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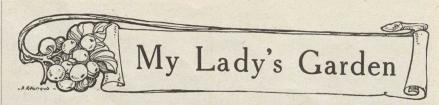


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Garden Chat

By W. P.

THE work necessary in the garden during the latter part of May and the first part of June is usually the heaviest and the most important of the whole season. There are so many things to be done that one often wonders if it will all be accomplished

Those who have started gardening early in the season and made preparations for June planting will find the work comes much easier than when trying to do it all at once. For those who are busy most of the day a few hours work in the evening or morning will work wonders. There is no time like the morning for gardening. One always feels so much fresher and can work without the fatigue very often present when work is done in the evening. It is during the month of June that we get the greatest amount of sunlight and by rising a little earlier each morning there will be found plenty of light for the work and much pleasure in accomplishing something very often before the other members of the family are up.
Bulbs should be lifted and placed

in a trench in some out of the way place in the garden and left to ripen. Manure should be dug into the flower beds before planting other plants where the bulbs have been growing.
Gladioli bulbs can be planted in

succession of two weeks apart, which will give a succession of bloom until frost.

It is not wise to plant any of the very tender annuals until the first of June. In some of the northern parts there is frost even after this date.

There is nothing that adds more to the tropical appearance of a flower garden than some good liliums. There are the lilium auratum, rubrum and album, of which the first mentioned is the most showy and best to grow. These bulbs can be planted sufficiently deep to allow their being left in the ground permanently.

Dahlias planted in the middle of June have often been known to give better quality of blooms than those planted earlier. The reason some of the growers give for this is that the late planting does not allow the plants to produce blooms during the hot and dry month of August. The best dahlia blooms are usually those that The best flower just before frost.

Rose bushes should be carefully watched for insects. As quickly as they appear the bushes should be sprayed with some of the many excellent spraying mixtures that may be obtained from any seedsman.

If the sparrows are eating the tops off your sweet peas a remedy can be found in driving three stakes all along the rows at a distance of about eight feet apart. Place the centre stake about the middle of the row and just a little higher than the top of the Place another stake on each side of the row about three inches two stakes into the ground within other test is to take a handful of the three inches of the top. String black soil and close your hand tightly upon thread along the top of these the it. If it remains a solid lump the whole length of the row. The spar-rows will become mixed up with the The average amateur plant thread and it will frighten them off. a mistake in not firming the soil a-This method has been tried successfully for years.

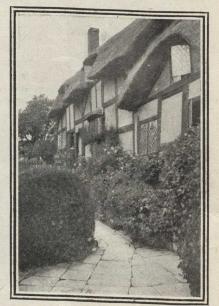
Keep pansy blooms well picked. The more you pick the better the quality of bloom will be and the larger the flowers. Do not forget to water and shade the newly planted plants for two or three days after raspberry bushes, leaving only three planting is done. The latter part of or four of the strongest growths for the month thinning and cultivating fruit next season, become necessary. Weeds rapidly multiply your goosely make their appearance and must be kept constantly checked.

to have a tropical effect the same can be obtained by the use of castor oil plants, and using house plants such as palms, rubber plants, aspidistras, among these can be placed fuchsias, gladioli, petunias, tuberous begonias and other smaller plants to fill up.

Fruits and Vegetables

K EEP a sharp look out for insect pests. Some of them usually make their appearance during this month. Spraying is about the only efficient remedy for their extermina-

Remove the weeds from the strawberry beds and keep the surface soil stirred. Strawberry should never be allowed to blossom or fruit the first season of planting. Remove the blossoms so that the strength of the plants goes toward forming strong plants. When picking berries never leave them in the sun. Strawberries are better when sided by pinching off a part of the picked by pinching off a part of the stem, touching the berry as little as possible. Do not remove the hull until preparing for the table. Those desiring large berries must do con-



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siderable thinning as quickly as the fruit is set.

About the second week of June it is safe to plant the most tender vegetables, such as cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, melons. Much trouble is often experienced during the month of June by cut worms destroying to-mato plants. Various methods have been suggested to overcome this trouble but the best remedy so far appears to be the digging of Apterite into the soil before planting. It is said that this preparation destroys all insects, worms, etc., that live in the soil.

Avoid planting immediately after a heavy rain. The best test to know whether the soil is fit for planting is to walk over it, and if the soil adfrom the centre stake. Drive these heres to your boots don't plant. An-

The average amateur planter makes round the roots of the plants when planting. It is not sufficient to make a hole, drop the plant in and scrape the soil upon the top. This often leaves the roots suspended in a hole in the ground.

Thin out the suckers around your If you want to multiply your gooseberry bushes, just bend down some of the branches to the ground and pin them there, cov-If you have a large bed and desire ering them over with soil. New