
ON GARDENS

I have had many illusions destroyed, and amongst the rest the idea that it is very easy to have a successful garden and requires no experience. I have also come to hold an admiration and esteem for those deserving plants that may be depended upon to do their best and be some satisfaction even under adverse circumstances. (That's why I have developed an ever-growing respect and fondness for petunias, potatoes and a few such.)

When I plant flowers now I am wary of novelties, and cling to the sweet old-fashioned, hardy varieties that with rich earth and ordinary care will repay your efforts.

And I should not be surprised if Mary were to do the same—next year.