

THE HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery

Their Care and Cultivation

FOR SICK CHILD

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or fretful in bed, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it's a testimonial of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the food digested passes, your baby and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, indigestion, colic, diarrhoea, or a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy, they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

Wearly Willis in 1916.

"I just made three resolutions for 1916, an' goin' to keep every one of them."

"Ya ain't readyed to go to work by ye, Bill!"

No. My resolutions are these: In 1916, I ain't goin' to drink champagne, take milk baths or put up at Waldorf-Castoria when I'm in No. York."

Don't Neglect Kidneys

Swamp-Root, Dr. Klinger's Prescription, Overcomes Kidney Trouble

It is now conceded by physicians that the kidneys should have more attention than any other organ of the body. A remarkable degree and do tremendous amount of work in removing the poisons and "toxins" from the system by filtering the blood.

The kidneys should receive more assistance than needed. We take less exercise, drink less water and eat less rich, heavy food, thereby forcing the kidneys to do more work than nature intended. Evidence of kidney trouble, such as lame back, annoying bladder troubles, frequent burning, acidulous sediment, soft complexion, rheumatism, maybe weak or irregular heart action, etc., are signs that your kidneys are not immediately to avoid serious trouble.

An ideal herbal compound that has had most remarkable success as a kidney and bladder remedy is Dr. Klinger's Swamp-Root. There is nothing else so good as Dr. Klinger's prescription used in private practice and it is sure to benefit you.

However, if you wish first to get this great preparation, send ten cents to Dr. J. C. Riddle, 1015 Broadway, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When written, be sure and mention this paper—A. V.

No Pomp in Switzerland.

How many Englishmen—or, for that matter, how many Swiss living in that mountainous country—do you know are the president of the Swiss confederation? In accordance with the Swiss constitution, the head of the state, or the president of the federal council, as he is officially called, only holds office for a year, and is elected every December. The federal assembly has just elected to this post a young man, He is M. Camille Decoppet, who received 185 votes out of 188.

He is a native of Switzerland and his relations with the belligerent powers, the position might be supposed to be one of considerable importance, but even the Swiss people are against a man who shall occupy it, and they give to their chief no state honors whatever. It is as impossible to almost anybody, and a British minister at Bern has told how, when he went to visit the president, one of the doors was opened by a Swiss girl, who was busy cooking, while the president was sitting at his desk in his shirt sleeves. Switzerland is a true republic, according to the old and classic ideal—the only one on the continent of Europe.

Suggested by the Weather.

Guest-Writer, I wish you'd let me have a knife that's sharp enough to cut this steak.

Waiter—Sorry, sir, but we don't keep our knives sharp. Maybe you could use the steak as a tray, sir, and sharpen your knife on a bit.

FOOD FACTS.

What an M. D. Learned.

A prominent physician down in Georgia has had enough of a "fast" experience which has made him public:

"It was my own experience that first led me to advocate Grape-Nuts food; and I also know from having prescribed it to convalescents and other weak patients that this food is a nerve and brain tonic as well as a strengthener. It improves the digestion and patients gain, just as I did in strength and weight, very rapidly.

"I began to eat such a low state that I had to give up my work entirely and go to the mountains, but two months there did not improve me; in fact I was not quite as well as when I left home. My food did not sustain me and it became plain that I must change.

"I began to eat Grape-Nuts and in two weeks I could walk a mile, and in five weeks returned up my home and was practicing, taking up hard work again. Since that time I have felt as well and strong as I have ever in my life."

As a physician who seeks to help all sufferers I consider it a duty to make these facts public.

Trial 10 days on Grape-Nuts when the regular food does not seem to sustain the body will work wonders.

Send a Reasonable Name given by Postum Club, Battle Creek, Mich.

Ever send the above letter? A new one is available, true, and full of interesting facts.

A Wonderful Poppy Field.

STUDY YOUR CATALOGUES

By E. VAN BENTHUSEN.

Get your catalogues early and study them. Make your selections and order early. This assures the goods on time and a better selection.

To be sure to include a mixed packet of climbing nasturtiums for that corner where the sun scorches everything else. They are beautiful in coloring and are subject to only one real insect pest, the cabbage worm, and it fleecumbs to the shelter or seawards.

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TIMELY GARDEN HINTS

Little sandalwood plants at the base of trees indicate where the borers are at work. Dig him out. Go at it with a wire and knife.

Potassium permanganate at the rate of a teaspoonful to a gallon of water will prolong the freshness of cut flowers.

Make selections of new plants for next season's flower garden. Add as many new ones as possible, and try to make a complete change in the beds of annuals.

Plants should be made now for sowing seeds and for starting cuttings. Mound the old dirt and have everything in readiness. Clean seed pans. Have a supply of loam, sand and fertilizing material at hand for early sowing and potting. Cuttings can now be made in the conservatory and greenhouse.

GERANIUMS FROM SEED

By ADELE J. POWELL.

Last spring I purchased a package of "Large Flowering California Geraniums," and planted them in a pot about the middle of March. I kept the soil moist and placed the pot in a sunny window, where in eight days the first tiny plant made its appearance. From then until some time in June the seeds kept germinating, and when the last one was about an inch in height, the others were sprouting their fourth and fifth leaves. There were 18 altogether.

As each little geranium grew its second leaf, I transplanted it carefully into a two-inch pot, and when 12 to 15 of them were growing nicely, in May I again transplanted, all the nice, bright-looking "babies" to a tub of sandy soil, and put it out on the west lawn.

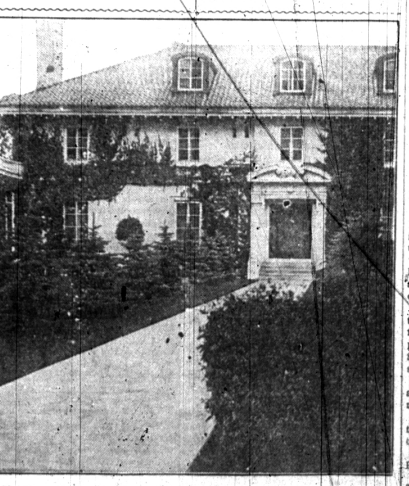
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DEATH TO GREEN APHIS

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Planting of Vines, Hedges and Evergreens as a Beautifying Factor.

THIS great man loved three women at different periods. The first died. The second rejected his proposal. The third he married. His biographers say he was a queer lover.

Abraham Lincoln was a lover, but he was an unusual lover just as he was unusual in every other way. His first rejected affair of the heart, an emotion deeper than the call love of half-grown youth, came when he was twenty-two years old and dorking in a store at New Salem, Ill. Ann Rutledge, tavernkeeper's daughter, was the girl.

The second affair came when he was about twenty-six. It began as a joke, after Lincoln had become a lawyer and was practicing at Springfield, but it caused him untold worry—because the girl, Mary Owens, was kept a tavern and wanted to marry her. The third affair took place when he was thirty-three years old. Indiana, Lincoln had his sentimental yearnings, one of which appealed so strongly to his sense of romance that he wanted to write a story about it. This yearning was the kind most of us have along about the time the down on our upper lip begins to touchen.

It is doubtful if Ann Rutledge ever loved Lincoln. She simply appreciated his sympathy and affection—she had been jilted by a man who tried of her and went East to escape his obligation. Her father, James McNeill, one of the founders of New Salem, had been there Lincoln went to board when in 1832 he left his home and became clerk in a store there. At breakfast, dinner and supper he sat by the side of the tavernkeeper's daughter. He was twenty-two; she was less than twenty. She was sad of heart and he tried to cheer her. Lincoln's sympathy ripened into deep affection, but the girl was faithful for more than a year to the memory of McNeill.

Even if the girl had been willing, Lincoln was in no position to marry. He was very poor. He was one of the first to volunteer in the Black Hawk war. When the war was ended he returned to New Salem, near for the legislature and was defeated. His financial condition was so quadded at this time that he was practically becoming a blacksmith in order to make a living. An opportunity came to him to get an interest in a store without putting up any real money. He was a wrecked spender and his partner was no better. The business did not flourish, but his courtship did. He and Ann Rutledge sat at night on the tavern steps or walked along the roads around the little settlement. They were young and youth is the age of glamour. Lincoln was beginning to think of a career as a lawyer. He believed that he would be able in a year or two to support a wife. Ann could not forget McNeill, but the devotion of Lincoln prevailed and she consented to marry him.

The summer of this engagement was the happiest of Lincoln's life. Ann Rutledge was beautiful in face and figure and charming in every way. She was not tall and was rather delicate. At times when she would come, a little weary, Lincoln, whose strength was unusual, delighted in taking her up in his arms and carrying her as if she were a child. With their engagement everything seemed to brighten for Lincoln. He was appointed postmaster, he began to make a little money doing survey work, and in the fall he was elected to the legislature.

Mrs. Lincoln Dressed for the First Inaugural Ceremony

In Springfield, her sister was the wife of Ninian W. Edwards, one of the most prominent men of Springfield. Miss Todd was bright, witty, highly educated, ambitious, and at once became the belle of Springfield. Few young women have had more great men suitors for their hand than had Miss Todd within one month of her arrival. Among these who paid ardent attention to her were Stephen A. Douglas, James Shields, who later was senator from three states and who made a stirring record in his war; Abraham Lincoln, and a dozen others.

The Edwards family protested against Miss Todd's partiality for Lincoln. They thought his family was plebeian; they thought, too, he was to grave a man. But Miss Todd loved Lincoln and they became engaged.

They were not altogether happy in their engagement. Miss Todd was jealous and exacting. She loved balls and parties, frivolities of all sorts that are so dear to women. Lincoln did not care much for those things and was shockingly thoughtless and inattentive for an engaged man. When there was some merry-making, if he did not want to go he didn't think she'd care. She, however, thought it a slight. She complained that he neglected her. Then, to make him feel bad about it, she would go with Shields or with Douglas. There were stars, rockets, fireworks. They would make up and fall out again.

All this had a very bad effect upon Lincoln. He became extremely morbid. He began to search his soul to answer the question as to whether or not he would make the woman's life unhappy. They were to have been married on January 1, 1842. Something happened and the wedding did not take place. There was a story which was credited to W. H. Herndon, that Lincoln failed to appear, but this has been pronounced untrue by those who ought to know. It is more likely that one of their many quarrels led to the break between them.

Some of Lincoln's letters written at this time disclose his sufferings. In one of them he says:

"I am now the most miserable man living. If what I feel were equally distributed to the whole human family there would not be one cheerful face on earth. Whether I shall ever be better I cannot tell. I fear I shall not. To remain as I am is impossible."

Reconciliation and Marriage.

One of his friends in Kentucky invited him there in the hope of cheering him up. He had a hard time succeeding, Lincoln from his melancholia, but he finally succeeded in a manner he never expected. The friends fell in love himself and began to feel quailish as to whether he would make his beloved happy. He became so miserable over his doubt in this regard that Lincoln tried to cheer him up by trying to cheer his friend, Lincoln cheered up himself.

When Lincoln returned to Illinois he was much better. He and Miss Todd met and there was a reconciliation.

On November 4, following, Lincoln and Mary Todd were married. While the marriage ceremony was being performed one of the greatest stories in our history was proclaimed.

"Did you ever write out a story in your mind?" Lincoln once asked a friend. "I did when I was a young fellow. One day a wagon with a lady and two girls and a man behind was coming, and while they were fixing up they looked in our kitchen. The woman had books and read us stories, and they were the first of the kind I ever had heard of. I took the great fancy to me at the girls, and when they were gone I thought of her a great deal, and one day when I was sitting out in the sun by the house I wrote out a story in my head."

"I thought I took my father's horse and followed the wagon, and finally I found it, and had heard the story of my great-grandfather. I was so surprised to see me. I talked with the girl and she said she would marry me. That night I put her on the horse and we started off across the prairie. After several hours we came to a camp, and when we rode up we found a man and a woman had left a few hours before, and we went in."

"The next night we tried again, and the same thing happened. The horse came back to the same place, and we were again surprised. I ought not to elope, I stayed until I had persuaded her father to give her to me. I always read the story out and publish it. It is not a great story, but I concluded it was not much of a story, but I think that was the beginning of love with me."

One of the President's Few Smiling Moods

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His Whole Life a Tragedy

Lincoln's whole life was fraught with tragedy, declares a biographer. A chain of circumstances, a tragedy, a face marked by the tragic use, a life never free from the burden of poverty, in his birth and early death, a struggle for the right of man's life was enough for the strange man to have lived a great life, but it adds to an grandson to have him die a noble death, a strange man, a man who might well be his requiem. If a finite being ever showed the omnipotent power of providence, Lincoln surely had it. He died not only that he had been set aside for a great task that it was to end in death.

Plunged into a fratricidal war, him, a man of peace, a man of peace. I cannot close without saying to you that upon Pennsylvania soil, in 1865, before the first gun was fired, the needs of the injured. Her baby attracted him, and realizing that the child was a burden and anxiety to the loyal nurse, he arranged for its care in the White House while the mother was in the hospital. That was like him. It is merely another story of the many that mark Lincoln as the biggest man the modern world has known.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

Said Abraham Lincoln in 1858: "The Author of man makes every individual with one head and one pair of hands. It was probably intended that if one man should cooperate as friends, and that that particular head should direct and control that pair of hands." It took over fifty years for the country to grasp the full significance of this pithy saying. In fact, we have not yet fully grasped it.—The Outlook.