

With the Flowers.

Mrs. John Dalton asks how to get rid of lice on house-plants. We judge the lice referred to are the common green ones. Spray the plants with a solution of sulpho-tobacco soap, which may be obtained from any dealer in florists' supplies. If you cannot get the sulpho-tobacco soap conveniently, use castile soap instead, or water heated to 140 degrees if sprayed, 136 if sprinkled; a higher temperature than this will injure the foliage. See our issue of the last week in January for directions as to treatment of various insect pests.

Mr. John Walker, who is an enthusiastic flower lover, writes for hints on inside window vines, Sanseveria Zealanica, and the culture of ferns. He also wishes to know if tuberous-rooted begonias can be induced to bloom in winter. . . . We shall publish a paper on vines before long. In the meantime you might try the ivy geranium, a beautiful plant of easy culture, and the Manettia vine, which has pretty scarlet flowers tipped with yellow. Nothing can be prettier for the inside decoration of windows than the trailing varieties of asparagus, which should be placed on a shelf or bracket, then permitted to droop and spread at their own sweet will. . . . The Sanseveria is a cactus-like plant, of easy culture, which is much valued for placing in halls and corners of rooms, as it will flourish away from direct sunlight under conditions that would kill most plants. It is quite ornamental, its dark-green leaves being variegated with transverse stripes and blotches of white. Plant in good garden soil, and treat the same as cacti. . . . Regarding the tuberous begonias, I have consulted a horticulturist, who says that you might try putting the tubers in a cold, dark place for a couple of months; then plant them and force. You might in this way have them bloom during the last of the winter. Why not, however, try some of the other flowering begonias, which are very beautiful, and may be easily kept in bloom during the winter, even by amateurs. . . . Space will not permit a dissertation on ferns today, but a paper upon these well-deserved favorites will be given in these columns at an early date. I hope you will have good success with your Umbrella plant and Calla lilies. Many thanks for your words of appreciation.

FLORA FERNLEAF.

'Farmer's Advocate' office, London, Ont.

SOME HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS.

Dear Flora Fernleaf,—I want to tell the readers of the "Advocate" how they can have some beautiful and lasting flower beds:

No. 1. For a partially-shaded situation and good rich soil, try a bed like this: First, a row of sweet alyssum; next, a row of choice pansies; now, a row of mignonette; then fill the center of the bed with scarlet and white verbenas.

No. 2. Fill the center of another bed (with the same outside flowers) with white, red and pink phlox, and red and white Japan pinks.

No. 3. For a sunny spot, nothing is nicer than a whole bed of giants of California.

All these flowers will begin flowering in July, if sown in April, and continue till hard frosts; light frost does not hurt them. The flowers should be freely picked for bouquets, so they do not seed, and they should be freely watered in dry weather. I sow in boxes, or sometimes,

if the spring is early, in a bed outside; then transplant when quite small to five or six inches apart. When the plants begin to bloom, I pull up all dull or off shades; there generally are some, even in the best seed. I usually have a bed of mixed flowers; it is quite interesting to watch something new come out every day. A bed of nicotiana is lovely in the evening, and so fragrant; but plant by themselves, as they grow quite rank and smother other flowers. I generally have my asters by themselves too.

My vegetable garden has flowers mixed through it everywhere—poppies, petunias, nasturtiums, morning-glories, four-o'clocks, and sweet peas. There now, I have come to my one failure. My sweet peas will go to vines more than flowers. The vines will be so thrifty and large in the summer, with just a few flowers. Then in the fall, they will be completely covered with blossoms to freeze up with. I suppose the ground is too rich, and I had them running east and west. I will try them in another place this summer.

A FLOWER LOVER.

Probably your ground is too rich. You should plant sweet peas just as soon as the snow goes off, if possible, or at least just as soon as the frost is out of the ground, in order to induce earlier blooming.

An Organized Movement for Better Home Training.

This is the day of organized effort along all lines of activity—agricultural, industrial, educational, etc.—and it might seem that all phases of work had been covered. There is, however, I believe, one line along which much good could be accomplished, namely, an effort for better training in the home.

My plan is to have a department organized in every church, with a suitable leader—preferably the pastor—the object of which would be by every proper means to get parents and guardians to study how to advance the physical, mental, moral and spiritual well-being of the children under their care.

This department could proceed in many ways, but some of the things they would try to induce parents to do would be as follows:

1. Have parents read books on child training.
2. Have parents, wherever possible, start for each child a library of its own of the choicest books—the Self and Sex Series, suited to ages and sexes, to be part of it.
3. Have children early taught to pray, learn the catechism, memorize verses, etc.
4. Have children taught Bible stories from illustrated books, leaflets or papers.
5. Have a weekly paper to be taken by parents, containing hints on health, food, etc., ways of directing the self-activity of a child into proper channels; mistakes to be avoided, and a series of easily understood articles on the proper methods of controlling and managing children, so as to lead them to gradually develop that self-control which is so desirable. These articles could well be published in any newspaper.

There are books published suitable for teaching all the things enumerated above. Many parents would study such books if they knew them, knew where to get them, and fully understood the good to be gained from the study of such literature. Others could be best reached through the medium of a weekly paper.

What do you think of it? Any suggestion or criticism you may think helpful will be gladly received by the writer.

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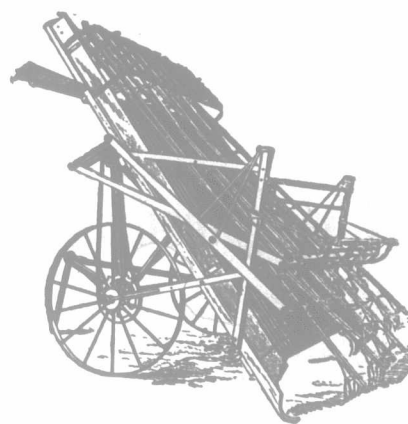
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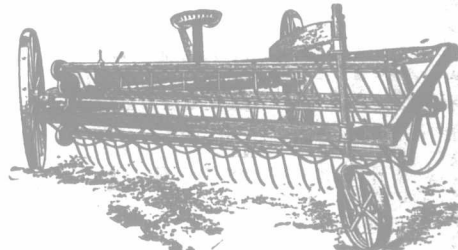
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