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IN OLD GARDENS.

The Poppy Gives Brilliant Bloom From Early Spring Till Frost.

In the spring, even before the tulips are fairly gone, old gardens begin to be gay with poppies, which in some one or other of their many forms continue a procession of bright blooms until frost. No other plants possess so bold and brilliant a flower, coupled with the same grace of stem, airiness of pose and delicacy of tissue, as the poppy. For beds and borders, with a background of green, there is nothing which



will produce a more striking contrast. Some sorts are admirable for naturalizing in open wooded grounds. Others, like the Shirley, are beautiful for cutting. A sandy loam suits poppies best, and as their strong taproots are difficult to transplant it is well to sow seed where the plants are to bloom. Seed sowings made in the autumn and at intervals in spring will provide a long succession of flowers. The seeds should be sown thinly and covered very lightly, as the seed is quite small. As soon as the young seedlings are well established thin the plants to stand about a foot apart. The plants which bloom most profusely are those grown from fall or early spring sowings, while the earth is cool and moist. —L. C. Corbett.

CIDER POMACE JELLY.

Waste of the Cider Mill Utilized For Food Purposes.

At a cider mill in my neighborhood, after the day's work of cider making was over, my boy and I took charge of the mill and worked over the pomace made during the day. We shoveled enough for one pressing into a vat of suitable dimensions near the press and poured twelve to fifteen pails of warm water over it. After soaking for half

an hour we shoveled it into the press and pressed it in the usual way. The juice derived from the pressing ran into a vat fitted with a coil of steam pipe. Into this we turned the steam, which boiled the juice to a jelly. We made from forty to fifty gallons a night.

This jelly, which we sold to grocers, bakeries and private families at 75 cents a gallon, may be used for anything that boiled cider is used for, such as mince pies and apple butter. After sweetening it makes good apple jelly for table use and, by adding a flavor, a good substitute for currant or other jellies.

We have given up making our year's supply of apple butter in the fall, as in former years. Instead we make a gallon or two whenever we want it, thus having it fresh all the time. I have kept this jelly over and sold it readily in off years at \$1 a gallon.

As an experiment we have worked over some of this pomace a second time and extracted jelly enough to pay for the labor. The pomace after being worked over was scattered thinly up on pasture lots, where hogs, sheep and cattle ate most of it. They would eat more of this than of the pomace not worked over, says J. H. Ballinger in American Agriculturist.

Late Effects in the Garden.

Undoubtedly the greatly growing interest in hardy herbaceous perennials is founded largely in the necessity for late garden effects. There are a host of possibilities in this group alone, and there are also a few sturdy annuals, but there is a fancy for placing reliance upon permanent plantings, using for the purpose the asters, the host of sunflowers, the perennial phlox, the gladiolus and montbretias.

Soil For Strawberries.

The soil considered best suited to the cultivation of the strawberry in the northeastern part of the United States is what is known as a sandy or gravelly loam. A warm, quick soil, though naturally poor, is preferred to a heavy, retentive soil well supplied with plant food. Lacking plant food can easily be supplied.

Submerging of Grapes.

It was found at one of the western experiment stations that more care was required to prevent submerging of grapes grown on the Kniffen two wire, four cane trellis than with any other trellis. This is not a difficult matter, requiring only that the new growth be trained over the bunches of fruit.

Wintering Pansies.

In outdoor beds raised a few inches above the ground, with a mulch of dry leaves and some brush to hold them in place, pansies will often winter nicely and bloom until midsummer, when a relay of young, vigorous plants should be ready to replace them.—L. C. Corbett.

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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Contracting debt expands your indebtedness.

An excellent way to keep your friends from becoming too much attached to you is to freely criticize them for their own good.

Modern preachers ought to learn to give merely an indeterminate sentence of matrimony.



Some people do not live beyond their means because the grocers are on to them.

A brand of prosperity that the unfortunate would feel is the kind that most people are interested in.

They are never bothered with the tipping system on the frontier.

There are people so disagreeable that they find harmony only in discord.

The money that you haven't got is the only kind that is tainted.

A genius is an abnormal man who works a lot and is glad of it.

Just a Dream.

I dreamed one night that black was white, That fishes grew on trees, That fast was slow, that high was low, That elbow joints were knees; I dreamed that steak was coffee cake, That noodles were ice cream, That lean was fat, that this was that— Say, wasn't that a dream?

I dreamed that eggs had wooden legs, That sauerkraut was sweet, That whistles rang and maidens sang A ditty with their feet, That trees could walk and spoons could talk.

And no one lost their bets, That pains and aches and rattlesnakes Were really household pets.

I dreamed that mice gave good advice To all who came to buy And that the bill was less than nil And likewise twice as high, That womankind was quite resigned To one cheap dress a year And that the moon came up at noon And wigwagged with its ear.

I hold that dream in high esteem, Still be it understood I only dreamed I dreamed that dream, But that is quite as good, For it's the kind I have in mind Stored underneath my hat Should ever I feel called upon To dream a dream like that.

Without a Guide.



"I think man should follow the dictates of his conscience."

"That is the trouble. Most of us lay our conscience aside when the assessor calls and then go away and forget where we put it."

Stranger Than Fiction.

A woman has just died in New York at the modest age of 105 who has lived for many years on a diet of bread and milk.

One by one are our pet superstitions shattered until we rather expect it, but this is a case that is almost beyond believing.

Our regulation woman who lives to the age of 105 or even 117 has put in the larger part of her last half century in paying attention to a clay pipe and the kind of tobacco they grow in the hills. Sometimes, too, she has been in the habit of taking an occasional nip at something from a bottle, but this, however, is not necessary. In the case of a man we sort of expect it, though.

If many more cases of this kind show up it will shatter the notion that the good die young and incidentally will deprive our prospective centenarians of lots of fun.

Locating Them.

"He likes to sit alone at night and listen to the music of the spheres."
"The Spheres, eh? I never heard of them. I suppose that is the name of some musical family that lives next door."

Self Preservation.

"Which do you think is the most valuable of our senses?"
"Touch, cultivated till it is so sensitive that you can tell beforehand that you are about to experience it."

Happy Days.

"Having the best time I ever had in my life now."
"Why, what has happened?"
"All the bill collectors are off on a vacation."

Her Reason.

"She's a very enthusiastic girl."
"Yes; she considers effervescence appropriate to her type."

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