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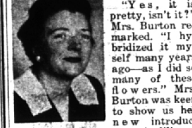
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## Sick or Well, the Gardener Looks Ahead

Recently I visited a garden whose beauty haunts me yet. It is the old-fashioned garden of Mrs. Charles W. Burton 1940 Afton road, Palmer Woods. Sheltered from Woodward avenue by a greenbelt of trees and shrubs, the garden covers more than an acre and contains many plant treasures Mrs. Burton has collected over many years.

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THIS GRAND lady, well remembered through the years by Detroiters, strides today through her many flower beds in her garden togs, still caring for the choice plants that depend on her for their fulfillment of beauty. On one fence was an unusual white clematis.



Mrs. Burlingame. Being a gardener makes you alert and looking forward to new plant material.

ON THE OCCASION of my visit the Burton garden was being used as a therapeutic laboratory for a couple of nearby 19. Both man and wife had suffered strokes. Unsure of every step, they were discouraged about the uncertainties ahead for them. Under duress this couple was taken for a "short ride," ending at the Burton garden. Surrounded by a mass of flowers, their sober faces began to smile as they absorbed the beauty of the garden. Soon they were exclaiming "See! Believe me, a garden helps the lonesome, the discouraged and those who have mental problems. The Detroit Visiting Nurse association will testify to the power of working through plants to renew a patient's confidence in himself.

THE VISIT to Mrs. Burton's garden isn't the end of the garden therapy for this couple. To follow new perennials for their own garden... and this will give them an eagerness for spring. Pruning their plants will be arm work for exercise, much the same as going up stairs. They will dry flowers for winter centerpieces and make holiday centerpieces to share with the good neighbors who brought them food when the going was rough. Bird feeders will be made. Plants grown and potted will be given away. In other words, TOMORROW is going to become very important for these new recruits in the horticultural therapy program.

BY THE WAY, before we leave Mrs. Burton's garden, here's a tip from her experience: At the edge of her flower beds Mrs. Burton has innumerable gallon jugs, half filled with water. You can imagine that it wasn't long before Mrs. Burton was quizzed about what they were doing there.

Chuckling, she replied, "I read once that you had trouble with rabbits eating your choice plants all you had to do was place jugs among the plants with water in them. So I tried it, and it works. No longer do my best plants get shared off at the ground."

There you go, folks. Fill some jugs and scare the rabbits away. I AM GOING to have to leave town. My crab grass is beginning to show, and my neighbors are giving me the raspberry. I feel as disgraced as if my slip showed. Even though I shrug my shoulders and say, "It's all my fault, I should have used more fertilizer and soap."

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A recent wedding and several parties were lighted with exquisite wrought iron lamps with old-fashioned chimmies and plumbers candles. The effect in the yard is exquisite—with apologies to Detroit Edison.

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