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Who would have thought, a while ago, when bitter winds were raging, And all the wintry world was chill, that deep beneath the snow The heart of summer life and heat a victor's strife was waging,

In Blossom Time.

Till in the trees that gave no sign the sap began to flow?

Before a single tiny leaf had shown the bud's increasing, Before a glimmer of the spring had brightened twig or spray,

The bloom and beauty all were pledged; a loving hand unceasing Was working in the winter time to bring the summer's day.

Margaret E. Sangster.

About the Farm.

Make The Farm Beautiful.

For the benefit of our children it pays to make home beautiful without as well as within. Blessed is he who tions and endearments, on which were proves with age, and is suitable for

ings should be in groups and clumps, in such a manner to open views near and distant and produce surprising effects, by way of contrast and color. We have purple, silver, golden and the various tinges of green colors to accomplish this. All suckering shrubs and trees, as well as soft maples, seed bearing box elders, and cotton woods are not suitable for lawn planting. However valuable a tree or shrub may be in the right place, it may become a

nuisance in the wrong place.

Above all we should plant a variety and not share the experience of many farmers of to-day whose maple trees are all dying at the same time, leaving the place treeless just when it ought to be in its prime. There is every chance of making a bungling job of your first planting unless you are an experienced landscape gardener, which none of you are, and rather than master the difficulties of this branch of horticulture, it would pay to engage a professional to assist and advise in laying out a new place, thus starting right and avoiding serious mistakes. cherishes the memory of a grand old For a durable, lasting shade tree, that homestead with its pleasant associa- does not obstruct the view, and im-







Provincial Horse Show, Calgary, 1910

spent childhood's happy days. Al- | planting around the house, is pre-emthough children will appear unappreciative of home attractions, yet there will come a day when thrown upon their own resources for a living, fighting the battles of life in a cold and unresponsive world, and when awakened to a fuller realization to all that is good and noble, they will recall with grateful remembrance not only the attractions of the old home, but hold in sacred regard the moral precepts and teachings of those who made home attractive for their sake. And as full grown men and women we can hear them repeat, "What father used to tell us," and "How mother used to do." Yes it will pay you a thousand fold if not for your own enjoyment then for those whom you shelter and provide for, to make home not a barren, disagreeable place, but an attractive abode. Nor does it cost much money

or labor to add attraction to a place. The amateur landscape gardener should imitate nature in his ground plot and carefully avoid planting in circles and rows, except in case of roads and lanes, for nature abhors symmetry and angles. Lawn plant-

inently the high growing elm tree. The different oaks should have a conspicuous place in lawn ornamenation. If in addition to ornamental trees and shrubs in number and kinds as circumstances allow, you have a good lawn kept short by smaller boys, and studded here and there with a few flowers to give color, the problem of home surroundings will be settled.

Rules For Peach Growing.

A leading authority writes:-1. High, dry, sandy or sandy-loam

2. Careful selection of varieties most hardy in fruit bud.

3. Vigorous, healthy feeding stock, budded from bearing trees of undoubt-

ed purity and health. Trees given the entire possession

of the land from the start. 5. Thorough culture from the beginning of spring until the new growth is well along.

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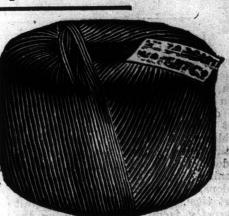
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