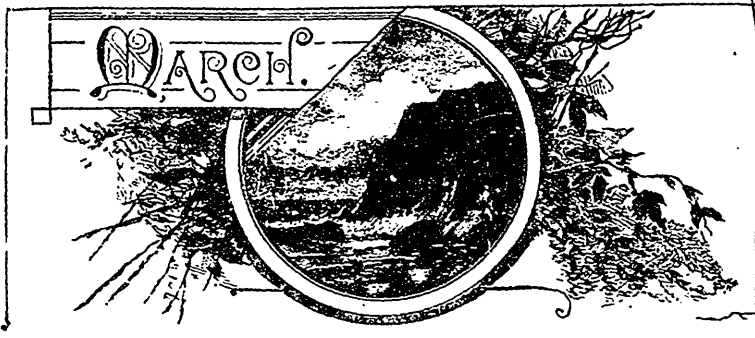


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LAYING OUT A LAWN.

JUST as it would be in poor taste for every man to build his house in imitation of his neighbor, so would it present a tedious monotony were every yard to be planned after the same pattern. It is obvious, therefore, that only a few general hints are within our province.

One of the first things to be done, after a yard is generally levelled, is to mark out the foot-paths and the carriage road. The old plan among most of our early settlers was to leave these to be worn out in the turf by constant use, and usually led by a straight line from point to point; and frequently a long straight walk was made across the lawn from the front gate to the hall door. An easy graceful curve in the approach, as shown on page three, is in much better taste, leaving the fine lawn in front

unbroken. For this plan the gate needs to be placed somewhat to one side, and in the direction most frequently travelled.

A good method for marking out a pathway was given in *Vick's Magazine* some years ago. It was to set up little sticks along the line designed for the road, changing them until the curve is made that seems graceful and pleasant to the eye, as shown in Fig. 18.

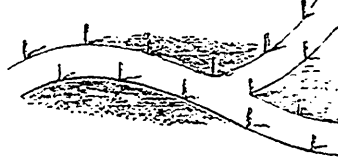


FIG. 18.

Unless these roadways and paths are properly made they will be a source of constant annoyance on account of grass