

be allowed to grow for a few months until they are ready to transplant into some permanent position. A border six to twelve feet wide down by the side of a neat fence or a hedge is a good place in which to grow such flowers.

Then there are the *Annuals*, many of which *must* be grown for old acquaintance sake. The seed of annual flowers should be sown early in the spring and young plants transplanted about six weeks later. They grow very rapidly. They should be planted in with the perennials or in beds and odd corners of the lawn and garden. Amongst them are China Asters, Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums, which are splendid as cut flowers for the house.

### What about Trees and Shrubs?

In addition to flowers, both annual and perennial, there are many beautiful flowering shrubs like the Mock Orange and the Lilacs, which should be seen around the farm home. Lastly, there are many splendid trees which add so much to the appearance of a home. Large trees like the Elm, Maple and Basswood will give shade, and others like the Flowering Crabapple, the Siberian Pea tree and Evergreen trees should be grown for both ornament and shade. As shelter and for windbreaks, evergreens also are most useful in winter.

### Some Simple Rules to Remember.

When arranging the home surroundings on a new site, or when attempting alterations to improve the surroundings of an established home, first of all make a simple plan and when doing so it will help you to keep in mind a few simple rules such as the following:—

1. Arrange everything first of all from the standpoint of convenience.
2. Don't place barns and outbuildings too far from the house nor the house too far from the main road.
3. Remember that the house should always be the chief feature of the picture. Where barns and outbuildings are too prominent they may be partly screened by using shrubs and trees.
4. A good lawn in the front of the house is always a great help. The vegetable garden and home orchard should occupy positions at the side or rear of the house and lawn.
5. Roadways, paths and fences are all necessary conveniences, and when well cared for they may be made attractive as well as useful features of the home surroundings.
6. Hedges, trees, shrubs and windbreaks must be correctly located at the time of planting, because they cannot be moved successfully after a few years of growth.
7. Study the layout of a neighbour's farm and find out what mistakes to avoid and remember that a good arrangement seldom costs more than a poor one. Aim for convenience and beauty combined.

### List of Easily Grown Flowers, Shrubs and Trees.

#### Annual Flowers:

Low growing sorts—California Poppy, Drummond Phlox, Mignonette, Pan-y-Verbena.

Medium height varieties—China Asters, Pot Marigold, Petunias, Pin-cushion Flower, Snap Dragon, Ten-Week Stocks, Scarlet Sage, Zinnias.

Tall growing varieties—Cosmos, Everlasting Flower, Salpiglossis, Tobacco Plant.

All of these will flower during the summer from seed sown in the spring.