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HOME & GARDEN

Plant a combination of antique and modern tulips in one bed

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with the utmost care since a damage or nicked bulb can become a diseased bulb, and like apples, a diseased bulb can cause considerable damage within a lot.

PEELING THE BULBS

When the bulbs are dry, they are peeled and graded. Bulb by bulb, each is picked and stripped of its smaller bulblets and old outer scales. Every one of the tens of millions of bulbs will be given this treatment. After that, the whole lot goes to the packing department where they are counted and packaged in the sacks and boxes that will find their way to points of sale world wide. When confronted with the sight of all those packages, you can't help but imagine the promise of colourful blossoms held within these somewhat unsightly onion-like objects. However,



The Parrot tulip.

you can be assured that growers have applied their craftsmanship and enthusiasm for 400-plus years to make sure this promise comes true. For a stunning historical garden, which combines four centuries of knowledge and experience into just one sweep of the eye, consider planting a combination of antique and modern tulips in one bed.

For the old varieties, we suggest the scarlet, single, early-flowering Couleur Cardinal from 1815 and the pink, double, early-flowering Peach Blossom from 1890. For the new, try a few pale apricot yellow, tinged with creamy white and rose Apricot Parrot tulips from 1961 and the double, early-flowering bright yellow Monte Carlo from 1969.

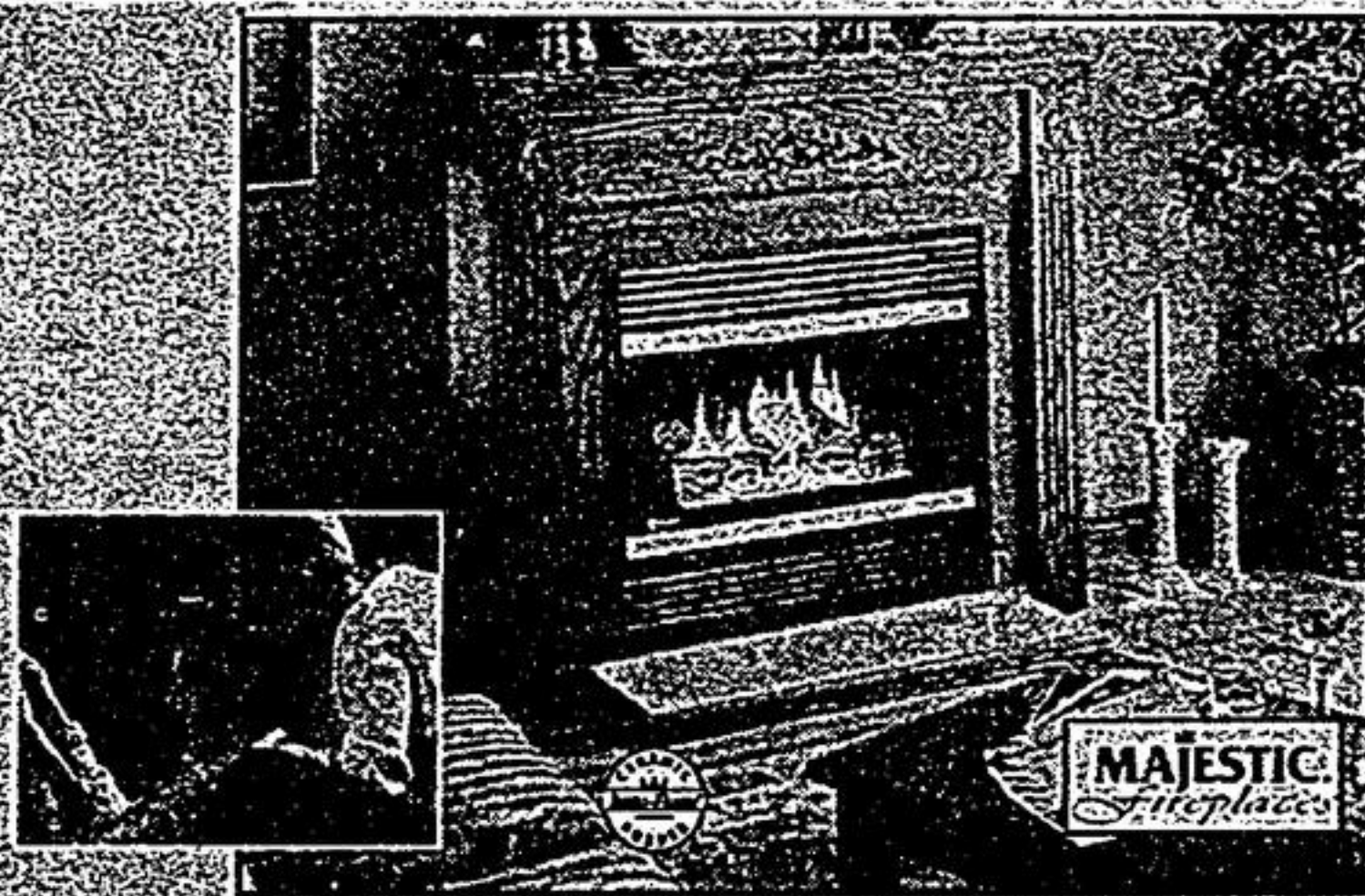
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