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About the House,

HOME.

Oh! what is home? that sweet compan-

Of life the better part, The happy smile of welcome on the lip Upspringing from the heart.

It is the eager clasp of friendly hands, The long-remembered tone, The ready sympathy which understands All feeling by its own.

The rosy cheek of little children press-

To ours in loving glee; The presence of our dearest, and our No matter where we be.

And, failing this a prince may homeless live, Though palace walls are nigh;

And, having it, a desert shore may give The joy wealth cannot buy.

Far-reaching as the earth's remotest

Wide spread as ocean foam, One thought is sacred in the breast of man-

It is the thought of home. That little word his human fate shall bind

With destinies above,

Is in God's wider love.

AMONG THE FLOWERS.

In arranging the flower garden do not neglect the corners and out-of-theway places and have an eye to color in the planting of seeds and slips.

For instance, foxgloves are best planted away from scarlet flowers as their purplish-pink spikes do not harmonize with that color. The pure white foxgloves are very effective against a background of dark foliage and when planted in large clumps have a very stately effect.

Hollyhocks are good flowers to plant in the corners and waste places. All shades of bloom are now seen, from white through pale flesh tints, to deep maroon, varied by buff and lemon tinted flowers. There is nothing prettier than the old-fashioned flowers of our grandmother's day.

The double zonal geraniums are almost entirely superseded nowadays by the semi-double forms, which have also replaced the single forms, which fade rapidly in the sun. The single forms, however, are good for winter house lice. plants, giving great masses of bright bloom.

To produce fine plants for winter, cuttings should be rooted in July, in a compost of equal parts of sand, leafmold and loam. As the pots fill with roots, the plants should be shifted on till they are in six-inch pots. The soil for the later shifts need not contain so much sand or leaf-mold but should into it if the spirit is not chafed by be rich. All flower buds should be removed as they appear and the points of the shoots be occasionally pinched off to form a bushy habit. They may be allowed to begin to blossom in October and an occasional watering with weak liquid manure water will then be appreciated. If properly handled there should be an abundance of bloom during the winter and every one admires

the bright gay geranium. autumn or winter if you wish them to any other can of that size. This will blossom the next season. They need leave a tin cylinder, which may be very little pruning, beyond the cutting | slipped over the dasher handle to the out of dead wood or unnecessary lid, and prevent any further splashbranches, but if any is needed it should | ing. be done immediately after the plants | If you use flour starch for the colhave finished blooming. It pruned in ored clothes, wet the flour with cold the autumn or winter, the bloom will water and stir or beat it until not

be lessened. is a lovely flower that should be added from the stove, stir into it a little to every collection. It is a fiery scar- borax that has been dissolved in watlet and universally voted "a regular er. A teaspoonful of borax to a gallon EEN, ORCHARDVILLE, has beauty." It is finer than the Siberian of boiled starch is about the right

It is said that hydrangea, when ironed. terms. Fire and Lif Insur grown out of doors permanently, has a the best Stock Companies decided tendency to give blue flowers ed by having the colors of their beau-Correspondence to instead of the pinkish-purple-white tiful embroidered centerpiece and doil-

usually found on it. and never allowed to dry out. It is not cessary if they are washed properly wise, however, to soak the plants daily, Prepare a suds of luke warm water whether needed or not. When new and good white soap, and then add a fronds are unfurling avoid placing the little borax to it. Rub them gently plant in a position where it will be ex- between the hands until clean, using posed to the full power of the sunlight two soapy waters if necessary. Rinse as it will sometimes burn or blast the through two waters with a very lit-

tender, young fronds. water on its leaves, and will do better | been dampened and rolled up an hour in the hall in which the atmosphere is or two, iron them on the wrong side. not so dry and hot as in the general Very little starch is needed for such not so dry and hot as in the general articles, and many good housekeepers legal is the only living room. It does not require a high articles, and many good housekeepers never use any. A little boiled starch lecal Newspaper in temperature and but very little sunadded to the second rinse water is all

> careful to dig deep enough to get all ing hard water, for it does not rot the roots. Leave as much soil clinging the clothes or fade the colors. to the roots as possible and after plant- A dish drainer is one of the handing them in their new quarters, water somest of kitchen utensils. Wash the liberally, and shade from the sun for dishes in hot suds, pile them in the a week or more. In preparing the bed drainer which sets in a large shallow for the reception of wild flowers it is pan, and pour clear hot water over a good plan to min a considerable quan- them. When they are cool, you will tity of leaf-mold with the soil, taking find them dry and shining, without the from under the trees where no grass trouble of wiping them.

> In the cultivation of roses much deting out new bushes, endeavor to secure plied for a divorce from his wife on the

largest, oldest or highest priced. Do not plant them until the ground has become warm and all danger of frost is over. Nothing will be gained by planting them early. Field-grown roses must be planted earlier than pot-

depth of at least eighteen inches as it love and of devotion to duty that the is very essential that the roots may have plenty of room to work in. Mix a good quantity of manure with the soil -well-rotted cow manure is excellent -and spade and work it thoroughly together. Mash all clods and lumps and when setting out the roses do not neglect the firming of the soil about the

pase of the plants. A good plan in regard to chrysanthemums, is to obtain some good specimens from a specialist, either in rooted cuttings or pot specimens. As the small pots become filled with roots, the plants must be repotted, using a compost of one part leaf-mold and three parts loam, with one part well-rotted manure mixed with a small quantity

When this pot has become filled with roots they will require the final shifting into nine-inch pots, using a compost of four parts of fibrous loam, one part of leaf-mold, half a part of manure that has passed through the fermentation stage, a good sprinkling of charcoal, and a five-inch potful of dissolved bones and fine bone meal, to a bushel of soil.

Pot firmly, and place so they will drain well. If bushy plants are required the shoots must be stopped by pinching the extreme growing end. For there the home of his immortal of-doors, they should be protected from strong winds, and should be so separated as to allow of a circulation of sun

and air. again. Give plenty of ventilation. If ed her mother: this treatment is faithfully followed you will be rewarded by a liberal sup- promise not to draw anything but meetply of beautiful flowers.

Begonia seeds should not be covered. of the ground, with a teaspoonful of her mother even drawing for her silver sand mixed with them, from a perforated tin. These are directions for starting seeds in doors, in a box, which should be covered with a piece of glass, and then with brown paper, as seeds germinate best in the dark. The glass must be turned over daily or wiped, and the seedlings must have more light when up the brown paper being changed for white, so as to give this

gradually. When large enough to handle, the baby begonias may be picked out with a match cut into a tiny fork and planted in a row in a box of leaf-mold, turfy mold, soot and sand, each little plant by itself. To stand the box of plants in a tray of lime will keep away wood

HOUSEKEEPER HELPS.

Those who have large houses keep clean, and a family to care for, should learn the best and easiest ways of performing these duties. From cellar to attic they must go in one unending round, and they must put a great deal of contentment and will

Fruit stains and other discolorations may be removed from dishes by rubbing them with common baking soda moistened with water. An old tooth brush will be found useful in cleaning the crevices of cut glass.

If you have a dash churn, you have doubtless been troubled with cream spattering over the top. Melt the Do not prune your lilac bushes in the top and bottom off a tomato can-or

a lump remains, then pour boiling The scarlet artagon or Turk's cap lily water on it. When it is ready to take the old business, and is prepar lily, being more thickly clustered and proportion. This prevents the starch from sticking when the clothes are

> Many housekeepers have been annoyies grow faded and dingy after being Ferns should be kept in partial shade laundered a few times. This is not netle bluing in the second, and hang in The Rex begonia objects to having the shade to dry. After they have added to the second rinse water is all In transplanting wild flowers, es- that is ever necessary. Borax is betpecially those having bulbous roots, be ter than sal soda or potash for soften-

Antonin Mercir, the sculptor, has ap-

MISS WILLARD'S CHILDHOOD.

A peep at the home in which Miss Willard's early life was spent leaves no room for doubt as to where and how the character of the woman was Spade up the soil thoroughly, to a formed. It was in an atmosphere of

girl learned her first lassons of life. There is nothing in all Miss Willard's childhood, more beautiful than the love and harmony that existed between the sisters-Frances and Mary. One of its pleasantest expressions was a habit, early formed, of nightly asiling forgiveness for any word or co that might have been unsisterly, and thanking RATES each other for the kindness of the day, a habit continued till the youngest said good night to earth.

The home life was almost exclusively the educator in Miss Willard's case. of charcoal and enough silver sand to Until she was twelve years old her mother was her only teacher, and even after that, school was limited. But the home was one where books were loved, and while she was still young Frances learned not only to read but to study, and to put her thoughts into writing.

Better than all for the young girl was the fact that the home she loved so well was a Christian home. In it Sunday was observed with almost Puritan strictness.

Miss Willard tells of a Christmas that fell on Sunday. In order that no About the end of June pinching should secular matters might disturb the cease, and the plants should be allowed to get their buds. When placed out- presents were given on Saturday evening, and then, with praiseworthy selfdenial, laid aside until Monday.

Fortunately for the other two young members of the household-Oliver and They must not be permitted to dry, Mary-their presents included a Sunand if stood on ashes will encourage day book for each, while instead of good drainage. About the end of July the book Frances had a long desired they may require feeding, and soot wa- but strictly week-day slate. That ter twice, and eventually thrice, a slate was a treasure, but-to-morrow week, will be found beneficial. Little was Sunday, and it was a treasure unand often is better than giving too available for more than twenty-four much at once. About the end of Sep- hours. A happy idea finally came into tember, they will require housing the tonging little mind. Frances ask-

"Might I have my new slate if I'll ing-houses?"

The plea was so natural, and so well Merely sprinkle them over the surface sustained, that Frances had the slate, pattern church.

GRAY POPLIN COSTUMES. For reception and garden parties this season there are a great many elaborate designs in costumes. An especially exhibition who perhaps would not othattractive one is made of a gray pop- erwise do so. The entries in all delin or sicilienne, illustrated on cover. partments will be great, and the at-The front is an apron style with the tractions offered will be of a character attached flounce and back of gray taf- to draw. Among the many will be fata silk cover the entire length with realistic representations of the prenarrow ruffles of ribbon put on at equ- sent Cuban-American War, the blockal distances apart. On the apron front ade, bombardment and battles of Santiis a design of cut-work in cloth of a ago, or Havana, firing and explosion of slightly darker shade than the poplin. shells, explosion of sub-marine mines The body of the waist is of poplin to and blowing up of vessels on the lake match the apron, and the sleeves are of in front of the exhibition grounds, exthe same. The front of the waist is hibitions by Maxim and Gatling particularly graceful. It has some- machine guns, etc., all of a specially thing of a blouse effect, cut open to interesting nature at the present time. show a vest of white lace over white The programme of attractions promises satin, and is trimmed round the edge to far excel that of last year, which with applique to match the trimming is saying a good deal. The exhibits on the skirt. The sleeves are small, will include many from Great Britain, and have no trimming whatever. The France and the United States, whilst collar is a plain high band with three almost every section of the Dominion little ruchings of black satin ribbon.

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