



FIG. 2330. A PRIVATE GARDEN.

Back Yards.—It is not yet too late to sow some varieties of annuals for late flowering, and many a city and village back yard might be transformed from a barren waste, with rubbish heaps, to a place of beauty by a little attention during odd moments. Town boys and girls delight in helping in such work, and, judiciously planned, the work may be made to them both a source of health and of instruction in nature study. Fig. 2329, from *The Garden*, shows what can be done with such a back yard by utilizing every foot of space for flowers. Here the husband finds recreation from his office duties in the cultivation and care of his gladioli and other plants, while the wife has the benefit of that out of door life so necessary to her health and happiness, in the training of the bushes and the preparation of her table bouquets. In our illustration the Rudbeckia (Golden Glow) is seen to grow to

such a height that the lady requires an eight foot step ladder to gather the flowers, an instance of the excellent results attainable under such conditions.



FIG. 2331. A GARDEN BED.