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GARDENS and GARDENING

By MINA G. HUTT, Landscape Architect

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The common way of propogating many plants is by the division of the roots. When the plant is dug up it will be seen that it may be cut into a number of pieces each with some leaves, stems, buds and roots. Each separated piece may be planted and will in most cases grow if properly cared for. This is usually done in the spring, although in regions where the winters are not severe many of the plants may be broken up in the fall. Some few of the perennials can be more satisfactorily propogated by cuttings from the stems inserted in sand than from the division of the roots. Plants which form bulbs are propogated by using the bulblets which grow around the old bulb or in some cases by the division of the old bulb itself. Many of the perennials can be grown from seeds successfully. This method may be used for producing those species which vary little from the wild type This method may be used for producing those species which vary little from the wild type of plant which will reproduce itself from seed with but very little variation. The amateur should keep in mind the fact that seeds will produce the same species of plants, but where a species of plant has varieties,

those varieties will usually not be reproduced from seed. Seeds from a named variety of peony, iris or perennial phlox will produce peonies, irises and phloxes, but seldom will the seedlings resemble the parent plant. In most cases the difference will be wide. This is what makes the production of new varieties possible. The amateur who likes to experiment will find lots of surprises if he cares to go in for this sort of gardening. However in introducing new plants, one should not become too anxious to flood the market as the great majority of the new plants are rarely as satisfactory as the ones which have been grown for years. If a new plant is produced which appears to have advantages over its parent, consult with some one who has had a wide experience in the propogation of flowers and be governed by his or her advice as to whether or not it should be introduced for general distribution.

OTE—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.

OPPOSE REPLACING NORTH SHORE POLICE

Opposition to the proposal of bringing in the provincial police to take over administration of the law in North Vancouver city was voiced by the executive of the Board of Trade at its meeting Thursday night.

ing Thursday night.

Notice of motion was given by J. Rodger Burns that on December 17 a resolution setting forth objections will be offered. A special committee comprising G. H. Morden, A. H. Porter and J. Rodger Burnes was appointed to draft the resolution. Considerable interest is attached to the plebiscite on this issue in January.

"Municipal authority such as "now possess giving us the right to conduct our own police department is worth retaining,"

declared G. H. Morden, He addde "that if the principle involved in bringing in the provincial police were further pursued, we could hand every department of the city back to the government and dissolve the municipality."

He also stated that under present conditions, members of the city force are residents and ratepayers living here with their families and spending their money here. If a change were made, all that money would go out of the city, he declared.

The twins had been brought to be christened.

"What names?" asked the clergyman.

"Steak and Kidney," the father answered. "Bill, you fool," cried the mother, "it's Kate and Sydney."

THE BURNING BUSH

By Subadar

"The Gloomy Dean" according to an A.P. despatch stated he believed that most of the world's problems could be solved by a League of Nations along the lines of the British Empire. He unfortunately has failed to recognize the fact that the various parts of our Empire are either composed of people of British stock or dominated by Britishers. They are, therefore, peoples of the same origin and ideals or such persons are the dominant race in the land. Any League of Nations must of necessity consist of peoples of different races with in many cases a legacy of national hatreds and ambitions of centuries' standing, not to mention a number of divergent ideas on the fundamentals of every day existence. All this apart from the inherent fact of man is being a fighting animal is the reason why any Leagues of Nations must be a failure.

The fact that of those con-

The fact that of those convicted at the recent Vancouver assizes eleven out of fifteen were under 30 years of age, eight of whom had been guilty of crimes of violence, shows clearly how we are not bringing up our young people. It will have been observed that in practically every case it is young fellows who commit the many holdups which one reads of in the papers. What is the fundamental difference between the way we were which one reads of in the papers. What is the fundamental difference between the way we were brought up and that which we give our children? Our fathers personally taught us unquestioning obedience, and personally punished us for our backslidings. Parents have nowadays relegated all this to the school or the church or anybody but themselves, which is bad enough and worse than this, will not allow any authority to punish to be given those to whom they hand over the bringing up of their children. Kindness is the order of the day, the young are to be always kissed into good humor or cajoled into doing anything they object to, which is in plain language teaching them to flout authority and to expect everything to come to them for the asking and with the least degree of effort on their part. No school of crime could use better methods to produce a bandit. Remember the child has been encouraged to flout authority, and it is easier to take money over a gun than work for it. That the young bandit is lacking in what made old-style bandits dangerous is proved by the fact that, if resisted, he almost always runs. The old type shot and shot quickly. It is just about time we gave up our henwith-one-chicken method of bringing up our children, for in most cases it is the parents of a young bandit and not he himself who should be standing in the dock. One may or may not believe the Bible, but "the wages of sin is death," and will remain so as long as there is law in the land.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor West Van News.

Dear Sir:—I have read with very much pleasure the letter submitted to you by Mr. Wm. Blair, re no opposition to Reeve Leyland and Councillors Elgar and Garthorne for the year 1932. I think Mr. Blair's suggestion is a very splendid one indeed and I heartily endorse same and further if I had the say, I should at the proper time, instruct the Municipal Clerk to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the three gentlemen mentioned above. ed above.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM ASTLEY

Not in Fault
Teacher (to small boy):
"How do you prove that the earth is round?"
Small Boy: "Please, Miss, I never said it was."

ELKS GIVE SUCCESSFUL DANCE

A very enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended the annual Xmas Cheer and Relief Dance given by the Elks last Friday evening in the Inglewood auditorium. This year the attendance, though large, was not quite up to that of former years, which was a matter for regret to the committee, as there is this year more necessity than ever for funds to help those in needy circumstances. However, those who were present were kept on their toes by the music needy circumstances. However, those who were present were kept on their toes by the music, and there was not a dull moment at any time, the balloons and other novelties which were introduced adding greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Two raffles for turkeys were held, the rest being won by Constable Bell, and the second by C. Lee.

Not So Dusty

"She's just buried her fourth husband, hasn't she?"
"Divorced, my dear, not buri-ed—she never makes any bones about these things."

Anxious to Please Employer: "Yes, I want an of-fice boy. Do you smoke?" Boy: "No, sir, but I don't mind having an ice cream."

The "Bird" Instead

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