

COLOR SCHEME IS DIFFICULT MATTER

Decorator Finds Housewife Often Puzzled; Some Ideas Suggested

"Hello, Mr. So and So? This is Mrs. Brown. Is it you who send a draper with curtain and drape samples to the homes? Yes; well, our home has just been completed and I want some specially attractive drapes for living room and dining room. I would like you to call on the morning and bring only drapes in shades of green—that is all I am interested in for these rooms."

The appointment being made, Mr. So and So bethought himself of numerous other calls in his eighteen years of experience in drapery departments here, there, and yon in the United States. The many similar demands made by his patrons for certain, definite colors and when he had arrived, surveyed the rooms, and presented the requested color or color combination, alas, how many times the effect had been found to be wanting!

The call just received was out of Salem several miles. To take only green shades would surely be a mistake—there were any one of several reasons that made the thought of that would cause green drapes to be a disappointment in the rooms into which his patron wished to fit them. Therefore the wise man took several other color combinations in complimentary shades to green.

Arrived at the home, he demonstrated the green drapes and the good woman's face clouded. "They don't look as I thought they would." Then without more ado Mr. So and So hung a drape of warm, rich, golden and reddish caste and the room took on color as did the face of its owner.

The trouble—a room with none too many windows, and built on the north side of the house. Oregon winters of little sun and much cloudy rainy weather had darkened the room and what was needed was a drape with glow and color—no prettier, if as pretty as green in itself, but much more fitted to the surroundings.

Amidst the story of ill fitted window hangings and wall tapetries goes on and on in a monotonous and tragic array. One goes into a room, wonders why his peace of mind is disturbed, and why he feels restless and "on edge." There is a sense of relief when the outdoors is gained. Why? The furniture is attractive, everything is at least very good looking and well placed in the room. Then why the discomfort?

The final analysis nine cases out of ten would be color harmony and the style of drape used for the window hangings in combination with the amount of light in the room and the colors used in the completed dressing of the room.

Beginning with next Sunday there will be started on the garden and building pages a series of short articles on the subject of drapes and hangings. Their value, it is hoped, will prove effective for every reader.

SUGGESTED THINGS FOR THE GARDEN
Have you taken a look at Salem gardens in the rain? If so, are you pleased to the same extent that you are pleased with their appearance in the sunshine of spring and summer? If not why are you not pleased? Have you taken a keen, appraising look at your own garden and yards now that they have no color nor seasonal flowers to receive any bad line or neglected spot and with that look have you found pleasure in the well placed shrubs and the line of green upon which you must depend for results in the winter garden?

How Does Your Garden Grow? By LILLIE L. MADSEN

This week, I feel sure, some of you will do any actual gardening. If you haven't given your roses that does of Bordeaux mixture I mentioned last week, I am quite sure you will not even do that this week. But those of you who really care for your gardens will not be able to refrain entirely from little garden "puttering."

For instance, how many of you have tried to start mistletoe from seed? If you have an oak tree nearby you will find the experiment interesting. Take some of the ripest berries from your tree.

Against the house foundation of this same residence you will note the other variety which is the "franchetta" contoneaster, the tall, graceful variety which has bright berries to the tip of the long spreading willow limbs.

All along the nine and ten hundred block on North Winter street is quite well worth observing for all sorts of shrub arrangement attractive in winter as well as in summer.

A second handsome shrub at this time of the year is the firethorn, and not only is it handsome now but it has been since the very first days of spring last year. As one drives about Salem the profusion of this pliable shrub is greatly to be noticed and admired in all but a few instances.

It is recalled by Dr. H. J. Clements that 23 years ago there was only one such shrub in Salem, and that was in the yard of the home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kay, 825 Court street. Just take a look at the manner in which they have been accepted.

bunch of mistletoe. The only tool you'll need is a sharp pen-knife. I have found it best to insert the seed in the crotch where a limb joins the trunk of the tree. Just lift a tiny bit of the bark and place the seed loosely underneath. If one could be sure that the birds would leave it alone, the seed will do equally well—if not better—if just tucked down into the crotch of the tree with no bark over it. But I have found birds hard on the mistletoe seed. They will even pick off the tiny green parasite after it has started growing.

I have heard that mistletoe will sprout on apple trees, maples and others but my own experiment has been with oak trees only. If you pick off the withering blooms from your Christmas cactus and keep it watered likely you will have blooms way late into the spring. Last year mine began blooming at Thanksgiving time and continued through to Easter. I was told that, because of its long season last year, it would not do well this year. But this I have not found to be so. It has already been in bloom for four weeks and its buds give promise of quite a lengthy season to come. Occasionally I give it a tablespoon of ammonium in a quart of water. The soil in which my cactus is growing is river sand.

Now is a good time to check over your catalogues to see what you are going to add to your gardens this spring. Some catalogues offer a nice new combination that South Africa has originated for us. I am referring to the bright blue Heliophila, and the yellow Ursinia anethoides. (Nice names to remember, aren't they?) The former reaches something like 18 inches in height. The flowers growing on long racemes something in the nature of the common larkspur. The Ursinia is a dwarf plant with yellow flowers of daisy-like shape. The plant will reach about a foot in height. Both of these I am told, are attracting considerable attention wherever shown, particularly if shown together.

Are you acquainted with the blue Tibetan poppy with the little name of Meconopsis Balliery? Its flowers are almost a forget-me-not blue. It is a hardy perennial, thriving best in a somewhat shaded position. The flowers range from three to four inches and are carried on stems about two feet high.

Catalogues are offering something extremely worth while in, antirrhinums (snapdragons). Most of us have been in the habit of dashing to the corner grocery sometime in the last part of April or first of May and buying a packet of mixed snapdragon seed, thinking we have the best the world offers in this line. An hour's study of reputable catalogues at this time of the year and an order placed now will give one an opportunity to be pleasantly surprised at the marvelous snapdragons one can produce later on. Some catalogues list over 20 colors in both the Tom Thumb and tall varieties. The snapdragons make a marvelous

LOVER OF FLOWERS HAS 82'D BIRTHDAY

Here is an item from Cloverdale which speaks for the far-reaching effect of a bouquet of flowers or the gift of a shrub. Like the lines of a certain well known poem—"I breathed a song into the air—years after in the heart of a friend I found the song from beginning to end"—people give flowers and the memory of that act is commemorated years afterward by a beautiful shrub or vine or choice flower, the seeds of which are saved each year.

This is the item which provoked the thought— Mrs. Charles Kunkle observed her 82nd birthday Thursday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. Whitehead in Turner. Mrs. Kunkle was born in Germany and came to the United States with Mr. Kunkle on their wedding trip. They lived in Elgin, Illinois a number of years and came to Cloverdale where they have lived many years.

Mrs. Kunkle is a great lover of flowers and while she lived here her garden was a place of beauty and many were the friends who received beautiful bouquets and the beginnings of what later became lovely shrubs. Among her most prized shrubs are several large hydrangeas which are about 20 years old.

MILLS OPERATING ABOVE 1930 RATE

SEATTLE, Wash.—A total of 345 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending January 24 operated at 37.94 per cent of capacity, as compared to 33.37 per cent of capacity for the same week last year and an average of 40 per cent during the last three months of 1930. During the preceding week these mills operated at 36.24 per cent of capacity.

Current new business reported by 224 identical mills was 11.45 per cent over production and shipments were 9.44 per cent under. During the past week orders in all the markets stayed approximately the same, when compared with the week previous.

During the past eight weeks addition to one's cut flower garden.

PESKY LEAK IN ROOF FINDING IT'S ANOTHER

"Rain will fall and wind will blow during Oregon winters and woe is it to the house owner who saved a few pennies in building his roof for verily he shall spend them later, and their number is apt to be legion. For there is nothing more elusive than a leak in a roof and there is likewise nothing more likely to occur in Oregon if the greatest care was not taken in building," so quoth a Salem builder when his heart was touched upon the subject of "leaks."

Oregonians have their one particular problem to solve in building roofs for their houses. There is to be considered the well assured downpour of rain during much of the winter season; the large amount of foliage which will shed its leaves in the autumn and does not bother with where they fall; and last but not least the effect of strong winds in connection with soaking rains.

A leak is one of the most elusive things imaginable to trace to its source and time and again many dollars are spent, much time is wasted and no end of inconvenience involved in finding one. Leaks are not confined to old houses; in fact many of them develop during the first year of the new home.

With the second or third hard rain, let us say, the ominous "dark spot" appears on the plastering of the bathroom. A little neglect and some day a peaceful bath may be interrupted by a deluge of plastering. If you are lucky you won't need to call the

doctor, just the contractor. If he is not too wise he may patch the shingles over the leak, or he may examine the chimney and roof joining of the ridge which, however, is generally protected by tin or a composition.

The plastering is refinished and all is well until next hard rain and again there is the ominous spot. With careful examination it may develop that the leak came from the opposite side of the roof from where the leak appeared. Water being forced into a bad spot in a shingle, or the shingles sufficiently raised by the wind to allow rain to enter, the water following along the sheathing rafters taking its own peculiar law of gravitation as influenced by the line of least resistance.

What direction the line of least resistance will take for the water driven in will fool the best expert and the result is that experiments have to be made until the leak can be found. In the meantime there is the plastering to fix, the chance for spoiled rugs, drapes, or what ever might be in the way of the water leaking through—and then, the bother and embarrassment of having to contend with such a situation is far from the slightest part of its expense.

Then the big question is how to prevent a leak from getting started in the first place? Next Sunday, an attempt will be made to answer this question from the experience of several builders.

CROCUSES BLOOM AT WICKERT HOME

(Editor's note: It is a matter of genuine pleasure to receive the following contribution to this page. Matadors is known by hosts of like garden lovers and it is an earnest wish of the garden editor that more such contributions be sent in. Any matter of note or interest will be appreciatively received and printed for the benefit of the rest of the readers. Thank you Mrs. Wickert.)

Mr. Hagedorn says he has a bed of yellow crocuses in bloom. We have crocuses blooming all winter. Christmas time I mailed a bunch of primroses to my sister, Mrs. John Lagu in Berkeley, Cal., with a Christmas package. There were seven different colors.

Today we visited Mrs. William Mumper on the Pacific highway, and in her garden we found violets, pansies, marigolds, snowdrops, carnations, and a lovely bunch of spring anemones blooming. Spring is really here. MRS. A. E. WICKERT.

Prizes Offered For Beautifying In Pratum Area

PRATUM—Mrs. Lorena Thompson, who is president of "Better Homes" for this community, is planning to hold a contest for the purpose of stimulating more interest in beautifying the homes and their surroundings in the community.

The contest is open to any one in this community. Mrs. Thompson is offering at least a dozen prizes of plants, bulbs and seed to those making the greatest effort and showing the greatest accomplishment. The prizes will be donated by F. A. Doerfler and Fred de Vries. Rules for the contest will be announced later.

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