Today's Garden Page: Flowers, Shrubs and Artisitic Home-making Described

April Is Month Most Interesting for Lovers of Gardens; Delights of City and Its Offerings Fittingly Described

Miss Elizabeth Lord, at Request of Statesman, Wild Birds to in Gardens in This Community

By ELIZABETH ZORD

April is a very active and interesting month to Garden lovers. The winter months have allowed our imagination to play havoc with new garden ideas (and our purse) and the seed catalogues have enticed us to experiment with new importations. We proceed forth, enthusiasticall yand energet- wise caring for the wild birds. ically, spade and trowel in hand when the first warm day in planted in your yard that will spring makes its appearance. A true garden lover will always produce berries, fruits and seeds extend his garden instead of dismantling it. He must have that are attractive to various his favorite flowers and he must have new varieties to add to the already growing collection. Just to help this along to consider these friends of the and to give information to those who are not familiar with garden and supply them with the the shrubs and flowers blooming at this time, I shall discuss necessary protection and food. a few varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers that have been | Birds as a whole do more than harm in the garden. at their height of beauty this last week. the lovely Magnolia soulangiana

grace oud gardens.

And now we come to the flower

of early spring. Jonquils rule the

little flowers of intense blue.

Anemones Favorites, Too

the very finest quality of seed you

gray stem bears a lilac flower, a

new and lovely bloom in the gar-

den. Keep your eyes open to

ers are never satisfied with their

labor-they dream of more than

are always seeking greater knowl-

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How many of you have noticed branches, dark stems and green on the corner property of Chem-stems, one could hardly realize eketa and Church street? If they all belinged to the same famyou have not seen this Magnolia ily. As yet these beautiful variedo not delay examining its loveweather ruins its tender petals. hope in time we wil have them to the leaves appear. The flower is white inside and a pinkish purple on the outside. It is not the flower alone that attracts, but the garden at the present time. to a small house it adds much neglect because our interest seems when the soil is baked and dry. low ground covers and early are Scillas, Chionodoxas, Fritillar- record of the young sparrow and bulbs of attractive color combin- ias and Leucojums—countless form an estimate of the quantity ation double its beauty. Do not other too—but they should have of food needed for the average plant tall growing flowers near its trunk for then you immediately distract the charm of its lovely the early varieties) resemble young growing family of birds. These little songsters wing their way in search of food from 4 distract the charm of its lovely shape. The beauty of Magnolias each other. They both are starry cannot be over estimated.

Magnolia Adds Charm There is another Magnolia, earliest tall growing bulb. It has of live food in their bills. stellata, rarely seen in this vicin- a very strong sturdy stalk, grow- food may be found in scraps of ity and it is one of the most beu- ing up to two to three feet high. meat and fat, chopped fine and tiful of all the Magnolias. It is The tip is crowned with a cluster mixed with soaked bread. Place more shrub-like than a tree, slow of orange shaded flowers. The it on the feeding tables or wingrowing, though will bloom when sweet little Grape Hyacinth Mus- dow sills at night (out of reach quite small and young. The flow- cari batryoides) is now showing of cats) for the birds need it most er is of medium size, pure white color. In my tiny rock garden early in the morning. Their bird and many petalled. This Mag- they are blooming against the baths should be filled so they can nolia should be planted in a shel- Helleborus niger (Christmas use them early. tered position and used as an ac- rose) which has been a joy since cent against low evergreens. The the day for which it was named. foods during the dry weather and other day, when prowling around A delightful heather of blue vio- resort to pulling up the young the Pilkington nursery, I came let peeps around the corner giving seedlings by their roots and they upon three stranded M. stellata, a wealth of color for this time sometimes attack the various fruit They looked so lonesome in the of the year. There are many love- crops. From a gardening stand. should have a small terrace around setting of towering conifers. Mr. ly primroses, violets and pansies point, it is well to supply the the home. This plan calls for an Heather, azaleas, Veronica. Pilkington informed me that he too, so there is no need of thinkhad never been able to interest ing that March and early April any one in purchasing these beau- are not generous to us. tiful shrubbery trees.

Another flowering tree that always attracts attention is the about the early bloomers, I want Prunus pissardi. There are sever- to draw your attention to the al fine specimens around Salem. three varieties of low growing Spreading branches and dark ma- Anemones supposed to be at their roon leaf makes it distinctive. It best in April. There is the St. has proven the right to its ropu- Bridges Anemone known by all larity. Prunus subhirtilla pendula garden lovers-not so very hardy, (Japanese Flowering Cherry) dur- but has proved to withstand our ation of bloom is short. In spite winters. Did you ever try to of it producing a wealth of bloom grow this Anemone from seed? -the brilliant rose color is over They have a funny little coat and within a few days and it has no are troublesome, but if you buy

color in the fall. After trees, shrubs are the es- will find some marvelous shades sential plant material of the gar- far superior to the ordinary va-Forsythias, Quince, Cur- rieties bought from the corner rants and Spirea thunbergii are grocery. I have known them to conspicuous at this season. For bloom for three months and that sythias should be cultivated more is just about as much as you can extensively. It not only gives us ask from one plant. Anemone the first yellow in the spring, but sylvestris is a perfect gem of purthe bronzy foliage in October is ity. A creamy white flower growa great addition to the shrub bor- ing on a single stem of twelve der. There are many varieties, inches. They are charming in a but the two main upright growing rock garden and will stand either types are F. fortunei and inter-sun or shade. Anemone pulsatilla ly sloping sides A-shaped, that is, media. F. suspensa has the drooping habit and can be easily and charmingly trained on a fence or arbor. Forsythias are especially nice for forcing. If long sprays are cut and placed in warm water when still in bud, the yellow flower will bloom long before the places where this little plant will shrub has shown color in the gar-

Flowering Quince Favorite ese Flowering Quince) is an old what you have and do not neg-The Cydonia Japonica (Japanfashioned shrub and is without lect noticing every plant that is doubt the favorite of all early not familiar to you. Garden lovflowering shrubs. There are many and none are so lovely as the coral is possible to accomplish and they shade-a variety quite difficult to obtain from the nurseries. I was fortunate last year in seeing the large collection of Japanese Quince in full bloom in the Arnold Arboretum near Boston. The range of color was from flesh to dark red, some of the flowers were large and double, others small and single. The shapes va- sum, Lobelia, Dusty Miller, Star ried as much as the flower. From of Bethlehem, Primrose, Asparathe very low sprawling type to the gus Fern, Flowering Begonia, upright and many twigged Fuchsia, Marguerites.

Be Considered By Gardeners

homes are already equipped for feeding and other-Birds as a whole do more good

Scarcely anyone thinks of feeding the birds in the summer months. The general idea seems to be that this time of the year, the natural supply of food for birds is sufficient. That is to some extent the case, but there liness before the changeable April among the nurserymen, but let us just after one when certain species of birds have to put up with hardships almost equal to those occasioned by frost or snow.

Some Have Hard Time Birds such as thrushes, robins delightful shape of this flowering tree makes it very desirable in the weight and the such as thrushes, rooms that actracts, but the Everybody is familiar with them any many others which live chieftree makes it very desirable in the weight and the such as thrushes, rooms that actracts, but the delightful shape of this flowering to be such as thrushes, rooms and the such as thrushes, rooms that actracts, but the delightful shape of this flowering to be such as thrushes, rooms and the such as thrushes, rooms that actracts, but the delightful shape of this flowering tree makes it very desirable in many situations. As an enfrment many charming early bulbs we have to scratch hard for a living charm and as a small tree planted in the border it cannot be surpassed. If used in the border,

o'clock in the morning until 7 at night, making trips to the nest Fritillaria Crown Imperial is the every few minutes with a morse

A substitute for this natural

Birds have a craving for moist

The ABC's of Before closing this article Gardening

> action. Lay your plans to make every day count. When you uncover roses look

> carefully for scale. Prune them, leaving three eyes of last year's wood on hybrids but taking out only weak wood and reducing the rest one-third on the Teas. Prune shrubs that flower on

this season's growth now; prune all other early flowering shrubs evergreen line. Among the best after they have bloomed. To grow a hedge in a shady

position two things are necessary; heavy fertilization and very severe pruning. Prune hedges early dense. Thim hedges with slightis a star shaped flower with strik- to give the base sunlight and air ing yellow stamens. The hairy so necessary to dense leaf growth. Consider your apples and pears

delightful color combination. Anemone pulsatila prefers shade and spray them at the right time. and you, no doubt, have many First when the cluster buds show pink and are separate; later when three-fourths of petals have fallen Each day brings forth some and calyx end of the apple closes.

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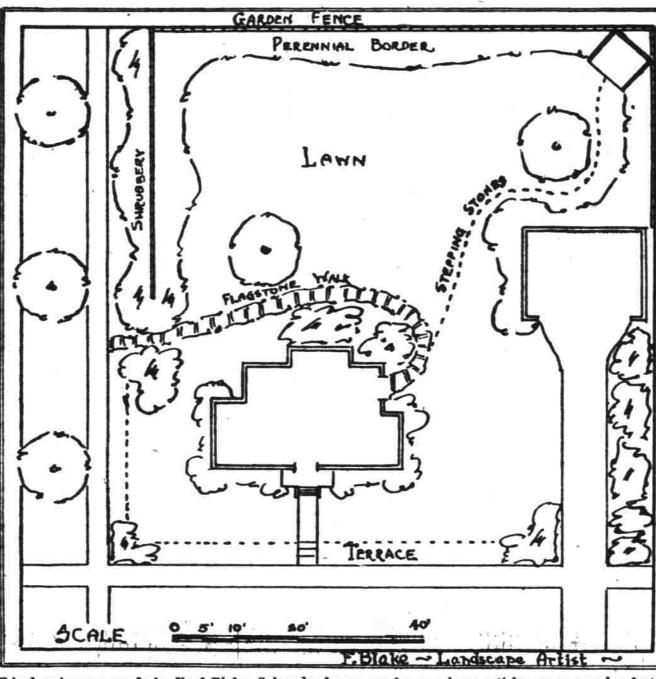
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curving bed. Sufficient fillers are

Wisteria Vine at Porch

Flat Corner Lot Changed To Thing of Beauty; Nice **Arrangements of Flowers**

This week's plan is one upon Cypress 'Alumi, Cedurs Deodra. perennials. The shrubbery is the ordinary flat, corner lot. Such | This type of planting is grouped | a home may be landscaped for a around the whole of the foundareasonable sum, the bulk of the tion, arranging to fill a gracefully expense being in the shrubbery. A flat piece of ground should used to finish out a well-rounded foreground for the very dwarf

bed. The most popular fillers are plants. sidewalk level around the build- the end of the porch to climb over well-built lawn with an occasionflush with the walks. Creeping should be placed somewhere on shade and beauty. The back is an bent grass seeded thickly over the the place, the best method being a ideal place to set a weeping wilentire lawn area is designed to small archway or pergola over low or birch. For less shade, a produce a strong, thrifty mat. which it might climb. Flower beds are not placed in the lawn, but along the borders. Small corner beds of low growing shrubs | ed green. The back fence encloses are placed at the corners of the lawn to produce a mass effect and variety. It also breaks the monotony of the lawn.

The foundation planting consists of evergreens and conifers placed to provide contrast in shape and color. This planting includes the Cotoneaster, English Laurel, Portugal Laurel, Lonicera Veronica, Evergreen Azaleas and a fwe other choice shrubs in the

All other lawns are built the top. A climbing rose or two al ornamental tree spaced for hawthorne is ideal.

serves as the background for the

sweeping perennial beds. Along

the fence are vines at various dis-

tances apart. The clematis and honeysuckle will spread quite rapidly. Climbing roses may be used if preferred. The best ap-

pearance in the back beds may be

had by the planting of a few

placed in the background inter-

mingled with tall growing peren-

nials. Then the medium sized

perennials are placed, leaving the

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and the curved beds contains 8

The space between the house

flowering shrubs along with the

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Build Castle In Spain? Buy a stake after a dahlia has begund its growth as hitting the bulb will cause a wilting of the plant, if not Lot and Do It

the setting. In this country, the plants. house is built without any thought

be protected, not cut out promis- on beds will satisfy some types of cuously as is sometimes the prac- soils, but when sand is used, protice. Very often today, one sees cure only a river silt. Ordinary an artistic tree preserved by coarse sand only tends to cement building the dwelling around it. heavy soils together and when It is the general practice to lo- worked wet will be in a worse cate the house at such a point as conditions than before. For heavy not to interfere with any large soils, a continued application of

tural trees, a naturalistic effect will be established that can only be obtained by making use of the

Garden stakes are necessary for the good appearance of your garden as well as being useful. It is can well be filled this season with not necessary to drive unsightly, anuals and later be replanted with home made stakes in your beds perennials. A few long blooming now, as well shaped, painted anuals will, in many cases, imstakes of various lengths may be prove the looks of the border, due three sides of the garden and

your dealer. Stakes should be placed beside the dahlia bulbs at the time of planting. Never drive a stake after a dahlia has begur cause a wilting of the plant, if not destroying it. Garden stakes are necessary where there is a plant or shrub which needs artificial support. For plants tie with a In a modern city of Spain, the soft string. Raffia, which may ome site is selected and then the be purchased at your dealers, is house is built to correspond with the best material for very frail

Rebuilding the soil in your or consideration as to whether it beds is sometimes necessary to is going to harmonize with the produce better flowers and to renatural setting. The home and lieve the workman of considergarden should harmonize per- able extra labor. No one likes to work a stiff, clay soil or a gravely Natural trees on the site should one. The practice of placing sand well rotted barnyard manure will Additional trees and shrubbery in time loosen and darken the that will harmonize with the na- soil. The best method of applying tural should be added along with is first to loosen the bed, removthe necessary natural rockeries ing all weeds and grass, then apwell planted. All cull trees and ply the fertilizer as thick as posunderbrush should be cut away to sible and gradually hoe into the make room for a smooth lawn or soil during the season. In the fall flower beds. The trees should be this soil should be turned under carefully pruned, special care be- and the process again repeated. ing given to cutting away all dead In a few years there will be a branches. By preserving the na- noticeable change in the texture of the soil.

> Most annuals may be started out of doors now. Have the soil prepared far enough ahead so that it will pulverize when being work-

> Just before the flowering season begins in the garden, it is good practice to top-dress the beds with bone meal and rake it

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