

EVERYTHING FOR THE GARDEN.



GARDEN IS GREAT TEACHER

Gives Out an Interesting Knowledge of Many Plants.

HELP TO BEAUTIFY LAWNS

There are Many Kinds of Flowers Which are Especially Adaptable to Particular Decorative Uses.

BY SUSAN P. OKIE.
I walked in an enchanted garden, and gazed into the upturned faces of a thousand roses!

My garden has taught me that the larkspur is a neglected but most valuable bedding plant; of quickest and most luxuriant growth, profusion of bloom, diversity of coloring and delightful fragrance, its trailing ever blooming form is a most precious adornment for window boxes.

There is an unaccountable lack of appreciation in this country at least, of that rare and valuable bulb, coum, hardy cyclamen hederifolium, a development of the wild sow bread of Italy. The bulb grows to an enormous size and the plant is as hardy in the middle Atlantic states as it is in Europe. The exquisite bloom and evergreen foliage are of singular beauty. One bulb in my garden in the District of Columbia showed over 100 blooms during its long flowering season. The leaves lie flat on the ground like a mat of ivy. The parks of England owe much of the beauty to this plant. Its methods of reproducing itself is interesting. The seed vessels on the flower stems turn spirally downward and return to the soil to form new bulbs.

A lawn tree rarely seen, but one of the most desirable of the quick growing kind is the *Koeleria paniculata*, lovely in bloom. Its foliage and seed, typical in effect, with great masses of yellow star-like blossoms suggesting the English laburnum. The seed pods in late summer hang like clusters of hops, their pale green color forming a delightful contrast with the dark foliage that surrounds them.

Lovely for Lawns.
The halesia tetrap is most lovely for the lawn. This silver bell tree is wrapped in a cloud of bloom from which extended golden stamens like the abutment in miniature. We have a specimen over fifty feet high with a trunk two feet in diameter. It is a glorious sight in May. The bloom is so profuse that the young foliage is quite obscured. There is a dwarf type that is also valuable for the lawn.

To Much Space to Roses.
The cross vine (*Bignonia caprolata*) is the most graceful of all vines. It is evergreen in the District of Columbia and its bronze, leathery foliage is most decorative on porch and pergola. The blooms, large crimson-throated golden trumpets, hang in clusters. Sprays of the vine trailed along the picture rods and across the lace curtains make a lovely frieze for interior decoration in the Christmas season. The stems are tough and the leaves of great endurance.

In small gardens one is apt to give too much space to rambler roses. There can be substituted for them with advantage climbers of the ever blooming souper and cochet varieties. From them one has a succession of roses throughout the whole season without the rack foliage of the ramblers. The leafy branches of all climbing plants should be light airy and graceful. It is the dense foliage of the ivy, for instance, that makes it so objectionable; it harbors insects and darkens the house too much.

A few roots of the edible asparagus should be planted in the garden to serve as a house decoration with vases of flowers; also, the wild smilax or cat brier, and the wild grape for the porches. The fragrance of the grape blossom mingled with honeysuckle is delightful. The achilles, a constant bloomer, is desirable for cut flower purposes. It is perennial and far more useful than the short-lived glycyphilla. The new varieties of the former are marvellous in their clouds of white blooms, always in flower. A few of these plants serve the vases all summer and the root is hardy. An unduly neglected bulb in the neighborhood, except the autumn crocus or saffron. In August it loses its foliage, and then up it comes in masses of bloom with the effect one would get from a silken garment carelessly dropped in the garden.

Evergreen Edging Pretty.
An evergreen edging is a lovely adjunct to the garden. Round woggen pins, eight inches long, driven into the soil within two inches of their tops and a running wire stapled into them will support a vine of myrtle or the binkle or English ivy, *bignonia caprolata* or cross vine. Or, if you wish, some of the evergreen roses, *wichurtiana* for instance, can be used for this purpose; they must, however, be severely cut back to the wire and closely tied in. If time and money are unimportant factors boxwood is quite worth a vine of myrtle or the binkle for the border is perennial white candytuft of the dwarf type. It is neat, dense and a free

SET YOUR HOUSE IN GARDEN

Such is Suggestion of Civic League to Home Owners.

LEADS MUCH TO ITS BEAUTY

Flowers and Lawn Around Residences Do Wonders Towards Improving the General Pleasure of Living.

"Give a setting to your house by tasteful planting." This is one of the suggestions made by the Omaha Civic League through its garden committee which is handling the lot improvement contest. "Make the house appear to belong to the earth it rests upon; let vines clamber over it, trees shade it, and shrubs and perennials grace it."

The committee urges the young gardeners to avoid scattered or confused planting, and to plant in a way to lend charm and beauty to the general effect. The object of the contest is improvement, improvement to the surrounding property as well as to the lot upon which the work is done. The importance of the work is valued for its general cleaning up of premises, general plan of gardening, area and condition of lawns, trees for general effect and hiding unsightly objects, shrubs and vines, temporary improvement, vegetables, quality and quantity, etc.

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Price—In each of the four districts there will be awarded three cash prizes for the greatest improvement in any lot or group of lots, made during the season of 1914. The first prize will be \$25, the second \$15 and the third \$5.

Soak Seeds to Get Better Plant Results
The first process in germination is the absorption of water by the seed. This enables the tiny plantlet within the seed coats to become active. It is possible to advance germination a few days by soaking the seeds over night in warm water. On the following morning they should be carefully planted by hand to avoid bruising.

Unless the seeds are to be transplanted they should not be sown broadcast. Seeds sown in drills are covered at a uniform depth and the seeds make a united effort to push through the soil, and it is possible to cultivate the soil as there is a regular and definite space between the plants.

Watering.
An abundant and constant supply of water is necessary in order to produce large crops of vegetables. Germination will be greatly benefited if irrigation follows directly on sowing.

Rules for the Depth of Sowing the Seed

According to the "gardener's rules" seed should be sown at a depth twice its diameter, but judgment must be exercised in the application of this rule. The question of the depth depends on at least four factors, of which the first is size. The larger the seed the deeper it should be planted. Beans may be planted at a depth of an inch or an inch and a half; celery or carrot seeds are merely pressed into the soil. The texture of the soil is a second factor. If the soil is sandy the seed may be planted at a greater depth than if the soil is clayey. A dry soil requires a deeper planting than a moist soil. There is more moisture in the soil in the early spring and in the late fall, than in the summer. Seed sown at these seasons should be nearer the surface than seed sown in the summer.

In the home garden straight rows are practically a necessity, not only for better appearance but for economy in space.

In hand sowing the first step is to mark off the row, using a line of piece of board or scantling, with pegs at required distances apart. After these marks or lines have been made the next step is the opening of the furrow. This may be done with a hoe or with the plow attachment on one of the man-power wheel tools. After the furrow is open it is necessary that the seed be sown and immediately covered before the soil has dried. Hoe the soil back and press it down firmly with the feet. For large gardens a hand seed drill is used, which opens the furrow, drops the seed and covers it, presses the soil and marks the next row.

In hand sowing a clay soil may be pressed down with the hoe; sand will require foot pressure.

Experience is Best Teacher on Planting

The best time for sowing is a question to be determined by experience. No definite date can be depended on year after year, or even for two years in succession. The time for sowing depends on soil moisture, soil temperature and climatic conditions. Climatic conditions are likely to become settled about May 1. At this time the soil is in condition for the most rapid growth of plants. Cold weather plants may be planted much earlier in the season. Warm weather crops must wait until all danger from frost is past.

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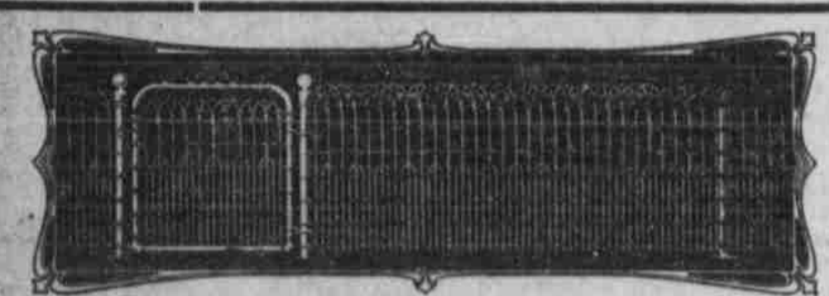
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R. C. PETERS, Chairman,
Garden Contest Committee Omaha Civic League.