

The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery -
Their Care and Cultivation



Pansies.

COLORS IN ANNUALS

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

For summer flowering, annuals are very satisfactory, blooming profusely through the entire season, while the cost of a seed packet is but a trifle.

Good taste dictates the system of planting large bunches of single species together rather than the old way of mixing a dozen varieties in as many square feet.

It is the same plan that places a dozen carnations or roses in a vase rather than the heterogenous collection in the old-fashioned bouquet. Mass your flowers if you would secure the best effect.

The old calliopsis, "lady's breastpin" they used to call it, is a handsome plant, its long slender stems rendering it extremely useful for cutting, and the shades of gold and brown harmonizing nicely.

A mass of it next to the shrubbery in the background gives a most pleasing effect.

Some handsome forms of single dahlia may be secured by planting a packet of the seeds in pots early in the spring and transplanting the

young seedlings to the garden as soon as danger from frost is over.

The colors of some are very fine and to one liking the single flowers the plan is a good one of getting a variety at a small price; but unless started very early these seedlings rarely mature tubers that will keep through the winter, though they commence flowering almost as soon as the plants are started from the tubers.

The chrysanthemum-flowered asters are much more pleasing, both grown in masses and for cutting, than the quilled bouquet sorts. If but two kinds are chosen, let them be lavender and white with rose as a third choice.

When ordering seeds there is a strong temptation to order mixed packets, yet if the very finest specimens are expected, the surer way is to single out one or two of the choicest colors.

These are made up from the best individuals, while the mixed packets are what the name implies, though in many instances highly satisfactory.

With pansies for spring, sweet peas for summer, and asters for autumn, one may be sure of having an abundance of the most beautiful cut-flowers for all occasions.

John C. Parker was appointed on Omaha's letter carrier force in 1892, where he has given good service. He was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., in January, 1862, and removed with his parents to Chillicothe, O., in 1865. He received his education and remained there until he was 21 years of age, when he came to Omaha. Mr. Parker is active in religious affairs, having been for a number of years choir director and Sunday School superintendent of St. John's A. M. E. church, in which office he has been most efficient and faithful. Mr. and Mrs. Parker reside at 3829 North 21st street. He is an excellent type of our best citizenship.

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