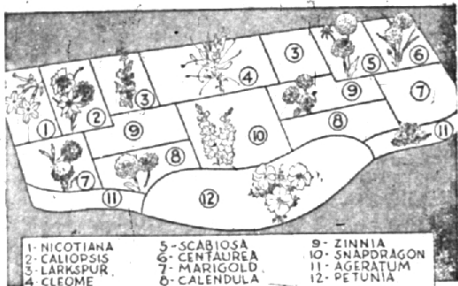


Let Flower Gardens Do Double Decoration Duty



In growing flowers, it's the rainbow itself that is the gardener's pot of gold.

From a dozen packets of flower seed, the homeowner can surround himself with a vivid display of color—with a bonus of flower-perfumed breezes thrown in.

The suggested garden in the illustration above is virtually a palette for nature's paint brush. The flowers are placed so that their colors complement each other and the entire garden gives the impression of a carefully blended rainbow.

FOR A pleasing odor, the plan includes nicotiana affinis, No. 1, which is called the "sweet tobacco." Its white trumpet flowers give off an abundant perfume which is especially enjoyable at twilight.

No. 2, calliopsis, is the annual form of coreopsis, and has the same daisy-like flowers. Colors include various tones of yellow, orange, maroon and crimson with many two-toned combinations.

No. 3, annual larkspur, is the annual delphinium, rich in true pinks, dark blues and white.

NO. 4, CLEOME, is the spider-plant, growing four feet tall and bearing pink flowers.

Scabiosa, No. 5, is one of the loveliest of cut flowers. Its popular name is "mourning bride" and it produces long stemmed ball shape flowers of fine texture and rich colors, which range from white to many tones of pink, red, lavender and blue.

Centaura, No. 6, is remarkable for its true blue, true pink and deep red double flowers. The type of marigold which should be planted in No. 7 space is the dwarf two toned harmony strain.

NO. 8, CALENDULA, is Shakespeare's "mary gold," still one of nature's loveliest flowers.

For space No. 9, lilliput zinnias make bushy plants covered with small double flowers that are fine for low bowl arrangements. In No. 10, snapdragons of the garden type are recommended. They will bloom through most of the summer.

For other all-summer blooms, we have blue ageratum in space No. 11 and white petunias in the center space No. 12. These two flowers are "old reliable" and make a striking contrast in adjoining plots.



THE SCHOOL TEACHER who sparked the first community-wide Spring Clean-Up campaign 47 years ago, Miss Bertha M. Chapman, of Cleveland, Ohio, reminisces with Linda and Rollie Wells, also of Cleveland. The story of how a good deed by Miss Chapman touched off nationwide observance of Spring Clean-Up is told in the Spring issue of the Junior Fire Marshall magazine. Now 82 years old and retired, Miss Chapman "accidentally" started Spring Clean-Up Week in 1909 when she presented a blue pinafore to an unkempt little girl in her class at Miles Park School. The child's mother was so impressed, she started tidying up around the house—removing trash and other combustibles. Soon, the neighbors and ultimately thousands of communities followed her example.

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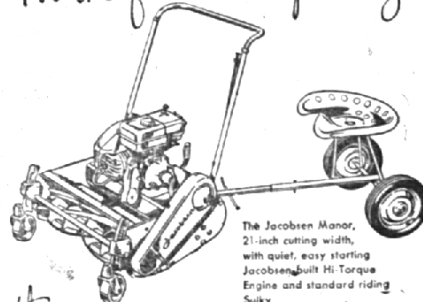
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