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WHAT TO DO WITH FLOWERS IN APRIL
Col. E. Hoffer Talks to the Members of the Salem Floral Society
"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."
(The Salem Floral society sends to the Statesman the following: "The enclosed paper which was read at the regular meeting of the Salem Floral Society on Friday will doubtless be of interest to your readers." Following is the paper mentioned.)

Bulbs For April
Of course, Salem has been voted the Gladiolus City and this flower should be planted generously. Consult your catalogs, or a good dealer, on mass plantations—that is effective masses of color instead of a great variety. A fine effect can be secured with a single variety, but still better by planting several shades of yellows, lavender, or a mass of white. Still finer for showing off the city is a mass of two to four brilliant reds. The mass plantings advertise the city and educate the beholder to want quantities of flowers. For early gladiolus plant at once, and plant some a month later, and even the last week in June, for the latest blooms.
Lilies are a good bet in April. They require deep, fine earth with well rotted manure if possible but will do well in any crumbly loam or even red soil without fertilizer. Put a stake by each lily bulb as they will want protection against winds. Our great native Santiam lily should be there. The department of agriculture is urging people to plant Easter lily seed and to grow our own bulbs instead of imports. The gold banded Auratum and the Madonna lily do well planted in April. A new lily is the Regal from China or Japan—a glorious combination of lemon and white. Easter lily bulbs can also be used if you can get them.
The Ranunculus has been wonderfully improved and is a bulb that more adventurous florists should plant in the open.
In the new Anemones the St. Bridgid in all colors is a fine thing. Anemones are lovely, coming with the earliest snow drops, but will not associate with weeds—any weed will kill them out.
A new tuber for April planting is the Mexican Tigridia, with large showy flowers on stems five to six inches long.
The axias in all colors and tuberoses should go into the ground this month. The former is a rich flowering plant about fifteen inches high. Of course, later in the month dahlias are going in on a large scale. For effects, again growers should be cautioned to get masses of one color or variety. Set a stake with each root.
Perennials
All of the April perennials can be set out and even flowering shrubs do well. If shrubs are planted prepare the soil well and set in water and set down near the ground. Among hardy perennials there are none better than Shasta daisy and Golden Glow, both easy to grow and producing large quantities of flowers. It is a mistake to allow Shasta daisies to stand in a clump for years. They should be separated and planted anew every two years, and for the finest flowers set out new plantings every year. Two grand perennials are Derrisium and Canterbury Bells.
Some Other April Plantings
Cannas and castor beans should be got out at once. Geraniums in all colors should be made sure of. The prices are moderate, if bought in quantities. Do not forget the old favorites such as bleedingheart, coreopsis, larkspur or delphinium, phlox, pink and sweet Williams, scabiosa and snapdragons. April is the gladiolus month, and this is a flowering all through the year, for it starts early and if kept cut off and not let go to seed, will bloom until Christmas. It is a living exemplar of the lavishness and generosity of nature, and all flowers bloom ten-fold if given freely to friends and to those we love, or the unfortunate who have no flowers. We must not forget the chrysanthemums for fall flowers are best planted this month.
Growing Home Annuals
Here is an alphabetical list of flowers that do well if planted in boxes, flats, hotbeds or under windows and later transplanted. You will get quicker results if you get light sandy loam for your boxes, not too rich, and set where they can be covered in case of frost. The list to plant from seeds as above is as follows: African daisies, white or yellow; Ageratum, Asters, Balsam, Calliopis, Candytuft, Clarkia, Cockscomb, Godetia, Lobelia, Annual Larkspur, Lupines, Marigold, Mimosa, Nicotiana, Verbena, Zinnia.
It is difficult to grow plants of cosmos, pansy, petunia and salvia at home. Better buy plants from growers who will have them ready for you in May or June. April is the latest time for starting sweet peas. Although good results can still be obtained. There are other beautiful flowering plants that cannot well be planted in boxes and might be started the latter part of this month such as the annual poppies which do best planted in the open. There is a very sweet flower, the seed of which is named "Turnbergia" (black-eyed Susan) that will bear sowing in the open. Flower lovers will recognize friends in this list and if seed cannot be obtained plants of nearly all these varieties are to be had at the greenhouses. In

conclusion, April is a month to try the patience of flower growers when it comes to cultivation. Still it is best to watch your soil and stir the surface at every opportunity and learn to cultivate without leaving footprints in the flower beds. It pays this month to use fertilizers, such as old barnyard manure or well rotted street sweepings, scattered lightly among the young plants. The much helps the soil and is very nourishing and stimulating to the baby plants.

OUTLOOK FOR GOOD FLAX MARKET NOW
Good Words on Independent Company from Expert of U. S. Government
(Brief reference was made in The Statesman of a few days ago to the letter the full text of which is printed below. The letter was dated at Washington, March 27, and it was written to Mrs. W. P. Lord by Lyster H. Dewey, botanist in charge of plants, bureau of plant industry, United States department of agriculture. Following is the letter:)
Your two letters regarding progress in the flax industry in Oregon are received.
I am very glad to note that progress is actually being made there, and I agree with you that the establishment of a cooperative company, independent of political conditions, is positive evidence of real progress and I am especially glad to note that the company has been so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. Crawford to direct the work. I was well pleased with the work which he showed to me at the penitentiary when I visited Salem two years ago. The history of the flax industry as you have recounted it to me heretofore and also in one of these letters indicates very clearly that the con-

ditions in Oregon are favorable for the development of the flax industry, but that it has been handicapped heretofore by lack of continuous successful management. I hope that under the present conditions the industry may have an opportunity to progress under Mr. Crawford's able management for a sufficient series of years to demonstrate clearly the possibilities of flax fiber production in that region.
While it might be possible, with abundant funds, to have secured 10,000 acres instead of 1,000, it seems better to have started in with a reasonable amount and allow room for development. One of the dangers in a new industry like this is attempting to start at the top instead of beginning in a modest way and growing up.
While it is impossible to predict what the future market may be, numerous statements in the textile papers in this country, and more especially those coming to my attention from Europe, indicate that the outlook is favorable for a good market and a keen demand for flax fiber. You are of course aware that Russia, which formerly supplied 75 to 80 per cent of the flax fiber of the world, now has less than 6 per cent of its former supplies available for export. There have been increases in the flax acreage in Germany, Canada and Japan, but not enough to make up for the decrease in Russia and except in Japan scarcely enough to provide for home consumption. The flax fiber from Japan has not entered into the world's market to any considerable extent.
I do not look for a return, of the abnormally high prices of 1920, and I do not believe that

such prices are likely to be of advantage in the development of the flax industry. They have certainly had an injurious effect upon the entire flax industry during the past 18 months, for retailers who have stocked up with goods at prices based on a reasonable (Continued on page 3)

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