

# GARDEN *and* LANDSCAPE



(By M. A. Pottenger)  
 In order that one may enjoy the greatest success it is necessary that an ample supply of moisture be available at all times for plant use. Mother nature takes care of these

provisions very amply and satisfactorily, where her plans are not interrupted with. In the forests we have needles or leaves that act as a mulch and protection, so that practically every bit of moisture supplied with

rains or snows is retained for summer use.

Where man comes along, cuts down these timbers and prepares a place to grow plants of various kinds, about the first thing he does is to destroy all of nature's mulch or protection to the soil, leaving it bare so that there is continuous evaporation from its surface at all times. Thus the ground bakes and cracks and shrinks with the depletion of its moisture, and then we wonder why our plants have suffered so from the draught.

In case of lawns or prairies, where the grass is never cut, nature provides a thick heavy turf, that the sun and wind cannot penetrate. On the other hand, man comes along invents the lawn mower, cuts down and destroys all of mother nature's protection, our lawns burn up, and we wonder why.

Fortunately, these observations have been made by man, experimental stations have been created, and we have learned the solution of our problems, with the use of artificial mulches or artificially created protection, by creating what is known as a dust mulch.

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