

HOME

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GARDEN

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Types in Gardens

Gardens are often classified or named, either because of certain outstanding qualities or because of special contributions to life and living. So, therefore, we notice that we may guide our gardening activities, in order to gain more of these values.

The gardens may specialize in color effects, in perfume quality, may record friendships, may become me-

morials, may include the quiet retreat, the wild garden note, or they may show a preference for the green garden. By reason of these preferences, they may take their names. The owners inclinations and choices are reflected clearly in these garden accents and we come to the use of the expression, "the spirit of the garden," as a result.

The Friendship garden may contain slight donations from each of a large circle of friends. The Historic garden may include souvenirs from many places of popular interest, or it may prize many items from one particular historic spot. The Memorial gardens may be inbuilt with units in stated remembrance of particular friends and those of the immediate family group. Vistas and nooks may be preserved as originally done by the hand of a member of the household. Memorial trees may become permanent records of specific dates and events.

Besides these groupings, we find gardens or Homegrounds fitting quite fully into three great classes,

and incidentally the various sizes are found together in these classes.

The Intimate Garden

This first large groups of gardens consists of the homegrounds of the ordinary home, and because its gardens are smaller than others, it falls to the lot of the family, rather than outside help, to do the digging, the sowing, the weeding, the sharing of the work and the sharing of the flowers. Just so, it becomes the intimate garden, when it is made from March to December by the very folks who live in it. They know its every flower and bush, every experiment, failure, success, plan and purpose. And best of all, the family get to know each other as they play the game together, of making the grounds Homegrounds.

We might call this garden the Business Man's garden, because in such gardening he gets his hands into the thing more than in the garden wherein he does little more than sign the checks. Still it is possible for any business man to enter quite well into the enjoyment of his own grounds, and many do find relaxation and companionship either in the stroll at evening time around the lawns or in the early morning canter through the larger wooded estates.

The Intimate garden has always a place to tuck in a new-found treasure donated by a companionable neighbor. Here can always be plucked a small bouquet without fear

of breaking into some picture plan or color scheme. Trading bouquets among friends, or just giving a handful of flowers at the moment and place one wishes, is indeed an intimate thing and a joy. Just a posy for the buttonhole, starts the day off right.

The small home yards have greater freedom for the children to romp and grow, to bring in the gang. No one need get nervous about the pets, the misdeeds of the dogs or the playthings strewn about. The intimate garden has it good points and they must be good, since there are so many of them.

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The Landscaped Grounds

The larger city lot, having perhaps a better house, the owner having more money and less time for himself scratching the soil, just seems to fall naturally into the hands of the professional designer and gardener, directly or indirectly. These larger grounds must be planned to be orderly, serviceable, picturesque and as lovely as gardening and the art of lawn making can make them.

The woman belongs to the local garden club, studies gardening, enjoys the flower shows, has her choices and has a part in the planning of the gardening which beautifies her home surroundings. She is proud to open her lawns to the garden club and to neighbors. The outdoor living room or a friendly shade tree may shelter many an afternoon tea party. The home gardens lead to the garden clubs and soon the woman joins in her club exhibits and neighborhood improvements.

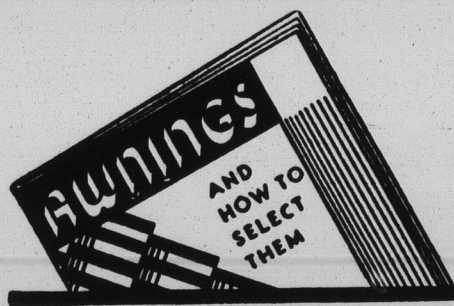
The landscaped grounds will divide up somewhat into the partly open and public areas, the other portions being enclosed and including a service yard, a private lawn, and likely a playground. The private lawn may include an intimate nook called an outdoor living room and it may or may not be quite close to the house itself. Terrace gardens and formal gardens will likely be found as vistas leading out from the living rooms.

Altogether the grounds make a harmonious picture, with their borders, vistas, shade trees, skylines, backgrounds, the foregrounds of greensward, border edgings of color, plantings arranged with care as to height of growth, color effects, utility, beauty and the likes and dislikes of the folks that live there.

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The Suburban Estate

The term estate, seems to be ordinarily used to designate a larger area, one which is possessed with acres. While such a place has wider terraces, more often planted to flowers, larger formal gardens and likely somewhat more ample sweeps of lawn, yet its difference in size is largely taken up by ungardened portions, natural timbered areas, corners and ravines. There is more apt to be tennis courts, swimming pools, an occasional orchard lane or open meadow, but mostly the large estate will differ in that it has its long drives meandering through the woods, and its lanes and trails through which the master takes his morning canter, astride a favorite mount, with a high bred dog or two keeping him frolicsome company. In the afternoon they may have a hike along the ravine trails with some of the younger folks.

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