

SOME AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS PROVE TO BE SURPRISING TO MARGOT ASQUITH

Good Feeling Between America and Great Britain Declared to Be Vital to Peace of World, and, Though Some Things Are Strange, Victor Finds Much to Admire Here.



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I F I were to finish this record of my impressions of America with out criticism, it might be said that these pages should not have been called 'Impressions' but 'Experiences'...

It must be said that American architecture, regulations of street traffic, arrangement of flower shops, plumbers and telephone service are infinitely superior to our own...

I met and conversed with senators and negroes, farmers and reporters, judges and preachers, hotel proprietors, mayors, solicitors, soldiers, doctors, men of science and commerce, and a few of both the fashionable and the less so.

careful criticism upon art, music or international affairs. The papers are likely, too, to give their readers the wrong impression of one's attitude on various things. For instance, in Indianapolis I was surprised to see in the papers that I had said among other things that in Scotland we were not only highly educated, but able to study in our schools both the French and the Spanish languages...

During this experience there are certain things I observed that I shall take the risk of writing down. I have spoken before of the American interest in trivial things. Questions asked me at my lectures and in letters emphasized the importance placed on such minutiae as 'Princess Mary's lingerie' and on intimate details of the mode of life of the aristocracy.

If these letters and questions had been merely the cackle of the common feminine gossamer who like writing to an advertised person I would have despised them. But they were sometimes signed by men and often expressed the opinions of important local editors.

One night after was in bed, having had a long talk with an intellectual reporter upon the death of great literature in his country. He rang me up to tell me that he was annoyed that he had not brought back an accurate description of my clothes.

(although he had been by my other three in New York) because he feared the daughter of a friend of his was dying. She was a little girl, but he had not seen her for several weeks before. Her mother had given her the only stimulant they had in the house, since the mother had died from blood poisoning and was lying in a critical condition.

I told him I had heard the same complaint wherever I had been, and while sympathizing deeply with him, I feared I could do no more, as I had dead freely and at length upon the subject.

As Nelson Cromwell, who introduced me, is a fluent orator and had a great deal to say, while paying tribute to my husband, and knowing that I was to hold a reception afterward, I cut my lecture as short as I could.

Good Feeling is Wanted. I told them what I had observed at the Niagara falls, and spoke of the exaggerated belief in America in commercial success; and the dangerous self-interest and lack of leisure which was encouraging not only materialism but every nation to materialism.

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Many were the suggestions I received as to subjects for my talks. 'Fifteen Minutes'—'Short Skirts'—'Women Smoking'—that was the sort of thing that the audience wanted to hear about.

Another 30-cent call to the East Lynwood dentist! 'Dear, it's an imposition,' flamed Helen while Carrie hurried into the library.

'Here, don't you two start squabbling,' cut in Warren. 'When that seed catalogue came the other day? I said we'd save it for you.' Helen produced it from under a pile of magazines.

Waters for Home and Garden

BY A GARDEN GROWER.

THE rose show at the armory was the big floral event of last week and while it was larger than last year's show it came a week too late to fit the majority of the gardens of the city.

The annual allotment for the rose show has been cut down to a mere pittance and yet the tiny handful of growers have struggled along doing the best they can without the support they deserve.

Experience is the best teacher, and with such a force back of them as the horticultural societies and the organization can be formed that will make future district displays just what the show committee seeks.

Portland's annual rose show is an event of sufficient importance and interest to warrant a more permanent display and the exhibit of the bureau of parks were artistic and well staged.

Seattle by its exhibit has shown the beauty and variety of roses in the Pacific Northwest and that they will gain them unless Portland makes a greater effort than they have done for several years.

With the idea of following out their motto of 'service,' the Rotary club has arranged for the distribution of roses on a well-organized basis and the collection and distribution was in charge of Channing Schenck.



The progress made in many gardens in that section, for while it is a new district and not favored with good soil, there have been a few successes and there are now many fine gardens in that section, which are deserving of more detailed observation than can be given from passing in an automobile.

On the way to Westover terraces, as you go along Cornell road, there is presented to you a continuous floral picture. The hedge of Grus au Tepitz roses in front of Henry Hahn's residence is particularly striking and is different from the usual hedge of the city.

The terrace of the home of Kenneth Hauser is a riot of fine shrubs and contains many fine specimens. The garden is a real home and attractive. He has a wealth of material and with little study could use it in a more attractive manner.

Quite a large section of the hillside about a roberia and giving it at the next terrace is a great spread of Silver Moon roses, probably the finest specimen of that variety in Portland.

Now is the time to start perennial seeds if you want blooming plants next year. The best way to collect seeds from such plants as have been blooming and which you have allowed to go to seed you can get a lot of seeds for a little effort.

The department of agriculture has issued a bulletin containing descriptions of 285 plants from more than 30 countries which have been found lately by the explorer of the department and sent home for experimental work.

Problems of the Garden.

Will you please tell me on what mountains rhododendrons grow, and are they the same color as are those different colors?

Answer: Rhododendrons grow at a great many places in both the Coast and Cascade ranges of mountains, there being quite extensive sections on the way to Government Hill. These are a slight variation in color in the wild, or native rhododendrons, while in the cultivated varieties you can get a wide variety of colors.

Also, why does some of the buds seem to be in bud when they were in bud? They seemed healthy until the bud curled down and withered away. Late buds seemed especially affected, obtaining only four blooms out of a dozen.

To whom can I send a blossom for identification? I have a bush which I cannot find anyone who has ever seen it before. It developed from a tiny seedling, evidently dropped by a bird, as it grew and developed in a tub buried in the earth where there had been nothing planted but the soil was rich.

Answer: Regarding your problem as to why buds were not tight after they were in bud. They seemed healthy until the bud curled down and withered away. Late buds seemed especially affected, obtaining only four blooms out of a dozen.

Answer: The one you sent me stamped envelope I have sent you the names of several producers of astilbes. I agree with you that the books you mentioned are well worth reading by every gardener.

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