

The Frontier Woman —

'Just a Flower Lover,' at Atkinson, Buys Enough Seed to Plant an Acre

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! If you are as busy as I am then we're both about the busiest people in the country. All the canning to do, harvesting and hay crews are making the ladies hop all over the country. Anybody who hasn't ever had the experience of cooking for threshers has never lived. I always say, and maybe they can be glad of it. Bless the heart of who ever invented combines.

When you can another canner full of those string beans try putting in a couple of hunks of cured bacon at the top of the jar. Process them as usual and you'll have a flavored product that will make a delightful change from your usual diet of string beans.

We like onion or green pepper flavored added to tomato juice. When I add onion, I dice up an onion and put it in my aluminum tea ball, and let this simmer in the tomato juice. Then I remove the tea ball before canning the juice, so there is no onion in it. It works fine.

Or you can put the onions in with the quartered tomatoes before running them through the colander for the juice. I usually cut up a green pepper adding it to a big kettle of tomatoes. We like the flavor it gives to the tomato juice.

I expect you've read about my tricks with apple sauce. My method of adding pineapple to apple sauce last year was featured in Better Homes and Gardens. But have I ever told you another one? Add red hot candy drops to apple sauce—it gives the sauce a slightly cinnamon flavor and tinges the sauce a rather pretty pink. You can use "red hots" with pears too. Add 2 or 3 table-spoons of red hots to each quart of syrup, or use stick

cinnamon and a few drops of red flavoring. You'll like the results.

Orange juice added to apple sauce often gives it more flavor, particularly if they are a little flat. For orange pears, use the juice and rind of half an orange to each quart of syrup. Remove the rind before packing the pears. Pears are a rather flat fruit and such flavorings serve to point up their flavor.

For something really deluxe in the pear line, try using pineapple juice instead of water in making the syrup in which to can the pears. I'm telling you, they're really good! Even your mother-in-law will ask you for the recipe.

I like to scald peaches—maybe you do, too. But for heaven sakes, lady, don't over-scald them! Scald one minute in boiling water, then cold dip for a half minute. When peaches are over scalded they lose their shape, flavor and are all ready partly cooked.

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Subscription Winner —
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Dear Mrs. Pease:
"Breathes there a soul so dead who never to herself has said, 'my, what beautiful flowers!'"

Well, not if all woman love flowers as much as I do. And what a struggle I've had to have a few blossoms this Summer. Last year I was just too busy getting our house fixed up so we could call it home and having flowers was practically out of the question. So, I made up my mind there would be scads this year if possible.

We have a fence around part of the house which is just perfect for a garden. This Spring I wasn't able to spade it all up myself, so after waiting for just ages, hubby finally had an hour's time to do it for me.

Then came the fun of doing all the planting, and I think I bought enough seed to plant an acre. Well, about that time the dry spell came and I carried bucket after bucket of water and still no flowers came up. At least not enough that I could tell them from weeds. Grin.

Then my 2 aunts who have lovely flowers of all sorts, came to the rescue with a lot of plants. Well, now this should give me some flowers I said to myself. Oh yeah? First all my pansies got washed out. Our dog picked the place where my

favorite sweet peas were planted to jump over the fence. And the neighbor children came over one day to play and, of course, had the dog chasing sticks all over the zinnias and poppies. And to top it all off just last week I was given some perennial daisy plants. I put them in the same night and next morning I discovered that dog had slept right on them. Well, I dug them out of the dirt and replanted them 3 times after that. (I think they're going to grow after all.)

Well, if I do happen to have some flowers yet, this is what I'm going to do to make them last longer after picking. They say with proper "hardening" flowers really last longer.

Here are 2 rules to remember: (1) Put each flower in to water within the first minute it is cut. (2) Give proper treatment or hardening of the stem so that it can drink up more water and keep the blossom fresh longer. This treatment varies with the type of stem.

Woody stem plants (such as the shrubs): These stems draw water very slowly. To speed up the moisture intake, smash the cut ends with a hammer for 2 or 3 inches up the stems. This will expose the fibres and allow the stem to take up all the moisture it needs.

Hollow stem plants (such as dahlias, delphiniums): To open and soften the fibre layer so that it will absorb more water, dip the cut ends of the stem to a depth of 4 to 6 inches in boiling water, let stand for a moment, then put into cold water.

Bulbous flowers (such as tulips, lilies, gladioli): Put in deep container of water with all of the stem under water clear up the stem. Keep in coolest place possible for 3 or 4 hours.

Annuals (such as marigolds, corn flowers, asters): Put cut ends in water immediately, and harden in cool darkness for several hours.

Milky sap plants (such as poppies, poinsettias): These plants let their moisture and heavy sap run down. They can be made to last several days if, when cut, stems are immediately put in cold water and then as soon as possible, held over a flame for about 30 seconds before being put back into water. Buring forms a callous at end, stops bleeding.

Flowers requiring no stem water are gardenias, camellias, orchids. These hold a great deal of moisture. They need no water in container and only a light daily sprinkling of water on the flower is necessary. If you are lucky enough to have a corsage, keep it in the refrigerator.

I certainly hope you flower lovers will find these suggestions helpful. I would appreciate having some hints on how to arrange flowers in different kinds of containers. How about some help on that subject?
JUST A FLOWER LOVER,
Atkinson, Nebraska.

I hope you had luck with



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your flowers, after all, Flower Lover, it often is quite a battle to produce any flowers at all, but the harder they are for us to raise the more highly we value them, I think. Do write to us again one of these days, you send us such good letters!

One good point to remember when raising flowers is to draw attention to the flowers, not the container. Therefore, it is better not to use exotic vases and containers but rather plainer containers and a more tasteful arrangement of flowers. Too many people crowd flowers until they can't breathe. Or set them in a draft and then wonder why they wilt so quickly.

In cutting gladioli for flowers, it's a good idea to cut in early morning or evening, when stems are full of moisture. Don't cut too close to the ground; leave at least four leaves so that the bulb can mature.

Cut the flowers in bud, just as soon as the first 2 florets have opened. In this way, the bouquet lasts for days, and you have the pleasure of watching the flowers open. Use a deep vase with plenty of water. Change the water daily, cutting off a bit of the stem each time.

Despite this year's eccentric weather, bitter below zero temperatures last Winter, a dry Spring, then rain, and then drought at its worst, my day lilies have been so lovely this year. They will stand beating sun without fading too much and lack of rain to a large degree, and they will also do fairly well in shade. 3 good recommendations for planting day lilies.

If the flower lovers who read The Frontier Woman have not gotten acquainted with the day lily, they should do so. My first ones were in bloom for Decoration day. One of these was the named variety, Apricot, and the other was the Flava lemon lily. I also have Fulva, Gold Dust, Hyperion, Mikado, Ophir and Sunny West. All have been lovely, also some varieties that I do not know the name. Hyperion is a late bloomer as is Sunny West which does not bloom until August. A variety which is now in bloom, of which I have several, I do not know the name of. It is a good orange and part of them seem to be double with curling petals. They are lovely.

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heart ailment, but had suffered from a weakened heart for several years.

The late Dewey Arthur True was born at Ewing at July 8, 1901, a son of Nellie and George True.

He was united in marriage to Anna Sievers on March 6, 1936. To this union was born a daughter, Sharron Ann, 6.

Preceding him in death were his father, mother, brother and 4 sisters.

Survivors include: Widow; daughter; 2 step daughters, 1 stepson; a stepfather; 2 brothers—George, of Chadron, and Victor, of Ewing; 5 sisters—Della Klinetobe, of Rapid City, S. D.; Nettie Walden, of Omaha; Eva Headley, of Bakersfield, Calif.; Gladys Closson, of O'Neill, and Pearl Pollock, of Clearmont, Wyo; step-sister; 2 stepbrothers, 39 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, July 21, at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock with Rev. Gossard officiating.

Pallbearers were: Charles Good, A. E. Ponton, Art Rur-oede, Earl Billings, Telfer Poland and George Mapes.

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