

HOME BEAUTIFUL

The Plants and Shrubs and Their Care and Cultivation.



Henry's Home



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Where one wishes to change the location of vines yearly the annuals are necessary. Among the number of beautiful annual climbers the morning glory takes a leading place. The moonflower and cypress and canary bird flower are other beautiful vines, readily grown.

To start the seed of moonflower and morning glory cut the seed a little on one side and soak over night in warm water, plant in a window box or seed bed and transplant out of doors when the ground is warm.

Wild cucumbers and Japanese or native hop are hardy vines and make a house green shade. Hycanthoid bean is an eye pretty and profuse bloomer. Never allow vines to grow up over the house. Place a trellis at least two feet from the house wall to allow a free circulation of air. This applies to all kinds of climbers. As soon as they begin to form runners give them a support.

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ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS IN THE HOME

By E. VAN BENTHUSEN.

Dark corners of a room need lighting in light-colored, brilliant flowers never look so well as when standing out against a half-light. Yellow is an exquisite bit of color for such a corner.

Let all the flower and foliage for home decoration be fresh and, however simple their form, they are lovely, not only as graceful objects, but as suggestive of something more beautiful still.

Avoid fantastic-colored or shaped vases. The simple beauty of the flowers is lost in such a holder. Clear glass and soft greens of Bohemian make are most useful receptacles. Let the lines of the vase or bowl be simple and flowing and however cheap the substance of which the vase is made, we shall not err.

Strive to produce the effect of flowers when growing and the error of cutting off the lovely green stalks of daffodils and cramming them into a flat dish, or putting a handful of violets into a tube specimen glass will be impossible.

There are many little contrivances nowadays that help wonderfully in the attractive arrangement of flowers. The little Japanese frogs with holes in their backs that sit flat in the bottom of a bowl and hold out graily and gracefully a few precious stalks of bloom are to be had for a few cents, and are well worth all they cost.

With such an arrangement three or four daffodils with their golden glow can bring a bit of sunshine into a dreary room and add a beauty that an exquisite roses [crammed into an ugly vase could never give.

Color harmony in flower arrangement will be well thought out, the only in regard to the relative position of one flower with another, but also with the room in which the vase is to have place.

Colors that blend out-of-doors, because of the gradations in shade caused by atmospheric effects and the varying sprays of green, would produce discord when massed in a room, but inharmonious effects can be avoided by observing a few general rules.

Wall pockets holding purple willow in the spring, or bits of copper beech or gorgeously turned autumn leaves in the fall, are graceful objects and give a harmonious note in the home decoration.

Now that flowers can be secured the year round, the problem having been solved by the gardeners year after year of problem, some sort of bloom should have daily place in our homes. The intimate association with such loveliness gladdens the heart and quickens the senses and inspires all that is best within us.

CLIMBING PLANTS AS BEAUTIFIERS

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The permanent climbing plants and annuals have a decided place on the home grounds. They fill a place that trees, shrubs and flowers cannot. They

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CRIMSON RAMBLER

Some roses, the crimson rambler for instance, seem particularly liable to mildew. If outdoors the disease may be kept in check by using the ammoniacal solution of copper carbonate applied faithfully with a sprayer, about every two or three weeks, or oftener, if the case seems to require it.

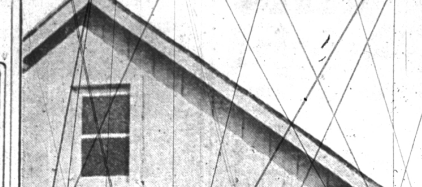
Hypsochlorite of soda, used in proportion of half an ounce to ten gallons of water, is a good spray. In some cases, however, nothing serves to do any good.

IN RICE FIELDS.

Rice lands are usually ploughed a short time before planting time, and in some parts of southern Louisiana the land is so low and wet and the soil so stiff as to necessitate ploughing in the water. Deep ploughing is recommended by leading rice experts. It has been demonstrated that the better the soil and the more thoroughly it is watered the better the crop. The roots of annual cultivated plants do not feed much below the plough line; it is therefore evident that deep cultivation places more food within reach of the plant.

EFFICIENT STABLE FOR SHEEP RAISERS

DEVELOPMENT OF SHEEP RAISING IN THE UNITED STATES



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Essentials for Winter Lambing. In addition to the pens, the first floor contains a shepherd's room equipped with a stove and a medicine chest. This may be used as a hospital for ill lambs. With a view to the disposal of the shepherds, the barn may be considered as possessing all the essentials for successful winter lambing.

A large silo, a supply of roughage stored outside the barn with which to feed the ewes late in the fall, and a few extra feed racks set up in the lot, would enable the owner of such a barn to feed out two crops of lambs in one winter before using the building for the breeding ewes.

At the prices prevailing for labor and material in May, 1916, it is estimated that, exclusive of feed racks, the cost of such a farm would be approximately \$2,400. These figures, however, the bulletin points out, should be taken with a grain of salt, for it is impossible to state exactly what the price of material and labor will be at any time in a given locality.

For crop raising, the shed is equally adapted. It provides for the housing of approximately 100 ewes and five bucks. For this purpose the building is divided into several large pens for the ewes and one small one for the bucks are provided. Twelve square feet of floor space and

Grade Cheviot Ewe and Twin Lambs.

tion to the office of public roads and rural engineering department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. The plans for drawings for free distribution, however, is limited, it is expected that no one will apply for them who is not seriously contemplating building.

Room for Many Sheep. The building described in these plans is designed to meet the needs of those permanently engaged in sheep raising on a large scale. It provides for the housing of approximately 100 ewes and five bucks. For this purpose the building is divided into several large pens for the ewes and one small one for the bucks are provided. Twelve square feet of floor space and

IMPROVED QUALITY OF VEGETABLES

Careful Culture and Harvesting at Proper Stage of Maturity Are of Importance.

The quality of most vegetables is largely determined by the care given during the growing season. Lettuce, radishes, spinach, cauliflower, cabbage, and other vegetables adopted in the United States are of the highest quality when grown in the hot part of the summer. On the other hand, the quality is not so good when they are grown in the cold part of the season. It is therefore necessary for the grower to choose the proper time for planting and harvesting. In addition, the soil should be rich and well-cultivated, and the plants should be watered properly.

DETERMINE LENGTH OF DRAG

Lengthy Implement is Harder to Control than a Short One, and It Requires More Room.

Where the road is of proper width the length of the drag will be governed by the size of the team used. A team of four or five horses, or even a team of six, will pull a drag of 100 feet or more. A team of two or three horses will pull a drag of 50 feet or less. The length of the drag should be determined before the team is put to work. A drag that is too long for the team will be difficult to control and will require more room to maneuver.

Seedings of Sweet Clover

Spring seedings of sweet clover in the north are successful, and in the south excellent stands are obtained from midwinter seedings also. Fall seedings are usually successful south of the latitude of southern Ohio.

DETROIT AUTOMOBILIST SUFFERS 20 YEARS

Tried All Kinds of Medicines and Treatments Without Getting Results.

FINDS RELIEF AT LAST

Making Full Time at Work Since Tanlac Overcame Trouble, He Says—Has Gained Twelve Pounds.

"I have actually gained twelve pounds on three bottles of Tanlac and I now consider myself a well man for the first time in twenty years," said A. G. Strayer of 430 Kirby street, west, Detroit, Mich., an expert workman on the Fisher Automobile Plant, a few days ago.

"I was a sufferer from stomach trouble and rheumatism all these years," he explained, "and had to be confined to bed for months at a time. I tried all kinds of medicines and treatments without getting any results. I was so weak that I could not even get up in the morning. My stomach was so bad that I could not eat anything. My back was so sore that I could not sit down. I was in such a state that I thought I was going to die. I had tried everything, but nothing did me any good until I tried Tanlac.

"I bought a bottle and I felt better almost from the first dose. I can now eat anything I want and it gives me no trouble. I sleep all night and I do not have any stomach trouble. My back is so good that I can sit down for hours. My stomach is so good that I can eat anything I want. My weight has gained twelve pounds since I started taking Tanlac. I am now a well man and I can do my work as usual. I think everybody here ought to try Tanlac. It is the best medicine I have ever seen. There is a Tanlac dealer in your town.—Adv.

HOW TO CONQUER THE CRAMP

Worst Effect is Panic, Which Causes the Swimmer to Let His Arms Out of His Hurdles.

A cramp is merely a contraction of the muscles caused by the penetration of the cold. Obviously, it could not be cured by a simple muscle relaxant. According to Popular Science Monthly, the best way to conquer a cramp is to pull the swimmer off his feet, causing him to pull in his arms and legs and thus allow the air pressure of the water to act on the muscles. The swimmer should lie on his back and begin to gulp the air, making no effort to keep himself from sinking. As he floats, the water will act on his arms and legs and they will be straightened out. The cramp will then vanish, and the swimmer will be able to go on with his arms and legs straight. This will no doubt cause great relief to the swimmer. These instructions in great gulps and exhaling through pursed lips, the swimmer may float until he regains his strength or is picked up.

In case of a cramp in the leg or arm the same system of breathing is followed and the affected part is straightened out by sheer strength.

Hated by Sheep With Him.

At the club Thompson and Taylor were discussing the peculiarities of certain of the card players.

Thompson said:

"There are two men here—Parker and Watkins—I surely hate to play with."

"Oh," said Taylor, "I know Parker's always a hard loser, but what's wrong with Watkins?"

"He," said Thompson, "is always an easy winner."—Puck.

Longevity.

Mr. Pipple—This is a very healthy town.

Mr. Pipple—Must say this town holds the record for health.

Mr. Pipple—My father died here at eighty-four, and my grandfather died at one hundred and forty.

Mr. Pipple—But hundred and forty?

Mr. Pipple—Broad street.

Registered a Kick.

"What's the matter with your wrist watch?"

"One of the cows kicked it in the face."

"What for?"

"Well, you see, I was milking her, and the tick annoyed her, so the poor thing wouldn't stand for it."—Yonkers Statesman.

Can See Through This One.

"We have a very nice little cottage, as I said in the advertisement, and as his glasses dropped from his nose to the floor, 'Lass has fallen.'"

With the exception of ourselves on a job, over the objection of others they should be done.

Bobby SAYS

Try a dish of Post Toasties with cream for lunch on hot days

Salinity is Delicious. Grow more vitality. It is a most delicious and wholesome vegetable. It requires the same cultural treatment as the parsnip.