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ing, two good eyes are sufficient. of vines makes the walls of a house and draw the soil to them as they When the furrow is opened, before damp prevents the use of wall climbyou drop in the potato, put a good sprinkling of well-rotted manure along the bottom of the trench. The so very many beautiful, ever-bloomtubers will like it. Remember it is the early potato that brings the good price.

In order to multiply your stock, it is well to prepare cuttings of currant, grape, gooseberry, several kinds of plums, some varieties of quince, most of shrubs, willows, poplars, and is now so reasonable that they should hedge plants; these will root readily be largely planted. Once getting if put into the soil as early as it can be worked, taking the cuttings before buds begin to grow. They should be set about six inches apart, and the soil well firmed about them, set deep enough so that only the uppermost bud shows. They must be cultivated and hoed all summer.

Onion seeds may be sown as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Peas should be in the ground among the first things, cand should be planted fairly deep. Beets, spinach, and all half-hardy vegetables may be the first things, and should be among the first things, and as soon as the plants get good size, transplant to six inches apart, cultivate carefully in rich ground, and see it grow.

Start asparagus beds, either from seeds or plants. Almost any seedsenough by the home gardener. Set out a bed this spring.

The Strawberry Bed

If you have never had a strawberry bed, you have missed a great deal, and if you have one, and let it "run down," you are very culp-Get the ground ready as able. quickly as possible, and reset for a new bed, if the old is failing. Some contend that it is better that this should be done the previous autumn: but no matter; if you neglected it then, do not add to your neglect now. Set the plants early and give them good culture. They won't (or should not be allowed to) bear very much of a crop this season, but they will give you plenty of fruit next spring. Then, this autumn, try to make up can be had, well rooted, for a small for last year's neglect, and have plenty of strawberries. There is no better fruit. If you have no knowledge of the strawberry plant, get your nurseryman to choose for you, and to advise you as to what varieties to get and how to care for them. There are scrubs among plants, just as among animals, and they are just as worthless. Novelties are not advised, except in small numbers as experiments. Stick to the recognized standards, but be sure to plant something worth while.

ers, many times. The trellis climbers are mostly roses, and there are now ing hardy roses, as well as the old tried June bloomers, that there is no excuse for neglect of them. They come in many colors, perfectly hardy, and of lovely foliage. The price of good rose plants, whether the mailing size, or those to come by express, them started, they may be multiplied by cuttings or layerings. One having the "rose in the heart" will succeed with any of them. Cover all the old, unsightly buildings with these beautiful climbers, and make screens of them to shut off unpleasant sights. You will never be SOFFY.

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Short-Stops

Dont neglect to plant a paper of chrysanthemum seeds for the autumn blooming. Asters, though annuals, are most beautiful, and are of many colors, easy to germinate and repay care all summer.

One of the glory-spots of the lawn or garden is the bed of tea-roses. A great many of the tea roses are hardy, with a little care, and they price.

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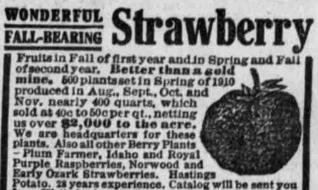
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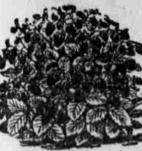
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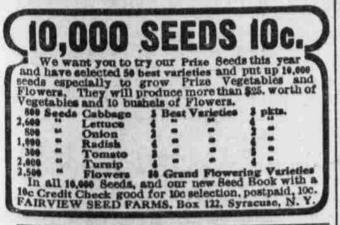
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Hardy Ornamental Vines

Nothing is more beautiful about the home than the hardy ornamental vines or climbers. The fruit-bearing vines have a place of their own; but nothing can supply the place reserved for beauty except the flowerbearing kind. For the porch or trellis, there is nothing better than the ampelopsis quinquefolio, the different clematises, and the Japanese evergreen honeysuckle. The clematis may be made into a pillar climber, while the Bignonio radicans or (trumpet-flower vine) can be trained into a tree form. These are all hardy, and fine plants of each, singly or in quantities, can be had of the nurserymen at reasonable prices. Once established, they can be multiplied by division of roots, or layering, or cuttings, and some of them by seeds. For clinging on brick or stonewalls, and less securely on wooden walls, there is nothing better than the ampelopsis Veitchii, and there is nothing more beautiful, though there is no bloom.

Old prejudices die hard, and the mistaken notion that a dense growth

There are many hardy, ever-blooming roses to be had now, and there is nothing prettier than the everblooming pillar roses. Put the grape vine at the back of the house, for utility, but fill the front and side spaces with climbing, flowering vines. A trellis should be built a few inches from the house wall, and the vines trained on that.

Give the boy a garden spot of his own; give him time and tools to keep it cultivated, and let him sell his produce, either to your own self or the market. Treat him fairly, and let him have what is justly his. Let him have a few flower seeds, too, but insist that he realizes the responsibility of caring for them.

Peas will stand frosts, and even light snows. Sown early enough they should begin to bear by the first of May.

Grass plats need attention; all the old, dead grass should be well raked off, the little holes and hollows filled in with soil, and the naked places re-sown with seeds. If the growth of grass is scant, sow the best seeds you can get, and sow early.

A dressing of wood ashes is a good thing for a lawn. Newly seeded lawns should not be trampled upon.

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