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WHAT DO WE PLANT?

What do we plant when we plant the tree?  
A thousand things that we do not see.  
We plant the planks to carry the sails;  
We plant the planks to withstand the gales—  
The keel, the keelson, the beam, the knee;  
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?  
We plant the house for you and me.  
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors,  
We plant the studding, the lath, the doors,  
The beams, the sidsins, all parts that be;  
We plant the house when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?  
A thousand things that we do not see.  
We plant the spire that out-towers the crag.  
We plant the staff for the country's flag,  
We plant the shade, from the hot sun free;  
We plant all these when we plant the tree,  
Henry Ably, from the Christian Science Monitor.

Tips From Garden Note Book

For many years we have had window boxes but none have been so successful as the ones that we used last summer. These were a joy from early summer until well into the fall, and the effect was simple to achieve, it was quite unusual. In the back part of the boxes we planted rose morn petunias and in the front, blue lobelia. We used a few plants of variegated vinca for a green trailer over the front. The plants blossomed prettily throughout the summer and the boxes were the admiration of all our friends and acquaintances. As the boxes were continually exposed to the rays of the sun, we filled them first with sandy loam and then covered it with a well-rotted manure could also have been used. Another combination that we found very effective for an upstairs window, was rose morn petunias backed with yellow snapdragons. We might have had better success with our window boxes if the plants had been pot-grown rather than box-grown.—Mrs. F. K., New York.

My husband smokes tobacco which comes in little sacks. (No doubt every housewife is familiar with them.) I wash these sacks and use them for seed containers and find them very handy. They can be tied securely and yet permit air to reach the seeds. I label each sack with ink or pencil. Pencil is better for it will wash out and the sacks can be used another year. As each one is filled, tied, and labeled, I drop it into a paper shopping bag. This larger bag can be hung in any preferable place and is findable.—Mrs. H. S., Illinois.

Miscellaneous Column

**Home Backgrounds**  
"On our ability to get along with wife, husband, parents, children, friends, associates, and society hangs the difference between heaven and hell on this earth," reads a recent magazine advertisement.

**Clean Shoes**  
Glowing and laughing, Bobbie dashed home through the rain and took off his rubbers at the door. But his mother noticed with dismay Bobbie's new tan shoes, streaked and spotted. Off they came.

**Easy Manicuring**  
Some women give us an excuse for badly trimmed, dirty fingernails that housework makes it impossible to keep them looking nice. It is true that much kitchen work is hard on the hands, but it is also true that a few minutes of daily care will keep them in presentable condition. The care of the nails is not a matter of good looks alone, for neglect is likely to result in "bananas."

**Flowers Worn With Bracelets**  
PARIS—(AP) Flowers are sometimes worn tucked under a jeweled bracelet by women who pride themselves on being just a bit ahead of the mode. A small posy of mixed flowers, or a gardenia or camellia, is the smartest choice. Sometimes both flower and chiffon handkerchiefs are worn under a bracelet, or an artificial flower is knitted in a handkerchief tied around the wrist.

**Rain's My Choice**  
It ain't no use to grumble and complain; It's joy as cheap and easy to rejoice.

When God sends out the weather and sends rain,  
Why rain's my choice.  
—James Whitcomb Riley in the Vacationist.

Home Decoration

This department on Home Decoration is for the benefit of all women who have household problems to solve. Queries pertaining to problems of this kind may be addressed to Miss Snedlicor, care of Women's Department of the Mail Tribune.

**Query.** What is theatrical gauze and where may it be used? Mrs. T. L. D.  
**Answer.** It is a loosely woven material made of linen and found most commonly in the natural color. It may be embroidered with wool or finished with a braid or fringe and used for curtains in an informal room.

**Query.** How far from the floor should pictures be hung? Mrs. S. B. T.  
**Answer.** A general rule is to hang a picture so that the center of interest in the picture is about 6 or 6 1/2 feet from the floor—then a person, when standing looks directly at the picture.

**Query.** Should the fireplace be made the center of interest when arranging furniture in a room? Mrs. P. R. C.  
**Answer.** Yes. Usually it is the dominant center about which the family life naturally groups itself, but other lesser groups should be arranged all about the room.

New Bathing Suits Modified for U. S.

PARIS—(AP) Backless bathing suits have American buyers puzzled. Beach regulations in the United States would make wearing of the new Parisian models a hazardous venture.

Most of this season's one-piece suits are cut down to deep décolletés in back. Some of the slashes go to the waistline and leave the back entirely exposed to sun or sea.

Buyers for some of New York's big houses are having "dickies" fitted into the V and U shaped openings. By using contrasting colors they get something of the backless effect. Other buyers have ordered the suits made with backs. Still another method is to match each backless bathing suit with a beach robe, which will hide the otherwise exposed area.

There are many black and white bathing suits in the latest collections. Some of the suits meant for actual swimming, and not merely for sun-bathing, are one-piece wool jersey affairs with modernistic designs knitted into them. Most of the suits are striking in pattern.

**Chiffon Jackets Made For Dining Outdoors**  
PARIS—(AP) Printed chiffon jackets for wear over plain colored dinner dresses when dining outdoors are shown in the mid-season collections. Molyneux has one in black chiffon printed with roses for wear over black satin dresses. Other dressmakers show straps embroidered jackets of chiffon or laces in black. Jackets of printed satin. Most of them are finger tip length.

**The Home Medicine Chest Important**  
It is natural instinct for human beings to take medicine when they are not feeling well, but the indiscriminate use of medicines do more harm than good.

The home medicine chest, which is usually located in the bath room, should be planned with care, and it should be located high enough so that small children cannot reach it.

Nature's Open Spaces Are Calling Let's Be Off For Our First Picnic

In these early days of spring, the lure of the open comes to us with renewed force. We have been kept indoors, more or less, during the winter, but now Nature beckons to us so let's get out the old car, put on some warm wraps and go on our first picnic.

There is still a chill in the air and the food demands are somewhat different from what they will be in a month or so. The bracing air invites hikes and vigorous exercise, so we are sure to be hungry when lunch is ready. So the food for this, our first picnic, must be much heartier than the ordinary picnic fare. By all means, we should take something hot along—cocoa is a thermos bottle and let's not forget that the best cocoa is made with evaporated milk.

Let stand one hour in a cold place. When ready to serve, garnish with hard cooked eggs cut in wedges. Yield: 6 servings.

**Cooked Salad Dressing**  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. mustard  
1/2 tsp. cayenne  
2 tsp. flour  
2 cups sugar  
2 egg yolks beaten  
2 cups vinegar  
1/2 cup boiling water  
Mix dry ingredients in top of double boiler. Add egg yolks, then butter and diluted milk, stirring constantly to keep smooth. Cook over hot water 15 minutes. Remove from fire, cool and add vinegar. Yield: 1 1/2 cups.

**Cocoa**  
2 cups cocoa  
2 cups evaporated milk  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup boiling water  
1/2 cup hot water  
1/2 cup hot water  
Mix cocoa, sugar and salt and add hot water. Cook over a low flame 5 minutes, stirring constantly to prevent burning. Add hot diluted milk and continue cooking over boiling water 10 minutes. Pour while piping hot into a Thermos bottle. Yield: 6 servings.

**Devilled Eggs**  
2 hard cooked eggs  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1/2 tsp. vinegar  
1/2 tsp. mustard  
Cut eggs in half, lengthwise. Remove yolks and mash fine; add rest of ingredients to yolks and mix thoroughly. Fill mixture into whites. Press halves together and make secure by putting a toothpick through the center. Wrap in paraffin paper. Yield: 6 servings.

**Butterscotch Cookies**  
3/4 cup flour  
1/2 cup butter  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup cream  
1/2 cup vanilla  
1/2 cup salt  
1/2 cup nuts, chopped  
1 cup dates  
1 cup raisins  
1 cup currants  
1 cup walnuts  
1 cup almonds  
1 cup pecans  
1 cup cashews  
1 cup hazelnuts  
1 cup macadamia nuts  
1 cup pistachios  
1 cup pineapples  
1 cup cherries  
1 cup apricots  
1 cup plums  
1 cup peaches  
1 cup apples  
1 cup pears  
1 cup grapes  
1 cup raisins  
1 cup currants  
1 cup cherries  
1 cup apricots  
1 cup plums  
1 cup peaches  
1 cup apples  
1 cup pears  
1 cup grapes

Parent-Teachers' Associations

Physical Education  
Medford School Children  
These examinations were made by three local physicians and a dentist, who donated their time. A complete physical examination which is merely a check up to see that all organs of the body are doing their work in the way that they should was done.

Pupils to the number of 1553 in the grade schools were examined for the Health Honor roll. 512 of these were eligible to the honor roll at the time of the examinations. 587 were not eligible because of some physical handicap but had the condition corrected and marched in the Health Honor roll parade. 45 were not eligible because of handicaps and could not get corrections done so did not be in the parade.

There were 1,112 defects found. About 700 of these were corrected. There are more dental defects found than any other thing, as the following report of dental survey shows:

Total number examined.....1553  
Number defective.....957  
Number satisfactory.....596  
Per cent defective.....61.6%

There were 384 corrections of teeth.

**Our Cap**  
The May number of the School Board Journal carries a three-quarter page article entitled, "The Medford Continuous Census," by Mrs. B. H. Bryant, director of the census. This is an article well worth reading and may be obtained in typed form at the superintendent's office.

Other pleasant publicity has been gained by this continuous census—a plan originated by Superintendent Hedrick and carried out through his office by the aid of the Parent-Teacher associations of the city under the leadership of Mrs. B. H. Bryant, who is also in charge of the state work along this line.

A number of cities including Portland have requested data on the continuous census as carried on in Medford and all are heartily in favor of the plan.

The plan, briefly, is as follows: The city is divided into sub-districts in each of which a resident enumerator is "on the job."

A director appointed annually by the city council of the P. T. A., assists the enumerators and keeps the system alive and functioning.

Every time a new family with children moves into the district, the enumerator calls, lists the children on the proper blank and mails it direct to the city school superintendent.

A continuous census helps to keep the school office informed as to the shifting of pupils within the district and furnishes valuable data when school opens in September.

The enumerators are not responsible for the enforcement of the compulsory education law. But it does help to discover the children who might otherwise remain in the district a year without entering school or the authorities being aware of their presence. It aids also in the summer round-up.

NO LOAFING IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM

By Rev. Thomas F. Coakley, D. D.  
A serious threat to our national life is the extraordinary aversion to work encountered everywhere. Ail is now looked upon as a degradation, a form of servitude to be performed unwillingly and by compulsion.

With the highest wages known in history we have reached the lowest efficiency on the part of workmen. Provided with the most marvelous machinery ever devised, increasing man's capacity many fold, yet the world's production is probably at its lowest level.

Many nations are on the verge of ruin, their debts unpaid, their budgets unbalanced, their currency depreciated, their credit impaired.

Christ can cure this malignant infection. To the unwillingness to work that is such a pronounced feature in modern life, he set an example by laboring from his earliest youth as a carpenter. He realized the primary law of God: "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." He tells us that labor is a condition of life itself: "If any man will not work, neither let him eat."

God recognizes no idle class; no loafers shall be rewarded with citizenship in the kingdom of heaven, for at the last judgment Christ will "render to every man according to his works."

material to this severest of tests—a western sun upon the glass—but the curtains have not faded a bit on the right side after a year of usage!

"Grandmother prints," a delightful name for old-fashioned, tiny sprigged and figured calicoes, is a quaint possibility for children's, little girls' and maids' bed-room.

Similar to these in texture and pattern in small black and white stripes that may be considered "Frenchy" and in polka dots that vary in smartness according to their sizes. Sheer effects for curtains are obtained in dotted Normandy valles with dots in all tints, and organdie with exquisitely colored dots.

Other ideas for nurseries are batistes, also tiny sprigged mulls and lingette, a wash satin lingerie cloth in two-tone pin stripes, in texture heavy enough to use as over-curtains. Chambrey is appropriate also.

Japanese crepe you know, and have you seen the gingham checked in yellow, orange and white? Think of that in a north kitchen, a breakfast room, or in a boy's room! Checked and plaid gingham are fascinating and the more expensive ones do not fade.

The writer has used them for kitchen in apple-green and white, and a darker green and white with borders of black.

**Take Along a Book**  
If you're longing now for laughter, just take along a book. If it's Romance that you're after, why take along a book! If adventure seems to hold you, if you'd learn to dress right nifty, if you're ten or if you're fifty—just take along a book.

If you're very fond of history, pray take along a book. If your soul is thrilled by mystery, Sh! Take along a book! If you want to turn right thrifty, if you'd learn to dress right nifty, if you're ten or if you're fifty—just take along a book.

Among Flowers

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of the birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.—Bible.

Do you want shrubs for the north or the shady side of the house? All the privets get on well in shade, and so do the honeysuckles, especially the tartarian variety. The Viburnum will grow in either sun or shade, but out of the sun the arborescent sort does best. For partial shade, the dogwoods, forsythia, or mock orange will give satisfaction.

Plant your roses in a sheltered spot. And—this is important—make the holes deep enough to let the roots slant downward and outward. The soil must be well drained and should be made rich with rotted manure.

If you want a tiger lily to really show off, mulch around it thickly with cut straw or leaves—and then how it laughs and rejoices.

Primula is a first cousin to the despised weed, "muskby" but like many fine people who have unimpaired relatives, it deserves to be loved on its own account. It will brighten the driest, poorest spot, and looks so glad and happy when finer flowers droop with the heat.

Do you know Shasta waisies—named by Burbank for his favorite snow-capped peak of the Sierra mountains? They're wonderfully generous bloomers. They should be started early in the house, but even if not planted until it's time to sow them outside, they'll give you weeks of beauty.

One writer means that "Every one who has a 26-foot lot plants a hydrangea." Well, why not? It grows in almost any soil, and what's handsomer than its great drooping heads of snowy bloom, in late summer when most other shrubs have quit flowering for the year?

One of our readers, Mary J. Thomas, Barnesville, R. I., writes a little story of the purple sage, such as Zane Gray describes in his wonderful western stories? She writes a lovely letter, in which she says: "I am an old Welsh woman . . . and I live in a house going on two hundred years old." Perhaps some kind western reader of Farm Life will send her a bit of the purple sage.

One of the friendliest little flowers is corn flower—maybe it's called blue bottle or ragged sailor in your locality. It will self sow from year to year, greeting you each summer with lovely blue and pink and white blossoms.

What Shall I Choose for Curtains

By Charlotte Lilienthal  
If you would have individual curtains at little expense, go a-hunting, not in the drapery department but in the dress goods department. Gray, which is a color difficult to obtain in decorators' establishments, was obtained in the dress goods department, mercerized cotton broadcloth, a material popular for dresses, with a "smart" black and gray stripe of a darker shade than the ground and trimmed it with a self-stripes. At night it has the rich look of tulle and acts as shades, both night and day, on living room casement windows.

For a bedroom, in the same house, she used cotton shantung, a material shot through with coarse threads like silk or cotton shantung in euru in drapery departments, but in a beautiful lavender and lower sash curtains to subdue western sunlight and to act also as the only shades. The material was guaranteed not to fade but as its purpose was for dresses, and lavender is the most fleeting of all shades, she was in some trepidation in putting the

A printed summer street frock of benging, showing the new surplice blouse trimmed with heavy faceting. The straight skirt with its fulness on one side is a distinctive note.



Miss Louisa Wilson, of Gastonia, N. C., has been chosen May Queen of Randolph-Woman's college, at Lynchburg, Va.



China's New Blue Annual

China has given up a new annual of unusual beauty and effectiveness in the garden picture in the Chinese forget-me-not or cinglossium amabile. It is a rich, true, pure blue, a color that is rather rare in annuals as most of the blues have considerable purple in them. The cinglossium gives the same intense blue as the allanets or anemuses among perennials and somewhat resembles them but grows from seed the first year and is a sure-fire annual. Once established it self sows freely and a supply will always be available.

The individual flowers are small somewhat resembling the forget-me-not but they are produced in large and graceful sprays. It is beautiful material for cutting. It will grow in partial shade as well as in full sun. The plants reach a height of eighteen inches and should be spaced a foot apart. It makes a beautiful bed or mass in the border and groups of half a dozen plants scattered about give a fine blue effect all over the garden.



As the seed is good sized much trouble may be saved by sowing two or three in a hill a foot apart and then pulling out all but the one strongest plant. It is a plant deserving a wide use in the garden and will be one of the standard annuals when it becomes better known as no other annual gives such a sheet of intense blue.

Carrying out the fine blue of the cinglossium, some of the tobaccos may be used for an edging to the bed, using either a similar coloring of rich blue or a lighter or darker one by way of contrast. Blue stocks and blue larkspurs are other blue subjects for the annual display but neither gives the same purity of color as the Chinese forget-me-not.

Another useful blue annual is the lupine. The annual forms are much easier to grow and much more certain to bloom than the perennial sorts which are very sensitive to drought and hot weather and do not thrive in many sections of the country. The annuals need plenty of moisture but will not quit under hot weather conditions as do the perennials.