



### GARDEN STYLES FOR THE SEASON

#### What the Well-Dressed Home Will Wear During This Spring

One hardly realizes the changes in styles that take place from day to day.

Although we may not realize it, styles change in gardening as in anything else, and the pictures of grounds in a garden magazine of twenty years ago look greatly unlike those being planted today.

Some of you may remember the time when it was "the thing" to have a cast iron deer in the front yard, and flower beds of various shapes were considered the last

word. Of course, these are passed to the boundary lines. The foundations are softened with evergreens and shrubbery and the back yard is made as attractive as possible.

Today it is the fashion to have open lawns with plantings related to the boundary lines. The foundations are softened with evergreens and shrubbery and the back yard is made as attractive as possible.

Naturally, you want your home grounds to appear to the best advantage for the passerby judges your home by the way the grounds are planted and cared for. Every one admires a well-planted home.

How to Plan This is easier than you may think. There is an abundance of available information that is yours for the asking. The first step is to make a plan—a picture of your future garden. You may not know how to sketch, but try it anyhow. Put something down on a piece of

paper to represent the picture in your mind of what your home grounds should be. You may know little or much of the rules that govern garden design, although they are much the same as those that govern all artistic arrangements, including the arrangement of furniture and furnishings in your living room.

However, much or little you may know, an attempt to visualize your garden on paper will help immeasurably in securing satisfactory results.

If you want to work out a sketch of your own, a piece of paper, a sharp pencil and a ruler are the only tools required. Draw a rectangle representing the shape and size of your property, and on it locate the first floor plan of your house, the garage and any other permanent features.

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### Improvement Gossip

The work on the new highway shop building by J. G. Giehlhuber is progressing and the building is now ready for the roof.

**Completes Roof—** Composition shingle roofs have been put on residences at 1202 Tenth avenue and 1393 V avenue by C. Hildebrand.

**Working on Store Front—** H. P. Nielsen, contractor, is working on the new front to the Bohnenkamp Hardware store. It will be finished within the next two weeks, he expects.

**Still Working—** W. R. Volder has been doing repair work on the La Grande Grocery company store roof, on the Frank Robinson residence and on the radio station at the air field.

**Decorating—** The Bugg Paint company is decorating the new grill to be opened by Del Hudspeth in the Foley hotel building.

Chicago is merely suffering with growing pains, says Secretary of War Good. Couldn't they also be called shooting pains?

### Plumbing Bill But 9.9 Pct. Of Price Of Home

Builders have found that the cost of plumbing fixtures and installation is 9.9 per cent of the total cost of a home.

The cost of the heating plant and its installation in the average home is 8.3 per cent.

Thus the total cost of these two items is less than 20 per cent of the price the owner pays for his home. In view of his comparatively low cost and the importance of plumbing and heating, the home builder should not try to cut down on these items. It is pointed out by builders. If he does try to cut down, it is likely that he will have to spend money on repairs in a few years.

**Quality Cuts Upkeep Cost** Considering that such important basic features of the home may be had for such a small part of the total cost, the 18.2 cents should not be cut down and should be made to buy the best quality available.

Plumbing repairs are among the most inconvenient operations required for the upkeep of a home that has been unwisely planned. If the roof leaks, a bundle of roofing material and a few hours of carpenter labor are, likely, all that will be needed to make things right. If cheap hardware has been

used, it may be replaced with little nuisance and cost. Even if a poor job of plastering has been done, it can be fixed without disturbing the whole household.

But if inferior plumbing fixtures are installed by an irresponsible plumber, sooner or later they will break down under the strain of daily use. Not only will the fixtures have to be replaced. It also will be necessary to go into the walls to make changes in the fittings. This may necessitate tearing out the tiling or flooring. All this requires labor and time, and it is disastrous to the routine of the family.

First cost is last cost if excellent plumbing accessories and fittings are bought and installed by a reputable plumbing and heating contractor and dealer. With wise selection, the 9.9 cents of the building dollar allotted for plumbing will buy beauty, permanence and satisfactory performance of the most vital functions of a home.

**Come Again, Ben**

It was old Ben Franklin who, arguing the policy of letting others talk as "the wit of conversation," said, "He who goes out of your company pleased with his own foolishness and ingenuity will the sooner come into it again." And that's one point on which we never agree with Franklin. When anyone monopolizes conversation we don't want him to come back into our company again.

**Character**

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### Hard Tests In College Show How Wood Wears

ITHACA, N. Y. (AP)—The wearing qualities of certain woods for furniture and other household uses are under investigation in the department of forestry in the New York state college of agriculture at Cornell university.

A series of woods from tropical countries has been put through tests more severe than the wear and tear of actual use. Samples were immersed in water and then dried at a uniform heat to learn how much they would expand and contract.

It was found that in some woods a board 10 inches wide might swell and shrink as much as one-half inch in width; other woods, better adapted for furniture use, were found to be virtually constant.

Hardness, the degree to which, for example, the furniture will dent when the baby bangs it with toys, is studied by forcing a steel ball about half an inch in diameter into the wood to half the size of the ball.

The pressure necessary to do this is recorded in pounds per square inch. Hardness of tropical woods ranged from 250 to 1,815 pounds, which means that some were four times harder than others. American white oak about equals the maximum of these tropical woods.

Compression strength, obtained by crushing a block of wood, gave ranges from 3,000 to 8,000 pounds. Tensile strength, taken as the breaking point when wood was bent, registered 7,300 to 13,500 pounds. The lower figure is about the same as for American native white oak.

Colonel Lindbergh has changed his "I have nothing to say" policy toward reporters. The other day he told a reporter, "I haven't anything to say."