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WITH THE FLOWERS

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

Don't be too anxious to sow flower seeds for next summer's growth until you have studied what you want to have in your garden and how you are to obtain the best results.

If you contemplate having a flower garden next summer, see to it that you reserve a place for some of the old-fashioned flowers. Oftentimes a bouquet of these will bring more tender memories to your friends and awaken more of their gratitude for you than any amount of the newer varieties.

February is a good month in which to start the cutting of geraniums and verbenas. Cuttings of verbenas started now will root in about ten days.

Always remember that tall plants, like hollyhocks, castor beans, sunflowers and cosmos are best for backgrounds.

Protecting plants from cold drafts about windows is a matter of much importance. In case of severe winter weather a certain amount of cold can be warded off by placing over them cones made of paper.

Plants will seldom do well where gas and dust abound. Proper regulation of the heating apparatus will generally eliminate the former and regular spraying or sponging of the foliage of the latter.

In doing this the under side of the leaves should be looked after, for it is there that insects first make their appearance and unless checked by spraying they will soon spread.

Such house plants as geraniums, begonias, petunias, azaleas, fuchsias, heliotropes, snapdragons and the like do best if not watered too often during the winter. But when it is done the soil should be thoroughly soaked, and the temperature of the room kept a little higher for a few hours thereafter.

The best time to water these is in the morning and on a sunny day.

For starting early flowers, sow the seed in shallow boxes and plan to transplant the plants at least twice before they are placed in the open ground. In order to have them do well it is also essential to put them where the temeprature is lower after each transplanting. In this way they will be "hardened off" and made more ready for setting out in the open ground.

Considering the small amount of care it requires, there is no flower more satisfactory and beautiful than the dahlia.

Such hardy bulbs as hyacinths, tulips, lilies, crown imperials, phlox irises and the like do better, as a rule, if allowed to remain undisturbed in the ground for years.

If you have any cold-frame plants, such as violets, roses and carnations, don't fail to expose them more and more to air for gradual hardening off before planting.

Tree growing geraniums this year, next to cannas, they will give more satisfaction for the trouble expended than almost any other flower mentionable. Be sure to get those, however, adapted for growing in beds.

When your Easter lilies get through blooming water them until the leaves begin to fade, then withold water until the tops die. When that occurs you can put the pots in the cellar and leave them there until autumn.

Gladiolus bulblets will blossom a year earlier if peeled before planting. Being dry, the husk requires a long time to soak up so the new growth can penetrate it, but if it is removed growth starts at once.

For a perpetual delight all summer few vines are better to grow than the Madeira and the Columbian climber.

Their foliage is of a very rich glossy green, and the delicate white flowers, or rich clusters, of the Madeira vine are not only abundant, but deliciously fragrant. Both vines are easy to grow, and in a fairly good soil will attain a height of 20 or 25 feet.

Although the asparagus sprengeri produces only tiny flowers, its foliage is so glorious, so green and restful to the eye, that it is a plant much to be desired. Not requiring a great amount of sun, it can be placed back of other plants and, if somewhat above them its rich beauty will act as a charming foil.

It is doubtful if there is any other one thing in the culture of house plants so little understood as the proper application of moisture.

Generally, the best way to determine when a plant needs water is to take a pinch of the soil and rub it between the thumb and first finger. If dry enough to become powdery, water should be applied; but if it is still so damp as to hold between the fingers no more water will be needed for a time. Lilies, of course, are an exception to this rule, and in fact, almost all kinds of bulbs.

Pansies are a desirable flower to have, and a five-cent package will be sufficient for one ordinarily to grow. They want to be started indoors in a box full of rich soil, and kept in a slightly shaded place.

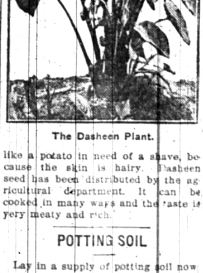
The dirt should be damp all the time, to insure which it needs frequent watering, and when the pansies are planted out it is better on this account to have the bed on the north side of the house.

There if given a little care, they can be made to bloom till frost comes in the fall.

THE DASHEEN PLANT

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

The dasheen is the new food plant. It is a vegetable much like a potato. It is a semi-tropical vegetable rather



The Dasheen Plant.

like a potato in need of a shave, because the skin is hairy. Dasheen seed has been distributed by the agricultural department. It can be cooked in many ways and the taste is very meaty and rich.

POTTING SOIL

Lay in a supply of potting soil now so if need arises for soil when the ground is frozen or covered with snow it can be met. Equal parts of good garden soil, old, well-rotted manure, leaf mold and sand should be stirred well together, sifted through a coarse sieve and stored under shelter in boxes and barrels.

Michigan Happenings

Ionia.—Two hundred and fifty Ionia merchants dined and discussed plans for a winter circus and display of Ypsilanti reed furniture, December 16 and 17.

Wadhams.—William Baldock of this place is a grateful man. Nine carloads of dynamite rolled off the York Marquette trucks within a few rods of Baldock's door, but none of it exploded.

Saginaw.—Formal opening and dedication of the Michigan Arbeiter Unterstuetzungs Verein took place. Practically every one of the 85 societies in the state were represented, and all of the state officers attended. Monday the state officers will meet in a business session.

Columbus.—Miss Nellie Dilworth, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Dilworth of Columbus, and niece of Daniel L. Dilworth, president of the Detroit board of assessors, died as the result of terrible burns inflicted when a kerosene lamp fell from a table into her lap. Her mother and a sister, were badly but not seriously burned in trying to save her.

Ionia.—The Ionia County Pomona grange elected the following officers: Fred Eddy, Ionia, master; Ed Higbee, Orleans, overseer; Walter Decker, Orleans, secretary, and P. C. Freeman of Hastings delivered the annual address. Other speakers were: U. P. Hull of Diamondale, and Mrs. Dora Stockma, lecturer, of the state grange. Charlotte degree initiated 17 candidates

Saginaw.—Annual memorial services for the 15 members of Saginal lodge, No. 47, B. P. O. E., who have died in the last year, took place. About 3,000 persons were present. James W. Sanford, Sioux City, Ia., past grand exalted ruler of the Elks, delivered the general eulogy. W. H. Martin, Saginaw, past exalted ruler, gave the special eulogy.

Albion.—Henry Montgomery Dearing, the aged wrecker of the Albion National bank, whose term at the Leavenworth prison expires the day before Christmas, will not willingly return to Albion. Sheriff E. J. Mallory has received a letter from the warden, in which that official stated that Dearing had told him he would fight extradition. Dearing will be brought back on a charge of forgery.

Albion.—The newly formed Alumni "A" club of Albion college, composed of former athletes of the local school, elected the following officers: President, George E. Dean, vice presidents, E. H. Grandland and Harry Ellerby, secretary, Allan J. Wilder; treasurer, Arthur C. Hulnutt. The club will work with the college "A" club, composed of juniors and seniors who have won their athlete monograms in furthering Albion's athletic interests.

Ann Arbor.—Fire in the State Savings bank put more than 4,000 telephones in this city out of commission when it melted eight cables. The bank structure had recently been rebuilt. Some boards had been left near the furnace. These caught fire. It is thought. The switchboard and floors of the building are used by the Michigan State Telephone company, which suffered the principal loss, the damage to the building or to the bank being slight.

Iron Mountain.—This city was visited by a $140,000 fire, which destroyed the Parent Clothing company and the Sam Khorey confectionery stores and the John T. Carbise employment and real estate office and all their contents. All were frame buildings. It is thought the fire started in the Khorey store. The Parent Clothing company sustained a loss of about $30,000. The loss to the Khorey store and stock and the real estate office is placed at about $10,000.

Ann Arbor.—Twelve University of Michigan students have been initiated into the "Griffins," inter-departmental honorary society. Those honored were: H. Leslie Carroll, Lockport, N. Y.; James E. Chenol, Detroit; Grant Cook, Brant; Glenn Coulter, Chittenango, N. Y.; Frank Grover, Detroit; Edwin Hyman, Kansas City, Mo.; Edward E. Mack, Toledo; William K. Neimann, Hermansville; Harold O'Brien, Oak Park, Ill.; N. E. Pinney, Ann Arbor; Cedric Smith, Bay City, and Thomas Soddy, Calumet.

Hillsdale.—Hillsdale county Pomona grange, in session here, elected the following officers: Master, B. F. Lamb of Wheatland; overseer, Carl Betts, Hillsdale; lecturer, Mrs. Adam Beaver, Hillsdale; steward, Elmer Osterhoudt, Hillsdale; assistant steward, Edward Wilson, Lickly Corners; chaplain, Mrs. A. E. Fitzsimmons, Hillsdale; treasurer, James O'Neill, Osseo; secretary, Mrs. Sadie Gray, Center Adams; gate keeper, Horace Petri, Cambria; ceres, Mrs. Ameila Lamb, Wheatland; Pomona, Mrs. James O'Neill, Osseo; Flora, Mrs. Petrie, Cambria; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Edward Wilson, Lickly Corners.

Big Rapids.—Chester Hangstorfer, aged twenty, son of Charles Hangstorfer, has disappeared.

Flint.—Ed Woo is writing a history of Genesee county. He is at the head of the Genesee County Pioneer and Historical society.

Albion.—The third annual poultry show of the Albion Poultry association will occur January 6-8. William Wise of Lansing will be the judge. The officers of the association are: President, A. J. Wilder; vice president, J. R. Lathwell; secretary, E. E. Bromeling; treasurer, Homer C. Blair; superintendent, A. T. Boyd.

Lansing.—Governor Ferris honored requisition papers for Harry Swanson, a negro, wanted in St. Louis, Mo., on a charge of larceny, and who is now under arrest in Detroit. Detective Cooper of St. Louis, who came after Swanson, says that the prisoner may be sent to the penitentiary for life under the Missouri habitual criminal act. Next Wednesday a hearing will be held on requisition papers from San Antonio, Tex., for Nathan Greenfield, under arrest at Paw Paw. Greenfield is wanted for an alleged criminal disposition of chattel mortgaged goods.

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Who, Indeed?

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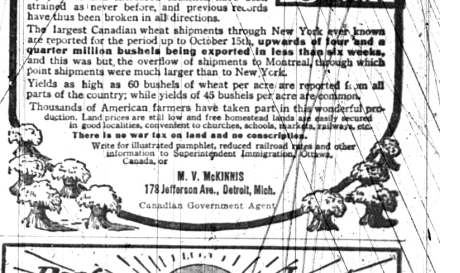

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