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ered-in eight-by-ten porch built out from the dining room, and enclosed with double-glass sashes. We made a slope to the floor, and a gutter on this floor to a drain. There is a hydrant, and three benches containing sand, in which the pots are standing. Altogether there are some two-hundred plants, ferns, begonias, geraniums, calendulae, lilies, palms, snapdragons, carnations, poinsettias, ivies, verbenas, etc., varying from year to year. It represents a great deal of work, but is a deep joy. There is a tremendous chunk of compensation on a snowy wintry evening to have our double doors open from the dining room, the electric light burning in the conservatory, and to smell the sweet moist earth, see the thrifty ferns, and the tradescantia and ivy hanging down along the front of the benches, with a few blossoms, and to have summer so close to us.

It is our aim to have in the garden what the family likes; that which is not so good if bought in the market, and what is hard to get in the market. For instance, it is almost impossible to get raspberries in perfect condition except right from one's garden. We look them over every day and gather only those "just ready to melt in your mouth."

The summer of 1913 we grew: Peas, 10 pecks; strawberries, 93 quarts; raspberries, 25 quarts; currants, 15 quarts; cauliflower, 36 heads; also practically all that our family of six could eat of egg plant, corn, beets, carrots, radishes, string beans, lima beans, peppers, Swiss chard, mint, parsnips, oyster plant, kale, rhubarb, celery, endive and grapes. Besides there has come health, pleasure and satisfaction in rewarded effort, and many lessons of wisdom.

You Can Grow These Roses

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pared above, may be filled in. This should be done some time before the beds are planted, to permit the soil to settle. After the soil has settled, it should be about an inch below the surrounding surface, while the beds may be of any size or shape. I prefer a bed not over five feet wide.

I have had best results by planting all roses in the spring, but the hardy varieties can be planted in the fall if first allowed to become dormant. Of course, the tender roses are always planted in the spring or early summer. There is no special advantage and some times a disadvantage in planting the tender roses too early.

The treatment of roses when received from the nursery is important. The dormant roses have no balls of soil about the roots but instead are packed in moss, which should not be removed from them a moment before planting, as nothing is quite so bad for a rose as the drying out of the roots. If not ready to plant when received, dig a trench somewhere in the garden in the shade, deep enough to take the roots as deep as they grew before, and set them in without removing the moss, which should be wet and allow them to remain "heeled-in" thus until needed for planting. People who tear apart a package of roses or trees, allow them to lie about uncovered and not planted promptly, need not expect success with them. If the roses have been delayed on the road and are dry, stalk and moss when received, soak the moss and bury the plants in moist earth for three to five days.

When ready to plant, unpack your plants, but keep the roots covered with damp moss, wet burlap or other damp material to prevent the possibility of their suffering from drying out. A safe rule to follow in planting roses which have been grown on their own roots is to plant them one inch deeper than what they have been grown in the nursery, which can readily be seen on the stems. In the case of budded or grafted roses, these should be planted so that the point at which they are budded or grafted is two inches below the surface of the soil. Be liberal in digging a good sized hole, so as to enable you to spread out the roots in a natural manner, so that each root will come in direct contact with the soil.

DORMANT ROSES are usually supplied by the nurseries in an unpruned condition or with merely the longest shoots cut back. These plants, when set out, should be severely pruned. The stronger shoots should be cut back to eight to twelve inches in height, all thin and weak wood being cut out entirely. In succeeding seasons, after the plants have become established, the pruning should be regulated according to whether you wish a large number of flowers of ordinary quality for mass effect in the garden or a less number of flowers but of a select

quality. If the former, simply cut out the weak, thin branches entirely and shorten the heavier shoots according to their strength, to a height of from 18 to 24 inches. If quality is desired, prune severely. That is, shorten the growths to within eight to ten inches from the ground. When pruning always cut just above a prominent eye, and, if possible, to an eye pointing outward. By doing this, the plants will grow in a nice open head, the branch usually developing in the direction in which the buds point. With severe pruning, staking of the plants is very rarely necessary, and no summer pruning is required, the cutting of the buds or flowers, with stems of fair length being sufficient.

The proper time to prune is in early spring; the most opportune time being just as the buds begin to swell.

Fall pruning I do not recommend except in the case of strong-growing Hybrid Perpetual Roses which have made long canes. These should, late in the fall when the wood has become thoroughly ripe, be cut back to about three feet in height; this being done to prevent the winds from swaying the plants about, and thereby breaking the roots.

Rambler and other climbing roses require little or no pruning in spring. They flower on wood of the previous season's growth and nothing should be cut in spring except to remove dead wood, and to cut out such superfluous growth so as to make them conform to the space to be covered, but a severe pruning is beneficial to climbing roses in July, directly after they have finished flowering. At that time cutting out all old flowering wood will encourage a vigorous new growth that must be depended upon to give an abundance of flowers the following season.

Rugosa Roses, Moss Roses, Austrian and Yellow Briars, Damask Roses, as well as Hybrid and Common Sweet Briar require no pruning after the first season. Simply cut out dead wood and superfluous branches and slightly head in the previous season's growth.

When roses are received in plants which have been carried over winter in pots, no pruning whatever is necessary. These have already been pruned by the nurseryman when he placed them in pots.

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