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## Gardens and Flowers.

"God almighty first planted a garden; and indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures." Such was the opinion of the famous philosopher, Lord Bacon, and we agree with him. There are few persons to whom the thought of a garden is not attractive. The prince from his palace, and the peasant from his cottage, look out with delight on their respective gardens. Though the one may contain acres and the other only a few square feet of land, yet both are sources of pride and pleasure to their owners. If they be true garden lovers, the prince will not scorn the small plot of the peasant, nor the latter envy the lordly domain of the former. Both will rejoice in the beauty which each garden presents.

There are gardens and gardens. There are sacred gardens dear to the religious soul, like the Garden of Gethsemane. There the gardens famous in history, as the hanging gardens of Babylon. There are national gardens, as the English garden with its wide expanse of lawn; the French garden with its formal box bordered beds; and the Dutch garden with its fantastically clipped evergreen trees and bushes. There are also a variety of distinctions in gardens namely, flower, kitchen, window, front and back, summer and winter, old-fashioned and modern.

At this season of the year, we are in receipt of a number of catalogues from florists. We have spent many a pleasant hour in the perusal of their pages, and in planning gardens for our castle in the air. We have tried to grow flowers but the result was nothing like what we had from our air or dream garden.

For this has much advantage over one on terra firma. It does not cost anything to acquire or to maintain. It can be any size desired, nor is it subject to the various seasons and their changes. The frost will not cut, nor the heat wilt, neither the drouth

wither its flowers. Weeds do not choke, nor worms devour or lice blight the healthy growths. It admits positively of no failures, all the plants and blooms attain the perfection of the catalogue page in color and size. To the dwellers imprisoned in cities, whose outlook is on continuous walls of brick and stone, we commend a dream garden to keep themselves in touch with nature. If they cannot dig in the soil and watch the seeds springing into life, leaf, bud and blossom, let them picture the process in their minds. Thought and imagination will work wonders with a little practice and the latter like a magician's wand, can bring up anything required of it.

It is well known that thoughts exercise a profound effect on us for good or evil, according to their kind. The mind which occupies itself with the things of a garden will be filled with wholesome thoughts and thus be kept in a healthy condition. The imagination by use will be stimulated and developed, so that the outlines which at first were shadowy and dim will grow more and more clear and distinct. Thus the pleasure continually increases. Neither should it be considered childish, for we shall be more contented as our years increase, by keeping fresh the childish element in our nature, which possesses as no mean gift, the happy faculty of "making believe."

Good morning have you made out your income tax report? We would almost be reconciled to the labor and expense involved, if we had an income large enough to be taxed.

## Income Tax Data

If single and net income for 1918 was \$1000.00 or more, you must make a return.

If single and net income was less than \$1000.00, do not make a return.

If married and net income for 1918 was \$2000.00 or more, you must make a return.

If married and net income was less than \$2000.00 you do not need to make a return.

A person under twenty one years of age or under the statutory age of majority where he lives, whatever it may be, is required to render a return if he had a new income for 1918 of \$1000.00 or more or guardian may render the return for him. The earnings of minor children dependent upon a parent should be included in the parent's return of income.

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