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THE REVIVAL OF HEATH.

This Old Favorite Is Now a Popular Christmas and Easter Plant.

The Erica or heath family has lately come into very general popularity as interior decorative plants, being widely grown for both the Christmas and the Easter pot plant market.

The winter heath (Erica hyemalis) is well known for its delicate beauty, its pink and white blossoms being very abundant. But it is not so easy to manage as some other plants, and it is to be feared that many of the beautiful specimens of this Erica sold soon die or at least become too unhealthy to blossom again.

Although heaths enjoy a little warmth in winter, it must be accompanied by moisture or it is fatal to them.

Plenty of tepid water is necessary for heaths at all times, and faded flowers should be carefully cut off after cutting back the fresh growth to within three or four inches of their base. If kept moist and warm, the heath will quickly throw out fresh shoots, and the plant should be repotted as soon as these are half an inch in length. Ample drainage and fibrous peat, with silver sand and powdered charcoal, will suit this plant, and the soil must be made extremely firm between the ball of roots and the clean pot, allowing about half an inch between the two.

In June it can be placed in the open air, the pot being sunk to the rim in coal ashes. Taken into the conservatory in the fall, it will be found to be covered with buds, which will open from Christmas time to February, according to the temperature kept up.

Erica Wilmorei is a variety that may be flowered later, especially in March or April or about Eastertide.

Raspberries in Winter.

Our wild raspberries (black and red) usually withstand the winters without tending or protection, but they sometimes "kill back" a foot or more—natural pruning to prevent overproduction perhaps. During mild winters they often become so heavily coated with ice or sleet that they break in the place where the bend is shortest, on strong canes high and on weak ones low.

Cultivated roots hereabout are carefully staked and wired. Blackcaps are usually grown in clumps which have a strong stake firmly driven into the center and the canes loosely tied with binder twine. The twine will last but one year. This will insure annual attention.

Red raspberries are grown in rows and loosely tied to wires, which are held in place by stakes or posts at intervals of about 12 feet. Two runs of wires are most commonly used, the lower about two feet from the ground and the upper one 1 1/2 or 2 feet higher, and the canes are not allowed to extend more than one foot above the top wire.

Varieties of the Columbian class are treated the same as red ones, but are given more room. Three wires are used and are spaced so that they have a height of about five feet.

Where raspberries are grown in large quantities for evaporation in western New York neither stakes nor wires are used as supports, says a New York fruit grower in American Gardening.

Smyrna Fig in America.

The insect which fertilizes the Smyrna fig was successfully carried through last winter in California, and during the summer it was cared for with such good results that in one locality in California more than six tons of Smyrna figs of the highest grade of excellence were produced and packed. Down to the present time the Smyrna fig has had a practical monopoly of the dried fig market of the world. None had been successfully grown in America. It has been estimated that the value of the Smyrna fig industry to California will not be less than \$1,000,000 annually.

Timid Woman, Callous Brute.

There is an F street real estate man whose pretty home is in one of the pleasantest streets in the older part of town. He is just an ordinary man, with no particular sympathy for the fears of nervous women; he has been married 15 years, and his wife is one of those women who fairly revel in all sorts of painful imaginings and frightful forebodings. She always makes her will when she starts on a journey, and she never fails to forgive all her enemies before she treats herself behind any kind of a horse. There has not been a night in all the 15 years of her married life that she hasn't either smelled smoke or heard burglars. Last week, in the middle of one night, the husband felt the familiar pinch which for 15 years has enlivened his arm. He heard the familiar voice say the same old words:

"Oh, Charles! Do get up! I smell smoke!"

As usual, for after 15 years of that sort of thing even an ordinary man learns not to argue with a woman, he climbed obediently out of bed and went to the window. The street below was full of people, and a fire engine was puffing a way at the corner.

"Oh, Charles!" called the wife. "Is the house on fire?"

Fifteen years have made Charles' feelings as callous as his arm.

"Yes," said he brutally; "thank goodness the house is on fire at last. Now perhaps you'll stop worrying."—Washington Post.

Daniel O'Connell's Fees.

In the National Library of Ireland is the fee book of Daniel O'Connell. This volume, in its 100 pages or so of parallel columns, laboriously prepared by the hand of the liberator himself, shows in pounds, shillings and pence his early struggles. O'Connell was called to the Irish bar in 1798—the year of the rebellion—and seven days later he got his first brief, from a brother-in-law, who retained him to draft a declaration on a promissory note. The only other business he got that year was also given him by a kinsman—a cousin—and it was of the same kind. The fee on each occasion was £1 2s. 9d. It was in one of his earliest cases that O'Connell made the retort that attracted attention to him. He was cross-examining an awkward witness, who declared that he had drunk nothing but his share of a pint of whisky. "On your oath, now," thundered the young counsel, "was not your share all but the pewter?"

O'Connell's fee book is an interesting record of his rapid rise in the profession. For the first year, as we have seen, his income amounted to only £2 5s. 6d. Near year he earned over £50, and the year after he made over £400. According to memoranda made in his own handwriting his income in 1803 was £495, and in the following years, £775, £840, £1,077, £1,713, £2,198, £2,736, £2,951, £3,017 and £3,808 respectively.

Anticipated.

He was a Scotch minister in a small country parish, and he was sometimes put to it for fresh pasture wherewith to feed his flock. One day, however, he thought himself that he had never thoroughly exhausted the subject of Jonah, and his heart rejoiced. Jonah and the whale was a sort of thing whereby you could easily drag out a sermon its allotted two hours. He was in full career and had reached triumphantly the anatomical peculiarities of the case.

"An what feesh do ye think it wad be?" he cried in stentorian tones. "Aiblins ye think it wad be a haddie? Na, na. It could nae be a haddie for to tak a big mon like yon in his belly. Aweel, aiblins ye think it wad be a salmon, but I tell ye na, na. It wad na be a salmon, for deed I doubt if they ever see salmon yonder. Aweel, aiblins ye're thinking it wad be a big cod!"

Here an aged and weary voice piped up from the body of the church: "Aiblins it wad be a whale?"

"An the deil bae ye, Maggie Macfarlane, for takin the word out o' the mouth o' God's meenister!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Condensed Reproof.

Occasionally there is to be found a proprietor of a secondhand bookstore who is something more than the nature of his business would seem to indicate. He regards his old and rare volumes rather as a collection than a stock of goods and experiences a pang when he parts with one.

A flippant young man dropped into a secondhand bookstore kept by a man of this kind.

Taking down several choice old books from the shelves, he fingered them carelessly and replaced them. They happened to treat of abstruse subjects and did not appeal to him.

"Are any of these books for hire?" he asked carelessly.

"No, young man," sharply answered the proprietor. "They are for lore."—St. Louis Republic.

Fires in New York.

Fires in all parts of New York city are most common between 8 and 9 p. m. and are least common between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. Between 5 and 6 in the morning there are very few fires; between 6 and 7 there are the fewest, but after 7 o'clock the number steadily increases until 9 o'clock at night, when a rapid diminution begins, the increase being again resumed at 7 o'clock.—New York Sun.

One Man to Be Saved.

"I have determined," said the sweet young thing, "to devote myself to the cause of temperance."

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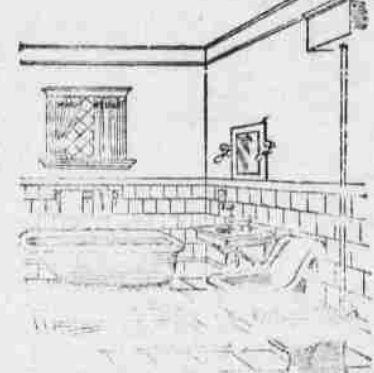
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