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sphere—the garden. To enable you the more thoroughly to enjoy the new catalogue and the new things it brings to you, requires a long training in the garden and the study of its denizens, and the sooner you start the better. Select the seedsmen who advertise and you will not go amiss, as they are under a double compulsion of reliability.

THERE are many persons who have almost no conception as to the seed business or that of growing and selling plants. The average person thinks of a seedsmen as one who has a big farm or plantation on which he grows seeds, harvests, and sells them. Nothing is further from the truth! The seedsmen may have a large farm, or several, but on them he grows only such seeds as can be best grown in the location in which the farms are situated. The others are grown in the locations where they will grow and ripen in the greatest perfection. Thus, the sweet peas are all grown in California; field peas in northern New York and Canada; cabbage very largely on Long Island; bulbs in Holland; melons in New Jersey and the South; potatoes in Maine and Minnesota, and corn in the Northwest, while many of the flower seeds are grown in France and Germany, as well as some of the higher-class of vegetables like cauliflower.

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When making up the order for seeds for the flower-garden do not order merely those things which you like the best, but put character into your order. Consider where each packet is to be planted; the flowers which are to be in the full sunshine; those which must have partial shade, and those in the north border which get the minimum of sunshine. There also is the low, damp spot to consider, and the high, dry place. Then, there is the narrow border of annuals along the front of the shrubby-border, and the annuals to be planted, higgledy-piggledy, among the hardy plants to carry them over the mid-summer dearth of bloom. When you have considered these, then select for them the very choicest varieties, not forgetting the value of color harmony in juxtaposing plants.

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