command was given while man was sinless; the latter after man had fallen, after the flood, which left only Noah and his Sons with their families upon the earth. I am not sure but that the use of meat as food was allowed as a curse to mankind. Many persons have to discard its use to promote their health. I believe if we all knew the cruelty and suffering of dumb animals in taking their lives for food, and the filthy and disgusting methods pursued very often by those engaged in that awful business, meat-eating would be far less popular than it is today. Why, my dear boy, the very thought of how poultry and calves, and other animals are slaughtered—the cruelty, prolonged suffering and torture to which they are subjected in order that the meat may be of the "best quality," is sickening to the heart, and after such personal knowledge the meat seems nauseating to me. If anyone doubts let him look it up for himself. As a rule people in the country know but little about this, as the stock is sold on foot. But commercial slaughter-men know too well how truthful this is, and many of them doubtless regret it, and do not stop to consider it. I have no controversy with those who supply us with meat. But I fear that mankind would decrease in numbers if flesh were a necessity, and the supply depended upon my efforts. My energies shall always be given to beautifying the earth and making it more pleasing and enjoyable; to promote the growth and production of vegetation, flowers and fruits and vegetables, to alleviate suffering in its varied forms, and render life more lengthy and happy for both man and beast. "Every man to his trade."—Ed.]

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