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MOST WINSOME AT HAVANA FETE



Sheila La Gae, pretty 19-year old San Francisco girl who represented California in the Cuban capital's carnival of beauty, was proclaimed the most winsome American girl there. She will enter the prize upon her return home.

Pointers for Parents

The group sense, the middle ground, a new poise, belief in others, the power to organize, the expectation of understanding—all these are attributes of a race yet to come, expressed in the adults of now in proportion as they have reached spiritual adulthood, but expressed with heartening frequency by children. Over and over again it is true of children that they are born on a higher spiritual plane than the plane on which they stand when they finished their school. The schooling is planned by adults, but is entered upon by rather angelic beings. Surely the whole task of child training is to recognize and invite the angel in the child. Instead of this, we try to measure the angel by yardsticks.

A budget and a record of expenditures can teach us something about our own sense of values and about those which our mode of living is instilling in our children. How are we reconciling our income and our wants? Of course we want to be ambitious, to be efficient producers as possible, and to increase earnings as we can. But there are ways of satisfying the demands for the increased refinements of life other than increased expenditures. If a few persons in a community are only brave enough to break thru the wall of conventional expenditure, others will follow with relief.

Cozy little garments for the baby are made of dainty washable flannels. The sensible mother trims them with every simple embroidery and narrow lace. Ties instead of buttons are the better fastenings. Printed flannel in pastel colors is charming for little dressing gowns. Coats of flannel should be made with detachable linings. Flannelite is practical for night-gowns.

Breakfast is a most obvious part of the preparation for the day. With our abundant food supply and our high standard of living, it ought to be an axiom that every child comes to school well fed. But as a matter of fact an alarming number of American school children are undernourished. These are not by any means the poor alone, but include the children from well-to-do families. It is impossible for a child whose body is underfed to do his best work at school.

Patriotism, as commonly taught, is easily perverted. If we are to give content to the idea of loyalty in our schools, it is necessary, I think, to teach children to face the facts of life; to see that the economic of war are nearly always economic, to see that there has rarely, if ever, been a war in which all the right was on one side, and all the wrong on the other; to understand the causes of war in the hope of getting at the cure of war.

Expert Outlines Uses of Versatile Annuals

Annuals should play an important role in garden planning. They have been belittled at times as a standby of the beginner anxious to have his garden quickly furnished with flowers. But it is not only for their rapid maturity that the experienced gardener appreciates them, says Leonard Barron, Horticultural Editor of the American Home. He values them for their abundance of bloom in full summer when perennial bloom lags, and for their versatility.

There are annuals for practically every place and purpose, from dwarf edgings to temporary hedges. Mr. Barron points out in his article in the February issue, in making a selection of annuals the first thing to consider is the need the flowers are to fill.

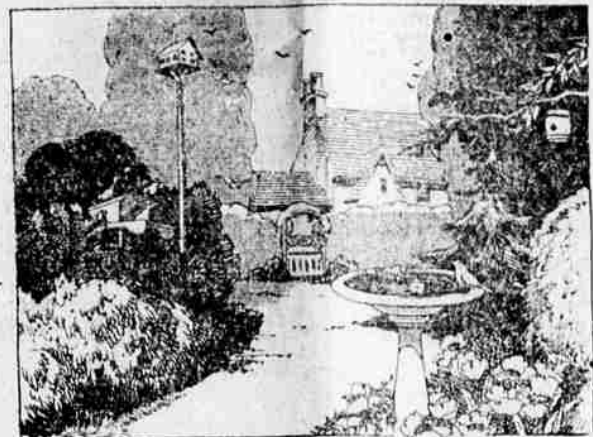
For a trellis or a fence to be covered quickly, a good thing to buy is a mixed collection of gourds. These diversified fruits will lend interest to the garden in the fall. Other vines suitable for posts and trellises are the Morning Glory, the Cypress vine, the Canary vine, and the Scarlet Runner Bean.

For edging, and for bordering beds of taller plants, Alyssum, Drummond Phlox, Verbena and the Portulaca are recommended. For complete borders which may also be relied upon for cutting, Astors, Larkspur, Snapdragon, Cornflower and Sweet Sultan are the preferred annuals.

For a background that will simulate a hedge the Castor Bean is an excellent choice. Combined with Cosmos and Sunflowers the screen will be complete, though transient.

FOOCHOW, China (AP)—The national government's ban on gambling has created a new demand for motion pictures. For centuries gambling has been the principal form of entertainment offered by Chinese hosts to their guests.

What is HOME without a GARDEN



A Garden Planted to Attract the Birds

By planting trees and shrubs which provide shelter, protection and food for birds we can do much to attract to our gardens these welcome visitors, whose colorful plumage and delightful song add so much to garden enjoyment.

There need be no sacrifice of beauty in design, in order to work into the garden picture a corner of such planting. The accompanying sketch illustrates how a charmingly natural planting can be made with a bird bath of pleasing design set well out in the open, to complete the picture. Here the permanent residents of the garden and transient guests may bathe in the sunshine, without fear of enemies springing upon them from cover too nearby.

In other portions of the grounds, there may be bird houses for those that prefer a home provided by man. Some will prefer to build their nests in thorny haw trees, which marauding cats will find it difficult to penetrate. Evergreens

fastened to the wall on hinges and let down when not in use. Wooden drainboards are very satisfactory and less likely to break dishes than those of enamel or zinc.

At least one style-maker is pushing two-piece dresses in the special collection his house sends to Monte Carlo. This collection repeats the two-piece jumper style many times.

Modes of the Moment



Parent-Teachers' Associations

THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ITS AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Junior high school is a division of the public school system immediately above the sixth elementary grade. It responds to individual differences as needs are shown, by providing a choice of one or more subjects, by each pupil in the first year, and gradually offering increased opportunity for choice through the second and third years.

The pupils are segregated in a building, by themselves, possessing an organization distinct from the grades above and the grades below, and are taught by a separate staff of teachers.

The plan and arrangement in the Junior high school is to secure a better adjustment and adoption of the course of study to the individual abilities and needs of the students.

The aim is to break up the old order which chained together in one large class, pupils who were unequal both in ability and the amount of effort they were willing to apply to their tasks.

The school is organized in such a manner as to produce a school discipline, a school spirit, and a school accomplishment that finds justification in the principles of physiology, psychology, sociology, and pedagogy.

The purposes of the Junior high school are as follows: 1. To offer a program which shall be suited to the needs of the boys and girls in their early adolescence. 2. To take into account individual differences of pupils. 3. To assist the boys and girls to develop right attitudes toward life and its problems. 4. To assist the boys and girls in developing their natural abilities.

Humane Society

Quoting from an article in the National Humane Review by Sydney H. Coleman, President, The American Humane Association—"Is Animal Protection Work a Fad?"

Those who question the value of animals have blinded themselves to the fact that behind every act of kindness to or mercy for animals, there is a corresponding benefit to the human family. The economic value of such society is emphasized whenever it prevents a man from abusing his horse, or interfering when he improperly feeds his cattle. The public health is safeguarded by removing sick and unwanted animals from the street. The moral tone of a district is raised when acts of cruelty to animals are suppressed. These things to the highest emotion of mankind and help to make the world a better place to live in. Animal protection has long passed the fad stage. It is a necessity and has an equal place with every other movement designed for the betterment of the world.

Some matters I would emphasize as we consider animal protection.

1. Humane Education—that system of training whereby children are taught to be kind and considerate to all living things—is fast being recognized as one of the finest mediums of character building.

2. The humane trapping of animals has been carefully studied by the Association over a period of several years, with a fully trained expert at the head of this department.

3. The cropping of the ears of dogs has been brought into the limelight through the efforts of local and national organizations that the public has come to recognize the practice as cruel.

4. Animal shelters are today recognized as an important adjunct of an animal protective society.

5. The rodeo has not been done away with, but we are thankful that many of the worst abuses are being eliminated. Trained animal acts are being more carefully watched than formerly.

6. Foreign work has continued to play its part in the activities of the Association but has been financially wholly out of special contributions.

7. The abuse of range stock on the plains, in transportation to the abattoirs, and the slaughter of the animals have been constantly receiving attention.

8. A movement toward more uniform practice in the handling of animal clinics and hospitals will mean much for the future treatment of animals.

9. Observance of Humane Sunday and Be Kind to Animals Week would be made more vital and worth while this coming spring. No medium offers greater possibilities.

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QUEEN OF NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS



Beace Casanas, debutante daughter of a New Orleans banker, was crowned queen of that city's Mardi Gras celebration.

Household Hints

Smirking Heads

In staining a neckline of graduated shades, use two needles, one at each end of the thread. First fill the largest or center head, then fill in the string with the needle of corresponding size, using a smaller needle, then the other. A. S.

An Improved Chair

A cream freer can be utilized to excellent advantage as a chair. The process of churning is simple. The temperature of the cream may be regulated by filling cans around the can with hot or cold water. Mrs. E. F.

Lint On Dark Clothes

Dark cloth coats which pick up lint readily may be cleaned by wearing a rubber sponge, wringing it out, and then sponging the coat. A hint passed on by the saleslady in a clothing store and has been a great boon to our family. Use any woolen material that attracts lint may be handled in the same manner. Mrs. R. E.

Paint and Paint Brushes

To keep left-over paint, pour red paraffine on top; this will keep paint from hardening. If brushes have been stiff and need to be cleaned, clean them in hot vinegar and wash in soft. Wrap paint cans in waxed paper before putting them away. T. L.

Safety Pins and Babies

The mother of a small baby should never put a safety pin in her mouth. It isn't long until the baby notices it and his first act is picking up a pin would be to see a mother did and put it in his mouth. My baby, upon seeing a safety pin, always hands it to me.

So I have little fear of its going into his mouth.

High Storage Shelves

When storing boxes on high closet shelves, attach tags by cords long enough so that one can read the list of contents of each box as written on the tag without climbing on stool or step ladder. Mary L.

How Is Your Canary?

Bird seed alone isn't enough to keep a canary in good health and singing. It needs green stuff now and then—a little lettuce, water cress or tender grass. A bit of apple occasionally is good, too. So is a morsel of bread moistened in scalded milk and fed cold. Don't feed much soft food—no cake or other pastry.

A canary should bathe daily, except when moulting, and then once or twice weekly is enough. Sometimes the bird will get out of the bathing habit. Changing to a strange dish may cause this. Putting clean sand in the bottom of the cage causes the bird to bathe. If you just won't bathe, shower him gently with an atomizer and tepid water.

Canaries have two kinds of vermin, which may take the singing spirit out of them. One is a gray louse that lives on the body. It can be killed by putting insect powder well into the feathers—two or three times to get the young ones. Mites are worse than lice, but they live in the cages, attacking the bird at night. The easiest way to kill them is to remove the bird and dip the cage in boiling water.

As the birds grow older, their toe nails need to be cut back once in a while, or they may grow so long as to catch in the cage and cause a broken leg. Use a sharp pair of scissors, and cut off only the dead end—not into the living canal which you can locate by holding the claw up to the light. And be careful of those little legs—they're easily broken.

Somebody Cares

By Mary Carolyn Davies

Somebody thinks you're fine and true; somebody feels you're sure to win. Somebody loves whatever you do, somebody knows you're bound to be right; that if you begin a task, you will somehow see it thru. Somebody knows you can pass each test; somebody'd stake her life that you'll do it. Of all the folks in the world, are best!

Somebody thinks of you each day. Somebody prays for you at night; laughs like a child when you are gay; and is sad when your world is a bit less bright. Somebody builds her life on yours. Somebody steers her course by you; bends to the storm when your skies are dark. And is safe when your skies are smiling blue.

Deeply your day-dreams hide from sight. But in all your dreaming somebody shares. Somebody knows what foes you fight. And your secret victories. Somebody cares. And just because there's somebody true. When the world forgets you in your despair. There's nothing too hard for you to do. And nothing too great for you to dare!

For how can you bring her anything less. When she asks for the moon, than at least a star? And how can you face her, and be too far? Below the man that she thinks you are? If somebody didn't care, we'd give less than our best, be less than true. You can thank the Fates, each day that you live. That somebody thinks the world of you!

Among the Flowers

In all places, then, and in all seasons, flowers expand their light and soul-like wings. Teaching us, by most persuading reasons, how akin they are to human beings. —Lonetellow.

The sage palm is one plant that seems not to mind the dust and gas of modern living rooms. It grows slowly, so that a plant doesn't get too big for the house very soon. And it has beautiful dark green leaves, long and flat.

Give your fern a window which has lots of light, and but very little sun. Strong sunlight often injures the delicate leaves when they first start to unfold.

Don't think that because ferns grow in damp places, they will stand any amount of water. They won't. They must have plenty of moisture, but the soil must also be well drained. Soginess around the roots is bad for them.

Rotting of cacti plants at the soil line is caused by too much watering, or by too rich and heavy a soil. They like a sandy soil and just moderate watering—the soil being well drained.

Only two kind of cacti like to be really well fed. They are old plants of night blooming cereus and the crab cactus. An occasional watering with manure helps these, but not more than half the strength used for other plants.

Sometimes the stems and leaves of a cyclamen decay right at the bulb. This is caused usually by letting the soil come up to the top of the bulb and then watering too heavily. The top of the bulb should be a quarter or half-inch above the soil.

BEZIERS, France (AP)—Watering vine comes higher than watering milk in France. Joseph Lacaze, a local vineyard owner, was fined \$18,000 for using a pump to increase his profits.

A Broken Doll

By T. S.

"Little Patsy's asleep," her mama said. When I came in from work today. And blessed the bright glint of my baby's head. And the sound of her voice at play. "She's broken her doll, and she cried and cried. Till I thought she'd never get through. Though I stuffed all the sawdust back inside. And mended its head with glue. But I think she thought that her doll was real. A wee baby, alive and sweet. For her face would have touched a heart of steel. When the saw-dust streaked at her feet!"

And as I looked down in my baby's face. When I came in from work today. With her doll hugged close in a fond embrace. And her tears on her mended head— I stooped and kissed her, so soft and so warm. For I knew that she'd met that day. The first cruel doubt of a hope that would stir. At the gates where her childhood lay. And I breathed a sigh that was half a prayer. That the Master would keep her sweet. Through the bitter days which we all must share. When our dreams are dust at our feet.

Some people think pussywillows are the infallible sign of spring's good intentions but Scotch plaids mean more to me. They are not lacking in the present style shows. Marital and Armand show a plaid velvet skirt on a dress with a plain velvet top, fitted hips and jabot trimmed blouse. Rita