

AN ELOQUENT PLEA FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE LOVELY IRIS

Col. E. Hofer Sings the Praises of the Poor Man's Orchids, and He Thinks Every Flower Lover Should Cultivate Some of These Beauties

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Salem has no greater asset for its future development and for the enhanced value of property than to become known as the Beautiful City of Flowers.

No city on the Pacific coast can make a finer showing for about ten months in the year on public and private grounds than the Capital city of Oregon.

At this time of the year a drive through the city is like driving through a great flower garden, and not even Portland can claim to be more a city of roses.

A flower that has not been much made of by our people and that is rapidly coming into prominence with flower lovers is the iris, with all its wonderful improvements.

Few people know that one iris grower in Oregon, Mr. Wood of Beaverton, has a garden of 400 varieties now coming into full bloom, and a sight worth seeing.

Mr. Crissel's gladiolus farm, out on Bull Run, has made him famous

and he has had orders from people like the Vanderbilts for the Oregon-grown gladiolus bulbs.

The Salem gladiolus farm of Dible and Franklin is also supplying bulbs for late planting, and both these bulb growers are also going into iris culture.

I did not know the possibilities of the iris until this year when my collection of 100 seedlings, sold by Farr of Philadelphia, has come into full bloom.

The first two years I had them I was not at home in the blooming time and was rather indifferent about iris, but now their charm is so great, I am iris mad.

Anyone who will call and see them I am sure will want to plant a bed of iris this fall, and have the flowers next season, as they come the first year in this climate.

The Fall collection has been in bloom over a month and will last fully another month, and to see these stately flowers in a mass is to become infatuated with them.

Salem has by popular vote declared for the gladiolus as the chosen flower of the Capital city, and that choice has resulted in the growing of many new varieties.

Salem could hold a magnificent gladiolus show in season, and the Floral society should attend to this in due time and still further develop flower culture.

Think of it, the Caroline Testout, growing by the millions in our street parkings, selling readily at Portland in flower shops for \$6 a dozen last week!

Flower culture could be made a mine of wealth for our city and for those who will engage in the business from a commercial standpoint, as has been demonstrated.

The amateur who grows flowers for the love of them and for mass effects in floral beauty is not to be classed with those who grow for commercial purposes.

But our people, amateur and professional, could do no better than specialize on gladiolus, iris and the peony, which last has displays of great credit.

Our people should study these flowers where they are in perfect bloom; learn their names and varieties and then proceed to place orders for the coming season.

Flowers are a mental product—the growth of the plants must be made a reality in advance in the mind of the individual, and then the proper steps taken to demonstrate.

The iris is not a flower that can be shipped any distance. It is essentially the home flower, for cutting from the garden to the home, and the home market.

It is called the poor man's orchid, but it has a most royal history. It was the favorite flower of queens, from Cleopatra to the reigning consort of England.

It was the emblem of the Bourbon dynasties of France, and as the fleur de lis was emblazoned on the banners of royalty that went down before the Revolution.

Besides the varieties developed in England and our country, we have the wonderful Spanish and Japanese iris, and the still more wonderful winter blooming iris.

Mr. Wood told us in his lecture on flowers at Salem recently that his winter iris has continuous blooms from December until April, even coming through the snow.

Our flower growers can give Salem another boost toward fame in the line of floral charms by adding the iris to their list for effective display flowers.

And in a few years we will be holding peony shows, gladiolus shows and iris shows that will advertise us as the City Beautiful to the whole world.

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SOCIETY

By RUTH LENORR FISHER.

All news for the Sunday society pages must be in The Statesman office by 9 p. m., Friday. Phone 23 or 583.

It is with much regret that Salem folk receive the news that Mrs. Etta Squire Seelye leaves this week for Seattle to be away two years while doing literary work.

Mrs. Seelye is a woman of much literary ability and her short stories as well as industrial articles have appeared in many of the well-read magazines.

She has been an active member of the Salem Arts league and she has a host of friends here who will miss her during her absence.

The Frank W. Durbins are entertaining during the Elks convention, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Apperson of McMinnville who arrived yesterday.

Mrs. Kenneth Brown is enjoying an outing at Seaview as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pilchard at the Idle Hour cottage for a month.

The Jacob Kamms of Portland have returned home after being the guests of W. Connel Dyer for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Kitts and daughters Jean and Lena of Marshfield, are guests at the Earl H. Anderson home for the week to attend the Elks convention.

Mrs. Helen Adams of Seattle is visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, and her sister, Mrs. Blanche M. Jones, 606 South High street, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Elgin and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cleveland and Clifford Elgin have returned from a 10-day outing at Pacific City. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chitman who are guests at the George Elgin home for the Elks convention.

Mrs. Etta Watt is entertaining her niece, Miss Olive Tasto of Seattle.

H. S. Carter, his mother, Mrs. L. Ally and nephew, motored down from Lewistown, Ida., and are the guests of Mrs. Ally's sister, Mrs. J. A. Mann for the Elks convention. They are on their way to Los Angeles for a visit.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian and her aunt, Mrs. Howard C. Howe, were in Mouth yesterday where Miss Marvin addressed the summer school students at the Oregon normal school in the morning.

Mrs. H. A. Circle of Portland is a guest at the David A. Wright home on North High street during the Elks convention.

The Salem friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Naden who left Salem about two years ago and have been living in Seaside and Astoria are welcoming them back to Salem. They are now

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domiciled at 714 North Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Howard C. Howe of Cedar Rapids, Ia., has arrived in Salem and will be a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. W. Selee, on Hanson avenue for three months.

Mrs. O. L. Scott has returned from Tacoma where she was the guest of Mrs. H. C. Casman for three weeks. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Casman and daughter, Miss Cleone Casman, who will visit here for a time.

Because of the big Elks parade the Salem O. A. C. club picnic which was planned for tonight at Spong's landing has been postponed until a week from tonight.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard N. Avison are entertaining at their home Prof. John McCormick, president of Park college, Minnesota.

Miss Eleanor Davis has left for Winona, Wis., where she will spend a month's vacation with relatives. Miss Davis is head of the traveling library department at the state library.

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NAME CHOSEN FOR PRODUCTS

Mistland, TruWest and Firland Will be Labels on Oregon Fruits

The Oregon Growers Cooperative association has selected its trade names. The principal name to be used is Mistland. A second name which will be used on some of its products, especially on dried and canned goods, is Firland, and a third name that will be used is TruWest.

These names are now being registered. California has capitalized the name Northwest. It is a name of superior quality due to a happy combination of soil and climate. In every valley of Oregon, especially in the spring and fall, thin veils and banks of fog and mist drift down against the hills. It is a scene that every Oregonian is familiar with. Oregonians are often afraid to mention the fact that they have a little rain and mist occasionally. This mist, however, is one of the greatest assets of the country west of the Cascades and contributes to its richness. Its great output, and the high quality of its fruits. Hence Mistland seems to be a very appropriate name.

Within 24 hours after the rain stopped on the morning of July 11, cracked cherries were being pitted and dried by the Oregon Growers Cooperative association at the rate of 10 tons a day. A cherry pitter was installed at the dryer of George W. Weeks, two and one-half miles north of Salem and operations started. A day later a dryer of F. E. Evans was also in operation to handle the overflow.

Cracked cherries have been hauled from all parts of the Salm district as well as from Amity. At least 1,000 tons will probably be saved from total loss by pitting and drying them.

J. O. Toit has secured Loyal V. Emery of Sutherlin to take charge of the new plant which the association recently purchased from the Sutherlin Fruit Products company.

Mr. Emery is well and favorably known in the Umpqua valley and is one of the largest prune producers in that section of the state.

Camisole Defined. "What is a camisole?" asks a cow puncher of San Saba county. It is a little difficult for us to describe objects such as these, but it resembles the narrow lace fringe on the upper part of a decoilete garment once known as the shimmy. It is purely ornamental.—Houston Post.

PERENNIALS

By Elizabeth Lord.

Wilhelm Miller, former editor of the Garden Magazine, says one English catalogue offers 2700 kinds of perennials. Don't worry! My intention is to discuss a few of the well-known varieties, hoping the following list may be of service to other flower lovers who are planning a garden. In writing this article, I am beginning with the earliest flowering perennials and continuing through the season until the frosts of late November claim all but the hardiest.

Starting with the low growing varieties in April, we have Arabis, Primula, Myosotis and Violas. The last three named deserve special mention—for there are no flowers more charming in the early spring. Myosotis, of the royal blue forget-me-not, is a favorite in my garden. As the plant sets itself, I find it blooming in the most unexpected nooks and crevices, which only adds to its attractiveness. It most certainly has the right of way. The root is small and fibrous and as the plant is discarded after blooming, growing so freely is not at all objectionable. After the first rains in September the seed germinates and the tiny plants are separated and planted for their spring bloom. Mixed with the Myosotis, yellow Primulas and Violas, or Tufted Pansy, make a lovely combination. After four months of steady bloom, the yellow and white Saxifraga are still gay in my garden.

White Wall Flowers are classed as perennials and the new types embrace a great variety of brilliant colors. You cannot always depend upon their being a permanent feature of the garden. Dorrincypus and Blechnum are much more satisfactory, but the former spreads rapidly and should not be used in group plantings.

As the spring advances, each month ushers in more perennials. (Continued on page 2, section 2.)

ANSWER FILED BY MR. DURDALL

Allegations Made by Wife in Divorce Action Denied by Defendant

In his answer to the amended complaint filed by his wife, Hallie Parish Durdall, in her suit for divorce, O. B. Durdall claims that he is worth only \$2000 above his indebtedness. He denies the assertion of his wife that he is worth between \$50,000 and \$45,000.

Mr. Durdall avers that he has property valued at \$10,000. He admitted in his answer that he has an indebtedness of \$3000. This leaves his net worth at \$7000.

He refuted the allegation of Mrs. Durdall that he was a man of mean disposition, and having an insatiable craving for money, stating in his answer he "has always treated the plaintiff in a kind, gentle and affectionate manner." He claims "the plaintiff has a high-strung, temperamental nature and possesses a warm and ungovernable temper."

Life Bitter, He Claims. Mr. Durdall contends that he has many times requested the plaintiff not to say cutting words or to treat him in a cruel manner, and that regardless of his requests she persisted in doing so. This made life bitter for him, he stated.

In regard to Mrs. Durdall's claim that he has an insatiable craving for money, he avers that he has spent approximately \$10,000 improving the real property of the plaintiff.

At the time of their marriage, he claims, his wife was worth \$9000, while he valued his fortune at \$15,000. He said that he spent a greater share of his own money on the property of his wife. On March 20, 1920, he asserts, his wife sold her property for \$15,500 and that he has reason to believe that she still has \$15,000 of the money.

Mr. Durdall claims that his wife did not discharge her obligations according to an instrument they mutually executed prior to their marriage. He claims that he has performed every covenant, promise, agreement and condition of the pre-nuptial contract. He introduced the contract as his exhibit in the suit.

The contract refers to the government of their individual properties prior to their marriage and after their marriage. Both possessed property that would make them independent of the assistance of the other. It is claimed, "Consequently prior to their marriage, the couple entered into a contract stipulating that each govern the disposition of his or her property. Certain articles in this pre-nuptial contract, Mr. Durdall contends in his answer, were violated by his wife.

Mr. Durdall asks a dismissal of the action of his wife and a dissolution of the marriage bonds. He also desires to make his wife a permanent beneficiary of his life insurance for \$5000.

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