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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

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Time for gardening is nearly at hand, and it is well to make the proper preparations. One of the very first requisites for successful gardening, is good soil. Poor soils can be improved by manuring. Well rotted manure of any kind is better than fresh. If, however, the former cannot be obtained, any kind may be used. Refuse from a chicken-coop, or the scraping from a cow-yard, are very good. Fresh horse manure is not good, as it generates too much heat and rots slowly. If fresh manure must be used, mix it well with the soil, adding sharp sand to it, and it will make a good bed. In most of our clay soils it is safe to add a bushel of sand and a large wheelbarrow load of manure to a bed of 4 x 15 feet. A good compost for next year can be made of one part sand, (plastering sand is best), two parts manure and three parts sod. Mix it twice through the summer and keep moist, adding ashes and any other offal.

In sowing flower seeds for the summer, we must not plant all kinds at once; some should not be sown till the ground is thoroughly warm. We start first with Pansy, Mignonette, Sweet Pea, Snap Dragon and Larkspur. Dahlias may be set out early; put them deep enough, so that four inches of earth is over the top,—thus we have them in bloom by 1st of July. After these, when the ground is a little warmer, sow Verbenas, Petunias, Ten Weeks Stocks and Portulaca.

About 1st of April we sow Asters, Zinnias, Phlox Drummondii, Balsams, and last of all Everlastings; these are all summer plants or annuals. Those that bloom only the second year, (Biennials) can be sown at any time of late spring. Amongst these we name Columbine, Carnation Pinks, Campanulas, Sweet William, Wall-flower, and others. Cover all seeds lightly; there are more seeds lost by too deep covering than any other cause. Should, however, a cold rain of several days follow immediately after sowing, we are almost sure to loose most of our finer seeds; it is therefore wise to sow half the package first, and the other half eight or ten days after. Pansy, Asters, Verbenas, Petunias, Zinnias, Phlox and Everlastings, can be raised in a box set in a warm place indoors, and then transplanted; most of the others do not transplant well.

In sowing and planting flowers we look, of course, for the best effect, and that we can make by sowing seeds of one color in a bed or clump. A bed of scarlet Verbena gives a greater show than a mixed one, and so with all flowers. Try it once, even if only on a small scale.

Most house plants do well planted out, and make a fine show all summer. In the fall they can be planted in the same pots, by pruning tops and roots, and it, the planting out, gives them a new lease on life. All the Geraniums, single and double, variegated or plain, make fine bedders, that is plant out well, and bloom abundantly all summer. Lantanas make beautiful garden plants. Fuchsias and Lady Washington Geraniums, if planted out, must have shade against the noon sun.

We are frequently asked which are the best flowering shrubs to set out. I will give twelve of the best, such as can be had at most the Florists in or about Portland. Add time of blooming and common height:

1. Snowball, April, 5 feet; 2-3, Purple and White Lilac, April, 5 feet; 4, Deutzia Gracilis, May, 2 feet; 5, Japan Quince, March, 4 feet; 6, Deutzia Crenata, double,

May, 3 feet; 7, Weigela Rosea, April, 5 feet; 8, Flowering Almond, April, 3 feet 1 inch; 9, Plum-leaved Spirea or Bridal Wreath, 6 feet, March; 10, Spirea Revisi, double, white, nearly evergreen, 4 feet, May; 11, Purple Berberry, 6 feet, purple leaves and red berries all winter; 12, Ornamented Thorn, 6 feet, bunches of red berries all winter.

Six best hardy garden roses:
Mad. La Fay, pink red; Aimy Vibert, pure white; Giant of Battles, dark; General Washington, dark rose; Hermosa, rosy; L. Patrizzi, dark velvety.

Twelve hardy plants:
Tree Peonia, White Peonia, Old Crimson Peonia, Lily of the Valley, Golden Banded Lily, Double White Primrose, Pansy, Tritoma, Double White Lichinis, Bleeding Heart, Chrysanthemums, Plumbago, blue creeping.

All these shrubs and plants named are hardy, and give good satisfaction. There are many other shrubs, roses, border plants, lilies and bulbs, but the above will make a fine show, at reasonable prices.

Shrubs, roses and herbaceous plants, that have stood two or more years in the same place, should have a shovel-full or two of manure spaded in about them, shaping them into form by cutting out some and tying out other branches.

KEEP YOUR MONEY IN OREGON.

Among other things that Oregon needs besides immigration, is the keeping of money made within its boundaries at home, here, where it belongs. In early days, this State was kept poor by the fact that people came here only to make money, then to return to the States, taking with them every dollar of their wealth;—and it is only lately that some of our oldest residents have at last concluded to make Oregon their future home, and those who came among us have any idea of becoming permanent settlers. Others who amassed large fortunes in legitimate vocations have gambled them away in the stock markets of San Francisco, or squandered them in riotous living in some of the cities of the East. All these things of course had a tendency to keep this, a young State, in comparative poverty, but now that we are well under way, and with people of means domiciled among us, we look for something different,—we want to see the money made in this State invested in this State, and not sent away to other States and foreign countries for business ventures. Surely if the dollars can be made here in the first place, does it not stand to reason that this is the proper place to keep them? There is nothing which so impoverishes a new State as the constant drawing off of its life-blood for the benefit of others. Oregon is like a great warehouse feeding the capitalists, but never receiving anything in return.

The money which is sent to the San Francisco banks by many of our business men, if used here as used there, in manufacturing and other enterprises, would not only enrich them and the State, but make them blessings instead of curses to the community. It is self-evident that wherever capital is unlocked and used, laborers, mechanics, farmers and business men crowd in, and by their very presence increase the capitalist's pelf and the monetary standing of the entire commonwealth.

If the San Francisco and foreign banks can use Oregon's money to such an advantage as to be able to pay a round percentage, why can't our capitalists do as well by investing it similarly here, in railroads, steamboats, or manufactories? Upon what meat does this our California feed that she should produce the only men with brains enough to make money with money?

We frequently read of how the Chinese are ruining the country by sending all their money to the Celestial Kingdom, but fail to see any difference between this practice of the Mongolians and precisely the same

thing among the Caucasians. In our eyes the one is as much a "Chinaman" as the other.

Stephen Girard is credited with saying that after the first ten thousand dollars are made, money-making becomes an easy pastime. How is it then that the people who are able to make money here out of nothing, who have according to Girard gone through the hardest part of the fight, should so abjectly publish their inability to enter into undertakings, beneficial to themselves and their fellow-men, by shipping off their hard-earned dollars to afford an easy "pastime" to foreign business men.—*Oregon City Enterprise.*

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CLEANING PRINTED SHEETS.

A method recommended by a foreign contemporary for cleaning printed matter and engravings consists in fastening the sheets to a board by broad-headed tacks, and washing it with clean water, to which a slight percentage of carbonate of ammonia has been added. This process must be conducted very carefully with a soft brush. The paper is then to be rinsed off with water, and the operation repeated on the back side as soon as it is dried. It is then to be moistened with water acidulated with pure wine vinegar, and again washed with water, to which a little chloride of lime has been added. Finally, it is washed off again and dried in the air by sunlight. In this way it becomes extremely white without any injury to the impression. Some valuable engravings have, it is said, been completely restored by this method.

MAKING A FIRE.—A Danbury man put a pair of nine dollar shoes in the stove oven to dry the other day. There was not much fire in the stove and so he closed the oven door. The next morning he built the fire without the thought of the shoes, and it was not until an hour later that they occurred to him. They were ruined then. The soles were turned up in a playful manner, and uppers resembled somewhat the coast of Maine. He didn't say a word. Sadly and silently he was removing them with a shovel, when his wife came in and saw with a glance what had happened.

"Well, that's just like a man!" she discreetly exclaimed. "Why didn't you have sense enough to look into the oven before you started the fire?"

He hadn't said a single word of his loss, but now he spoke:

"Gush dum my eyes if I'll ever build another fire."

And he is keeping his word. When will a woman learn wisdom?—*Danbury News.*

The WEST SHORE for February, is an improvement on any previous number, and the publisher deserves credit for his enterprise. Oregon should be proud of her illustrated paper, and every one of her citizens should help to sustain it.—*Dallas Itemizer.*



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