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too, some years, when it became very luxuriant and when we did not relish it on account of beans, corn and tomatoes being so abundant. We usually have a row of parsnips somewhere, sometimes between the early corn. Salsify, too, the same way.

Of course we have mint, though not so large a bed as the one at the White House. By one of my flat stone seats, at the end of the stone-wall walk, mint is growing, almost surrounding the seat.

We always plant several kinds of corn, never forgetting *Howling Mob* and *Country Gentleman*. We start usually with early *Catawba*, which we find very sweet.

Our cold frames, two in number, we have placed on the south side of the house, where they are protected from cold winds, and get a maximum of sunshine. They are excavated so that, if we wish, we can make a hot bed; or, by putting two-by-four boards across a supporting cleat, we may have a cold frame. Last September there were two plantings of lettuce made three weeks apart, from seeds sown in August in the open. They were planted about four inches apart. By thinning every other plant as they grew, we had tender salad, and as much as our winter family of four could eat.

We have never had any marked success in starting melons or cucumbers in pots or baskets in the cold frame. We always have a few violets. We bank up the sides with manure and cover the banking with leaves and soil. The double glass sash insures against any trouble from freezing, even when the temperature stays around 10 F. for a week or ten days, as it sometimes has. If you wish to experience a keen pleasure, sweep off the snow from the glass in January and see rows and rows of tender green lettuce, a bunch of parsley, a plant of thyme, and always a few violets!

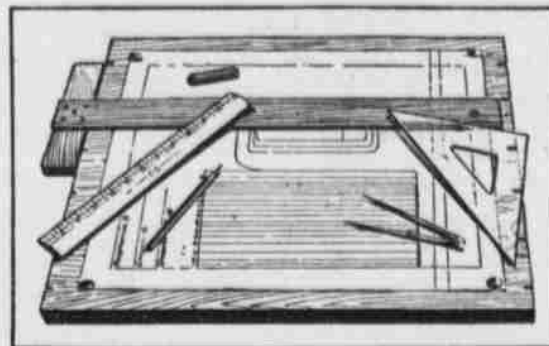
IN PLANNING the pretty park-like yard an effort was made to have a long restful line of green lawn, and a pleasing outline to the shrubbery border. There were many preliminary half hours spent trying to see the picture. Finally one fine October day, two old sheets became long white ribbons, and a number of pointed sticks became pins and the idea came into being. That white outline stayed for almost a week, and several times a day we would look at it critically, until we thought we had found the proper lines for this particular place. Then began the digging and screening and bed-making.

Our perennial chrysanthemums are planted along the stone wall the whole length of the hardy border, and also along the south edge, clear to the point of the grape arbor. We have put at the back the high growing things, weigelia, deutzia, lilac, hollyhocks, and golden glow, in clumps. In front of those are peonies, delphiniums, Japanese primrose, garden heliotrope, digitalis, bleeding-heart, yellow lilies, and oriental poppies. All planted in clumps. Dainty picotee tulips in groups gladden us in spring with their early cream and pink loveliness. All around the edge grows sweet alyssum, giving from May until December a delicious odor, and making a very effective border.

Many of our utilitarian friends have asked me why we use seven feet of garden space for a grassy path and flower borders. Could we do without the violets, sweet-william, the lovely spice pinks,—white and pink and variegated,—the pyrethrums and calendula, perennial phloxes, and galliardia? We just couldn't! This path and its borders are beautiful from our dining room window and back porch. We look straight down this vista to our background of native trees and wild shrubbery, to the un-built-upon rear property.

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