

DIRECTORY OF THE FRATERNAL ORDERS LA GRANDE, ORE.

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La Grande Lodge No. 16, meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. Cemetery plot may be seen at Model Restaurant.
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La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m.
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HINTS ABOUT ASTER PLANTS

Through the kindness of Mrs. E. E. BRAGE, The Observer has obtained a little booklet on the care and culture of the aster for the benefit of amateur aster growers. The information contained therein will be of great assistance to those who are growing asters this year, and we take therefrom the following:

The Soil.
The china aster can be made to do well in any ordinary soil, from a light sand to a heavy clay. The ideal soil is a strong loam, well supplied with organic matter and plant food, and retentive of moisture. But any plot that proves to be good soil for the home garden may be depended upon to give good asters. If the soil is not already rich enough, fertility can be furnished in the shape of well rotted manure. If it is mellow and dries out quickly, frequent and thorough tillage will put it in better mechanical condition.

Fertilizers.
Asters seem to do best on soil that has been made rich previous to the year they are grown. To obtain the benefits of stable manure the same year, it should be well rotted and be thoroughly mixed with the soil. If it is difficult to procure well rotted manure it is a good plan to work in a heavy top dressing the previous season; this should be done before the soil gets too cold, or it will not become properly decayed before winter sets in.

If the soil is mellow and holds the moisture well, commercial fertilizers may safely be used. A high-grade complete fertilizer, such as is used by market gardeners, is most suitable. It should contain not less than three and one-half or four per cent of available nitrogen. From five to seven pounds to the square rod may safely be applied. It should be thoroughly raked in, and it would be better to wait until after a rain before planting. More moisture is needed with commercial fertilizers than with stable manure, and we should prefer the latter when it can be obtained.

Manure water, diluted to the color of weak tea, may be applied freely and will cause a strong growth. It may be prepared by putting two bushels of clear stable manure in a cask of water. If convenient, a few quarts of hen manure may be added.

Disbudding.
To secure extra long-stemmed flowers of the branching varieties, pinch out the center bud when the plants begin to branch. Allow about six of the side branches to grow, and keep the lateral buds removed from other branches. The entire strength of the plant is thus given to a half dozen flowers.

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Sowing the Seed.
For sowing inside, use shallow boxes that will hold two and one-half or three inches of soil when filled within half an inch or so from the top. To ordinary garden soil add one-fourth fine well rotted manure and enough sand to keep the soil from becoming hard. Press firmly and evenly. With a piece of lath make shallow marks two inches apart for the seed rows. Sow thinly and cover the surface of box evenly with sand to the depth of one-eighth to one-fourth inch. Again press firmly and shade with a paper until the plants begin to come up. If the soil is moist when the seed is sowed it should need but little water until well up. To avoid damping off and stem rot water thoroughly when necessary and allow the surface to become dry before watering again. Avoid frequent sprinklings and do not water late in the day. The same precautions should be used in coldframes. Give plenty of air when weather conditions permit.

Transplanting.
When the seedlings have made two true leaves they can be pricked off into other boxes or into a coldframe. The soil of the plant box or frame should be as moist as may be without packing, and so that it will not need sprinkling for the first day or two after transplanting. Plants root better if the soil is moist than they do

if it is wet. The plants should have at least an inch in the row and two and one-half inches between the rows, that the surface of the soil may be stirred frequently; this promotes growth and prevents stem rot. If the plants get crowded a second transplanting should be given. When the plants of the extra early varieties get crowded or for any reason get checked in their growth, they begin to form flower buds and further plant growth is stopped. Before planting out they should be well hardened off by removing the sash entirely during the day and by setting the boxes out of doors. Young plants that have been thoroughly hardened will stand frost.

Planting Out.
Plants for early flowers should be put out as soon as soil and weather conditions will permit and before they show a tendency to form flower buds. If possible, plant when the soil is moist, but not wet. Put the plants in rows to facilitate hoeing. If in beds, 10 to 15 inches each way, according to the richness of the soil. Avoid planting where there has been trouble with stem rot or root lice. Asters do not object to partial shade and in such places are less subject to the attacks of certain insects.

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