

# FRUIT AND FLOWERS

## IN OLD GARDENS.

### The Poppy Gives Brilliant Bloom From Early Spring Till Frost.

In the spring, even before the tulips are fairly gone, old gardens begin to be gay with poppies, which in some one or other of their many forms continue a procession of bright blooms until frost. No other plants possess so bold and brilliant a flower, coupled with the same grace of stem, airiness of poise and delicacy of tissue, as the poppy. For beds and borders, with a background of green, there is no other which



SHIRLEY PORTER.

will produce a more striking contrast. Some sorts are admirable for naturalizing in open wooded grounds. Other like the Shirley, are beautiful for cutting. A sandy loam suits poppies best, and as their seedlings sprout are delicate to transplant it is best to sow seed where the plants are to bloom.

Seed sowing made in an autumn and at intervals in spring will provide a long succession of flowers. The seeds should be sown thinly and covered very lightly, as the seed is quite small. As soon as the young seedlings are well established thin the plants to stand about a foot apart. The plants which bloom most profusely are those grown from fall or early spring sowings, while the earth is cool and moist. —L. C. Corbett.

### CIDER POMACE JELLY.

#### Waste of the Cider Mill Utilized For Food Purposes.

At a cider mill in my neighborhood, after the day's work of cider making was over, my boy and I took charge of the mill and worked over the pomace made during the day. We shoveled enough for one pressing into a vat of suitable dimensions near the press and poured twelve to fifteen pails of warm water over it. After soaking for half an hour we shoveled it into the press and pressed it in the usual way. The juice derived from the pressing ran into a vat fitted with a coil of steam pipe. Into this we turned the steam, which boiled the juice to jelly. We made from forty to fifty gallons a night.

This jelly, which we sold to grocers, bakeries and private families at 75 cents a gallon, may be used for anything that boiled cider is used for, such as mince pies and apple butter. After sweetening it makes good apple jelly for table use and, by adding a flavor, a good substitute for currant or other jellies.

We have given up making our year's supply of apple butter in the fall, as in former years. Instead we make a gallon or two whenever we want it, thus having it fresh all the time. I have kept this jelly over and sold it readily in off years at \$1 a gallon.

As an experiment we have worked over some of this pomace a second time and extracted jelly enough to pay for the labor. The pomace after being worked over was scattered thinly upon pasture lots, where hogs, sheep and cattle ate most of it. They would eat more of this than of the pomace not worked over, says J. H. Ballinger in American Agriculturist.

#### Late Effects in the Garden.

Undoubtedly the greatly growing interest in hardy herbaceous perennials is founded largely in the necessity for late garden effects. There are a host of possibilities in this group alone, and there are also a few sturdy annuals, but there is a fancy for placing reliance upon permanent plantings, using for the purpose the asters, the host of sunflowers, the perennial phlox, the gladiolus and montbretias.

#### Soil For Strawberries.

The soil considered best suited to the cultivation of the strawberry in the northeastern part of the United States is what is known as a sandy or gravelly loam. A warm, quick soil, though naturally poor, is preferred to a heavy, retentive soil well supplied with plant food. Lacking plant food can easily be supplied.

#### Subburning of Grapes.

It was found at one of the western experiment stations that more care was required to prevent subburning of grapes grown on the Kliffen two wire, four cane trellis than with any other trellis. This is not a difficult matter, requiring only that the new growth be trained over the bunches of fruit.

#### Wintering Panicles.

In outdoor beds raised a few inches above the ground, with a mulch of dry leaves and some brush to hold them in place, panicles will often winter nicely and bloom until midsummer, when a relay of young, vigorous plants should be ready to replace them.—L. C. Corbett.

## SUPERSTITIOUS CROOKS.

### The Average Thief in Talliana, Amulets and Charms.

The average thief born and bred in the slums is always superstitious and cowardly. He believes in the power of witches, omens and the protecting properties of amulets, talismans and charms, and when searched at the police station there are usually found in his pocket or concealed about his person bits of coal, rusty horseshoe nails, lucky stones and rings.

He parts with these articles, on which he relies for safety in the hour of peril, with the greatest reluctance and stipulates with the turnkey to have them returned, either to himself or friends.

The burglar's greatest enemy in his nocturnal wanderings is a dog, whose presence he even dreads more than the policeman or detective. To protect and guard himself against canine attacks on his person he carries about with him a sprig of the gray limewort, which when used as an amulet is an absolute preventive against the bite of dogs. This plant when used internally is said, on the authority of Bacon, to remove hydrophobia.

There is also a curious superstition common among all classes of the genus lawbreaker regarding the power of a candle made from the body of a young woman. The belief is that such a candle not only renders the perpetrators of robberies invisible, but that it throws the victim or victims into a state of deep somnolency. Within recent years four ignorant Russian peasants murdered a girl and made candles out of her body. Before the murderers were executed they confessed that they committed the crime to make themselves invisible while perpetrating a robbery they had planned.

In the Scotch criminal code of the eighteenth century there are express penalties against this hideous candle superstition. The thief has implicit reliance in the foreknowledge claimed by gypsies and other people, and he has been known to pay blackmail to professed exponents of the "black art" who threatened him with all manner of perils. A thief who has the misfortune to be arrested two or three times red handed in company with a chum is set down as "unendy" and is carefully avoided and shunned as if he were suffering from some contagious disease. It is these ostracized thieves in the commonwealth of "unendy" that are utilized by detectives in their explorations.—London Tri-Pitt.

## PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

E. Miller Kent is slated to star next season in a new play by Edward E. Rose, entitled "Fighting Bob."

F. Marion Crawford has written a play for the use of Herbert Keiley and Eddie Shannon. The piece is liked and has been accepted.

When "The Eternal City" goes out next season Sarah Traux will have Viola Allen's old role, while Frank C. Bangs will play the pope.

M. B. Raymond has purchased Kirke La Shelle's interest in "Arizona" and in this manner becomes sole owner of that valuable piece of property.

Margaret Ashton, an American vaudeville singer who has been abroad for the past few months, has made her first appearance in London and scored a success.

Lillian Swain, who has been with Weber & Fields lately and was with the Augustin Daly company, will play Puck in Nat Goodwin's revival of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Dan Daly may go to London next season. "John Henry," his latest play, was something of a frost in New York, and the comedian has received an offer to play in the English metropolis.

## OLD FASHIONED.

What has become of the old-fashioned young people who only went to church to cut up?

What has become of the old-fashioned novelist who had the hero "gnaw his silky mustache?"

What has become of the old-fashioned man who when he walked to a place said he went on Shanks' mare?

What has become of the old-fashioned man who contended that no boy should remain with his father after reaching eighteen?

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who went to the cellar to make cobweb pills when any of the family had a fever?

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who was so accustomed to doing work while tending a baby that she could do everything with a baby on her lap except sweep a room? —Aitchison Globe.

## ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

When moss is seen in fruit trees it may be taken as evidence of lack of thrift in the trees.

Of all fruits grown on the farm none are so reliably or cheaply grown as grapes and none more wholesome.

Dwarf pears are much inclined to overbear, and the result is poor fruit. Thinning should be done as soon as the crop is set.

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# HUMOR

## AN ASSISTED WOOING.

How a Fair Maiden Helped a Timid Young Man.

"Didn't you intimate that you had something particular to say to me, Mr. Timmid?"

"Me? I—I don't remember. Did I?"

"You did. And I wondered at it. It seemed strange that you should have anything of importance to say to me. I'm so young, you know, and so little versed in worldly wisdom."

"Are you? I mean, of course you are. But I—I wonder what it was I told you I wanted to say to you? It's strange I could forget it so soon. I must be losing my m-memory."

"And there isn't anything you want to say to me, Mr. Timmid?"

"Do you m-mean anything p-p-particular?"

"Yes."

"No. Wait. Ma told me to be sure and ask how your m-mother is. Maybe that's what it was I m-meant when I s-said I had something particular to say to you."

"And there is nothing else? You are quite sure?"

"I guess I am. You can't think of anything else, can you?"

"Oh, Henry—I mean Mr. Timmid, I'm afraid you are keeping something back from me."

"Am I?"

"I think so. I think you are hiding a secret."

"Who? Me?"

"Yes. But, there! Confide in me. We are such good friends. Call me Jane and tell me what it is that troubles you."

"Nothing troubles me."

"Oh, I know better. If you ask me to help you I will be your confidante. Say after me, 'Jane, will you be?'"

"Jane, will you be?"

"Oh, Henry, this is so sudden! But you may ask papa tomorrow."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**The Penalty of Fame.**

Railroad Clerk—Say, you'd better not let old Brown catch you.

Reporter—What's the matter?

Railroad Clerk—In that write up you gave him you said "he entered the office of the P. D. Q. railroad when a boy and has grown gray in the service." Well, there have been at least a dozen men in here since trying to sell him some hair dye.—Philadelphia Press.

**Before the Ceremony.**

The Count—And now everyting es ready for my wedding with Mees Gotrox. I think every wan will say I am faultlessly attired.

The Baron—Parbleu, mon ami! Considering ze nature of ze lady's attractions, I think it might be more appropriate if you wore a beezness suit!—Puck.

**Not His After All.**

"Gee whiz! My umbrella's gone!"

"Don't make such a fuss over a common occurrence like that. You should take the thing philosophically."

"So I did, but I object to having it taken from me philosophically."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Sometimes.**

"The horse," remarked the wise guy, "is man's best friend—sometimes."

"Yes?" said the philosopher.

"But," continued the wise guy, tearing up half a dozen uncashed betting checks sadly, "you sometimes lose confidence in your best friends, I find."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

**Plain Enough.**

"Now, children," said the teacher, "which little boy or girl can tell the meaning of the word 'humidity?'"

Johnny Wise elevated his hand.

"You may tell us, Johnny."

"Humidity is when your clothes sticks."—Chicago Tribune.

## He Didn't Know of Any Others.



Miss Gurly—What do you consider the ten best books, Mr. See?

Con Test (the young author)—Really, I've only written six so far, you know.

**A Wild Rumor Denied.**

"They say your brother Will has joined a suicide club."

"Oh, no; that's a mistake. I suppose the absurd rumor grew out of the fact that he has just bought an automobile."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Not Always Thus.**

Tramp—Madam, I was not always thus.

Madam—No. It was your other arm you had in a sling yesterday.—Cook County Jail Improvement Journal.

**Restrained.**

Mrs. Chic—Your sister is not going with you to Bar Harbor?

Miss Au Fait—No! Papa said he couldn't afford to marry off both of us this year.—Brooklyn Life.