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April Showers Also Bring Vegetables to Your Garden

A gush of birdsong, a patter of dew, a cloud and a rainbow's warning, suddenly sunshine and perfect blue—an April day in the morning.—Harriet Prescott Spoford.

The flowers that bloom in the spring "ra la" are truly quite dainty to see, but don't forget the lovely vegetable garden. After all, it's the kitchen garden that fills the pantry. And when you plan a menu for the family, you can't say it with flowers. You have to throw in a few carrots and peas to preserve the roses in Little William's cheeks. So it is well to have vegetables in your garden.

April showers not only bring May flowers, but they quite impartially perform the same duty in respect to spring vegetables. Let's be practical-minded this April when it means the sacrifice of a few flowers, and plan a vegetable garden.

If you believe in applying efficiency methods to your garden, you will, of course, get more efficient results. The best gardening authorities insist that a planting chart for the garden is the first step toward success.

This is the way to go about it. First you will need a large piece of heavy paper that you will be able to keep as a permanent record of results. Then lay out the boundaries of your garden to a scale, about one-fourth inch to the foot, is found to be convenient. List all the vegetables and flowers you wish to plant. Then note opposite the name of each plant the distances between rows and between plants in the row.

And here is what the well-dressed gardener should wear this season: a section for vegetables that mature early, like lettuce, radishes, onions, which may be replaced by others later in the summer. Then a section for the soil all through the growing time, and a section for the perennial plants and vegetables which grow from season to season, including rhubarb, asparagus, horseradish, and garlic.

With the planting chart carefully worked out, the gardener has before him a little map of the kingdom. Even before spades and prepares the soil, he will be able by referring to his chart, to locate each vegetable so that he can see precisely where it is to be planted.

If the gardener has the germ of the true efficiency expert in his bones, he will be an enthusiast for bigger and better gardens from year to year. Let him then preserve his chart for future reference. It will answer the question which will aid in avoiding mistakes in culture, scarcity or overabundance of each kind of chief, wooden socks and "short and shorts" of wood.

By keeping a record of the

dates and amounts harvested it can be used in following years to judge the annual productivity of the soil.

The gardener with a small plot allotted to his vegetables, should be sure to cross off his list such vegetables as potatoes, late cabbage and pumpkin. These are all ready for harvest and can be found plentifully and economically at all markets.

When your garden specifications are complete, you are ready to prepare the soil. Here is a tip: The best way to do this, and the best way to do this, is to use the spading fork. But he sure to use it correctly. Hold the fork upright, as high as possible. Then push straight down, driving the tines into the soil to the full depth. Move the entire clod, turn it completely over in the furrow and break it up with a short stroke of the fork.

Some gardeners make the mistake of merely prying the ground loose with the fork, then with drawing it, leaving the soil in practically the same condition as before. In this way only the surface is scratched by raking it over, and weeds and old roots are left to grow again.

The well-planned vegetable garden, like virtue, is its own reward. Even a small area will yield a generous harvest if the gardener uses ingenuity in planning and execution.

Of course, when one is an old hand at the gardening game, he may not need to rely on a chart. But the more or less inexperienced amateur will find that a garden chart, like a road map, keeps one on the right trail.

Bo Broadway
BY JOSEPH VAN DAALTE

NEW YORK, April 9.—Arthur Hammetton, at fifty-eight is a likable, friendly, and energetic man. He made three million dollars on "Rose Marie"—the musical play that the King of King, land witnessed three times—and Arrie couldn't hang on to the dough, or he says he couldn't manage to translate a piece of music into pulp and then, by the vicious process, into translucent discs, and then into gramophone records and into radiant gramophones.

Last year there were 120,000,000 records of this kind of music taken from forest trees.

Metropolis. The next time Mother and the Girls going to poster you to sell the Old Five want money, color a well NY's apartment, have this clipping ready to flash for their undoing. It is a very good thing to have a verbal noogie (twain) than Doc Stewart Paton, a literary, a famous psychiatrist of Johns Hopkins University.

Says the Doc: "The present arrangement of things in cities cannot be long continued. The structure will blow up."

"The individual has become submerged in the great machine. He spends his days in huge buildings of steel and stone, working under artificial light. He walks through great canyons that are really called city streets. He rides home through the gloomy underground tunnels like a rat in a hole. All this has a profound, if unobserved effect upon his whole mental and physical make-up. He becomes emotionally repressed. He loses faith in himself. Soon his feeling of inferiority asserts itself, with its attendant train of evils."

Flowering Trees

By Gerard Putters

To the majority of people, flowering trees mean fruit, foliage and fragrance rather than flowers and fruit. To be sure, all trees bear flowers and fruit, which seeds rarely multiply, however, in many cases, as the beech, walnut, aspen, or the evergreen varieties, the flowers are so inconspicuous that we scarcely recognize their existence. That is why, no doubt, we find their beauty in their form, their verdure in the growing season, and their sturdiness in winter.

Here in the north, where winters are cold and the growing season short, the floriferous trees are limited to hardy natives. Consequently we must turn to the imported species to make our selections. One of the common mistakes to avoid in the selection of trees is to choose those too large for the area in which they are to be planted.

We may admire the horsechestnut, the sweet gum, the magnolia, which may be beautiful and appropriate on a large estate, but we will not plant them on the suburban lot, as they will in time dominate the property and crowd out other plantings by the wide foraging of their roots and by the extensive shade of their foliage.

For beauty and profusion of bloom, few trees surpass the flowering crab, (malus) or pyrus. It is a tree that can be planted on the small lot or on the large estate. There are dozens of botanical species of which the flowering crab is the best known.

Some of the most popular varieties are the Japanese flowering crab (malus baccata), which has pink buds and semi double white flowers; the carmine crab (malus atro sanguinea) bearing flowers of a rosy hue; and the purple (malus purpurea) with purplish red flowers.

Rivals of crabs in the number of species, season of bloom, hardiness and adaptability to small gardens are the thorns. They bring an added note of charm to the garden in that they are popular as shelter and nesting places for birds.

Among the thorns, the principal varieties are: the Washington thorn, which is a snowball of bloom in May, brilliant in autumn and carries its red fruit far into winter; English hawthorn with varieties of single and double white and pink, of which the best is Paul's Scarlet.

The larkspur thorn is so named because of its long straight thorns. It is distinctive in its deep green foliage, abundant white flowers and red fruit. The thorned thorn is also a beauty and a rival of the larkspur.

The native white flowering dogwood in their pink and red varieties, are so popular that they need only to be mentioned here; they grow in almost any soil in the sun as well as in the shade.

Not to be forgotten is the sweetgum. It is attractive not so much for its flowers as for its fruit panicles. In June and in the autumn, the foliage turns so brilliant red.

Members of Congress diverted themselves for 40,000,000 words during the seventy-first session—enough words to make almost 540 novels.

Remember that the next time you see your Congressman walking down Washington St. and do get behind his image to engender bitterness.

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