

GARDENS and GARDENING

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In the article last week we told you about the Plant Nurse Pot. Shortly after writing the article we were reading the Sunday Province and came across an article about a similar pot being manufactured and tried out at Summerland, B. C., so it is quite possible that you will soon be able to buy a home produced pot.

Continuing our story in connection with coldframes, let us point out that the most important part of successfully operating one is that of watering the seedlings. It is safe to say that more failures in connection with cold frames can be attributed to improper watering than to any other one cause.

After the soil has been thoroughly soaked and the seeds planted, no further watering should be done until the seedlings start pushing their heads up through the soil, which will usually occur three or four days after they have been planted.

Unless the day is hot the seedlings should be watered between ten in the morning and two in the afternoon so that the water on the leaves will all be evaporated before the sun sets. If the weather is hot, it is better to water in the cool of the day. It is easy to determine whether watering is required, by taking a bit of soil between the fingers and squeezing it. If it packs into a lump no additional water is needed. If it is dry and crumbly, give it a good watering with a fine spray. If the weather is cool, slightly warmed water is recom-

mended so that the plant will not be chilled.

The critical time in the operation of a coldframe is just after the seedlings have appeared. We must bear in mind the fact that in using the coldframe we are trying to provide conditions in temperature and rainfall which Nature herself would provide a month or so later.

The coldframe should be ventilated each day, otherwise the plants will grow tall, spindly and weak. A good way to ventilate is to place a stick of wood under the sash so that it will be raised a couple of inches. If the soil has been watered too much ventilation will help correct it.

Mrs. J. S. writes to ask if dried blood is a good fertilizer to use for rose bushes.

It is a good stimulant for almost any plant but should only be applied during the growing season. Use about an ounce to each square yard, every two weeks during May to July. Work it into the soil.

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.

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Farmer: "Not on your life. Let him walk, the same as I did."

No Rest for the Wicked

She: "The world is full of rascals this morning, the milkman gave me a counterfeit half dollar."

He: "Where is it, my dear?" She: "Oh, I've already got rid of it-luckily the butcher took

No Chances Taken

A "slow-pay customer sent the following note to his grocer: "Please send 6 dozen eggs; if

good, will send check."

The grocer, however, was not doing any business on such risky terms, so he wrote back: "Send check; if good, will send 6 dozen eggs."

John: "I just bought a new suit with two pairs of pants."

Jim: "Well, how do you like

John: "Fine, only it's too hot wearing two pairs."

Traffic Cop: "What's your name?"

Truck Driver: "It's on the side of me wagon."

Cop (trying to read name)—

"It's obliterated."

Driver: "Yer a liar, it's O'-Brien."

"I want to learn how to tell fortunes. What book would you advise me to use?"

"Bradstreet's." A little girl knocked at the front door of the grocery store.

Her chum, the daughter of the grocer, stuck her head out of the second story window. "Sarah, we've all been to camp meeting, and got converted. If you want milk on Sunday you'll have to come around to the back door of the store."

"Any rags? Any old iron?" chanted the dealer, as he knocked at the subourban villa. The man of the house opened the door.

"No, go away," he snapped irritably. "There's nothing for you. My wife is away."

The itinerant merchant hesitated a moment and then enquired. "Any old bottles?"

Clerk: "How are you coming along with your poultry?"

Customer: "I've been swindled. I bought three different incubators and not one of them has laid an egg yet."

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"No, sir," said the dusky porter. "I told 'em you all was just good friends."

Jock was learning to play the bagpipes. One night while he was strutting about the room, skirling for all he was worth, his wife attempted a mild and very belated protest.

"That's an awfu' noise you're

making," she said.

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