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### MRS. VASS, CHIROPRACTOR. OPENS BRANCH OFFICE

Mrs. Roberta A. Vass, D.C., Ph. C., graduate of Palmer School, has opened a branch office in the Yates building for the convenience of her West Vancouver patients. The office hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mrs. Vass is a well known chiropractor of Vancouver, where she has had a large practice for a number of years. She has resided for a long time at West Bay. An advertisement relative to this appears in this issue.

### "THE SMALL THINGS."

A sunbeam slipped thro' prison bars,  
So silently, so swift;  
Yet from a soul all wrapt in gloom,  
A burden seemed to lift.

A flower in a city bloomed,  
So slight, so frail, so fair;  
Yet strong enough to lift a heart  
To Heaven's gate in prayer.

A little bird sang in the dark,  
So brave, so brown, so small;  
Yet fears were stilled, for God, we know  
Still marks the sparrow's fall.

A candle in a casement gleamed,  
So dim, so dull a light;  
Yet to the prodigal returned,  
The stars were ne'er so bright.

A sheep upon the mountain strayed,  
So weak, so wild a thing;  
Yet when the Shepherd brought it back,  
It made the angels sing.

God crumbles kingdoms into dust,  
So lost, so low they lie;  
Yet He'll not quench the smoking flax,  
No pass the bruised reed by.  
—HONORIA TRAILL—

Another shock, slight but of the same nature as the disturbance on Monday afternoon, was noticed early Wednesday morning by several West Vancouver residents.

### GARDENS AND GARDENING

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From the practical and pictorial point of view we have been slow in learning that evergreens are most useful and desirable and that we have a far greater selection to choose from than had the gardeners of a few years ago. It is only quite recently that evergreens have been used to any extent and it is to be hoped that they have scored such a firm hold on our fancy that they will not soon be thrown aside for something less desirable or useful.

In winter months the dark green of the evergreens in contrast to the gray leafless limbs of other trees suggest warmth, and then how many of our birds and other friends of the garden and forests find protection from the storms in their thick foliage. In summer how cool it seems beneath an evergreen tree.

More care should be used in choosing locations for evergreens than for deciduous trees and shrubs. The fact that they are harder to grow and are more expensive, places them in a class by themselves. They are so definite in their habits, texture and colour, that each specimen stands out distinctly and when planted carelessly in the ordinary sized garden they present a very sorry experience.

Evergreens present the same appearance in the landscape at all seasons of the year, the only change being in their size. It is easy to see therefore, that one evergreen may have more pictorial weight than several deciduous trees or shrubs. Since their value in the completed picture is so great their relation to the adjacent surroundings is very important. In the grouping of various conifers, avoiding the intense forms of colours, any varieties that are suitable to the locality and soil may be placed together with fair effect. The lack of conformity in outline is the greatest problem. However, spruce and fir look alike, they are both triangular

in shape. Juniper and arbutus vitae are like exclamation points; pine, hemlock and yew spread out wide; and the dwarfs such as Mugho Pine, Dwarf Juniper and the Tom Thumbs make what might be termed vegetable mattresses.

A massing within each of the above four groups gives similarities of outline and structure; while a choice from any two or more of these groups will give a distinct contrast.

NOTE—The writer will consider it a pleasure to answer questions concerning the garden in this column. The questions should be addressed to the writer in care of the Editor. The answer will appear in an early issue or if a personal reply is desired a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be enclosed.

### COUNCIL INVITED TO REVOLVER SHOOT

The chief constable of North Vancouver District wrote the council inviting them to take part in the revolver shoot to be held at 2 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday) at the Grouse Mountain Gun Club. The council replied that as many of them as possible would attend.

The Harbor Commissioners have sent a copy of the bylaws of the corporation of Harbor Commissioners of Vancouver for the year 1927 to the council.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McDowell, Miss Ethel McDowell and Mrs. R. H. Simpson, have returned to their home after a two weeks' motor trip over the Cariboo-Okanagan trail, returning by way of Seattle.

Permission has been granted by the council to Savory and Daval on behalf of a client to erect a home and a small greenhouse on Lot 25, D. L. 1067, subject to the building and zoning bylaws, this permission only to apply to a greenhouse in conjunction with a dwelling house.

### Useful Recipes

#### Asparagus Canned

Cut the stalks off to a length that will stand upright in pint jars. If more of the stalks are tender enough to use, can them separately. Blanch in boiling water for five minutes. Drain and cold dip them. Add one teaspoon salt to each jar and pour in boiling water to completely fill the jars. Adjust rubbers and tops and partially tighten tops. Place the filled jars in the boiler on the false bottom. Have water in boiler warm, not hot, and sufficient to completely cover the jars. Put boiler lid on tight. Bring to a boil and sterilize (boil) for one and one-half hours. Remove lid, allow steam to escape for a moment, tighten tops, remove from boiler and invert to cool in order to test the seal. Wrap jars in paper or store in the dark.

#### Strawberry Jam

Hull and wash berries. Imperfect ones that have been cut can be used for this jam. Weigh fruit and for every four pounds use three pounds of sugar. Put fruit and sugar in preserving kettle and mash fruit with a wooden potato masher. Cook, stirring constantly until the fruit is soft and the juice is sirupy. The jam will not be stiff because strawberries will not jelly. The juice should be clear and quite sparkling when the jam is done. It will take about 25 minutes, although the length of time will vary somewhat according to the juiciness of the fruit. Pour into sterilized jars and seal. Too long cooking will make the jam somewhat strong in flavor.

#### Strawberry Meringue Tarts

Make puff paste or meringue tart shells and bake. When done draw to the door of the oven and fill with large hulled strawberries rolled in sugar. Cover with a thick meringue, dust with granulated sugar and set in a slow oven until the tops are delicately brown. These are delicious to serve with plain vanilla ice cream.

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