

EVERYTHING FOR THE GARDEN.



HOW TO CULTURE FLOWERS

Like Everything Else They Respond to Proper Care.

ALL HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS

Some Require Lots of Sunshine and Certain Kind of Soils, Others Should Have Directly Opposite Treatment.

By DR. A. WALT STEINLE.
Some people have great difficulty in growing flowers from seeds, and many have thrown their hands up in despair. Some have attributed their failure to some subtle influence, such as an assumed lack of affinity between them and the vegetable world. Others have held the seedman responsible for their ill luck.

My aim in this article is to set forth principles that should be practiced to insure success in starting seed. Though beginners in flower culture must expect to sustain some losses in the germination of their seeds, a little experience and a study of the habits of the various seeds will soon develop a natural deftness in the science of flower culture.

In preparing your seed bed spade some will rotted manure into your ground, and if available add pulverized sheep manure and a sprinkle of bone dust and lime. The soil should be light and porous and well pulverized. If it has a tendency to be heavy or clayey add some sand and mix well.

Do Not Plant Too Deep.
Do not plant the seeds too deep or you will smother them before the tiny leaflets can get air and sunlight.

Really the size of the seed determines the depth to plant. Fine seed should only be barely covered.

In our dry climate the ground where the seed is sown should be sprinkled lightly every day until they are well up. If you always depend on a rainfall you may invariably expect to be disappointed with your planting. When there is a lack of moisture seeds dry out before they have an opportunity to germinate. Do not plant your seeds too early or too late.

Most of the large seeds, like sweet william, sweet pea, etc., may be planted in the open ground any time in the early spring. While seeds like the canna, ornamental gourd, etc., should not be sown until the late spring. The ground is then warm and will nurse the tender plants.

This rule may be applied to any seed maturing a plant, that requires the general attention and culture, such as would be given to squash or corn.

Plants Are Different.
To insure a successful germination of seed you must acquire a knowledge of the nature of each individual plant.

Some seeds, like pansy, require a cool and moist soil; some, like sweet peas, are indifferent to soil conditions, while seed like canna require a great amount of heat and moisture.

There is an individuality in plants, so if you would be successful in flower culture acquire a knowledge of the characteristics of the plants that interest you. For example, seed like ostrich plume do best in a warm, sunny location; others similar to candytuft can be sown anywhere, while fern and begonia seed should be sown in shady places where the soil is constantly moist.

Seed like smilax, morning glory, etc., may be soaked in warm water previous to sowing, this will have a tendency to hasten germination.

A knowledge of flower culture cannot be acquired by merely reading printed matter. You must plant, study and practice. It is enlightening and inspiring to watch

HOW TO HANDLE VEGETABLES

Various Kinds Require Individual Treatment in Planting.

CELERY CALLS FOR AN EXPERT

Luscious Plant Not Only Needs Certain Sort of Soil, but Also Demands Attention of a Real Gardener.

Carrots are in general an all-season crop that should not be transplanted for fear of producing crooked, forked roots. For the larger, later sorts a loose, deeply prepared soil is essential. Some of the small, globular, earlier varieties may be grown to edible size in the hotbed and matured a whole month or more ahead of the outdoor crop. The latter include Golden Ball and Early Scarlet Horn. The main crop may be Oxheart, Danvers, Half Long or Model.

Cauliflower is the refined, or fashionable, member of the cabbage group. Give it the same care as that required by its plebeian relatives, but add a little more protection while the seedlings are young. Later, when the characteristic white inflorescence appears in the center of the cluster of leaves, pull the largest leaves up around it and tie them at the top to blanch the head. Snowball, Early Erfurt and Heat Early are all reliable.

Celery takes a real gardener and all the tricks of his trade if success is to be achieved. The ideal soil is a rich, black, fibrous loam or muck, but most strong, well fertilized soils, tending toward the heavy type, if rightly managed, should produce a crop. The management involves abundant water at all times, stimulation by the use of quick-acting fertilizers and careful handling of the tender, tiny seedlings. Two transplantings are necessary, special care being taken that the roots do not dry out at these times. Even the so-called self-blanching types require some sort of banking in order to yield crisp, white stalks. The common methods of blanching will be taken up in due season. Golden Self-Blanching, White Plume, Winter Queen and Giant Pascal are the most widely grown varieties.

Chard, an undeservingly unfamiliar relative of the beet, calls for the same general conditions and treatment, but requires twice as much space between the rows. However, it is too large for hotbed culture and stands practically all summer, so one fifty-foot row is enough for most families. There is but one real important variety, Lucullus.

Perennial gardens are increasing, but it is pretty safe to say that the majority of amateurs still stick to the annual, or, as many of the type are called, "bedding" plants. These fall into two groups—viz., those that are so tender that they must be started under glass and later transplanted and those of which the seed may be sown broadcast in the bed that the plants are to occupy throughout the season. Some sorts in this last group call for a thinning process when the plants are about six inches high, while others may be permitted to make as dense a growth as they can. In general, however, you can go on the theory that if you want mass effects and plenty of somewhat early blooms you should not practice thinning; whereas, if you are seeking cut flowers and high quality in the individual blossoms and sprays you should give each plant plenty of room and treat and care for it as a distinct individual. Then there is the very desirable group including the plants, which, if a few are left uncut all season, will scatter their own seed.

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LESSONS ON GROWTH OF MIGNONNETTES AND OTHER FLOWERS HERE

Kindly advise me the best way of raising mignonette, verbena and heliotrope in the country I have always used the young plants, but for some reason they have not flourished. Is it largely a question of soil?

W. OMAHA.

Treatment rather than soil is probably the difficulty. All three plants thrive in any fertile soil. Whether sandy loam or clay loam, the soil should be well enriched and worked deeply, particularly for mignonette.

Mignonette does not transplant well and should be sown where it is to remain. Make the seed bed firm after it has been sown; in fact, the soil should be trodden hard. Thin the seedlings early and allow plenty of room for the plants to spread. A rich friable soil is best. For pot culture plant deep pots to allow for ample root growth, sowing the seeds in the pots in which the plants are to flower, and thin out sufficiently to allow plenty of room for the plants to develop and give plenty of light.

Verbena may be started this month in a hotbed or in a box in the house. The verbena delights in a light soil and if the soil is heavy clay, sharp sand mixed with it will be beneficial. When the weather is warm the plants can be set out and will require little attention.

As these plants become large enough, pegging down the stems with a bent twig or wooden toothpick will cause them to root at the joints, and with additional strength gained from the many sets of roots the plants will flower profusely. The verbena must have full sunlight and being natives of a dry country are likely to suffer if watered too freely. Verbena can also be sown in a seed bed in the garden and transplanted when large enough. Pick the flowers as soon as they begin to fade, otherwise they go to seed and weaken the plants. Verbena are very satisfactory as house plants when grown in pots.

Heliotropes are usually raised from cuttings, which strike root freely from young growth. Cuttings made now will make good bedding plants. Seeds may be planted under glass. The heliotrope requires the same culture as the verbena, but will thrive best in a very rich soil and the summer sun is never too hot for it providing the soil in which it is growing is kept from drying out.

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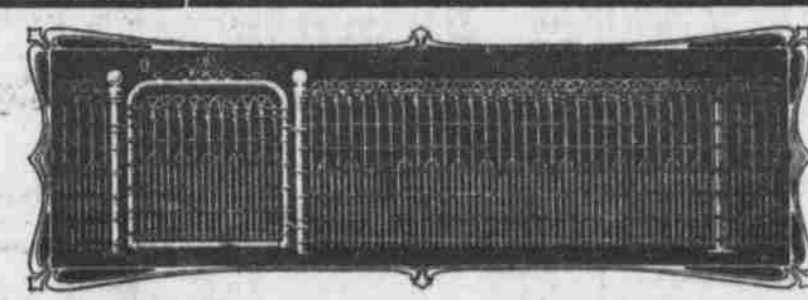
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SAYS THE CITY NEED NOT PAY

Holds that Water Board Cannot Collect Money Loaned.

IT IS TO APPLY ON TAXES

City Maintains that Water Board Was to Pay Half the 1912 Taxes, the Amount Due When the Plant Was Taken Over.

City Corporation Counsel Ben S. Baker, in an opinion to the city commission, has held that the city does not have to return \$2,000 borrowed of the Water Board to pay damage incident to the opening of Twenty-eighth avenue, but that the money may be applied on a \$27,000 item due the city from the Water Board. Judge Baker said that when the city assumed ownership of the water plant in 1912 and the Water Board took control it was with the understanding that half of the 1912 taxes would be paid by the Water Board. The board's half of the taxes amounted to \$7,000. This opinion of Judge Baker probably

will result in a lawsuit, as the Water Board has taken the position that the \$27,000 taxes were cancelled when the Water Board assumed control of the plant. The Water Board, through its general manager, has said that to pay the \$27,000 would be simply transferring the city's own money from one pocket to another. He further claims that the \$27,000 was in reality cancelled the moment the Water Board took charge of the plant. When the city council borrowed the \$27,000 a resolution was passed fixing a certain day of a certain month for the return of the money. More than a year has elapsed and the Water Board, although several attempts have been made, has failed to collect the \$27,000 or any portion of it.

WARRANT FOR ARREST FOR LEASING DISORDERLY HOUSE

Warrant has been issued for the arrest of E. H. Martin, at the Union Pacific headquarters, charging that he knowingly leased the property known as 70-713 North Sixteenth street for use as a house of ill fame.

Campanini's Time Keeps People Waiting

Cleofonte Campanini, the general director of the Chicago Grand Opera company, kept an audience waiting in Wichita for nearly an hour Thursday night. He arrived at the theater at 7:30, by his watch, and found the audience already seated. As he walked onto the stage a few moments later he was met by the excited stage manager and was rushed to the conductor's stand. He directed the first act and then found that Wichita is an hour faster than Denver. Mr. Campanini's watch was still running Denver time. The Wichita Forum was packed for the performance and the audience delighted with Mary Garden, with "Thais" and with the orchestra, even after their tiresome wait for the director.

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CITY DADS SUSTAIN KUGEL

Dahlman Votes Against Action, While Six Commissioners Stand By Head of the Police Department.

The permit of the J. H. Keck Drug company, 218 South Tenth street, to sell liquor for medicinal purposes was revoked by the city commission after a hearing. Police officers introduced evidence. The siphon was filled with whisky, Keck said he used the siphon to fill small bottles. Mayor Dahlman voted against revocation of the license, but the other six commissioners sustained Police Commissioner A. C. Kugel's suspension of Keck's permit. Testimony of a colored saloon porter was introduced by his city. The porter said he was slightly intoxicated and pur-

Large Force at Work on Street Car Tracks

The street railway company has put at work about the usual number of men in making repairs on tracks and lining them up for the summer business. With the mild weather of the last winter it is discovered that the tracks are in better condition than usual in the spring. Nothing is being done in the way of extensions, and no move will be made until after the determination of the seven fares for a quarter proposition is disposed of by the courts.

"Mail" Dog Awaiting Owner at Postoffice

A "mail" dog is being held at the post-office for somebody to claim. It was found loose in a mail car near North Platte on the Omaha and Ogden division Friday, and under the rules of the railway mail service, was sent to the "nixte" department, or division of inquiry, by the clerk in charge of the car. Foreman E. N. Bowles says he will turn it over to the poundmaster if not claimed at once. He says it could not have been sent by parcel post and then lost its tag, as the regulations prohibit the carrying of live animals. He thinks it was just put into the mail car by some one who wanted to get rid of it.

INSURANCE INSPECTOR IS TO PROSECUTE ABE DANKSY

Barney McArdle, state fire inspector, is in Omaha for the purpose of pushing the prosecution of cases of over-insurance. The first case of this character to be brought here is from a loss sustained by Max Resnick, 222 Seward street, whose furniture, valued by the fire inspector at \$24, was destroyed by fire, the insurance on the furniture being \$1,000. The suit is being brought against Abe Danksy, agent for the insurance company. The case will be heard Wednesday morning.

IS HELD FOR DESTROYING PROPERTY BY PARING CORNS

Charged with the malicious destruction of property when he took a 25-cent razor belonging to John Bartels to pare his corns, Abe Wallace, colored, employed at Morrison's pool hall, was found guilty in police court, but sentence was suspended with the understanding that Abe Wallace would have the razor honed and restored as nearly as possible to good condition and returned to the owner. Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

NIGHT CLERK AT SAVOY HOTEL HEAVILY FINED

Charles Farrell, night clerk at the Savoy hotel, was fined \$50 and costs in police court on a charge of conducting a disorderly house. He appealed his case. Five inmates arrested at the same time each forfeited cash bonds of \$25 by non appearance in court.