

THE HOME BEAUTIFUL—A PROBLEM IN LANDSCAPE GARDENING

Approach of Spring Turns Householder's Thoughts Towards Most Practical Means of Improving the Appearance of His Home—With Roses in Bush, Hedge and Vine, Flowering Shrubs of Many Varieties, and Many Flowers, He Does Not Want for Material.

There were approximately 800 residence erected in Medford during 1910. Practically all of these homes are occupied, most of them by owners. They are now confronted with the problem of how to make the property adjacent to each house attractive. In many cases the lots were graded and lawns prepared last season, which this year will present a satisfactory appearance. The second season, however, dictates that some study shall be given landscape gardening, if the best possible "home beautiful" effects are to be secured.

MEXICO POSTPONES MISSION TO JAPAN

LONDON, March 18.—Supporting its declarations that the United States is mobilizing its troops as a warning to Mexico against too close relations with Japan, the London Express today quotes a paragraph from the Tokio Times of February 25. It reads:

"According to a telegram received yesterday, Mexico has postponed the departure of her special envoy to Japan until September."

The Express contends that the object of this Mexican mission to Japan was one of the things that caused apprehension in the United States and led to the massing of army and naval forces practically on the Mexican border.

TELEPHONE GIRL FALLS HEIR TO \$100,000

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 18.—With a check for \$100,000 tucked safely under her belt, Miss May Morse, until yesterday telephone operator at the Hotel Lankersham, is today on her way to Bath, Me., to settle up the odds and ends of her aunt's, Mrs. Benjamin Morse, estate.

Not even the girl's employers suspected that she was an heiress until she resigned from her position. Then she remarked in a nonchalant fashion that final distribution of her aunt's estate, \$100,000 of which went to her, had been ordered.

Miss Morse said her dead aunt was the mother of Charles W. Morse, the "ice king," now in federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

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No matter how small or unpretentious a home, its appearance can be made infinitely more attractive if the ground around it is well cared for. It matters not the size or extent of a yard; none is too small that a well chosen vine or shrub or a flower bed will not improve it. And of course the larger the yard, the more opportunities exist for the landscape artist. But in any event the cost of such improvement if made with taste is in-

significant in comparison with the results. It is to the rose that each Medford householder must do homage in acknowledging the most attractive landscape feature.

While roses bloom to perfection there are other plants which make satisfactory lawn decorations. Among the flowering shrubs most commonly used here are the azalea, barberry, flowering currant, dogwood, golden bell, hydrangea, lilac, snowball and spirea.

Another form of home embellishment than adds grace and charm to the appearance of a home is the vine or creeper. It covers porches and pergola, giving shade and comfort and putting forth perfumed flowers. Several varieties of ivy, clematis, honeysuckle and wistaria, are to be had for this purpose. But the service of the vine and creeper ends not with the home. Churches, depots, factories and all brick and stone edifices, no matter how old or how ugly can be transformed into things of beauty by a few vines.

Climate and soil conditions in Med-

ford make the hedge an especially desirable form of home decoration. The garden craftsman, it is said, if he be a true artist will let nature make his fences for him. A neat, well groomed hedge of roses, holly, English laurel, Japanese quince and Lawson's cypress are also fine for formal sheared hedges. For the high hedge, Norway spruce, Lawson cypress and the hemlocks are all desirable, the Norway spruce especially as it is sturdy fast growing and handsome.

For the untrimmed hedges, those allowed to grow naturally with little or no pruning, and which are now a favorite means of enclosing flower and vegetable gardens, edging terraces and defining walks, nearly any free growing shrub can be used, such as spirea, barberry, English holly, Oregon grape, roses, etc.

Peonies, lilies and Japanese iris are other plants suitable for yard decoration, while sweet peas, nasturtiums, and many other flowers can be recruited for the flower garden. For the large lawn many varieties of evergreens and ornamental trees are available.

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AIRSHIP DROPS BOMBS UPON FORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Demonstrating clearly that land fortifications are at the mercy of the man in the airship, Aviator McCurdy today scouted over Fort Meyer and dropped "bombs" with ease and accuracy in various parts of the fort. Secretary of War Dickinson and Generals Wood, Allen, Murray and Weaver witnessed the experiment.

PRESS DEPARTMENT TO AID EQUAL SUFFRAGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18.—With Mrs. Arthur W. Cornwall as president, the Club Women's Franchise League is establishing a press department here to further the cause of equal suffrage in the state. Invitations are being sent out to all women's organizations in California to aid in the fight to have a constitutional amendment adopted which will give votes for women.

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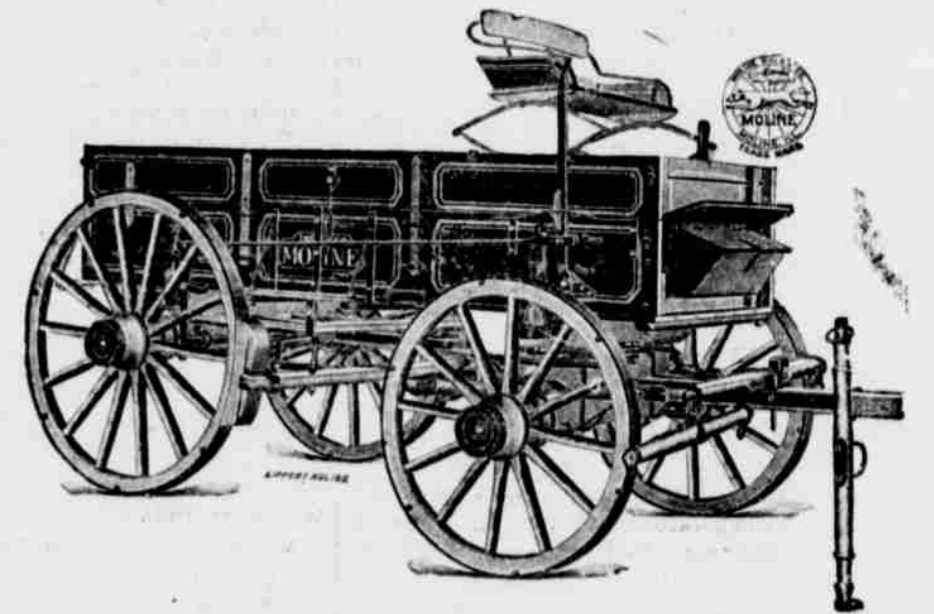
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