

ing the plants. The method of making hot beds was given in the February number. The last week in this month is time enough for hot beds for general use.

FLOWER GARDEN.

There is nothing can be done in this way except the weather be extra fine at the end of the month, and then only prepare for the coming month. Keep your hyacinths and tulips protected, and all tender plants, for they suffer more this month and the next than in the extreme cold. In fact there are more plants killed in March and April than through a hard winter. Gardeners and amateurs should now prepare themselves with such seeds as they require, that they may have them ready to put in the ground when the weather is fine and the ground in good order and works well. This is very essential, to ensure success.

To get good double balsams for early blooming, a few should be put into a moderate-hot bed; also portulacca double, phlox drummondii, Ten-Week Stocks, and all such annuals as you wish to bloom early. Carnations: This is a very charming flower, but not in much cultivation here. There is a large family of them by name. They are divided into three classes: bizarres, flakes and picotees. The latter of late years have been made a distinct variety. Bizarres are distinguished by having two colors on a white ground; and flakes, by having only one upon a white ground. In the picotees, the color ought to be confined to the margin of the petal. A greater degree of fullness is admissible, proportionate with the lightness or narrowness of the marking. The color should be clear and distinct. The propagation of this beautiful flower is best done by layers. The proper parts for this are those leafy shoots arising near the crown of the roots, which, when about five inches high, are a proper degree of growth, and the sooner it is done after the shoots are ready, the better, so that they may have sufficient time to acquire strength before winter. The method of performing this work is to provide first a few hooked sticks three or four inches long, to peg the layers down; also get in some light rich mould in your barrow to put around each plant; first strip off all the leaves from the body of the shoots, and shorten those at the top an inch or two evenly; then fix upon a strong joint about the middle of the shoot, and on its under side cut the joint half way through, directing your knife upwards so as to slit the shoot up the middle almost to the next joint above. This done, loosen the earth around the plant, and if necessary, add some fresh mould to raise it, for the more ready reception of the layers. Then with your finger make a hollow or drill in the earth to receive the layer, which you bend gently down in the opening, raising the top upright, so as to keep the gash or slit-part of the layer open, and with one of the hooked sticks peg down the body of the layer to secure it in its proper place, and draw the earth over it an inch or two. If the earth be moist, they will strike root in five or six weeks. When they have formed good roots, take them from the old plant by means of a knife, and plant them where required.

When seed is sown, it is not usual for carnations and pinks to bloom the first season; but when sown early, flower stems are occasionally thrown up late in the autumn, and be destroyed by the frost. The seed will generally lie in the ground about a month after sowing. About the middle of this month, persons having convenient places and warm rooms may fill small boxes with earth, that will stand in the windows for sun in the day, and covered from frost at night. Early tomatoes, celery, a few balsams, double portulacca, a few lettuce, &c., may be raised by this means, also a few cabbage plants. A glass placed over the box will increase the heat to get the seed up, but must be removed when the plants are up.

H. WHITNALL.

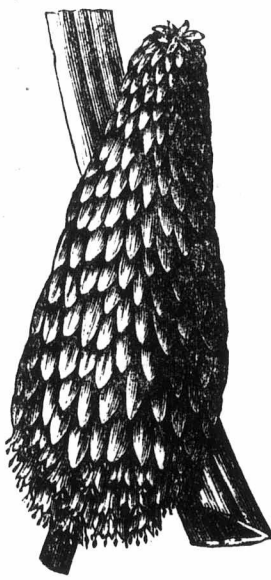
Pets.

As developing the gentler side of our nature, the rearing of pets is to be recommended to the young. The purest and sweetest satisfactions grow out of sentiments of pity, tenderness and love, and such tend to form the noblest and most truly great characters. Though not so obtrusive as stronger and more antagonistic qualities, they have a persuasiveness and ultimate rule which insures the most lasting conquest. "The meek shall inherit the earth." In the hearts of children, therefore, let us seek to mature all those kindly feelings of which they will have full need to withstand the harshness that

the rough dealing of the world begets. The child's play with its "protégé" kitten may be thus the seed of ripe fruits of tenderness and sympathy which shall be precious to sorrowing men. To fondle and love seem to be necessities of our nature. Human loneliness is abnormal, and society cannot exist without a measure of friendly relations. The greatest tyrant has had his favorites. The prisoner, the misanthrope, the outcast, attaches himself, if not to man, yet to some animal that affords companionship. Even a plant may, as Somtime has shown in his story of "Picciola," become personified, and the breath of human affection be mingled with its perfume.

—In the neighborhood of Kalamazoo a fatal malady has broken out among the horses. Eight horses have died within a few days—one man losing three. The disease is said to resemble black-tongue. The animals live but a short time after they are attacked.

CHAPPED HANDS.—This is the season for the somewhat painful and decidedly annoying experience of chapped hands. A friend who has tried it fully, and saw it tried on others, says the following recipe will quickly restore the natural condition of the skin affected:—Quarter of a pound fresh lard, the yoke of an egg, a large tablespoonful of clear honey; mix this with the finest part of oatmeal flour, and apply two or three times a day and on retiring at night, till a cure is effected.



Tritoma Uvaria.

Called in Europe the Red Hot Poker. It is said that no new flower attracted so much attention as this at the State Fairs when exhibited. The above is from Mr. Vick's collection of flowers. It is a bulbous-root, nearly hardy enough to stand out of doors all winter, but for safety it is better to take it up in the fall and plant it out again in the spring.

We have procured a few of the bulbs of this novel and beautiful flower, and will supply them at the same price as the Americans—50 cents each. Ladies who wish to excel in ornamenting their flower gardens should have one. We send them post-paid at that price.

The time for bulbs will soon be here, and when ordering grain, stock or implements, you may require some really good and reliable seeds. We guarantee our present stock of seeds to be fresh, true to name, and pure. See our catalogue and weekly seed list. Make your selections. Send early.

Brown Bread.—Two quarts corn meal, with as little boiling water as it will wet through; add one quart unboiled wheat or rye meal, a small teacup of molasses, and a tablespoonful of salt; mix thoroughly with a spoon, thinning down with milk to the consistency of a thin pudding; bake slowly several hours in a covered iron basin. Many persons suppose it necessary to have rye meal for this bread, which is often difficult to obtain; the Graham wheat is fortunately kept in most of the stores, and is, I think, preferable.

A Warning to Distraining Bailiffs.

A story full of warning to Sheriffs' officers and those who administer the hard law of distraint, was told in the Crown Court at Durham last week. There appeared before Mr. Justice Wiles a prisoner named Bridget McIntyre, aged thirty-one, who was charged with the manslaughter of George Vasey, a bailiff, at Willington, on Feb. 1. The deceased man went to the cottage of the prisoner's husband to distraint for rent. The lowly home, it would appear, did not present many articles of value for the Sheriff's officer to seize; but there was a cradle, and George Vasey said that he must have that. Mrs. McIntyre pointed out that her child was lying in the cradle, and she consequently refused to let the bailiff take it. He insisted that he must carry it away; the mother declared he might make off with anything except her infant's sleeping crib, but that, she said, he couldn't or shouldn't touch. The altercation grew more and more warm, the man insisting, threatening, beseeching, and at last in her maternal rage, defying the officer of the law. At length he and those with him cut the matter short by taking the baby out of the cradle, and passing the cradle itself to an under-bailiff who was waiting at the door. Thereupon the patience of the Irish wife gave way, and George Vasey found out to his cost *quid femine possit*—what, in fact, a mother will do when people meddle with

was set at liberty, having been in prison no more than three weeks from first to last.

Youth's Department.

Answers.

TO PICTORIAL PUZZLE IN FEB. NUMBER.

Correct answers by Sarah M. Crawford, Malvern; Mrs. D. B. Campbell; Ellen Carruthers, Glenvale; James Rennie, Toronto; Miss—Maple Grove; J. E. Shore, Westminster; Jeannette Johnson, Wyandott.

"McCarling Wheat."

TO ANAGRAMS.

Correct answers by Jeannette Johnson; J. E. Shore, Alameda Cook, Miss—, James Rennie, Ellen J. Carruthers, Mrs. A. B. Campbell, Sarah M. Crawford.

- Honor and fame from no condition rise, Act well your part, there all the honor lies.
- Don't be discouraged, if you should Oft meet with sore vexations,— There's nothing done that's great or good, Without some provocation. Mean, jealous men will always sneer At every noble deed; But what of that! just persevere, Determined to succeed.

TO PUZZLES.

Correct answers by Sarah M. Crawford, Malvern. 1 Milton. 2 Whiskey.

PICTORIAL PUZZLE.



Answer next week.

PUZZLES.

- My first in form is a preposition Requiring to be placed in right position. My second, a relation—is most dear: The sweetest sound that falls on woman's ear. My third is a family which everybody knows, Is somewhat distantly related to the nose. My whole's a fruit of many beauteous hues, Which thrifty housewives know well how to use.

- My first for breakfast is so fine, Some take too much and cannot dine; My second's a medium, the state of which Defines your station, poor or rich; My whole is of a rapid growth, Producing sauce for meat or broth.

ACROSTIC.

Ye honored men who yearly toil Each day to cultivate the soil, One word to you I wish to say: Most of you want to make it pay, And if you'd like to know the way, Note down what more I have to say; Remember what I briefly state— You all should take the ADVOCATE.

J. LAWSON.

Why are ladies like watches? Because they have beautiful faces and delicate hands; are more admired when full jeweled, and need regulating very often.

Why is a farmer like a dentist? Because he pulls out stumps and fills acres (achers).

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Carrots	24 "
Cucumbers	36 "
Onions	56 "
Parsley	42 "
Peas	60 "
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