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Kitchen Garden Needs Flowers As Beauty Aid

Vegetables Interplanted With Bright Blossoming Annuals Make Cheerful Picture

On extremely limited space it often is desirable—if not even necessary—to grow some of the family's favorite vegetables. These, however, can be so selected, so planted and so cared for as to make a real picture. This means that they be so arranged as to display the owner's artistic appreciation of form and color of the different plants in relation to each other, as well as by themselves.

Garden planning can most profitably be done at this time, when long evenings indoor permit leisure to draw plans, decide on material to fill beds and borders, and order the seed, so that it is on hand, ready to start indoors when needed.

Kitchen Garden Is Picturesque

One of the most attractive vegetable gardens I ever saw was built around the three sides of a low garage, and displayed real landscape appreciation. The tall vegetables, like corn and pole beans, were planted at the back, with the medium height in the middle, and then the quite low at the front toward the building.

Flowers, however, had been chosen to fit into the scheme, and bordered the very lowest vegetables in a most attractive way. For example, the outer line of corn, which ran parallel with the back street, would need to have a good facing of cosmos, which in early and late varieties would bloom from July to frost.

Flowers Intersperse Legumes

The garden by the way, took up most of a small block on a private road of a restricted residential section. The inner line of the vegetable plots closest to the garage was of the low of vegetables with an edging of such dwarf annuals as lobelia, candytuft, dwarf marigolds, sweet alyssum and dwarf nasturtiums. Next the fence line, toward the house front which it was separated by a privet hedge, I ran a path of wide boards held in place by heavy chinox hard ash stakes. These boards are easily moved in the autumn, permitting the soil beneath to be prepared for the next year's planting. Here I used a number of rows of roses.

Thus, a combination of vegetables and flowers served the double purpose of providing the most delicious of fresh food as well as the loveliest of cut flowers for the house.

Landscape Is Undisturbed

The original landscaping chair, at which I sat, received much attention about the neighborhood, and thus did not have to be discarded and the choicest perennials, such as hollyhocks and dahlias, once cut down, be replaced by new growths, as is the case with most of the annuals.

A small backyard, on the other hand, can be made a spot of beauty by marking off a border from four to six feet wide around the fence side and making an irregular outline around the entire grass plot in the open center.

The finest bit of a lawn, kept in perfect condition, will thus resemble a piece of green velvet, showing off to advantage the flowers planted in masses for succession of bloom.

Here again the tallest plants hollyhocks, delphinium, etc., with the flowering shrubs like lilac, spiraea, Van Houtte and forsythia were lined up at the back, while such early dwarf beauties, such as snowdrops, scillas and crocuses, were set in small clumps only a few inches back from the grass line.

Such results however, are achieved only by the most careful planning and study of the various catalogues and garden books. They never come from careless, hit-and-miss planting. Each plant, tree and shrub new to the gardener should be looked up in some authority to be sure it is properly placed as to soil and light conditions, else it cannot be expected to grow.

Once the requirements and habits of each has been learned it is possible to keep practically all of the ground space beautiful the season through. Early bulbs are later planted in top or close at one side by shallow-rooted annuals for summer flowering and the late-blooming chrysanthemums should be scattered with discrimination to carry on to black frost.

But the real start has to be made early in the year to allow indoor planting of seed and ordering of early stock.

Success Ideals

Why this longing, this forever sighing,
For the far-off, unattained and dim,
While the beautiful, all around, thee lying,
Offers up its low, perpetual hymn?

—Anne Bronte.

Viewing England

If one wanted to show a foreigner England, perhaps the wisest course could be to take him to the final section of the Purbeck Hills, and stand him on their summit, a few miles to the east of Corfe. Then system after system of our island would roll together under his feet. Beneath him is the valley of the Frome, and all the wild lands that come tossing down from Dorchester, black and gold, to mirror their gorse in the expanses of Poole. The valley of the Stour is beyond, unaccountable stream, dirty at Blandford, pure at Wimborne—the Stour, sliding out of fairy the Avon beneath the towers of Christ Church. The valley of the Avon invisible, but far to the north the trained eye may see Clearbury Ring that guards it, and the imagination may leap beyond that on to Salisbury Plain itself, and beyond the Plain to all the glorious downs of Central England. Nor is Suburbia absent. Bournemouth is ignoble coast cowers to the right, heralding the pine-trees that mean, for all their beauty, red houses, and the Stock Exchange, and extend to the gates of London itself. So tremendous is the city's trail! But the cliffs of Freshwater it shall never touch, and the Island will guard the Island's purity till the end of time. Seen from the west, the Wight is beautiful beyond all laws of beauty. It is as if a fragment of England floated forward to greet the foreigner—chalk of our chalk, turf of our turf, epitome of what will follow. And behind the fragment lies Southampton, hostess to the nations, and Portsmouth, a latent fire, and all around it with double and treble collision of tides swirls the sea. How many villages appear in this view! How many castles! How many churches, vanish of or triumphant! How many ships, railways and roads! What incredible variety of men working beneath that often inclement sky to what final end! The Channel tunnel.

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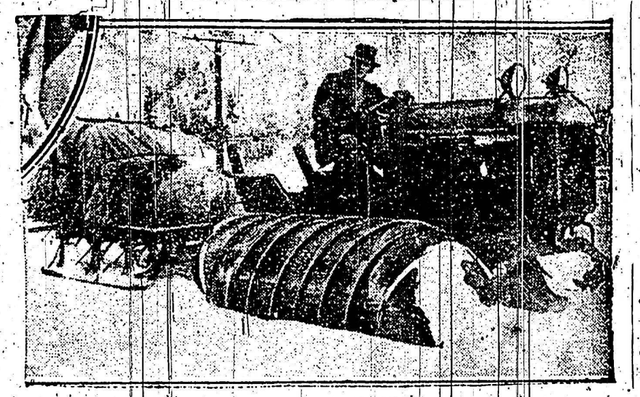
A New Method of Transportation



NEW SPIRAL TRACTOR

It ensures delivery of the mail despite the depth of snow on the fifteen miles between Lake Tahoe and Truckee, Calif., solving a problem.

Looking Ahead

Lord Birkenhead Sees Wonders of World 100 Years from Now

A 48-hour day, laboratory-built synthetic foodstuffs, a 150-year age limit for human beings and two-hour week days, are among the predictions made by Lord Birkenhead, British statesman, in an article on "What the World will be 100 Years from Now" in the February Cosmopolitan magazine.

The 48-hour day would be accomplished, according to Lord Birkenhead, by utilizing tidal energy to diminish the speed of the earth's rotation."

In discussing the laboratory baby, Lord Birkenhead writes:

"The results of much research show that the connection between a mother and her growing child is purely chemical; there is no valid reason why one day biologists should not be able perfectly to imitate that chemical connection in the laboratory."

Human beings will be able to live 150 years, he writes, because by 2029 biologists will have learned the secrets of the living chemistry of the human body—or at least enough of it to achieve startling results.

"Rejuvenation will be an ordinary and well recognized matter of a few injections at appropriate intervals," he says.

"With the kind assistance of Mr. Snake and the Giraffe brothers, Mr. Monk establishes a new jungle pole-vault record."

"I have always believed that most large fortunes are made by men of mediocre ability who tumbled into a lucky opportunity and could not help but get rich, and in most cases others given the same chance would have done far better with it. Do not be fooled into believing that because a man is rich he is necessarily smart. There is ample proof to the contrary. —Julius Rosenwald.

Doctor (to plumber whose nerves are out of order): "The best thing for you to do is to forget yourself." Plumber: "Well I've forgotten a few things in me time, doctor, but dimmed if that ain't a bit of a teaser!"

Holds British Want Channel Tunnel

Informal Poll in Commons is Reported to Show a Big Favorable Majority

BRIDGE ALSO DISCUSSED

Chief Difficulty is to Persuade English Militarists Invasion From Air is Possible

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Rhodesia Reports Good Strike of Tin Near Salisbury

Joint Operations Developing Tanganyika, Dutch and Belgian Companies

FOREIGN NOTES

London.—Cables from Rhodesia report a promising tin strike near Salisbury and another is about to be explored at Shamva. Meanwhile, the joint operations of the Tanganyika Company and the Dutch and Belgian companies in developing the tin fields of Uganda and that part of the Belgian Congo adjacent is now actively started. It is on the Congo side that the richest section of the field seems to lie.

It is understood here that negotiations for acquiring the Union Castle steamers for the passenger, mail and cargo service between Jamaica and London (to be put in operation when the Jamaica Banana Producers' Association are now complete) that early in the

The [illegible] of Uganda has [illegible] large area of that Central African colony are now being actively prospected for oil and there was every hope of these efforts being rewarded. The Anglo-Persian Oil Company has the sole right to prospect and develop oil products here. Tin is being exported in increasing quantities, he remarked, and copper is shortly to be developed.

Contrasting their cotton exports he mentioned that in 1925 the export was 96,000 bales valued at £1,636,000. In 1927, 131,000 bales were exported and in 1928 up to the end of July 77,000 bales had been exported. For the whole year the total cotton exports should be 136,000 bales valued at £2,430,000.

The British Government has just authorized the extension to British subjects in Morocco of the ax on vacant land sites which the French Government of Morocco has just imposed on its nationals. H. E. M.'s Circular Count in Morocco has the sole authority to make British subjects in Morocco obey such "dahira."

The important railway between Casablanca, the commercial metropolis of French Morocco, and Marrakesh, the great southern capital at the foot of the Atlas Mountains, has recently been opened by the boy Sultan. In fact, he insisted on riding in the first train. This length of line is 150 miles, but, as the vicinity of the southern terminus has recently been found to be so heavily mineralized, it will probably become the first section of an important system opening up that part of the country. For the moment, its usefulness lies in handling produce and accommodating tourists. Marrakesh, perhaps, more nearly resembles the Bagdad of the Calipn Haroun al Roschid than any other city on earth, and is an increasing lure for tourists. When the section of railway on the northern system between Fez and Oudja is completed, it will be possible to travel by train from Marrakesh to Tunis without changing, a distance of 1,630 miles.

Says Body Is Found Of Solomon's Wife

Cairo Paper Reports Discovery of Mummy in Jerusalem of King's Favorite

Scroll Relates Sacrifice

Cairo—The Cairo newspaper Ahram publishes a remarkable story reporting the discovery in Jerusalem of the mummy of King Solomon's favorite wife. The body is said to have been found in the course of excavations on the Mount of the Temple in an underground chamber filled with wonderful objects, the most conspicuous being a gold coffin in which the mummy lay wrapped in rich clothes and offerings set with precious stones.

Buried with the body, it is said, was a parchment scroll, alleged to have been written by Solomon extolling the virtues of "my fair wife, Moti Maria," of Memphis, who sacrificed herself for her husband's king. In recognition of my love for her, and my boundless appreciation of her loyalty and self-sacrifice with [illegible] own hands have placed on her forehead my magnificent crown presented to me by my people on the twenty-fifth anniversary of my reign."

The scroll is said to [illegible] three months previously Abishag, a woman's father, came to Solomon, his hands laden with valuable gifts but his heart full of malice, in an endeavor to seize the throne on behalf of Pharaoh of Egypt, his daughter to [illegible] wife. It reads:

"When Moti pressed to her lips the cups I noticed Abishag extend his hand to her, evidently to slip. Thereupon I got up, whipping by my side, and drank the wine I held it.

She died in Solomon's arms. The scroll does not [illegible] to Abishag.

Talent

It is our talent in action, in circulation, not wrapped up in a napkin, that will bless and help the world, bless and ennoble ourselves; and that rule holds good whether our particular talent happens to be culture or the genius of organization, or the gift of sympathy, or the stewardship of money.—Henry C. Potter.

I did and [illegible] the English are more emotional than the Americans in the matter of [illegible] meeting.—Aime Semon, Metropolitan.

Brave Men In Hour of Danger

The tribulations of nervous people and the significance of nervous disease in industry were matters dealt with by Dr. Millais Culpin, lecturer on psychoneuroses at the London Hospital Medical College, addressing the men and women delegates to the ninth annual conference of the Industrial Welfare Society at Balliol College, Oxford.

Exploding the theory that nervous breakdowns are caused by hard work, Dr. Culpin declared that the words, "overwork" and "overstrain" referred not to work but to the reaction of the subject towards it.

"I do not suggest that we should not eliminate overwork, worry, monotony, and noise; they are disagreeable things, and serve as pegs upon which the nervous subject hangs his symptoms.

"But there is no evidence that occupations in which these factors play a part show a higher nervous sickness than others, and there is at least some evidence to the contrary direction."

The Opposites in "Nerves"

In a test arranged by the Industrial Fatigue Research Board he had interview over 1,000 workers in various occupations [illegible] something about nervous illness in industry. The number of people in whom he found the nervous symptoms was less than 10 per cent of the whole while [illegible] per cent to 14 per cent [illegible] in both of [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]