

'Admirer' Claims Even Wild Weeds Are Really Delicate, Lacy Flowers

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Tomorrow is honest George's birthday.

I wonder what he said to his wife when he came in late and didn't want to tell her he'd been out with the boys?

I've seen George and Martha's home and in the library there is a cracked globe of the world. George is supposed to have actually used this. It doesn't say whether Martha might have cracked it by tossing it at George some time when he came home a little late. Anyway visiting Mt. Vernon is just as fascinating as

can be and I'm a natural born gawker anyway, so I really enjoyed it.

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This Lady Is Ready to Plant Garden—

"An Admirer of Flowers" wins our 3-months' subscription today. Dear Mrs. Pease:

How many of your good readers are flower lovers? I just love to watch them grow. I sometimes wish I had a little greenhouse, but must be satisfied with a few plants. I cannot even have a variety as I have no place to keep them. But I have a few so that I can look at the foliage when ev-

erything outside is bleak and bare.

It won't be long till we will be seeing those tiny buds and blades of grass peeping out. What a wonderful time of the year!

Everything coming to life really gives some of us who are getting up in years some more ambition to carry on the work that comes in the spring.

Got your garden all planned? I have been thinking about it, told my family that I wasn't going to wait till the day before I was ready to plant this year to get my garden seeds like last year.

The only trouble is such brightly colored seed catalogs that come out. Makes one want to buy everything. I can't do that so have to study to acquire the seed best adapted to my needs.

Did you know that some varieties freeze better than others and come out of your locker with more flavor and color? I'm going to try some that are supposed to be super this year and see if they are better than the ones I selected before.

I am going to plant several rows of flowers in my garden, too. Some of the more common kinds, then just to see what I can do. I will try a new kind.

An enclosing some helps or at least I hope someone will find some useful suggestions.

Cut flowers will last much longer if the water in the vase is changed every day.

When you go away from home for a few days, give your house plants the following care: Place a basin of water beside the flower pot. Fold or stitch a length of cotton material. Make it about the size and thickness of a large lamp wick. Put one end into the water, bury the other end in the earth. Several pots may be grouped about the same basin. The plants will be fed with water constantly. A soft large cord will take the place of the cotton.

As I stated before, I have only foliage plants. I find if I water them with water room temperature, they do much better. Give them a shower bath, but the water should not be cool either. You know plants breathe through the leaves, so they must be kept dust free.

I find that my philodendron does very well away from the window, but it likes to be kept at about the same temperature all the time.

In the spring have you ever been greeted with these words? I know you have if you've got youngsters around. "Mommy look, see! See what we brought you! We found them out in the pasture." Then the youngsters stand with their chubby hands full of short stems, long stems, twisted, chewed and hazged, just any way to get them broken off so they could bring them home to mommy.

Now, mother, just a little time to explain to the youngsters will

help in future years. Even if the pie has to wait to be filled. First show the children how some of the stems are juicy and losing the food that will keep the blossoms nice.

Most flowers should be cut and they should be cut according to the length of the stem, then they are easier to arrange. If a small pail or can with some water in it is taken along, and as the flowers are cut, plunge them into the water, this will help lengthen the life of the flower.

Now, usually the children bring enough to make 3 or 4 bouquets, so tell them the importance of not overcrowding. This causes the flowers to die and wilt very quickly.

Select a low vase or container so you can use the short stemmed ones, then show them how nice it looks to make a mixed bouquet, instead of putting all one color in one place, and another color in another place. Make the bouquet spotted. It is always a good plan to put the darker flowers on bottom and work up.

You will be surprised at the difference in the next bouquet of flowers brought to mother, if you'll only take a few minutes to explain the importance of cut—not pick. Do not overcrowd, vary the color and arrange in lengths of stems as flowers grow.

Now take a few more minutes and notice how delicate our wild flowers are. Even what we call weeds sometimes have the most delicate, lacy flowers.

"AN ADMIRER OF FLOWERS"

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If you are a man who feels you are just bursting with red blood—give a pint of it to the Red Cross!

Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson and son, of Grand Island, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clark on Sunday, February 17. Mrs. Peterson remained in O'Neill and will spend 2 weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Donohoe.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Cromwell, of Creighton, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Baker.

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Rites Held for Frank Henderson

ATKINSON—Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 13, at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson for Frank Henderson, 68. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mr. Henderson was born at the family home about 6 miles east of Atkinson on February 9, 1884. His parents were H. E. and Belle Henderson.

He died at his home in Atkinson late Saturday, February 9. Most of the past 2 years of his life were spent in a wheelchair. His entire life, except for a short period when he and a group of young men from the community tried homesteading in South Dakota, was spent near or in Atkinson.

In 1912 he was married to Agnes Winkler, also of Atkinson, and they became the parents of 6 sons and 2 daughters. Survivors include: Widow; sons—Melvin W., of Kansas; Wilmer H., of Quincy, Wash.; George C., of North Platte; Donald C., of Montrose, Calif.; Donald C., and Calvin, both of Fremont. Daughters—Mrs. Edward (Elzene) Moeller, of Atkinson, and Patricia, at home; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Of his 2 brothers and 4 sisters, only one remains—Mrs. R. O. Clifford, of Atkinson.

John A. MacLachlan, Atkinson, Expires

ATKINSON—John A. MacLachlan, 65, died at his home north and east of Atkinson at 9

p.m., Wednesday, February 13, after 2 weeks of acute illness and several years of failing health.

Mr. MacLachlan had been hospitalized at Stuart for over a week, then returned to his home 5 miles north and 3 east of Atkinson.

The 65-year-old stock farmer had lived in the Atkinson area ever since he was one year old. He was born in Rock county, Wisc., near Janesville, the son of Donald and Laura McLachlan.

He farmed as vocation and avocation, taking a deep interest in stock raising. He remained

a bachelor throughout his life. Survivors include: Brothers—Robert H. and James J. of Atkinson; niece—Laura MacLachlan, who is a missionary now serving in Pakistan.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the Presbyterian church with Rev. Orin Graf, of Stuart, officiating.

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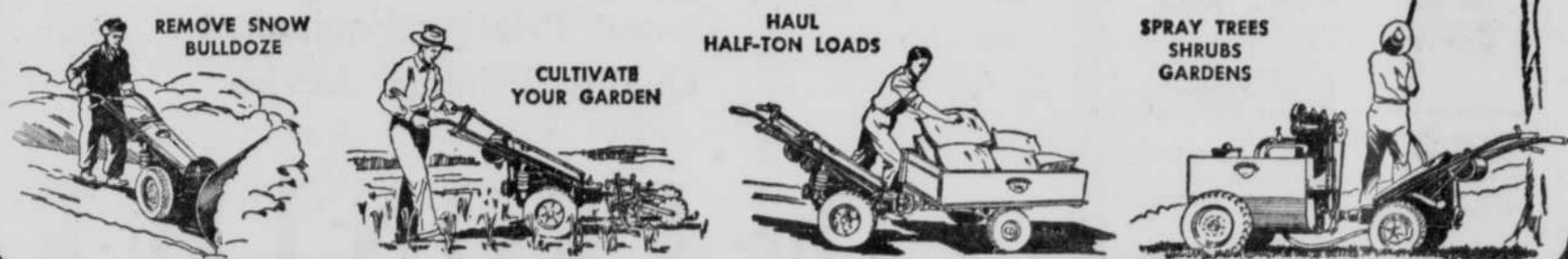
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