

## THE HOME GROUNDS.

Points on Beautifying Them With Trees and Shrubs.

### HOW AND WHEN TO PLANT.

Selection of Soil Very Important Consideration—Method of Setting Out Shrubs, Trees and Plants So as to Obtain a Pleasing View.

One of the chief features that add to or mar the appearance and attractiveness of a town is the condition of the grounds around private residences. To obtain the best results care must be taken and good judgment used in setting out shrubs, trees and plants. Those surrounding the house are analogous to the frame of a picture and should be so arranged as to give a good background to the buildings and help to present a natural view of the place.

The soil in which the trees are to be planted is a very important consideration. If the soil is too sandy or gravelly, so as to be deficient in plant food, good success with trees will be hindered unless the soil be well fertilized. On the other hand, the soil may be too heavy, but this condition can be overcome somewhat by the proper application of stable manures.

A good loamy soil is conceded to be best for trees and ornamentals, and in some cases it would pay to haul this kind of soil to start the trees in.

The size of the hole to dig for the trees depends on the size of the plant. However, one rule can be given—be sure to dig the hole large enough to accommodate all the roots without crowding them. Before selecting your trees take a drive through the neighborhood to see what trees and plants are already growing with success in the yards of your neighbors; also write to your nursery station and get its list. From the two sources you can make a list of the ones that would suit your site best. Now you can go to your nursery catalogue and order your trees and plants with a feeling of assurance that they will grow if you give them the proper care and attention.

In ordering trees do not select those that are too large, because it has been found that the best success has been secured with smaller trees.

All plants to insure the best success should be transplanted during the dormant season, and, while they can be set out in the fall or winter, spring planting is preferable.

In transplanting do not place the trees too close together or where they will obstruct the front view of the house. Plant shrubs and ornamentals in front of the trees, also near the house, to soften the outlines, and in the sharp angles made by the walks or beds. To prevent shading of shrubs and ornamentals they should not be planted too close to the trees. When flowers are planted they should be placed in front of the shrubs to finish the background. It is not a good plan to cut up the lawn in front of the house by trees or shrubs. A few small groups of shrubs planted in the proper places will break the monotonous outlines of the lawn.

After planting the plants they should receive good care and attention. Plenty of water must be supplied to them, either naturally or artificially. The soil should never be allowed to become dry. The time to irrigate can be determined by examining the soil. If the soil around the plants cracks open too much after irrigating the cracks should be closed by filling with soil or tamping it down. This should be done until the trees or plants are established.

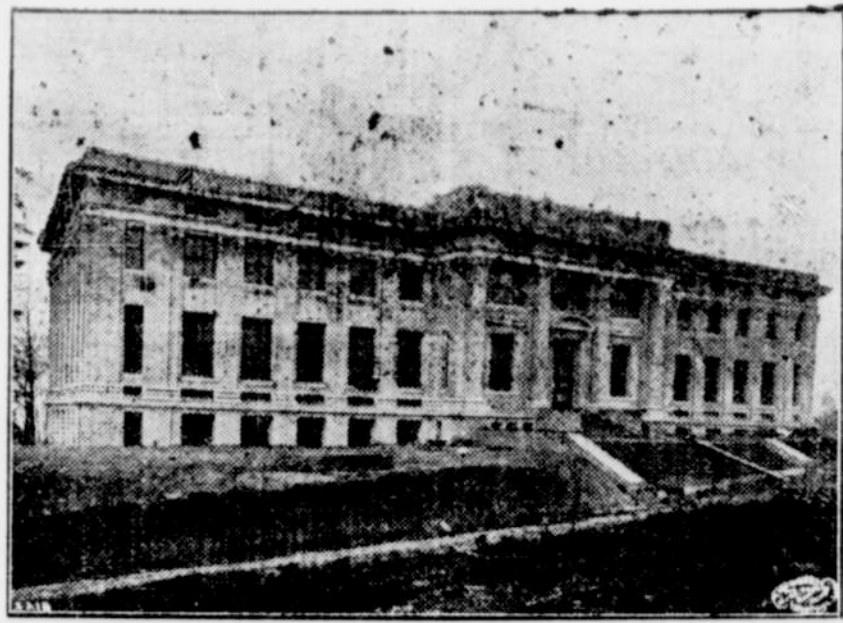
Pruning the trees and shrubs should be practiced only when necessary. Plants should be pruned to give them form, to remove extra growth and dead branches. The natural form of the trees, shrubs and ornamentals should be preserved as much as possible. Limbs removed should be cut off close to the trunk to insure quick healing of the wound.—J. E. Mundell in New Mexico College Press Bulletin.

**Aid in Playground Work.**  
Clubwomen in Boston have been the means of giving eight playgrounds to the children of that city. The first playground was opened seven years ago, and it proved so popular that plans were laid for playgrounds in all parts of Boston. It is expected that several more plots will be opened to the children this year. The work has grown until it has interested the city government, which is now giving aid to the clubwomen. The women most active in the scheme have organized a Playground league, which has many thousands of children as members. The league has its own rules and enforces a strict discipline. A league button is bestowed upon boys who set an example to their fellows, and it is said that to the clubwomen in their efforts is due a movement of great importance in the moral and physical advancement of the city.

**Value of Civic Beauty.**  
We think ourselves far ahead of Europe, and in some respects we are, but the Germans and the French builders of cities have learned what many Americans do not yet appreciate—that civic beauty has a practical value closely related to nearly every form of trade.—Denver Republic.

**How to Cure a Sore Throat.**  
A gargle that has quickly banished many a bad sore throat is made by dissolving a teaspoonful of powdered borax in a tumbler of water. This can be used either hot or cold, but should not be swallowed. If the borax gargle is not liked, strong salt water is an excellent substitute. It can be used many times a day. The good results are increased by snuffing the salt water up through the nostrils and back through the throat. A teaspoonful of salt to a glass of water is strong enough, especially if the nose and throat are sensitive. This salt water gargle is used several times a day by one trained nurse who has had many diphtheria patients without succumbing to the disease.

**How to Wash Silk Gloves.**  
Silk gloves can be washed like any ordinary material, though it is best to soak colored ones in salt water before washing them, especially if the colors are not substantial. After rinsing the gloves turn them wrong side out and hang in a shady place to dry. Do not sprinkle them before ironing, but



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In this building will be exhibited many priceless paintings. The display will represent the art galleries of the world, for many of these pictures will be the work of the old masters, including rare art exhibits from the Corcoran in Washington, the Art Museum in New York, the Chicago Art Institute and from a large number of private galleries of wealthy men in the United States and Europe, who have for years made the collection of famous old paintings their hobby. Paris and London have made large loans.

At the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition the selection of pictures will be limited to the works of men who have been recognized in the great art competitions in all parts of the world. Many American artists will be represented in the display in the Fine Arts Palace at the Exposition and arrangements have already been made for the shipping of these valuable paintings from art institutes of this country to Seattle.

G. L. Berg, art director of the Exposition, has visited all of the leading galleries of the United States, collecting the pictures suitable for display at Seattle, and writes that the pictures already loaned will constitute one of the greatest art displays assembled for international exhibition.

The Fine Arts Building is a fireproof structure and was one of the first buildings completed on the Exposition Grounds. It cost more than \$200,000 to erect the building.

### HOW TO KEEP A HORSE HAPPY

Practical Suggestions For Cold Weather From a Veterinary.

The great prevalence of diseases of the respiratory organs in horses every spring, says a well known horse doctor, is largely due to the weakening of the system by sudden chills caused by standing in rain or sleet, especially when perspiring, and to carelessness in blanketing. Then comes the shock of the cold northwest storms frequent in winter, when the temperature hovers around zero, and in consequence the animal becomes too feeble to resist disease.

Be sure if your horse is stabled in a cold or drafty place that he is well blanketed, and there should be a change of blankets, for to make him stand under a blanket which is wet either from sweat or from snow or rain is much worse than giving him no blanket at all.

Blankets for street use should be large enough to cover the horse from neck to tail and should come well down all around, and chest pads are of great service. When the horse is making delivery trips with frequent stops the blanket may be folded across the withers when the animal is in action.

Coal delivery horses should be provided with blankets reaching nearly to the ground, and again the use of chest pads is to be commended. Owing to the hardship of their task these animals are often forced into perspiration even in very cold weather. They are, therefore, entitled to even greater consideration and must have it if their health and usefulness are to be maintained.

Cab horses should likewise be blanketed with great care, since they are often obliged to stand severe exposure, and the special blankets made for them should be in general use.

No horse should be forced to stand even for a few minutes during severe weather without a covering. Above all, see to it that when standing in a chill stable dry blankets are provided and used. Whatever you do, don't blanket your horse while it is in action. There is no more certain means of inducing septicemia if not fatal illness, since the blanket is certain to become moist from sweat and to cause a chill the moment the animal stands.

One other suggestion which will add greatly to the health and comfort of your horse. If the sun is shining on a cold day, be sure to have your horse stand on the sunny side of the street. Lots of drivers do this, but the practice should be universal, for, with the very slightest inconvenience to yourself, you are giving your animal the benefit of the heat and the genuine tonic of a sun bath.

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dampen a towel, roll them in it and leave for an hour or two. Iron the gloves on the wrong side, as it raises the thread on the right. When perfectly dry turn them, and you will be pleased to see they look like new ones. Use bluing in the rinse water for all gloves.

#### How to Freshen Feather Pillows.

Feather pillows may be freshened and the feathers made light by placing them out of doors in a clean spot during a hard rain. Let them be thoroughly wet and then hang in a warm place to dry. Spots on the pillow cover may be removed with a paste of water and fuller's earth. Another way to clean the feathers is to place them in a cheesecloth bag and wash them in warm soapy water, followed by several rinsings in clean water. Feathers should never be placed in the sun.

#### How to Keep Black Stockings Black.

Black stockings are apt to assume a peculiar greenish look after repeated washings. A simple way of preserving the color is to wash them with soap that is free from soda and to add to the last rinsing water a teaspoonful of good vinegar. The stockings should be wrung out and chapped into shape. A hot iron will destroy the color of stockings, particularly if they are wet.

#### How to Enter a Burning Room Safely.

In case of fire, when it is necessary to enter a burning room or one choked with smoke, a wet silk handkerchief, tied in one layer over the face, is a complete and certain preventive against suffocation by the smoke. By this means the smoke is entirely excluded from the lungs, and yet it is possible to breathe freely.

#### How to Clean White Ribbons.

Wash white ribbons in gasoline and they will not turn yellow, as they will when washed with soap and water.

#### Dog Honored by a Union.

A bloodhound has been elected an honorary member of a Cleveland local of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' union, and a large photograph of the fine animal hangs in the office of the union's secretary. The way it came about was as follows: The ironworkers were having some trouble with the contractor on a large building in Cleveland. A local detective agency employed to "protect" the building sent the hound along with its guards. Bloodhounds are especially keen in scenting out and running down thugs. This one in Cleveland mixed with guards and union pickets until he was able to decide for himself which side was entitled to his support. He then deserted the detective agency bunch and allied himself with the union forces. As he was not "working at the business" he could not be admitted as an active member, but seems well satisfied to be upon the honorary roll.

#### Mixed Unions a Fallacy.

The members of trades unions in Washington affiliated with the Central Labor union evidently do not take kindly to the so called mixed union of bosses and workmen. Referring to the matter in the Trades Unionist, Editor DeNedrey says:

"That 'free,' independent, open shop proposition of the master builders of the District of Columbia calls to mind the white man's offer to the Indian in giving him the choice of fowls. Said the white man, 'You take the hen and I'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you take the hen.' The Indian allowed that the white man didn't talk turkey to him at all, which was an intimation that the white man had great nerve, and that is just the opinion organized labor has of this latest proposition of the Van Cleavelles, no matter how much the 'union busters' may try to conceal their real purpose."

### ED, THE MACHINIST.

Why He Was a Power For Good Among His Fellow Workers.

He had no particular talent. He was just an ordinary machinist. But Ed Douglas was more highly respected by the 2,000 men in the shop than any other chap in the place. His was one of the names that were familiar to pretty nearly every fellow working in that big plant. Ed was not popular with the men because he set out to make himself popular by always agreeing with his shopmates. Indeed, he frequently went full tilt against their opinions and principally against their actions. Often I have seen him approach the fellow who had just rapped out a string of oaths and rebuke him, although never with a suggestion of pharisaical supremacy. He was simply trying to show the blasphemer that it would pay him to cut out his foolish, senseless swearing.

He did not belong to any of the fraternal organizations, but I have known him to spend many a night with a sick shopmate. Frequently he left in the home part of the not overabundant cash in his pocket; but, better than that, he left a smile on the face of the tired, discouraged nurse wife, the children wished that he might come again, and the sick man felt the cheer of his presence.

He was an arbitrator in personal disputes in the shop, and the boys never repudiated his decisions. Not infrequently he dared approach the boss in behalf of a supposedly wronged fellow workman. The boys admired his disinterested nerve. Somehow he seemed to know when the rest of us had met with adversity or even the smaller discouragements which made life seem hard. Always was there a strong, cheerful word which usually braced up the fellow who thought that the whole world had gone wrong. The apprentices were particularly fond of him because he appeared to have a lively interest in their affairs. Never did he seem to hand out wisdom in large chunks, with an air of patronage or paternalism. Never was there a suspicion of cant. Ed was just a sane, healthy minded, strong hearted Christian workman, who felt that there was a place for Christian living outside of the church building and away from the Sunday services.

May his kind increase! We need them. The sympathetic touch of a shopmate counts for more than most of us imagine. Every morning brings its weight of woe and every evening its burden. No matter what the cause, the need is ever the same, and relief is usually found in the simple, manly message of love and sympathy manifested in the life of the fellow who works by our side. At least it will help, for it is doing just what the Great Carpenter did and what he would continue to do were he upon earth. That's what made Douglas, the machinist, a bigger factor in the lives of those 2,000 workmen than any other single individual. It paid him too. Anyway you'd think so if you could see his face while he worked—worked for men and for God—just as a machinist.—Rev. Charles Steltzle.

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