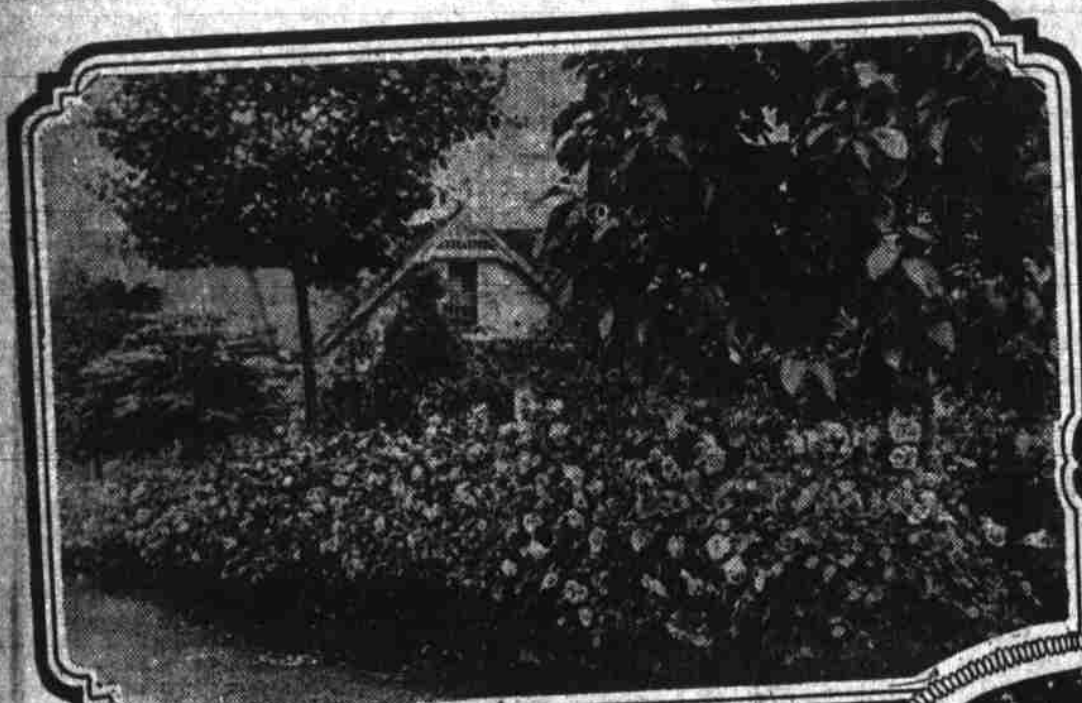


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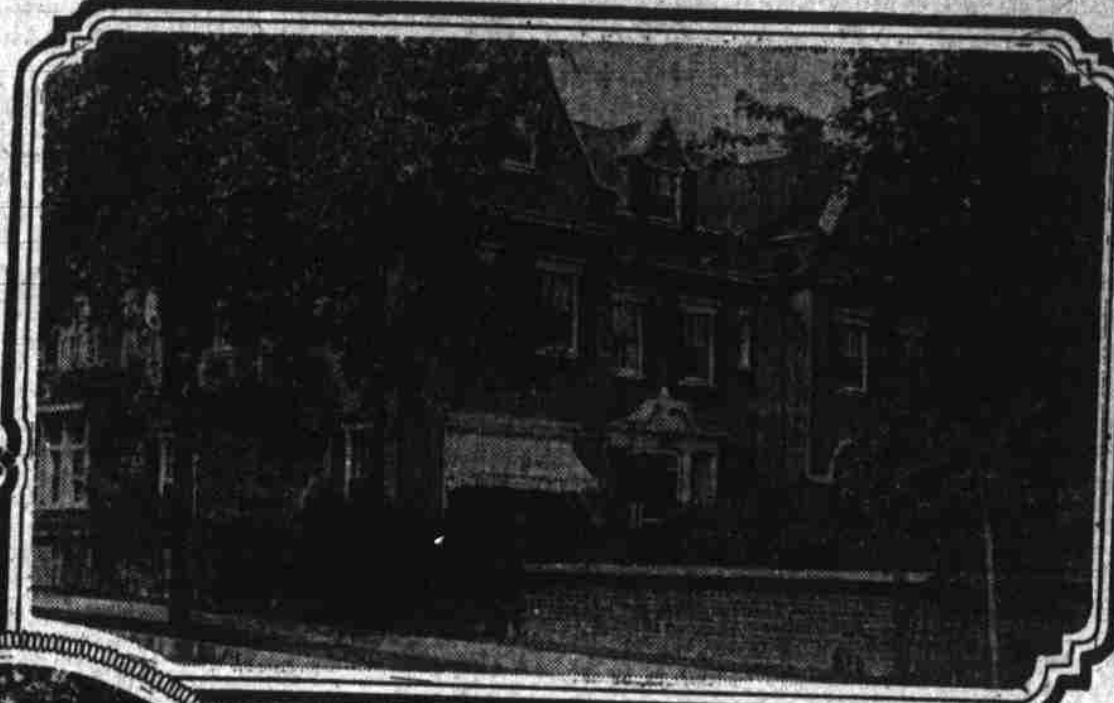
## SWEET PEAS—THEIR PLANTING AND CARE

### THE HOME BEAUTIFUL—A PROBLEM IN LANDSCAPE GARDENING

Approach of Spring Turns Householder's Thoughts Towards Most Practical Means of Improving the Appearance of His Home—With Roses in Bush, Hedge and Vine, Flowering Shrubs of Many Varieties, and Many Flowers He Does Not Want for Material.



ROSE HEDGE IN BLOOM



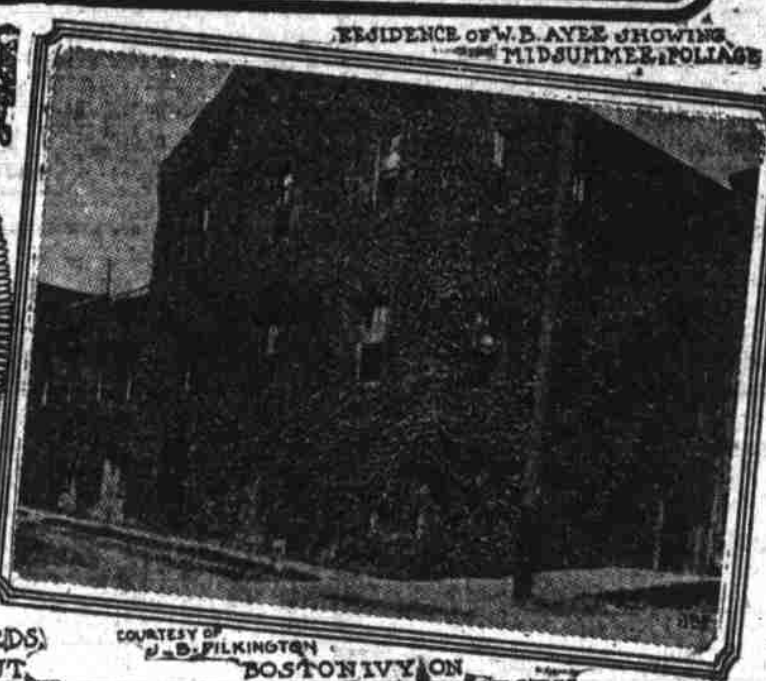
RESIDENCE OF W. B. AYER SHOWING HEDGE IN MIDSUMMER FOLIAGE



HYDRANGEA ON PORTLAND LAWN



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There were approximately 3500 residences erected in Portland during 1910. Practically all of these homes are occupied, most of them by owners. They are now confronted with the problem of how to make the property adjacent to each house attractive. In many cases the lots were graded and lawns prepared last

season, which this year will present a satisfactory appearance. The second season, however, dictates that some study shall be given landscape gardening. If the best possible "home beautiful" effects are to be secured.

In the matter of landscape gardening Nature has been more generous to Portland and its environs than to many other districts throughout the country. Warm, wet winters and early springs allow the cultivator to perfection of many beautiful shrubs and flowers, too delicate to withstand the hardy winters of the east.

No matter how small or unpretentious a home, its appearance can be made infinitely more attractive if the ground around it is well cared for. It matters not the size or extent of a yard; none is too small that a well chosen vine or shrub or a flower bed will not improve it. And of course the larger the yard, the more opportunities exist for the landscape artist. But in any event the cost of such improvement if

made with taste is insignificant in comparison with the results. It is to the rose that each Portland householder must do homage in acknowledging the most attractive landscape feature. Portland's fame as the Rose City comes from the fullness of bloom reached by the several hundred varieties of roses that thrive here the year round. Roses on bush, on hedge, and on vine make Portland one of the most beautiful cities in the country and a source of envy everywhere.

**The Real Thing in Atmosphere.**  
From Puck.  
The aviator (during somnambulism)—  
"See, but it's chilly! I must be up seven thousand feet early!"  
"We have no peasantry in America."  
"True; and it's a pity we haven't."  
"We wear such picturesque hats."

Sweet peas are among the prettiest and sweetest flowers and can be easily grown if care is taken in selecting the seed and preparing the soil. The first thing to consider is good, fresh seed. After choosing the location, dig a pit from 12 to 15 inches deep. Plant the seeds in rows—double rows are preferable about two inches apart—and cover them with two or three inches of soil, free from lumps. The pit should be left open until the plant comes up, and filled up gradually as it grows. In this way, a long, strong root is developed. This is necessary to make a hearty plant that can withstand the summer heat. If the weather should be severe when the young plant first comes up, the pit should be partly filled with dry leaves to protect the tender vine until warmer days appear. For convenience and beauty, different varieties should not be mixed. The rows should be about two and one half feet apart for convenience in cultivation. They do not require much cultivation, but should be kept free of weeds. They do need plenty of sunshine.

Sweet peas are slow to germinate. If planted late, they should be soaked in warm water. With proper care, they will develop into pretty vines from seven to eight feet high. These vines should be supported with brush or a trellis. Keep the blooms picked and the vines will be a mass of flowers from June to October.

Sweet peas are useful as well as ornamental. If you desire a pretty border for your flower garden, or wish to hide some defects in the garden fence or porch trellis, there is no prettier or more appropriate decoration.

### HOW TO PREPARE ASPARAGUS BED

The first and most important feature in a good permanent asparagus bed is having a piece of good soil, naturally well drained and handy to the house. It should be the best spot in the garden.

Make your soil as rich as you can with thoroughly rotted manure, and set out 3-year-old plants so that the crown is just below the surface. Have the roots of each plant well spread out and cover lightly with the richest dirt you can find, or if you are in no hurry for results you can plant the seed either in a bed to be transplanted or where they will remain in the bed.

If you plant 3-year-old roots you can cut some asparagus the next season if you are in a hurry, but it is better not to. Enough space must be left between the rows to cultivate and walk in when cutting the roots in the spring.

But I would not stop at merely making a bed or two. If you have some high land along fence rows where there is space enough for something to grow scatter some seed, and the chance is that in a few years you will be getting as much asparagus from these out of the way places as from the beds that you cultivate and to which you pay special attention.

### QUICK RESULTS IN RENTER'S GARDEN

Back Yard May be Made Into Place of Delight in Single Season.

From the Garden Magazine.  
Have an annual garden. If you are not sure that you will occupy the same rented place another summer. Say it is a typical city back yard that is available, and one divided into unequal parts by a walk leading from the house to the back fence or alley gate, you can handle it thus: Next to the house, on the wider part, measure off a square the full width from the walk to the side fence. Divide this square into a central round bed and four corner ones with the sides facing the central bed. Sow the remainder of that plot to grass and lay out the narrow side of the yard in rectangular beds. Have just enough paths to bring the flowers within easy reach.

nure as may be available; and if none is to be had, spade the ground all the more thoroughly. Almost any soil will grow annuals, provided it is sufficiently worked.

Hide the fences and shut out buildings as much as possible, and for this morning glories are excellent. In fair soil they will quickly grow as high as eight feet, and when sown thickly afford an abundance of foliage. With Tom Thumb nasturtiums at the base, these are as effective an annual treatment for a tight back fence as there is. The wild cucumber vine is hardy to be recommended; it soon gets unkempt and yellow. Along a picket fence sweet peas do fairly well.

The treatment of the geometric design must be simple to be really effective. In the central bed plant cannas, edged with either lobellias or sweet alyssum. Castor beans may take the place of cannas for a bolder effect. By far the most artistic way to treat the corner beds is to sow the same variety of flower in each. This provides not only harmonious massed color, but uniform height, which should not run over two feet. Fatsias give white and crimson until frost; nasturtiums have fine yellow, salmon and red shades, but if already used as a border it is just as well not to repeat; ageratum is a good blue, and Drummond's phlox is a free bloomer with many tones. Aside from annuals, geraniums are always good bedders, though expensive as compared with seeds. They may be used for the triangular beds to fill the middle one instead of cannas or castor beans. As for the bit of lawn, this may be

converted from spaded ground into a sheet of green almost within a month, though a good lawn is really a matter of years. White clover makes a fair lawn, germinates quickly (especially if soaked for a few hours in luke-warm water,) and when carefully sown a pound of seed will cover a considerable space. I have achieved a tolerable sod with a plentiful sowing of the sweepings from a hay loft. A sod, however inferior, is quite an addition to any garden, yet there are other uses to which this plot of ground might be put. Asters might be grown, for instance. These sown thickly and thinned out properly will yield a profusion of bloom from which even a slight financial return may be derived. I doubt if there is any town with ten thousand inhabitants or more where such flowers

would not find a ready sale at 75 cents a dozen, and the number of dozen that one can cut from a fair sized bed is really astonishing. I have in mind a woman who made a neat little sum from an aster bed in a weed grown lot next the house she was renting.

The rectangular beds should be filled with such flowers as fancy dictates. For the best effect, put the lower growing flowers near the house. Have a bench, or make some other provision, for whatever foliage plans have been growing indoors. Along the alley fence sow a row of sunflowers.

This renter's annual garden is feasible, because it has been done, not once, but many times, and worth while because the results of all the work will be evident within the year.

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