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PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

CREATE YOUR OWN DESIGNS WITH FLOWERS

They Can Revive the Dullest Room—Ideas for Decorating With Flowers—Arrangements for Fun and Festivity—Containers and Ways to Use Them.

We can't wait another day to write about flowers, because our garden is in bloom and we're having an idea a minute. And what fun it is after the winter when we've had to depend on the few florist blossoms we could afford! (Though we gladly skip other places to have them any time). For our house actually needs flowers to complete its decorations.

Cut a Fine Figure
We're getting a tall crystal vase, really huge, something we've coveted for years. Because nothing is nicer for the branch flowers that can cut such a fine figure in most rooms. This will stand on the floor (it's that big) to hold forsythia the first thing in the spring, then apple blossoms, mock orange or dogwood and around the calendar, even through the winter when it will be imposing for branches of ever-green. This will stand in the difficult corner of the living room. . . . doesn't every room have a corner that doesn't have space for anything really interesting in the way of furniture or else must accommodate a necessary evil? A great big container for dramatic flowers will bring design there, and the fact that the flowers themselves will change with the seasons multiplies the interest.

Wall Brackets for Flowers
We visited the home of a friend recently who has done things with wall brackets on which stand pots or vases of flowers. In her dining room, for instance, she has a pair of brackets on either side of a gaiting. Pots of trailing ivy on these brackets make the portrait the centre of a very charming grouping and the picture itself gains importance thereby. Then in her living room she has a pair of larger brackets on either side of the fireplace to hold white urns that are grand for massed white flowers. The brackets here are pickled pine, so the white container and the white flowers are silhouetted smartly against the chocolate brown of the walls.

One of the leading decorators we know has had deep metal trays made to fit the tops of a pair of bleached mahogany corner cupboards she has in her dining room. In these she keeps greenery massed in a handsome arrangement. The greenery is repeated again in three hanging wall containers over her fireplace. In season, when flowers are plentiful and cheap, she uses lilacs of marigolds with the greenery, but the leaves she can have the year round. They are as much a part of the decorations of the room as the curtains or pictures.

For a Good Hand with Flowers
Glass shelves are a boon to the blossom decorator. Balanced groups of them on a problem wall will hold pots of geraniums or ivy and bring a blithe decorative interest. Of course, a lady should be good with plants to undertake this, because she will need to keep those pots looking fresh and abundant. . . . puny scraggly ones would spoil the whole effect. But if she does have a hand with flowers! We know a lady who has a dining room with white walls, dyed yellow pongee curtains, painted white metal furniture with glass table tops, yellow leatherette seats for the chairs, a white sisal rug (which can be cleaned with soap and water), glass shelves to hold rows and rows of white pots with ivy and pink geraniums in them. Which are as gay as anything whether or not the geraniums are in bloom because she keeps the leaves so clean and healthy looking. Not to mention their spicy fragrance.

And remember our story about Geraldine Farrar's living-room—with the too-high mantel shelf—a row of pots of ivy trailed their leaves down gracefully over the awkward space. Another mantel problem was solved by a flower container. Here the space between the fire opening and the mantel shelf was too great and gaping. A



Nothing gives an incidental grouping of furniture more style than a pair of brackets to hold pleasant greenery. This picture, taken in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ayres, illustrates this theme attractively.

hanging container of simple shape brought just the right design to this space when filled with flowers or greenery in season.

Speaking of mantels, nothing is nicer than a mantel shelf fitted with a metal trough to hold a garden of flowers or plants. This trough can be finished all around with a white wire "fence." We've seen one filled with hyacinths in an abundant array, then later with masses of marigolds.

For a mantel that will have an unframed mirror panel above it. The flowers in the trough on the shelf can be varied from low uniform things to bigger higher flowers as the season advances, and they can be either cut flowers or plants. When having cut flowers in the trough, crumpled up chicken wire is the things to use to make the flowers stand properly. And get layers of moss to cover the chicken wire if you have sparse bunches of flowers. When using small blossoms, a well-known expert advises bunching them together like single big flowers when you arrange them in a container. This idea lends itself to charming variations.

The Silhouette
Keep in mind the possibilities of silhouettes of flowers. That's a good way to solve the problem of a difficult wall. If the wall is light in tone, have dramatic flowers with long stems or branches or interesting foliage. Preferably in the brilliant contrasting deep tones.

Arrange them against the wall so that they create a pattern as surely as though you had a piece of furniture, a length of chintz or wall paper there. If the wall is dark, use pale or white flowers but keep again to the big scale flowers with stems or foliage that make pattern.

Generally speaking, against a dark wall, you'll do better with things that have massed light coned blooms—forsythia, apple or peach blossoms, white lilacs, hydrangea, dogwood. Or try a silhouette of flowers in a window or alcove space that doesn't quite come off.

Nothing is nicer in a deep silled window than a graceful glass bowl filled with such flowers as tulips with long curving stems, branches of flowering shrubs or long stemmed roses. Or the same things on a table in an alcove or a bay window will likewise silhouette the outline of the branches and blossoms and contribute pattern of their



A pair of vases on either side of the mantel in this picture hold spring blossoms. Note the complementing accent of the two flowered plates. Charming against a soft blue wall.

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Funeral Services Held for Late Eino Koivumaki

Funeral services for the late Eino Koivumaki (alias Maki and Iso-Eino) who died in Timmins on April 5th, from wounds inflicted by himself while stopping at a local hotel, were conducted yesterday by Rev. A. I. Heimonen at the Timmins cemetery at 5:15 p.m. The late Mr. Koivumaki was born at Keuruu, Finland, some forty-eight years ago. He had no relatives in Canada at the time of his death so far as known here.

Brampton Conservator:— Windsor, Chatham, Paris, Timmins and other good sized towns are trying to abolish slot machines. Why young people are fooled by these and other gambling devices is hard to understand.

Brantford Expositor:—It comes as a thumping surprise to be told that there are at present 5,865,296 pianos in active use across the border. The tab has been made under the auspices of the manufacturers, and the figures demonstrate that the instruments are not by any means on their last legs.

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Thinks the Premier Took Right Action

Will Prevent Relief From Being Made Racket

(From Toronto Globe)

Premier Heppburn will have ample support for his forceful action in the Lakeview "relief strike." From the public's view it is to be hoped it means the end of this form of relief racketeering. The dramatic manner in which the Premier moved cannot be allowed to obscure the circumstances, and in their efforts to interpret the arrest of the four leaders as unfair and dictatorial treatment, the chronic complainers and the Premier's political critics will find it hard to make an overridingly public sympathy stretch that far. There has never been a lack of sympathy with the unemployed in this province. When it is kept in proper proportion to the Lakeview affair, Mr. Heppburn is seen as taking the opportunity—one of many—created by the leaders themselves, to call for a long-overdue showdown on the strike-demand business.

The complaints in that district have been carried far beyond a reasonable appeal for increased relief. A band of recipients, organized as the General Workers' Union, has tried to bully and coerce the authorities into accepting what they have decided is an "adequate" standard. They have resorted to all manner of "tricks" that might attract public sympathy to their side, including that of drafting their children into a "hunger army" and parading them about the country to make it appear that they have been neglected and abused.

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Barber-Larder Gold Mines Limited.—By agreement April 4, optioned to G. Firth, Toronto, 35,000 shares at thirty-five cents, payable by June 1. Company incorporated February, 1937 (Ont.) authorized capital 3,000,000 shares, \$1.00 par; issued 2,297,505.

Crede Porcupine Gold Mines Limited.—By agreement April 20, E. C. Strong, Toronto, agrees to purchase 100,000 shares at ten cents, \$2500 on transfer of title—\$7500 thirty days. Option on additional 1,400,000 shares; 125,000 shares at ten cents payable July 1st; 125,000 shares at ten cents payable August 1; 75,000 shares at twelve and one-half cents payable September 1; 75,000 shares at twelve and one-half cents payable October 1; 500,000 shares at prices from seventeen and one-half cents to thirty cents at rate of \$15,000 a month; 500,000 shares at prices from forty-five cents to eighty-five cents at rate of \$15,000 a month. Total option to be completed by May 1, 1941. Company incorporated April, 1938 (Ont.) authorized capital 3,500,000 shares, \$1 par. Company purchased assets of Arcadia Gold Mines, Ltd., and properties of Argomines (Canada) Limited for \$40,000 cash and issue of 1,350,000 shares. Argomines (Canada) Limited also agrees to purchase 400,000 shares at ten cents.

Delcario Gold Mines Limited.—By agreement March 23, optioned to Ernest Dobson, Toronto, 970,000 shares at prices from five cents to ten cents at minimum of 50,000 shares per month. Company incorporated March 1965 (Ont.) authorized capital 3,000,000 shares, \$1.00 par; issued 1,430,000.

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