

January's Warm Weather Brings Out a Wealth of Garden Possibilities

EARLY SPRING TIME TO PLAN

Vegetable Garden Comes in For Share of Attention of Gardener

In the early spring the thoughts of gardeners turn to vegetables quite as much as flowers and as this page is primarily devoted to the development of the beauty of the home and its surroundings a few suggestions are thrown out in the following remarks which will, it is hoped, lend a bit of inspiration in planning the vegetable garden for this spring so that it may be a thing of beauty as well as a joy for the hungry folk whom it will feed with the perfection which only good vegetables can offer.

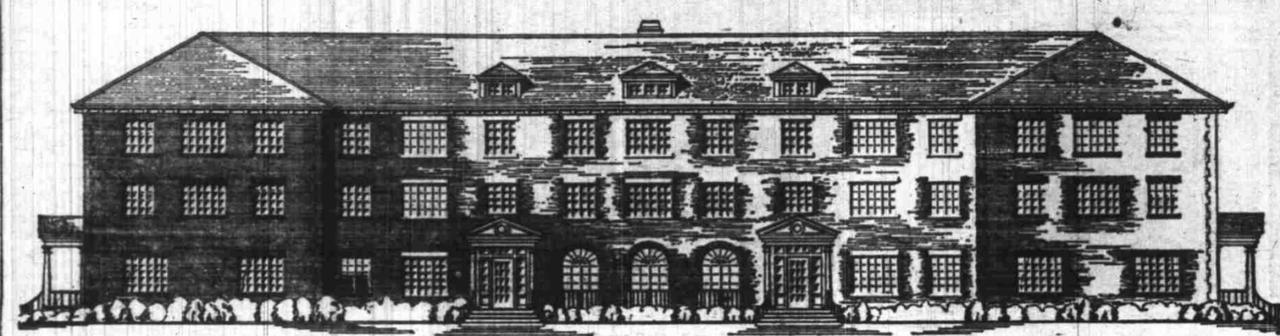
The garden should be placed as advantageously as possible with regard to sun and good drainage. Often as a matter of necessity it is at the rear of the lot or in one corner. It should have an approach fitting the promise of the good things it is to yield. A neat pathway either of well-trimmed lawn, flag stones or crazy paving will make an excellent approach. The garden should have a distinctive boundary of some kind and the gateway will be a center of attraction in the rear portion of the premises.

There are all manner of ornamental gates both in wood and metal to be purchased ready to hang. A home owner with a little skill at handling carpenter's tools can make a handsome gate himself. An arched gate with clinging vines or shrubs trained over it is one of the most attractive devices. If this can be made into a small arbor with a bench on either side shaded by vines or shrubbery, furnishing a place where the housewife, after gathering vegetables, may sit down and shell peas or snap beans, it is an added attraction.

But whatever form of gate is used, it need not be a rickety, unsightly affair such as are too often seen. A pathway from the kitchen door bordered with flowering plants and terminating in an attractive gate will add much to the joy of vegetable gardening and the production of first class high quality vegetables in one of the most satisfying feats of gardening. With a good approach, attractive gate and good boundaries, the making of an ornamental vegetable garden is half done. The next point is the design of the garden. This lends itself to as great a variety of treatments as the flower garden on formal lines, for the vegetable garden is naturally a formal garden. It is planted in straight rows.

Many of the big estates of the country offer object lessons that may be well learned by the owner of a small vegetable garden in the way of making his vegetable patch attractive. This is the way of architecture of the garden. It need not be expensive, and much of it can easily be made at home.

Soon to be Erected



The new Women's building on the Albany college campus as it will appear upon its completion sometime early this spring.

Lattices to surround the garden or to shut off the most unsightly part of it are easily made, the lumber of the right size being on sale at dealers, or it can be cut to any desired measurement. Lattices painted white and supporting climbing roses or other vines offer one of the finest garden boundaries.

Rustic fences from branches cut from forest trees which have been felled furnish another attractive feature. The rustic trellis for grapes and on smaller scale for tall peas, pole beans and cucumbers is also extensively used.

Trellises for peas are easily and neatly made at practically no expense so that they become an attractive feature of the garden and much more pleasing to the eye than brush or chicken wire so often used, but put up so that it presents various bulges and curves instead of being tightly stretched. It is a simple matter to frame it attractively and to put down firm posts so that it may be stretched and not in danger of being dragged over by the weight of vines, particularly after a rain.

In many of the school gardens where the idea of beauty in the vegetable garden is inculcated, a sun dial or bird bath is used as a central feature of the vegetable garden. This is an excellent idea to add ornamental qualities, and a small bed of flowers about it will make of it a feature that redeems the entire vegetable garden from commonplace appearance.

If the rear fence which bounds the garden happens to be a plain board affair, it can be easily trimmed up with a little lattice work or fitted with wires for vines so that by midsummer it will be an ornamental feature of the garden instead of remaining unsightly the year around.

Silverton High Debaters Busy

SILVERTON, Jan. 17—Silverton high school has again revived interest in a debating team which is being coached by Lou Ann Chase. The first date has been set for January 22 when the Silverton



How Does Your Garden Grow? By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Some of you have complained you cannot have house plants because of gas. I have been making inquiries concerning this and have been told that there are some house plants that do not object to gas. One of these is the Chinese primrose which is also an exceptionally fine bloomer and comes in many lovely shades. However, this primrose is not fond of too much heat and should your rooms become too warm during a portion of the day set the plant in a cooler place for a few hours.

The fuchsia is another quite satisfactory house plant, although it, too, objects to too much heat. In fact, the fuchsia is more particular about this than is the primrose. Seldom will a fuchsia do well in a room of a temperature above 70 degrees. January is a good time to make your fuchsia cuttings from your old plants. Make them two or three joints long. They root in water or sand and should be potted in a comparatively rich compost as soon as rooted. When they start to grow keep the tips pinched off to insure bushy plants.

Early January is a good time to start your bulbs for indoor spring bloomers. If you grow the paper-white narcissus or the hyacinth in water bowls, it is well to keep the bowl in a dark place until the bulbs are rooted. Place the bulbs so that they come up to the water level and place sufficient pebbles or clam shells to hold the bulbs firm in the container.

negative team goes to Salem and the Stayton affirmative comes to Silverton. Louise Latham and Max Lindholm are upholding the negative and Nellie Barkhurst and Steele Temple form the affirmative.

House plants, like all other plants repay one for added attention. But one commercial grower told me that more house plants were lost by over watering than from any other cause. Add a little bonemeal to the soil occasionally. If the soil is sour charcoal is very good.

NORMAL STUDENTS WATCH RURAL LIFE

Branch of National Association Organized at Monmouth, Word

Of interest to those who are watching the development of interest on the part of college, university and normal students in the improvement of rural conditions is the report sent for publication from Monmouth, N. J. This group is composed of rural majors and those interested in rural education. The purpose of the club is to promote sociability among its members and to promote special instruction in rural problems. Three terms attendance to this club entitles a member to one credit.

Any problems of interest to farm life are of vital interest to this group. The fluctuating and low prices of wheat, how the different nations have treated the problems of the wheat industry, and the different ways in which

grain has been consumed are some of the topics discussed in an informal manner. Comparisons of prices of today's products with those of past years are often made. Newspaper and magazine clippings presenting facts and thoughts of experienced men relating to farm life and labor problems were at each meeting basis upon which discussions were made. Miss Larkins has been elected president for the winter term.

Other officers are: Janet Gwilliam, vice-president; Constance Henningsen, secretary-treasurer; Ruby Hughes, Lamron reporter.

SILVERTON, Jan. 17—Thieves have been at work in the neighborhood of H. A. Brandt and John Sullivan. Three hives of bees were stolen from Mr. Brandt and five hens and a rooster from Mr. Sullivan. No clues to the identity of the thieves were found.

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