

## Amaryllis Bulb—An Exotic Flower

January is the ideal time to invest in an Amaryllis bulb, which will last you for years and within six weeks will give you an exotic flower at the time of winter when you are looking out the window for the first signs of spring.

When you begin this project for your own pleasure buy an extra Amaryllis for that good friend who will need that good thing of projecting his thinking to the importance of TOMORROW.

I REALLY LIKE to take the bulb to a sick friend along with some soil and a clean pot so they can have the initial pleasure of being in cahoots with Nature in the production of this exotic, large, colored, bell flower.

You select a pot which is approximately two inches greater than the bulb itself. You place the bulb on top of a layer of the soil so that the neck and shoulders are above the top level of the soil. This will mean that at least a third or half of the bulb will be exposed.



Mrs. Burlingame

After planting you should place the Amaryllis at least two to three weeks in a dark room so that the roots will have a chance to grow in the soil you have watered prior to placing the pot in the dark.

WHEN YOU bring the pot out of the dark you will note that the shoot is a white green color. Being exposed to the light it will soon take on a healthy green color, then place it in a sunny location.

About every two weeks the growing plant should have fertilizer, especially after the flowering cycle because at this time it is forming its flower for the next year. This is the habit of all bulbs to form the next season's flower immediately after flowering.

You may cut off the flowering stalk when the performance is over but nurture the leaves, which will be increasing and treat your pot like any regular house plant. After the danger of frost is over stick the pot in the soil and forget about it.

BEING IT INDOORS just before the killing frosts, let the plant dry out by withholding water and place it in a dark storage area. After the usual winter repair but only replenish the top soil and begin the cycle again.

In the classic column writer tried to "place pruning shears in your hands" and you were given a how-to-care-for-it condition of your trees.

Now don't be like the home painter who has to paint every-

thing in sight when the paint brush is so KEEPER AWAY FROM THE SHIRUBS. Shrubs are tricky plants and have exact seasons for pruning or you ruin the next season's potential flowers.

THIS WINTER I have been listening to organic gardeners vs. inorganic gardeners and I am convinced. I have come to the conclusion that all good gardeners take the best of each program. Louis Bromfield practiced for good, tasty vegetable crops, but he wasn't afraid to add a sack of fertilizer to speed up the pre-planting date.

After January 1, 1938 new plant varieties which are now officially called CULTIVARS will have English names. This is a modification of the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants. I am sure the majority of you have waited with bated breath for this vital announcement.

## WHY?



### Do Women Wear Skirts?

At times in the historical development of clothing, women "wore the trousers" literally. Their dresses differed little from that of men. But they found that the baby sitting on their knees often slipped through so for infant security they were forced to adopt skirts and make a lap.

Mark Twain knew this, Mrs. Loftus persecuted Huck Finn's disguise as a girl by dropping a lump of lead in his lap. Huck clapped his knees together as girl, though hers apart to catch anything, she explained.

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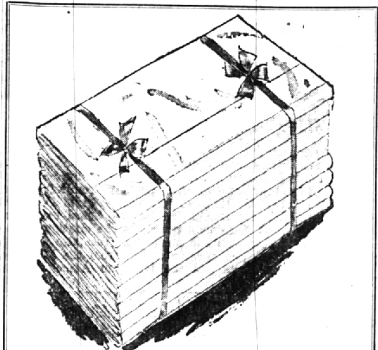
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## Thorson at U of W

Tom Thorson, 287 Puritan, Birmingham, is among 220 students who have just been selected to serve on committees of the Memorial Union building at the University of Wisconsin this year. He also is serving on the New Bureau committee. A "home away from home" is the name given to the Memorial Union building by the students.

## Degrees Awarded

Michigan State University students from the Birmingham area who recently received degrees were: Horace D'Angelo, BA, general business; Neil S. Bearden, BA, economics; Arthur M. Lee, BA, social science division; Howard Murray, BA, economics; Daniel Springs, BA, economics; and Earl E. Greig, BA, art.



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