

PEARLY EVERLASTING

THE NAME EVERLASTING is applied to many plants of different species and of different genera. The strawflowers commonly sold in bouquets at roadside stands in the West belong to the genus *Helichrysum* and are not too closely related to our subject here considered. *Helichrysum* is a native of Australia which has become established in America, Europe, Africa and Asia. *Helichrysum* is a native of Australia which has become established in America, Europe, Africa and Asia. *Helichrysum* is a native of Australia which has become established in America, Europe, Africa and Asia. *Helichrysum* is a native of Australia which has become established in America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

The Pearly Everlasting grows to a height of about 3 feet with the stem rather well branched in its upper leaves. These leaves



Pearly Everlasting
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are about 1/3 inch wide and to 5 inches long. Their margins are incurved and the lower surfaces are lighter in color and more heavily downy than are the upper surfaces.

The flowers appear in numerous crowded heads grouped into compact, flat-topped clusters that may be to 8 inches across. The individual heads are about 1/3 inch across with the outer bracts short and pearly white. The pistils occur in tubular flowers and the stamens in narrow flowers both of which are usually to be found in the same head. The flowers are mature from July through September but may appear to be virile long after the regular flowering period. The stems are substantial and may hold the flowers erect on into the winter or if picked and put into a vase they do not wilt easily but continue to appear as though they were fresh.

Pearly Everlasting has been grown in gardens as an ornamen-

tal and in this capacity provides an attractive cover and requires little attention. Furthermore it does well on poor soil and may survive where more exacting plants could not. The plants are often found as about the last survivors of some garden that marks the site of an abandoned house. Sometimes they are found in cemeteries but more commonly they grow in poor pasture lands that have not been disturbed for a long time.

This plant cannot withstand cultivation and so it is simple to control it in pastures that are part of a managed cycle calling for cultivation at intervals. Particularly it is sometimes considered a weed but a number of plants bear these names. Such plants may form indigestible cuds in cattle and may cause trouble sometimes. Besides controlling the plant by cultivation it has been suggested that close cutting or spraying with sodium chlorate gives effective control.

While we do not find the plant listed as edible or as poisonous, we do find that it has gained public recognition probably as an ornamental and it has many common names such as Moonshine Button, Silver Leaf, Poverty Weed and Cotton Weed.

The W. L. Crissy family spent their Christmas at home after having spent some time in Seattle and then going back to Portland when Miss Rose Baumgarten became ill. She is now recovering nicely and enjoying the holidays at home.

STEER OF THE YEAR



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