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HORTICULTURAL NOTES

Favorite Annuals, Sweet Peas

This is a pretty little problem for the coming season. Naturally we want something better than we had last year so the question is, What shall we grow.

We call to mind a charming description by Rev. W. T. Hutchins, American authority on Sweet Peas. He said, "The sweet pea has a keel that was meant to seek all shores; it has wings that were meant to fly across all continents: it has a standard which is friendly to all nations; and it has a fragrance like the universal gospel yea, sweet prophecy of welcome everywhere that has been abundantly fulfilled."

We must not forget to try some of the new Spencer novelties up to date, "Grenadier" a grand scarlet, exceptionally large, sunproof "Doreen" a bright carmine large flower, vigorous "Viscountess Lascelles," pale lavender strong grower, "Miss California," Salmon Cream Pink, good; "The Beacon," brilliant orange, stands sun well "Lucifer" deep Salmon Cerise, extra good; "W. J. Unwin," rich Salmon Pink on Cream ground; "Heavenly Blue," moneymaker white majestic cream. The above varieties stand weather conditions in Canada remarkably well.

It is not generally known that the Spencer waved type was introduced in England and since then has gradually replaced the old grandiflora type, but at the same time some of the exquisite new varieties lack the perfumes of the old type, therefore the hybridists have had to work back to obtain the perfume again.

You would be surprised to learn how exacting these experts are; for instance—the formation of bloom must be perfect and placed correctly on the stem. As an example, if you take a stem with the bloom facing you, you will find some will be from left to right and from right to left, this being the general characteristic in each particular variety.

The standard of the individual bloom should be bold, well rounded to the keel upright and properly waved, wing well proportioned and waved to suit the standard with the keel deep in proportion for a properly balanced flower.

Some varieties are more brilliant than others, that is due to the substance and texture in the structure of the flowers. There is as much difference in the texture of the flowers (in proportion) as there is in the finest silk, satin or velvet. Some are more sensitive to the sun's rays than others. This is the reason why some colors are dull and unattractive, whilst others scintillate in the sunlight. Some colors have a tendency to scalding, particularly orange and light blues but with newer varieties this effect has been overcome by cross fertilization.

Seed

The three most important facts to observe are seed, soil and selected position seed production and selection are the rock bottom towards success. Each variety must be selected and re-selected from properly matured plants. This is systematically done by weeding out plants that do not come up to a certain standard of perfection. The seed must be hand harvested in the proper condition and at the right time to prevent mildew, chocking, etc. Just think how long seeds are dormant in various places and temperatures away from sunlight and air, yet they must respire to live. So therefore, we recommend before sowing, placing all seeds in the sunlight and air for a while to warm them up and it helps them to absorb the moisture in the ground when sown and brings about a proper reaction of the germ cells.

Culture

I find it is better to grow sweet peas north and south. This is the reason. The sunlight is distributed to better advantage. As soon as outside conditions permit. I like to dig a trench eight inches wide, eighteen inches to two feet deep, break up bottom of same, sprinkle the bottom liberally with salt, place about six inches good manure and fill up with good stiff soil to about four inches from top, place a layer of sifted soil to plant in water the same well with liquid manure before sowing. Plant good seed about three inches apart alternating, making like a double row and thin out to six inches if necessary. Give lots of room.

Disbud the side shoots if special blooms are required. Stake early. Treat gently, water liberally in dry weather and after rain, gently shake the wet off the foliage and flowers before the sun comes out. This helps to counteract mildew in the lat-



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Lieut.-Com. Colin Mayers, R.N., who recently retired from the Submarine Service to take up an appointment in the Submarine Department of Vickers Limited, ship-builders and ordnance manufacturers, was arrested by officers of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard on a charge of unlawfully possessing official secret plans of two of Britain's most recent submarines.

ter part of the season. Some may think this a lot of trouble but to obtain the best results you have to go all the way. By this method I have grown sweet peas thirteen feet high and smothered in bloom of fine quality and I maintain anyone will be amply rewarded for any extra trouble taken with them. I fully agree with the old saying "If a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well."

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Maple

A very pleasing birthday party was held by the W. M. S. of St. Andrew's Church last Wednesday evening. The tables last Wednesday evening. The tables each represented a month of the year, and were beautifully decorated. All whose birthday came in the month sat at that particular table and gave one cent for each year. The offering amounted to nearly \$50. An interesting program was given.

The play, "The Path Across The Hill" given by the Windermere Dramatic Club of Toronto was very entertaining and was well received by a large audience. Hawaiian selections and vocal solos were given between the acts.

All the houses in the village are occupied at present, and inquiries are being made for houses to rent.

Mr. G. J. Lawrie is having a double tank placed in front of his store for the sale of White Rose and Red Seal gasoline.

Victoria Square

Pleased to hear that Mrs. Harry Forrester and infant daughter are progressing so nicely. Guester S. S. No. 7 are well pleased with their honors of last Friday but just let Viola have another chance.

Miss Marion Boston is getting along nicely after her lingering illness.

Mr. Wm. Boston has returned from Napanee and reports things more favorable there than in the home town.

Unionville

At the monthly meeting of the Unionville branch of the Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. Lea with the president, Mrs. Milner in the chair, between 45 and 50 ladies took part in what proved to be one of the most instructive and interesting meetings of the season.

A feature of the afternoon was an address by Mrs. Graves, district president on the subject "My Ideal of an Institute," in which a great deal of helpful advice was given to the members present. Rev. Mr. Robbins, rector of St. Phillip's Church gave an inspiring address on "Music" and rendered most acceptably two solos.

The Women's Institute have an ambitious program mapped out and besides voting \$50 toward the Unionville public library will assist in the purchase of a musical instrument for the Unionville Public school and a "first aid kit" for the Unionville, Hagerman and Buttonville schools.

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