

GREEN THUMB

Last week we introduced you to some of the equipment that will help make growing things indoors easier, more successful and more fun.

If you do it right and plant an acorn in the basement (lower level living room) it won't be too long before you have to cut a hole in the roof. A possible dividend from this, however, is that if you prune it correctly, there could be a branch in each bathroom for 'you know who'' to dry her pretties on. Then bathing and shaving would be a comparative pleasure.

In this writing, and one or two more, we want o put into your inquisitive minds a few do's and ont's, what if I dont's, how do I do its, what'samat with it, etcetera.

No use to put a tropical plant in a home where the humidifier is kaput—unless you stay home and spray the foliage every day with H2O.

No use to put coleus in a south exposure window if the window is shaded with a fat, overgrown cedar or some other sun inhibitor.

Positions close to radiators, or other dry heat sources are DISTRESSING to most plants.

GENEREAL SUGGESTIONS and OBSERVATIONS—

1. The varieties you can cultivate, and the success you have, will depend on the LOCATIONS you can provide.

Mere care, even loving care, is not enough.

INTELLIGENT care is the answer; and requires some knowledge of the care of house plants, and particularly knowledge about each plant, the conditions under which it lives in its native home and its requirements.

ENVIRONTMENT—The sum total of the ex-ternal factors that affect the plant. The plant can't think or act. It cannot refuse food when it doesn't need it, can't move from one tempera-ture or light situation when it should.

If you UNDERSTAND the ENVIRONMEN-TAL needs of your plants you will be known as "Green Thumb Gertle" because of your success with plants.

A plant's environment consists of 5 physical and 1 biological factor—

Physical factors:—Light, temperature, air, water and soil.

Biological factor:—Includes all living things that affect the plants' growth such as insects, funci, weeds and the gardener, "your" self.

Environmental factors are inter-related. The amount of water a plant may need depends on the prevailing temperature, light, kind of soil and humidity.

Growing house plants is an art—not a science. It calls for judgments and appraisal of lots of factors that are not. Stop practical purposes, precisely measurable. This is one reason why it is

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