

Planting Suggestions for GARDEN LOVERS



All the family can join in the delight of growing a garden... and certainly all the family will profit by its completion, and revel in its beauty. For the children there will be outdoor play and sunshine, and the most beautiful way to learn of the wonders of nature. For the grown folks there will be exhilarating exercise and the delight of creating growing things. Make yours a gardening family, and you will have a healthier, happier family than ever!

Apply Plant Food To Assist Early Growth

In applying plant food to established lawns and perennial borders, conditions are encountered which differ greatly from new plantings and which permit much earlier action.

Plants which are full grown when spring begins—in which class grass plants are included—begin to grow much earlier than most of us realize. They are likely to make their best growth in temperatures which are too cold for gardeners to enjoy.

Early growth is always most important because the soil determines to a considerable extent the ultimate development of a plant. Just as a well-fed infant will grow into a sturdy man, able to take care of himself, so a baby plant which is well fed will develop a vigor which enables it to forage for food more successfully and to reach the maximum size for its type. Grass plants which are well fed when growth begins develop larger roots which enable them better to endure the drought and trials of the hot weather. The size reached by established perennials which receive ample food supplies from the very beginning of their season's growth is noticeably increased.

Plant food may be applied to lawns and established borders as soon as spring thawing begins. As the deep frost leaves the soil assumes a condition which has been described as "honeycombed." The surface is pitted and plant food applied at this stage will immediately dissolve and



Honeycombed Condition of Soil as Frost Leaves



Cross Section Showing Pitted Surface

sink into the soil. The ground is soft, so that the food elements are quickly carried down to the roots of plants to stimulate their early growth. Such applications should not be made on soil which is to be worked afterwards, or soil in which crops are to be grown from seed. It is better in such cases to delay plant food application until near sowing time.

heated and thermostatically-controlled beds have been tried.

If it is impossible to have a hotbed, however, a coldframe is the next best. Although seed cannot be started in it as early by a month or month and a half, it gives a substantial advantage over sowing in the open ground, besides protecting from changes in weather conditions and from the destructive effects of heavy rains.

Frames of varying size may be made at home, although the standard size, 3 by 6 feet, is most desirable since that is the size of commercial cold-frame and hotbed sash.

Seeds of all except the more tender plants may be sown in cold frames



SECTION OF COLD FRAME SHOWING PLANTS GROWING DURING WINTER MONTHS.

Seeds of All But Tenderest May Be Sown by Middle of March

GOOD GARDENING



1. The Seed Bed

The best way for the spring gardener to get the jump on the weather is to do his first work in the house. A seed bed is the thing. Tender plants can be started while it's still too cold for them to live outside. Get a wooden box three inches deep, a foot wide and a foot and a half long. Fill it with fine, clean soil. Mark lines in the soil about half an inch deep and two inches apart. Seeds of tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, okra and the like should be placed about a quarter-inch apart, covered with fine soil. Sprinkle, put the box away in a warm place. When the plants peep out put the box in the sunlight. If it's by a window, turn the box halfway around each day to keep the plants growing properly.

Tomorrow—Baked Soil.

Start Plants Early In Seed Flats

Thousands of seedling plants are grown successfully each spring in small boxes or soil placed in boxes in south or east windows.

They are a reliable aid to good gardening if properly handled.

The preparation of the seed box is a simple task but one that needs care to be reasonably certain of bringing the seedlings to planting size.

First is the question of drainage. The seed box, whether it is a cigar box or larger flat box, needs to have holes bored in the bottom about 6 inches apart in large boxes and 3 inches apart in the cigar box. Over the bottom of the box spread broken flower pots, crockery or small pebbles, then coarser soil and last of all finely sifted soil.

For the finer seeds it is an excellent plan to cut burlap to fit the box and lay it over the coarse drainage and then place the soil upon it so that the box may be watered by setting it in a pan of water and there will be no danger of washing the tiny seeds or seedlings. Firm the soil and sow the seed thinly in rows. This is better than sowing broadcast as it

will be appreciated when it comes to transplanting.

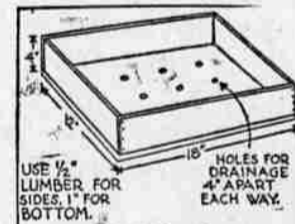
This sowing is economy. Quantities of seed are wasted by too thick planting. The tiny plants crowd each other and none of them has a fair chance when they come up thick as fur. This necessitates early transplanting before the seedlings are strong enough to be handled.

Cover the seed boxes with a damp cloth or piece of paper until germination starts, and place a pane of glass over the top. Remove the paper or cloth as soon as the first tiny sprouts break the soil. Wipe off the covering glass when water collects on it from evaporation. This will prevent moisture from dripping.

During the day prop up one edge of the covering glass for ventilation. Keep seed box soil moist but not wet or water-logged. Good drainage will take care of this.

Start Plants In Cold Frames

The difficulty in securing fresh horse manure for the hotbed has led to a discontinuance of this device in many gardens and substitutes have arisen to take its place. Everything from running a pipeline from the house heating plant, to electrically-



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PLANT SEEDS IN ROWS 1" APART.



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Seed Box Construction and Operations

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The house contains, in compact form, many accommodations. The plan is a variation of the cen-

tral-hall type, but departs rather radically from it in the use of half of the first floor for bedroom space and in the extension of the living quarters around a fenced-in garden.

Living room, dining room and terrace combine to form unusually comfortable living quarters. Kilham, Hopkins & Greeley are the architects, and the house is one of a series of distinguished small homes appearing in "Architecture."

by the middle of March except in the more northerly states and by the first of April it is usually safe to put them all in.

Covers must be provided in the shape of straw mats, old quilts or blankets or similar protection if a sudden cold snap comes along.

In addition to giving an early start on seedlings, a cold frame is a great convenience for wintering perennials that are too tender to stand thawing and freezing and winter wet such as wallflowers, penstemons, some of the pinks, foxgloves, Canterbury bells and others. They will be protected throughout the winter in the frame and may be set out again in the spring ready to bloom.

Mr. Coule Weeds
BALTIMORE, Feb. 15. (AP)—F. Chase Taylor of the comedy team of "Colonel Stoopnagle and Bird" and Kay Bell, former New York newspaperwoman, were married here today at a quiet ceremony in a Baltimore hotel.

Card of Thanks
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HAND-MADE POLE FOR FISH SHOW

A hand-made salmon fish pole was brought to Medford Friday by Archie Parker of Central Point for exhibition in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce but before he could place it on display it was bought by S. G. Mendenhall, noted Grants Pass sportsman.

Mr. Parker then told A. H. Banwell, chamber manager, he would make another one for exhibit purposes but before he left town Toggery Hill Isaacs ordered one and Mr. Parker had to tell Mr. Banwell the display pole would not be made until the second order had been filled.

The pole is ten feet three inches long, made of India Bamboo. The bamboo is wrapped in varicolored hand-woven cord and decorated with hand-woven ribbon of sporty design. It is tipped with a sponge rubber ball on the butt, Mr. Parker said it took him a week to make it.

"Will it catch larger salmon than an ordinary pole?" Mr. Parker was asked. "No," he replied, "but it will make fishing more enjoyable."

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