

Compost Season is Here; Wise Gardeners are Collecting Leaves

BULB GARDENS ARE CERTAIN TO BLOOM

Flowers Already Formed at Planting Time, Pointed Out; Aids Planning

By ANNA KLAMPE
JEFFERSON — Bulb gardens contain wonderful opportunities because of their certainty of bloom. When bulbs are planted in the fall, the flowers are already formed within them, simply waiting for the sunshine and warmth of spring to make them blossom. Bulbs are classified today that succession planting and companion plantings may be made with little danger of a slip up.

A garden of spring bulbs fits the needs of many home owners who long for color early in the season but spend much of the summer away from home. Where color is wanted throughout the summer at fall, as well as spring, annual plants may be set among the bulbs without harm to them. Seeds of the delightful Shirley poppies might be scattered here and there, for though their blooms are short lived they are gorgeous while they last.

Most all bulbs need good drainage to establish themselves right and the time to make sure of drainage is before the bulbs are planted. By digging down two or three feet you can tell the make up of the soil and subsoil. If the spot has clay subsoil or a hard pan layer, you must remedy such conditions. When natural drainage is not present, the bed should be dug out to a depth of two feet and a layer of stone, gravel or some coarse material, placed in the bottom. I find that bulbs do best in a loam soil with some humus.

Madonna Lilies (L. candidum) need a soil that is cool and deep with plenty of leaf mold in it. They should be planted but an inch or two below the surface, somewhat upon their sides and surrounded by a one inch layer of coarse or fine gravel. If planted right, they will stay with you for years. Do not cultivate around them as their roots are right at the surface; a light mulch is more to their liking. As a companion, try planting forget-me-nots, which will provide color before and during the lily blooming season, and act as a ground cover for the base of the lily stalks. English daisies, violas, pansies, Aubretia, phlox and a score of others offer possibilities for combinations.

Many of the choice varieties of tulips are delightful when so combined. The chrome-yellow tulip, Avis Kestrel, is effective near iris kochi or among forget-me-nots; the Darwin tulip, Flamingo is delightful among Bleedingheart. The lily-flowered Sirene is charming with Phlox divaricata. Narcissus plays an important role. The narcissus plays no small part in a spring garden of which there are different kinds and types which vary in their season of bloom to extend their yellow color display over two months or more. Then too, there are the Hyacinths and the many varieties of iris which are delightful for a long season of bloom.

Gardening has been said to be one of the greatest of outdoor sports, but it is more than that. Gardening is an important creative art with equal opportunity for all.

The Glory of the Garden

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views, Of bordersome beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues, With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by; But the glory of the garden lies in more than meets the eye.

For where the thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall, You find the tool-and-pitting-sheds which are the heart of all; The cold-frames and the hot houses, the dungpits and the tanks, The rollers, carts and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and the 'prentice boys

Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise; For, except the seeds are planted, and we shout to scare the birds.

And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose, And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows; But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sands and loam, For the glory of the garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made By singing: "Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade, While better men than we go out and start their working lives, At grubbing weeds from gravelpaths with broken dinner knives.

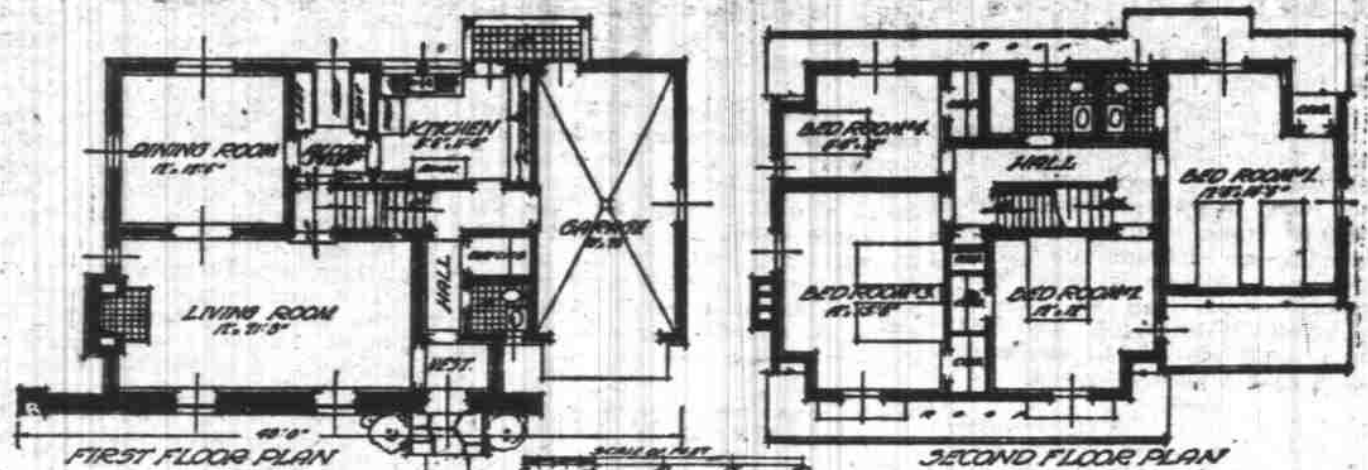
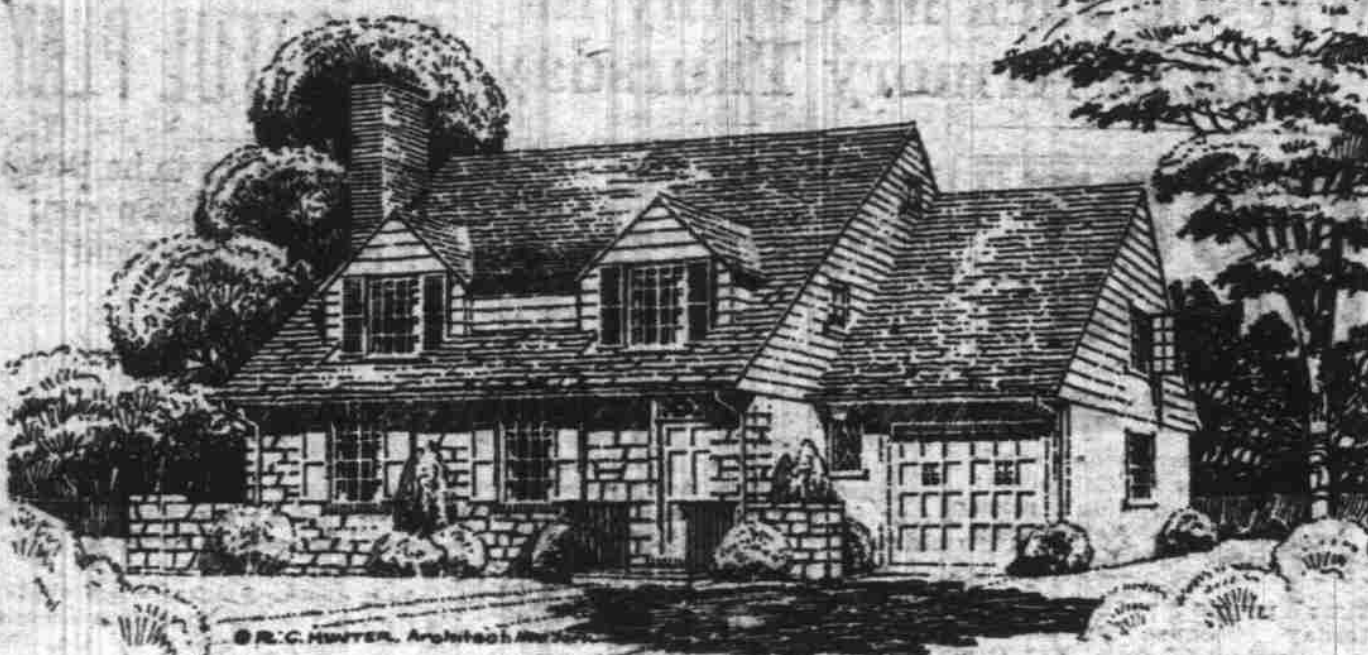
There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick, There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick, But it can find some job that's crying to be done, For the glory of the garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders, If it's only netting strawberries, or killing slugs on borders; And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden, You will find yourself a partner in the glory of the garden.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees, That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees, So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray

For the glory of the garden, that it may not pass away, And the glory of the garden it shall never pass away.

A HOUSE POSSESSING DOMESTIC CHARM



By R. C. HUNTER, Architect, New York

Editor's Note: A "Portfolio of 101 Small Homes" by R. C. Hunter, Architect, is offered to readers for \$2.50. Send check or money order.

In our small homes there must be something that attracts and holds our interest. This is not only true of the drawing but of the house when actually constructed. To accomplish these ends the house must be primarily well designed and proportioned; the materials used must be interesting in texture, color and method of application. Oftentimes we hear the house which has been successfully executed

called the "fortunate house", but how often do we see the "unfortunate house" which has been spoiled through the choice of a wrong material or color, even though the house may be well designed. This is as true of the interior as the exterior.

In creating the design shown here, few and simple materials have been employed in an appropriate manner.

The front wall is of native stone and the rest of the first floor walls are of stucco in a color to harmonize with the stone work. The second story walls are covered with hand rived shingles. The roof is of wooden shingles stained in variegated shades of gray and black. The shingles on the eaves being much darker

than those at the ridge. The shutters and blinds are painted gray green. The wrought iron railings either side of the door add a note of interest to the composition.

A study of the plans reveal seven nice rooms and an attached garage. There is good attic space with a stairway leading to it.

A cellar extends under the entire house and contains the laundry, heating plant and such.

This house contains 26,600 cubic feet and would cost approximately \$7500 to construct.

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ago and each autumn digs them up and replants them. Last spring in blooming season she had several of an exceptionally large size, due undoubtedly to the care they receive.

DAHLIAS PRODUCED BY MAGEES SHOWN

RICKEY, Oct. 10—Among the dahlias exhibited at the recent Salem Garden club flower show were several dahlias originated by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Magee of this community. While there are a number of beautiful colors that have come true for three years, the time requested to establish a variety.

Mr. and Mrs. Magee are especially pleased with one that they think has outstanding characteristics. This flower is lavender pink in color, and shades to a yellow in the center. It has large blossoms on long stiff stems and has bloomed continually all season without irrigation.

This dahlia has been named by the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Magee, Gussie Dee for their grandparents, the late Agusta and D. A. Harris.

5,000 Tons Pears Pack Of Cannery

WOODBURN, Oct. 17—When the last payroll checks for the season were distributed at the Ray-Brown cannery Thursday, a six-week record of \$83,300 in wages was made. The \$29,000 in checks passed around Thursday marked the biggest pay day in the history of the cannery. Two weeks previous, \$26,800 was distributed, and September 17, \$27,500 was paid out to employees.

The cannery made a monstrous pack of pears this year, putting up 5,000 tons, a record 1,000 tons greater than last year's production. Final canning was done Monday. Most of the season two shifts were used, with 1100 workers drawing wages during the pear season.

The cannery opened May 20 on gooseberries and strawberries. Both strawberry and loganberry packs were good, but not record breaking. No apples were handled this year, and with opening of the new cannery at Yakima there is possibility that no more apples will be handled here.

Narcissus Bulb Replanting Now On, is Reported

BRUSH CREEK, Oct. 17—Miss Alice Jensen has been busy this autumn replanting her narcissus bulbs. Miss Jensen has close to 25,000 divided among twelve varieties. Among these are: Bard, Conspicuous, Golden Phoenix, Sir Watkins, Van Zon, Sol de Orr, Henry Irving, Phaeasant Eye, Golden Spur, Victoria and Paper Whites.

Miss Jensen started growing these for her pleasure a few years

R. Hartley Now Putting in Heavy Planting Onions

HAYESVILLE, Oct. 16 — R. Hartley is busy planting 1000 sacks of onions on the Jansen place and is working hard to get them in while the weather is good.

Last year Mr. Hartley planted 76 sacks, getting nine sacks of seed. This is considered fair returns, as the sacks weigh 100 pounds. The contract price was 35 cents a pound.

SECRET OF PARK'S GARDENS REVEALED

Little Fertilizer Used but Cultivation is of Best Caretaker States

Have you ever said to yourself, "If I had as good fertilizer to use as is used on the gardens of Willson park, I, too, might have a fine garden"? If so don't repeat the excuse to yourself or anyone else again for there is no fertilizer used on these gardens, according to the gardener himself.

That is, there is very little used, and if any is used it is the common old barnyard fertilizer which "is fine if it can be obtained," said the gardener.

How are such fine results obtained? First there is the cultivation. The ground is worked and worked until it is very fine and offers a soft, protecting covering for the plant roots or seed. Any one can do this much for his soil. That just takes time and real labor, and if he is willing to give it—look at the results!

Then plants are rotated in the beds. This gives the soil a chance to equalize the outgo and intake of elements and it keeps a well-balanced seed bed ready for the plants.

And then there is the matter of proper watering. This is done carefully and gently by the gardeners, and combining all three treatments of the Willson park gardens, you have the delightful and splendid gardens seen there each year.

In a short time the geraniums will be thrown away. It is not worth while trying to keep them over the winter, according to the gardener. It might be that some interested ones could get themselves a geranium for inside beauty this winter if they would see the gardener and ask him politely.

HALF OF SAWMILLS ARE NOT OPERATING

SEATTLE—A total of 345 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending October 3, operated at 31.5 per cent of capacity, as compared to 34.1 per cent of capacity for the preceding week, and 45.6 per cent for the same week last year. For the first 39 weeks of 1931 these mills have operated at 40.2 per cent of capacity as compared to 57.2 per cent for the same period of 1930. During the week ended September 26, 189 of these plants were reported as down and 154 as operating. Those operating reported production as 57.7 per cent of their group capacity.

Current new business reported by 225 identical mills was 12.6 over production and shipments for the week were 23.9 per cent over production. New export business received during the week was about 10,000,000 feet more than the volume reported for the previous week. New domestic cargo orders were under the previous week by 7,750,000 feet, new rail business stayed approximately the same, while the local trade gained about 2,300,000 feet over the previous week's business. During the 39 weeks of 1931 orders for 225 mills have averaged 0.3 per cent over production.

CARE OF COMPOST HEAP NEEDED NOW

It seems useless to suggest that the compost heap is in need of careful attention if you desire the best results from your soil this next growing year.

But it is so much easier to burn the leaves and "get rid" of them right now than to make the compost heap or hole or what ever you use in which to make this valuable material.

The leaves are plentiful and need to be kept raked from the lawn and streets. Especially do they need to be kept from the streets for with the rain they become an actual menace in their slippery softness.

By keeping at the "raking process" there will not get accumulated a pile of leaves hard to gather, and by having a hole dug for their reception you will not find the work hard and with the spring you will find one of the prime "soil replenishers" right at hand waiting to be distributed.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

"Last week at the state fair a man was demonstrating fig trees. Do they really grow successfully here in Oregon?"

here in Oregon? I thought they would only grow in California? So reads a portion of a letter I just received. I had planned to tell about the tuberous begonias today—but I changed my mind. We simply cannot let California have all this credit when figs do grow so well here in Oregon.

Fig trees are being used more and more about the lawns and gardens here in the Willamette valley. They are both useful and ornamental. There is a prize for the fig tree thriving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown at Silverton. It bore fruit the first year, Mrs. Brown told me. I can think of many fig trees—quite old trees—growing and bearing in Oregon gardens. The oldest one I know of is at Roseburg and is said to be 39 years old.

But if you want real proof of Oregon's ability to grow fig trees successfully visit the Willamette fig gardens at 355 Willamette boulevard in east Portland. Here over 50 varieties are thriving extraordinarily well.

There is a bit of history connected with these gardens that is quite interesting. B. R. Amend, now president and manager of the fig gardens, was with the Klham Stationery and Printing company for 24 years. But his evenings and holidays were devoted to the study and actual experimenting with horticulture. At first his hobby time was spent with dahlia culture and at that time his dahlias were pretty well known in the Willamette valley. In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Amend were among the first commercial growers in Portland.

In 1905, Mr. Amend planted his first fig tree. From then on he was a fig enthusiast. For the next eight years he spent his spare time experimenting with figs, working both with the government and alone. All the varieties he could obtain he budded onto his one tree. Seventeen years ago he branched out in more trees.

Now there are 50 varieties on the old Amend home place. The company also has four acres of fig trees near Newberg, two near Beaverton and six acres east of Portland.

The oldest trees on the home lot are 12 years old, and that they can stand an Oregon winter was quite conclusively proved two years ago when not even the tips of the trees were frozen during the cold spell.

Mr. Amend's experimenting has proved that six varieties are particularly well suited to the Oregon climate. Of these four are black and two are white. The Latartula, the Asiatic honey fig, is one of the best known. Mr. Amend has Latartula trees at his home with a spread of 22 feet. The other varieties recommended for this climate are the Granada, the black Persian fig; the Gillette, a yellow variety from

France; the Negronne, a black one from Spain, and the most delicious St. Constantine from Palestine.

There are many pleasant things about a fig tree. For one thing it needs no spraying. Also it needs very little cultivation. The earliest are ripe the latter part of June or first of July and the latest are harvested in October. Many varieties have two crops a season and the trees never take a lay-off—there is a crop every year.

BEAUTIFUL DRIVES AVAILABLE TODAY

A number of short or all-day drives are available over good roads for motorists today, according to reports of the Oregon State Motor association.

For an afternoon's trip the motorist may choose the Silver Creek falls loop, which is now in good condition, or he may elect to drive to Dallas and over a good gravel road to Willamina, returning over the main highway from the coast to the West Side Pacific highway and thence southward to Rickreall.

A shorter drive noted in the report is the river road to Albany, by way of Wheatland ferry, returning over either the East or the west side Pacific highway.

The road to Breitenbach springs from Detroit is passable but callous.

MORNING IS TIME TO ATTACK PESTS

"It's the early riser who catches the bugs and worms," according to J. D. Baxter, grower of fine dahlia bulbs, and who addressed the Salem Garden club Tuesday evening on the subject of dahlias.

He referred to the "pursuit" of earwigs and small bugs which attack with voracious appetite the dahlia as well as many another lovely flower. Instead of the dark and a flashlight for the equipment used in hunting "night crawlers," Mr. Baxter advised the early morning light at which time the sought-for are a bit stiff from cold and still dazed from sleep.

"Gently shake the flower," said Mr. Baxter "over a cup of kerosene or gasoline and you will be rewarded with many an unsuspecting marauder." Another way developed by Mrs. Baxter, according to her husband, which will protect the plant is to lift lime through a flour sieve all around the plant and over it as well.

But whatever you do if you fight against these pests do it early in the morning if you want results.

for careful driving, according to the reports.

Coast roads are unchanged. The Salmon River cutoff is rough at either end.

Motorists are warned not to take the McKenzie pass road for pleasure. Although the trip from Eugene to Bend may be made in five hours, sections of the road are

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