

HOME GROUND ATTRACTIVENESS.

The home is the center of all that most people hold dear and is one of the best means of attracting visitors and settlers to the town. It is therefore of the highest importance that its surroundings should be such as will have a refining and elevating influence upon the children and young people, as well as upon the whole community. It is not necessary for one to be rich or even well to do in order to enjoy the delights of an attractive home. The writer knows men and women of the most humble stations in life who



A WELL ARRANGED LAWN.

by a little care and attention to lawn and trees and shrubbery have developed beautiful effects.

When we speak of beautifying the home grounds our first thought is to go immediately to a landscape gardener and turn the whole matter over to him. This will do very well in case you have sufficient means to warrant it and also in case you are so situated that you can easily change your present home grounds and make them what a landscape gardener would want.

The object of this article is not to supplant the landscape gardener, for we all owe too much to him to interfere in any way with his calling. But our object is to suggest some way by which it may be possible to supplement what you already have about your home in order to bring out the lines of beauty and charm and make your home a delight and satisfaction to your family and your friends.

If you call in a good landscape gardener his first observation will be the general lay of the ground and size of the lot. Then he will gradually begin to evolve gentle curves and angles, a tree here, certain shrubs there and an open grass plot in front or at the side. In the making of his outlines the landscape gardener may wreck some of your own cherished plans.

Where you may have had some straight and angular road in mind he will advise a gentle curve, and where you may wish to go directly he may choose to lay out the path by a gentle detour which would make possible some splendid effects in shrubbery or trees. If your house is already thickly surrounded by trees he may advise a liberal use of the ax for the health and brightness of the home.

There are three important divisions in all landscape gardening - namely, the house, the lawn and the trees and shrubs. If you are building you will of course lay out your ground and locate your house in such a way as to make it fit in most effectively with your plans for lawn and shrubbery. Too many people build the house first and think about the arrangement of the place afterward. An hour or more with pencil and paper, sketching out your ground from different angles, will mean more in the final outcome than you can easily imagine.

Right here we want to emphasize as strongly as we may that just as surprising results, in a small way at least, can be achieved with a small lot and a cottage as with a mansion on large grounds. It will require more brains to arrange the small lot effectively than the large one.

Simplicity and dignity are the two words that give the keynote to all successful work in the arrangement of the home grounds. After the buildings have been located and the grounds properly graded the next step is to determine the question of driveways and walks.

These must depend very largely upon the nature of the grounds and the convenience of the people using them. It will be found that any attempt to establish a walk around and out of one's way will defeat its own ends, and the lawn will suffer as a result, especially so if the walk is used for practical purposes. This does not

necessarily mean that the walk should be laid in a straight line, but that it should start and end at the most natural points.

Why They Don't Grow.

"The most I remember about the town," said a traveler when asked about a certain village, "is that there were hogs wallowing in the mudholes in the streets, every house wanted repainting, and the hitching posts in front of the stores all leaned over as if tired out." There are a good many towns like that in the country, and yet their inhabitants wonder why they don't grow faster.

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Land Agents' Work Comes to End.

PORLTAND.—Judge Wolverton has put an end to the activities of land agents in connection with locating prospective settlers on granted lands of the Oregon & California railroad and the Southern Pacific company.

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While not deciding the operations of the land factors and their attorneys to have been fraudulent, the court assumed judicial knowledge of the statement of Assistant United States Attorney Evans that some of the claims have been filed upon from six to ten times, and ha "somebody would certainly be loser," no matter what may be the final decision handed down from the federal bench.

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EVERYBODY REGISTER

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