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FADELESS FLOWER.

A Pretty Australian Plant With Pleasing Perfume.

Some very sensational statements have been given out concerning the prospective value of the new fadeless flower developed by Luther Burbank, Santa Rosa, Cal. It is declared the blooms are so attractive and permanent that they may be expected largely to displace artificial flowers for millinery and similar decorative purposes. Burbank's variety is not to be given to the public for a year or two, but seed of *Cephalopterum drummondii*, the species from which it was selected, is freely offered this season by leading seedsmen for 25 cents a packet. This plant, a half hardy annual, was discovered in central Australia not long ago. It is easily grown from seeds, quickly



NEW FADELESS FLOWER.

making good sized plants, growing freely in any light garden soil. The blooms are shown in the illustration.

The color of the flower varies from bluish white to a very pretty rosy crimson, and flowers are produced in great profusion in clusters at the end of every branch. There is a faint but agreeable fragrance that is preserved to a slight extent when the blooms are dried. The color and shape are preserved in the dried flower, as is the case with other popular everlasting, immortelles or eternal flowers, long known in our gardens, such as *xanthemum*, *helichrysum*, *gomprensia* and the *helipterum*, formerly catalogued as *acroclinium* and *rhodanthe*. This new Australian everlasting as now offered is not equal in beauty to many of these old favorites, and it is not easy to understand why such great value and interest are assigned to Burbank's selection, even though it may produce larger and finer blooms.

The flowers of *Cephalopterum drummondii* are neat and the color attractive, but they show little indication of being more durable than other immortelles

when dried, as the attachment to the stalk is of a rather flimsy character. The color, though delicate and agreeable, will not suit every one. The retained perfume is a pleasing feature we have not noticed in other garden everlastings, though it is common with many grasses used for drying, concludes Rural New Yorker, in commenting upon the new floral sensation.

Planting Strawberries.

It has always been my practice to plant strawberries in rows three and one-half feet apart, and the distance in the rows depends very much on the variety. With such rank growing varieties as the Excelsior three feet in a row is plenty close enough. They will fill up then. But, taking a variety like the Novice or the Bubach, fifteen or eighteen inches would be better. There is quite a little said about pedigree plants. I have had some experience along that line. All the pedigree I want is a good, thrifty plant true to the name, plenty of manure and plenty of cultivation. That covers the whole pedigree business as far as my judgment goes. In propagating strawberry plants it is not like vegetables that can be grown from seed. A plant is nothing more than a cutting, and I have never seen that there was any chance of its changing its character that way. —A New Jersey Strawberry Specialist.

Rose Cuttings.

The time to insert cuttings of roses is about the end of September or the month of October. Their growth then is practically complete and the shoots are fairly firm.

A plan which has been often successful is to take an ordinary garden frame, stand it on a hard bottom and in it place a compost made up of loam, self mold and sand in equal proportions. This must be thoroughly incorporated and when placed in position and pressed down firmly should be about six inches deep. It must then be watered and allowed to stand a few days before inserting the cuttings. These should be taken from shoots which have borne the first crop of roses of the year, as they will then be in the half ripened condition required. They must be stripped off with a slight heel and not cut from the plant. Four inches is the proper length for the cuttings.—Washington Star.

Hyacinth Beds.

Beds for hyacinth planting should be prepared with one-half of rotted turfy loam and one-half of equal portions of rotted manure, leaf mold and sand. The beds should be rounded up two to four inches above the path to carry off superfluous water.

Heavy Thinning For Plums.

The Americana plums fruit so heavily that in an experiment conducted at the Wisconsin experiment station it was found that nearly four-fifths of the crop should be removed in order to get really satisfactory results.



AMATEUR ROSE GROWING.

Except For Insects, Hardy Roses Require Little Care.

From now until the ground is too hard to break with a pick roses may be successfully planted. Roses make a better showing when massed, but wherever the individual bushes may be put give them a sunny spot. They love the sunshine and not too much wind, so if the exposure is wind swept it will be well to set up a hedge. The bushes must not be so near or so high as to shade the roses. Yet if the ground about them is sandy and the sun very hot the flowers will be glad of a little shade during the warmest weather. A location which gives the shade of a few trees for a short time during the day is just the place for them.

The soil must be a strong rich loam that is well drained. If there is clay in it, so much the better. Most heavy loam contains enough, and hybrid perpetual roses do well in this, especially if the earth has a good many fibrous roots in it. Tea roses, on the contrary, like a sandy gravel to grow in. It must be spaded to a good depth and all the stones, roots and grass removed.

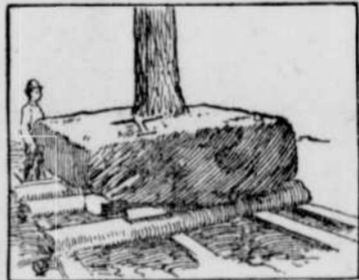
Well rotted stable fertilizer should be fed the plants abundantly, for roses can hardly be too much enriched. The fertilizer must be well rotted or it will burn the roots of the plants and hinder growth, if it does not kill them.

The hybrid perpetuals are best of all garden roses for growing in the northern states. Teas usually have to be protected with some kind of bedding.

NOVEL TREE MOVING.

A Giant Elm Is Moved on Rollers, Like a House.

A beautiful specimen of the American elm was moved by Alexander Klokner, landscape architect, in the manner shown in the illustration. To vacate a lot where a street was to be cut through it became necessary to cut down the tree or to move it sixty-five feet toward the east. It was decided to move it, the work being carefully laid out by Mr. Klokner, and six men accomplished it in two days. In spite of the sandy loam which constituted the ball it arrived at its destination in perfect shape. This was due large-



MOVING A BIG TREE ON ROLLERS.

ly to the unusual amount of fibrous roots which were kept constantly moist during the journey. The foliage never showed any ill effects from the moving. Rollers were put under the ball, and the tree was carried along as easily as moving a house. "The people who lived near the tree were indignant at our work," said Mr. Klokner, "but their bet was met, and we did the smoking. The tree today is as beautiful as ever. The cost of the moving was \$34."—Gardening.

Strawberry Culture.

Fourteen years' experience in strawberry culture shows the best plan is to follow nature as nearly as possible and keep a firm soil underneath the strawberry, writes a New Jersey farmer in Rural New Yorker. It requires a firm soil to grow in and do its best. Avoid the rank, heavy growth that causes the berries to mold and rot on the vines before they are ripe. When once you set out a good profitable sort keep it in the same field or beds year after year by building up after fruiting. In this way you can keep the soil underneath firm and grow large and successful crops each season from the same beds without plowing or resetting plants and at very little expense.

Raising Chicory.

A light and moderately rich soil is recommended for chicory. The seed is sown in drills twelve inches apart and one inch deep. They are thinned to from six to nine inches and hoed frequently through the summer. In England it is found that chicory may be produced in winter in mushroom, houses or in boxes under greenhouse benches where a temperature of 60 degrees can be had. In some localities in France caves or cellars are much used for forcing chicory.—American Cultivator.

FRUIT AND FLOWER NOTES

Bush fruits may be set in the fall. Strawberries are planted in September.

Sow flower seeds now for winter bloom in windows or conservatory.

Wet lands are not fit for orchards, and especially if set to fruit trees it should not be done in the fall.

Hard wooded cuttings of deutzia may be taken in the fall and treated in the same manner as currant cuttings.

As there is usually fine weather after the first frosts many plants and flowers may be kept presentable for such weather by protecting them on nights when the cold is likely to nip them.

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