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Flowers and Shrubs

Their Care and Cultivation



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It is the same plan that places a dozen carnations or roses in a vase rather than a heterogeneous collection in the old-fashioned bouquet. Mix your flowers if you would secure the best effects.

The old cillipeds, "holy's bressins" they used to call it, for a handsome plant, its long, slender stems rendering it extremely useful for cutting, and the shades of gold and brown harmonizing nicely.

A mass of it next to the shrubbery in the background gives a most pleasing effect.

Some handsome forms of single dahlias may be secured by planting a packet of the seed in pots early in the spring and transplanting the young seedlings in the garden as soon as danger from frost is over.

The colors of some are very fine, and to one liking the single flowers, the plan is a good one of getting a variety at a small cost.

Unless started very early, these seedlings rarely mature tubers that will keep through the winter, though they commence flowering almost as soon as the plants are started from the tubers.

The chrysanthemum-flowered asters are much more plentiful than the purple ones, and are much more useful in masses and for cutting, than the "quilted" bouquet sorts. If but two kinds are started, let them be white and lavender with rose as a third choice.

While the mixed packets are in many instances highly satisfactory, the single colors are made up from the best individuals.

With pansies for spring, sweet peas for summer and asters for autumn, one may be sure of having an abundance of the most beautiful cut flowers for all occasions.

Red petunias and red geraniums are a combination to be avoided. They make a discordant note.

Single petunias are easily grown from seed, although this seed is so minute. In fact, they will perpetuate themselves from year to year through self-sown seed.

If you want the double varieties, the safest and quickest way is to buy slips at the greenhouse, as the seed is difficult for the novice to manage.

One of the best plants to use for massing is helix.

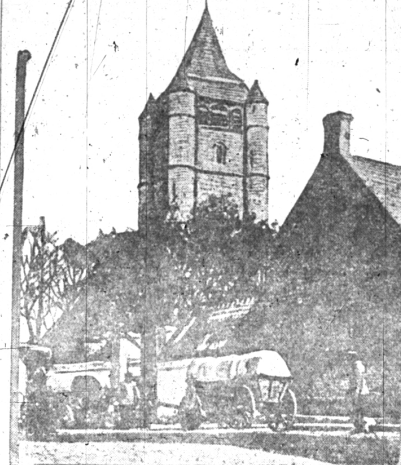
FLORAL HINTS FOR BEGINNER

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

Flowers should have a friable, very fertile soil in which to grow. Often they will make a fine showing in a very poor soil, but like humans, they appreciate good care.

Do not allow the flowers to form roots. As soon as the flowers begin to

General Village War Time



THE OLD VILLAGE CHURCH

Life in a French village in war time is described in an interesting and timely way by M. M. L. Clarke in "Country Life."

Even in peacetime the life of the village moves slowly, he says, but since the town council was elected, it has been a different story. It is merely going along, a curiously small, life-changed village, the small white houses with their bright red roofs, the gentle, cultivated slopes of every passing cloud, the poplars and nurseries as they always have.

The little army shows an open door and the village has become its ally. It is a strange, light-colored, fallen leaves and dark of more or less reputation, as well as women with heavy, anxious brows who go to pray.

Old women in blue handkerchiefs close their doors to gaze along the green roadways, and younger women go down to the stream to wash clothes. In the fields work clearly men, women, soldiers home on leave and a few children. The little army shows an open door and the village has become its ally.

Memories of the Age. Every village has its old soldier, a relic of the old world, a relic of the old world, a relic of the old world.

All the Younger Men Gone. The war has drawn from the village all its younger men, and already 200 of them have paid the supreme sacrifice.

The hero of the village is the last man home on leave, and the last of the White House president is not more ardently asked for on his accession to office than is the "patriotic" hero of the village.

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Reflections. Today I have taken to the river. The reflection is beautiful! Deep, the water green in the sun, the sun low in the west. The water falling white from the wheel of a passing steamer is changed to lilac.

SERIOUS REVOLT IN THREATENS CUBA

EX-PRESIDENT GOMEZ ATTEMPTS TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION.

AMERICA MAY INTERVENE

Government Has Offered President Menocal 5,000,000 Cartridges and 5,000 Rifles.

Washington—Civil war has broken out in Cuba between the forces of President Menocal and former President Gomez. Gomez, who seeks to overthrow the government, has expelled the executive, has been joined by part of the regular army.

The American government has taken steps to supply the rebels with arms. It has offered 5,000 rifles and 5,000,000 cartridges. It is understood the guns and ammunition have been rushed south by the U. S. Navy.

The rebellion is in progress in Puerto Rico and Santiago provinces and is dominant in Santa Clara. Conditions of the three other provinces, Havana, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio, are quiet.

The city of Santiago is in the hands of the rebels. The governor has fled. The city is in a state of confusion. The rebels are in control of the city.

Plans for intervention of the U. S. government are under way, and the general staff of the army has stepped out a campaign.

ANOTHER BIG LINER SUNK

White Star Liner Africa, 11,999 Ton Vessel, Torpedoed by U-Boat.

New York—Germany's latest prize this submarine warfare since February 1915 was the White Star liner Africa, 11,999 ton White Star liner Africa, was sunk.

The Africa was a steel vessel one of the biggest of her type reported to have fallen victim to the German submarine warfare. She was 520 feet in length, with a beam of 60 feet. Seventeen members of the crew are said to be missing.

The biggest ship torpedoed destroyed in the unbridled submarine warfare was the British steamer C. Africa, of 8,652 tons, the Port Adelaide, 8,100 tons, being third largest.

The Africa belonged to the Oceanic Steam Navigation Co., a subsidiary company of the White Star Line. She was en route from Liverpool to New York when she was sunk.

MEXICANS RAID RANCH

Three Americans Reported Killed by Outlaw Band.

El Paso, Tex.—Private advices from Columbus, N. M., said three Americans were killed by a band of Mexicans who crossed the boundary a mile southwest of Hachita, N. M., and raided the "Corner ranch."

The "Corner ranch" is owned by the Palomas Land & Cattle Company. C. K. Warren, of Three Oaks, Mich., is one of the principal stockholders in the ranch.

Ten dead horses were found on the ranch after the Mexicans had raided the place. The quality of the stolen stock and other property was taken.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

Live Cattle.

DETROIT.—Cattle: Best heavy weight butcher steers, \$10.00; best heavy weight butchers, \$9.50; mixed steers and heifers, \$9.00; heavy light butchers, \$8.50; light butchers, \$8.00; best cows, \$7.50; best cows, \$7.00; best cows, \$6.50; best cows, \$6.00; best cows, \$5.50; best cows, \$5.00; best cows, \$4.50; best cows, \$4.00; best cows, \$3.50; best cows, \$3.00; best cows, \$2.50; best cows, \$2.00; best cows, \$1.50; best cows, \$1.00; best cows, \$0.50; best cows, \$0.00.

Calves—Fancy \$14.00; good \$13.00; fair \$12.00; poor \$11.00; culls \$10.00; heavy \$10.00; light \$9.00; mixed \$8.00; best \$7.00; fair \$6.00; poor \$5.00; culls \$4.00; heavy \$3.00; light \$2.00; mixed \$1.00; best \$0.50; fair \$0.25; poor \$0.10; culls \$0.05; heavy \$0.02; light \$0.01; mixed \$0.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Best lambs, \$14.00; fair lambs, \$13.00; poor lambs, \$12.00; culls \$11.00; heavy \$10.00; light \$9.00; mixed \$8.00; best \$7.00; fair \$6.00; poor \$5.00; culls \$4.00; heavy \$3.00; light \$2.00; mixed \$1.00; best \$0.50; fair \$0.25; poor \$0.10; culls \$0.05; heavy \$0.02; light \$0.01; mixed \$0.00.

Grain, Etc. Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, \$1.80; No. 1, \$1.75; No. 2, \$1.70; No. 3, \$1.65; No. 4, \$1.60; No. 5, \$1.55; No. 6, \$1.50; No. 7, \$1.45; No. 8, \$1.40; No. 9, \$1.35; No. 10, \$1.30; No. 11, \$1.25; No. 12, \$1.20; No. 13, \$1.15; No. 14, \$1.10; No. 15, \$1.05; No. 16, \$1.00; No. 17, \$0.95; No. 18, \$0.90; No. 19, \$0.85; No. 20, \$0.80; No. 21, \$0.75; No. 22, \$0.70; No. 23, \$0.65; No. 24, \$0.60; No. 25, \$0.55; No. 26, \$0.50; No. 27, \$0.45; No. 28, \$0.40; No. 29, \$0.35; No. 30, \$0.30; No. 31, \$0.25; No. 32, \$0.20; No. 33, \$0.15; No. 34, \$0.10; No. 35, \$0.05; No. 36, \$0.00.

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