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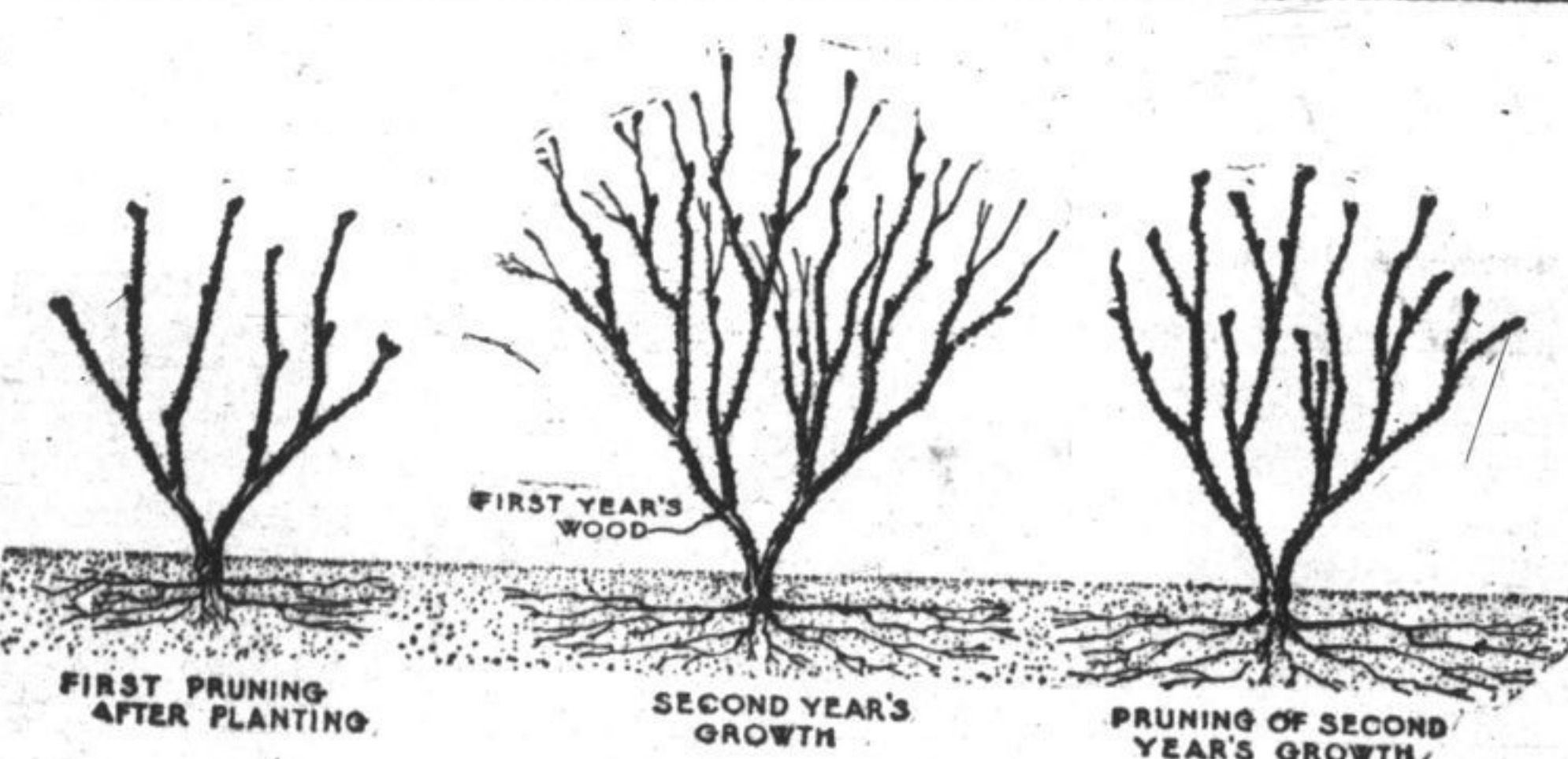
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CULTURE OF OUTDOOR ROSES

By Henry J. Moore

This brief article will be devoted to kinds of Roses which are satisfactory to plant in Canada and to such cultural details as are considered essential to success in the production of strong and vigorous bushes and fine flowers.

The Soil.

A fairly heavy clay loam is the best soil for Roses. Such a soil is cool in summer, an ideal condition for root growth of the subjects and being also retentive of moisture is ideal for the production of strong flowering growth. Dark colored loam soils because they absorb and retain more of the sun's heat than do the light colored clays are unsuited to the Rose. As pure clays are too heavy and lack fertility they should where existent be lightened somewhat by the addition of organic matter of which manure from the cow stables is best, this being a cool manure, not heating much in fermentation and being watery in decomposition adds to the coolness and to the moisture content of the soil. Ordinary stable manure however, may be employed when cow manure cannot be obtained. If the soil is too light and sandy it may be improved by the addition of loam and of ox manure or of leaf soil so as to make it fertile and retentive of moisture.

The beds or borders to receive the Rose bushes may be prepared during Autumn for either late Autumn or Spring planting. They may however, also be prepared during March or early April and as the Roses do best when their roots are able to penetrate deeply it is well to dig the soil two spades deep at the same time working therein the manure. If the soil is prepared in autumn fresh straw manure may be employed but if in Spring, only that which is at least half rotted.

The Position.

Upon the choice of the position in which to plant the Roses may depend success in their culture. It is best to plant them in a somewhat sheltered position but also open to full sunshine. The plants must have abundant light but should be protected somewhat from the prevailing winds of winter, also of summer for that matter so that the blooms will not be destroyed before fully serving their purpose. More especially is it necessary to protect

the position from north and east, in our colder and more northern localities. In all other respects the position should be fully open to favor atmospheric coolness during summer. Masses of low growing shrubs or hedges may be planted or advantage be taken of existing structures to afford protection. The position should be such that water will not stand in the soil; good drainage is as essential to success as any other factor. Roses will not endure in badly drained soils and in such may die during the first winter. The position thus should not be in a depression but rather a slight elevation from which the water will surely drain.

Planting.

As the different classes of roses vary in vigor, height and spreading qualities, it is essential that when planting, these things be considered. Plant Hybrid Teas two feet apart, Hybrid Perpetual three to three and a half feet. There is no advantage in planting roses too closely. Six or seven eight feet apart, whether planted near structure such as trellis, fences or pergolas will for most purposes suffice. It is better to plant them far enough apart so that their growth may be trained and controlled than to allow them to become tangled and unmanageable. In this latter condition they harbor insects, and usually do not flower so profusely.

When planting, make the holes large enough to accommodate the extended roots and scatter fine fertile soil in the bottom, choosing a time when the soil is fairly dry and friable. Remove all damaged or broken roots with a sharp knife, spread the roots well. Plant two inches deeper than the old soil mark on the stem. This is easy to detect, as usually the portion below the soil is a yellowish brown, while the aerial portions are green. If the bush bears the swollen portion which is characteristic of budded plants, lower it two inches below this into the hole. With the hand scatter the soil evenly among and over the fibrous roots until they are thoroughly covered. Move the plant upwards and downwards slightly to allow the soil to settle, then finish the work by filling the hole by means of the spade. Stamp firmly around the plant, and rake the surface smoothly. If the weather is dry, saturate the soil and finally afford a mulch of

litter or half decayed manure, if planting is done in the Spring to conserve the moisture of the soil.

Roses should not be left exposed to the sun while planting. Should any drying of the roots be apparent ere planting, immerse them in water for an hour, or if the stems appear shrivelled and yet alive, bury the entire plant root and stem in moist soil for a few days. If the stems are not normally restored by this practice, have the plants replaced, and so prevent disappointment. The proper time to plant Roses is during Spring as early as the soil can be properly worked. In the less frigid winter localities such as the West Coast, and southern Peninsulas of Ontario, they may be planted during late October or early November with safety.

ROSES SUITED TO SMALL GARDENS.

- Hybrid Teas
 - Hortulanus Budds—dark red
 - Atiote de Holland—dark red
 - Red Letter Day—Scarlet crimson
 - Grass an Tepitz—Scarlet crimson
 - General McArthur—crimson
 - Geo. Dickson—Dark Scarlet crimson
 - Madame Ravary—Golden yellow
 - Richmond—Red scarlet
 - Willowmere—Pink shaded yellow
 - Viscountess Folkestone—Creamy pink
 - Premier—Pink
 - W. Christie Miller—pink
 - Lady A. Stanley—pink
- Hybrid Perpetuals
 - Alfred Colomb—bright Carmine Red
 - Baroness Rothschild—Pale Rose
 - Hugh Dickson—brilliant crimson
 - Shaded Scarlet
 - Ulrich Brunner—cherry crimson
 - Mrs. John Laing—Soft Rose Pink
 - Frau Karl Druschki—Pure White
 - Dwarf Polyantha (Baby Polyantha)
 - Katherine Zeimet—white
 - Mrs. Cutbush—Pink
 - Orleans Rose—Brilliant Red
 - Canarienvogel—Golden yellow flaked with orange, rose and purple
- Climbing Roses
 - Excelsa—Scarlet
 - Dorothy Perkins—Salmon Pink
 - Tausendschon (Thousand Beauties)—light carmine pink
 - Dorothy Perkins—Pink or White
 - Dorothy
 - Conrad F. Myer—Silver pink very hardy

MARRIED AT TOLEDO.

Harold Bellamy and Miss Ethel Gardiner Wed.
Toledo, March 30.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Phillips a son, our March 24th. Also born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce a son, on March 27th, inst. Mrs. William Moran made a business trip to Brockville on Saturday last.

The Women's Missionary Society took the service in the United Church, Sunday evening, March 28th. The readings and the voluntaries were very much enjoyed by the congregation. The choir of the United Church is preparing Easter music. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dunham and Mrs. Lloyd Deloewelle accompanied Mrs. James Millar to Smith's Falls, on day last week, on her way to her new home near Detroit.

C. M. Eaton has moved to the Oscar McDonald place intending to remain a year. One of our young men, Harold Bellamy, was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Gardiner, of Almonte, last Wednesday, March 24th. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bellamy, parents of the groom, accompanied him and also his sister, Mrs. C. E. Donaldson, to attend the wedding. The bride received many costly and beautiful gifts showing the esteem in which she was held at Almonte. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bellamy are graduates of Kemptville Agricultural School. Roland Eaton is on the sick list.

G. O. P.'s Farmer Relief Policy. Ohio State Journal: If we catch the drift correctly, our great party's firm policy on relief for the farmer is not necessarily to do so very much for him but to exert every possible effort to make him think we're doing a lot, and it may be said in support of this programme that it is in strict accordance with precedent.

FIRST TWINS TO BE BORN IN LANSDOWNE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Shields the Proud Parents—Young People Present Play.

Lansdowne, April 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Shields, are the proud parents of twins, a girl and a boy. These are the only twins born in the village, as far as some of the oldest residents can recollect, and their advent has caused some excitement.

A. H. Graham, P.G.M., of Kingston, was here last week on an official visit to L.O.L. No. 26.

The play "A Little Clodhopper" presented by the young people of Chalmers church on Friday and Saturday evenings resulted in a good success every way. Two very good houses heard and enjoyed the play on the successive evenings. Miss Irene Patience as "Judy" made a fine impression. Miss Hatie Cochran, admirably filled the role of Mrs. Chiggerson-Beggs. Mrs. Lisle Moxley acted very cleverly the part of "Juliette." Mr. Gordon Graham contributed in no small measure toward the success of the play as "Ocey Gump," while Messrs. Basil McKay and Ford McConnell scored successes as "George Chiggerson" and "Septimus Green." Miss Bessie King, by good acting and striking costume effects, made a very real "Charmian Carter" moving-picture actress. Mrs. Wilmer Danby played the musical accompaniments and took the piano in orchestra numbers splendidly rendered by Messrs. Danby, King and Grier Johnston.

The Grove United Circuit held its annual official board meeting in the basement of the Lansdowne church on Tuesday evening, March 30th. The reports were considered very favorably indeed and there were bright discussions by the members of the board. The books are being kept open till Monday, April 12th to complete the financial returns of the year.

The service held on Sunday evening last at St. Andrew's church, Fairfax, under the auspices of the Young People's Club, was very successful, much interest being shown, and a very good offering on behalf of the Maintenance and Extension Fund being secured. The president of the club, Mr. Robert Allen, read the Scripture lesson and members made up the choir.

Miss Chatti Cross, who spent the winter at Halstead's Bay, has returned to her home in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foley, Sault Ste. Marie, who were married on March 11th, spent part of their honeymoon with relatives here, returning home on Saturday.

H. O. Webster is a patient in the Kingston General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Merrick McKay and family have moved to Yonge's Mills

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where Mr. McKay has a position on the C.N.R. Mr. and Mrs. William Tedford and daughter, of Newboro, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Tedford.

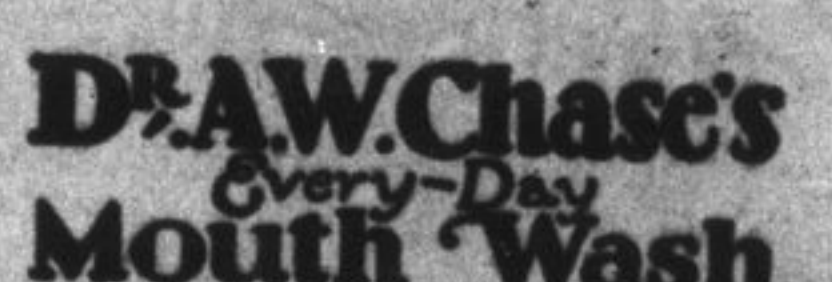


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