

Garden Notes

Mrs. Larry Miuttenan
A garden in May can truly be a "many splendored thing" but it can also be a thing that produces sundry aches and pains. You'll have a long succession of bloom on perennial phlox if

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you'll pinch back some of the shoots while quite young.

Try planting summer hyacinths (Galtonia candicans) now around oriental poppies to fill the gap they leave when they die down. Scarlet sage also makes a good succession.

It is beneficial to borders of ferns and wild flowers to leave most of the rotting foliage of the past season on the ground to serve as a natural mulch.

Now is a good time to work bonemeal around the roots of iris. Soak the application thoroughly into the ground. You'll see the results next spring.

Ever notice what congenial companions tulips and native bleeding heart (dicentra eximia) make? They bloom at the same time though the bloom of the latter persists after the tulips are gone. And the foliage of the dicentra is green all summer and nicely covers the tulips as they die down.

Further considering the merits of the native bleeding heart we find from experience that it rates pretty high on the list of desirable native garden subjects. It does spread fairly rapidly by rhizomes but can easily be controlled. It has a long blooming season, beautiful foliage, is at home in either sun or shade and it is hardy and also disease and insect resistant.

It's a good idea to pull the flowering stalks from rhubarb clumps since the plants are weakened by making blossoms.

A twosome that has always intrigued me is the suggestion of interplanting peonies with the hardy amaryllis. The latter are planted in circles around the peonies at equal distance from them and from one another. The amaryllis sends up attractive green strap-like leaves in spring while the peonies are merely a group of shoots. Then when the leaves of the former turn brown and later disappear, the peony leaves form a bronze canopy over them. Later when the peony flowers are only a memory, the pink lily-like flowers of the amaryllis will shoot up through the peony foliage. This arrangement is particularly effective in view of the fact that amaryllis sometimes called the 'naked lily' is borne on tall leafless stems.

I hold a staunch belief that no medium for acquiring practical all around garden knowledge can equal that of an active membership in a local garden club. The championship with fellow gardeners, the exchange of ideas and plants, garden tours, the experience and knowledge gained at flower shows, competitive or otherwise each phase is an important link in a long chain of pleasant practical memories that will abide with you a lifetime.

Today's trend in artistic flower arrangement is said to permit more freedom in choice of style as well as a freer use of a greater variety of plant materials.

A tried and true (since 1568) herald of the May garden is the exquisite lily of the valley. Warm days are nearly always an established fact when the green guardian leaves of this old favorite unfurl to reveal the fragrant fragile bells. They like lots of light but not full sun. And they prefer a deep loamy soil. Early autumn is the recommended time to plant them, setting them singly three to four inches apart and about one inch below the surface. They like to be left alone once established but respond to an annual top dressing of sifted leafmold and decayed manure. If you have an urge to move oriental poppies after flowering, better restrain yourself and wait until late summer or

early fall. They're a little touchy about being disturbed following bloom.

If you're ever traveling over the Santiam Pass in May, be sure to look for a charming native iris that grows on sunny banks along that route. Growing to about four or five inches in clumps among spear-like foliage, it's buff in color with gold and brown markings and is a lovely thing to behold. Thus far its identity has escaped us. Single plant in our garden has thrived and multiplied over a period of several years.

Another native plant blooming this month might be found on the Wapinitia cut-off close to the Warm Springs-Maupin junction. It is the blue woods anemone. First seen growing there several years ago it has since eluded us though each year we always look for it since the stand as we first saw it covered quite an area. The more common white form of this native anemone grows in abundance in the upper Hill-ockburn area.

In considering primulas for bog gardens remember the location must be well drained. They won't tolerate stagnant water. P. Beesina, Bullesana (from the marshy meadows of Yunnan) Capitata, a Himalayan species, japonica (the easiest and hardiest to grow of all bog primulas) and pulperulenta, found by the plant hunter Ernest Wilson on the Chinese-Tibetan border are a few primulas suited for mass bog planting or shady woodland areas.

The peony, one of several favorite and reliable backbones of the May garden was first used medicinally by the physician Paeon. The first plant, a white-flowered variety was brought to England from Siberia in 1548.

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tion old ones with patches and black rubber finish.

EXTERIOR- For a more saleable car, all body metal should be repaired in a service shop and the entire exterior then cleaned and polished.

The American Legion and Auxiliary card party Saturday evening had 6 tables of players. High score held by ladies went to Mrs. Mable Hughes, Mrs. Eva Dooley. High score for men went to Adolph Still and Fred Keller. Mrs. Ida Christenson had door prize



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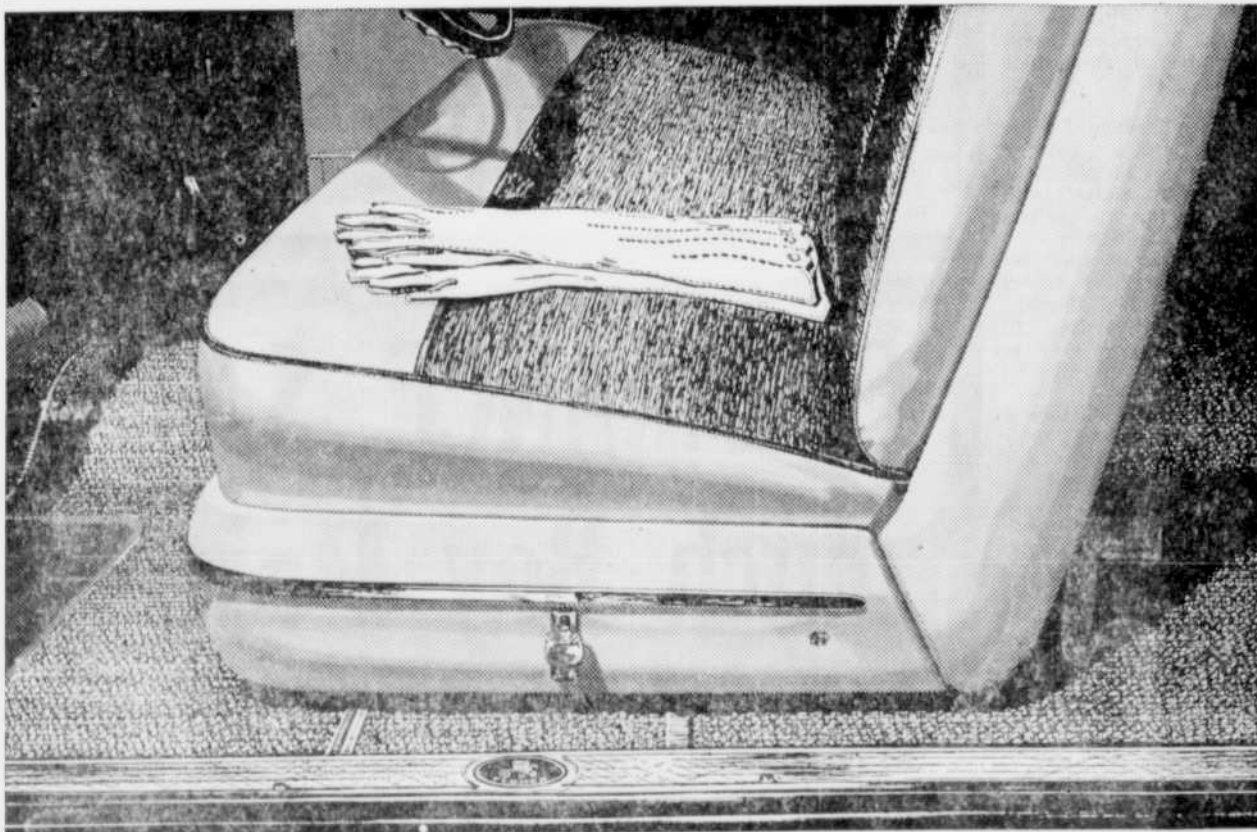
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