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By Florence Matthes
Ella McMunn, whose name has become familiar to readers of The Statesman by her contributions covering a number of years, has announced that she has renounced the world of literature, said her prayers, and established herself as a seed grower.
Her family and friends refuse to be alarmed. They recall that she has renounced literature in times gone by when she took a "flyer" in pure bred poultry; when she embarked in the turkey business with two "Toms" that deceived her as to their sex; when she raised Chester White pigs that were too "darling" to sell after they were raised.
But whether "letters" or "lettuce" shall be the ruling passion for the remainder of her life, certain it is that one of her hobbies would secure her front page notice if the real magnitude of it were known.
She is ambitious to wild-flower the world, and what is more she has been working quietly, steadily, systematically for twenty years to accomplish it, and so carefully tried out have been her plants and her plans, that a mere "pressing of the button" at this time will result in a blooming world next spring.
To save the wild flower by judicious picking, has never seemed sufficient assurance of their perpetuation, and so Miss McMunn long ago conceived the idea of saving seed from wild flowers, growing them in quantities, and returning them to their native haunts in proper season. She found that plants lifted from the woodland more often perished than grow, so she formed the habit of tying a bit of bright string upon the flower when in blossom, and visiting it later for the collection of seed. In this way she secured red honeysuckle, wild bleeding heart, fox glove, wild aster, and many others, being careful not to gather or disperse such weed pests as larkspur, field pink, California poppy, or marigolds, for while beautiful in the garden, these are held destructive to grain crops. As she harvested her crop, so she planted

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For thirteen years at the head of the city schools in Portland is no mean honor, and one must respect the industry that had the power to lure him from it, in the full power of his strength and mental faculties. It was E. J. Steele who gave up the position, and it was a pansy garden that did the luring. Trained for a profession in which he was eminently successful, he felt, he says, that he should be producing something from the ground, a sort of back to nature urge that took form in a pansy garden. Just what its dimensions were, Mr. Steele has himself probably forgotten, since it is thirty-five years since that bed of simple flowers became the nucleus for the largest pansy farm in the world. It is eight acres in extent and is located in the suburbs of Portland, at 44th and Sandy Boulevard.
Selling plants just as they came into bloom in the early spring was for many years the leading feature of the work, and as a small suggestion of the profits, we have his word for it that one year from one-third of an acre \$6,000 worth of plants were sold. Which proves, first and foremost, that they were the most marvelous creations the world has ever known. Seed selling has now taken the lead, and if your heart is fairly strong read on: "Mastodon Mixed, one sixteenth of an ounce, 85 cents; Mastodon Masterpiece Mixed, \$1.00. There are sixteen varieties, many of which are in the dollar class.

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PETUNIAS REQUIRE GREAT CARE
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29, to America. His first job was with a Pennsylvania florist, but by easy stages he made his way across the continent, finally ending his travels at Portland, where, in 1909, he started into business for himself as a florist grower and nurseryman. Variety to Mr. Bacher is the spice of life, and he grows many that are not common in the United States.
His attention to petunias was especially attracted by several especially fine forms appearing among a batch raised from imported seed. Despite the great variability of petunias, he decided to make an attempt to fix and further improve these forms. Events proved it possible. Others working on similar lines have also achieved success in the way of fixation of colors by hand pollinating and selection, but no one so far has accomplished greater things.
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SOME LAWS FOR FOREST PROTECTION
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equalled in Oregon, where its growing season is six months since its leaves unfold in April and fall with October's frost. It is not a native tree, but is closely allied to the Eucalyptus, except that the latter grows from a seed so fine that a poppy seed by comparison would look like a cannon ball, while the Allanthus seed is strong and sturdy, resembling a maple seed, and spring's into action from so many angles, you could go into business with one tree and in ten years' time, with no effort on your part, you could fence Marion county. Indeed, when you want another tree all you have to do is to stab the root of your present tree with the shovel, or a hoe or a gopher trap, and when you step out next morning there is another tree, with maybe a bird's nest in it. As proof of this extraordinary statement, the writer can point to a tree certainly over 60 feet in height at the family home near Quinaby, that has just celebrated its twelfth birthday. It should be made a "native" by adoption and generous seed growing.
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