

tions, is not that sufficient? Why should we waste time and money in making her beautiful? Simply because all these aims are prompted mainly by self-interest and ambition, but the work of beautifying Canada is done because we love her. To desire the material success of our country is patriotism. But no man is a fully-developed patriot unless he also desires his country to be fair and lovely to look upon, for all love, except love of money, desires beauty in the object on which it is lavished.

In pioneer days, necessity forced our grandfathers to think only of utility. Those days are past. The log buildings constructed so hurriedly are gone. Yet, those of you who played about the old log home, or who were pupils in the old log school, can call up precious memories of early days. And, harmoniously woven into each memory, are those old log buildings, which, in spite of their utility, exactly fitted their primitive surroundings. But those of you who attended school later on, when the white-painted Noah's Ark at the four-corners became the seat of learning, can you weave the memory of that unsightly edifice harmoniously into the background of your reverie? Close your eyes, and you can see the school stand up, bare and white and ugly. You can see the careless wood-pile, the unashamed outbuildings, the tall board fence, and the unowned, dusty hay which covered the enclosed quarter of an acre. Just across the corner was a wood-lot, cool, shadowy, inviting. There were wild flowers there in spring, and nuts in autumn, and leeks and raspberries, and other dear delights in their season. How vivid is the memory of that wood, although you were never allowed to stray there. You could only look across and enjoy its delights in imagination, and you loved to look, because there were no trees within the high board fence of the school yard. And, as you went home after school, there was a place where the road curved round the hill and just over the fence, a great oak tree grew on the edge of a grassy bank. Its branches were wreathed with wild grapevines, and from beneath its roots trickled the clear, cool water of a spring. What glorious times you had there. And, a few rods farther on, a shallow, sandy-bottomed creek was spanned by such a graceful bridge; then, curving around sharply, it again crossed the road, flowed under another bridge, and went singing away through meadow and woodland to the lake. Beautiful? Yes, lovely; and this is where your thoughts linger. As children, these beauty spots held for you an irresistible charm. After the boldness of the school surroundings, you revelled in them each night, and through the dreams of your childhood's days run glimpses of their beauty.

The Noah's arks still stand on the four-corners. They are still bare and ugly. To drape them with vines, to plant bulbs and old-fashioned perennials and flowering shrubs, to grow trees, beautiful shade-giving trees, and to do away with that annual horror, the bed of sickly, weed-choked flowers which is planted on Arbor Day, and left to its own sweet devices during the summer vacation, surely this is a work of love to which the parents of the present day are called. Why should the school surroundings of our young children teach nothing but utility, utility? And are we going to let generation after generation grow up without the softening, refining influence of beautiful home and school surroundings. The love of beauty is an antidote for the ugly lust of gain, which has been making such a clamoring noise in Canada during the last few weeks. This passion, if allowed to grow unchecked, blinds men to every other. It shuts out beauty and all perception of justice and right. It creates a nation with most unlovely characteristics. Is it not therefore, time to talk of something else in a land where there is nothing more wonderful than the profuseness with which the Maker has been pleased to shed over the work of His hands an endless and boundless beauty?

MINNIE C. DAWSON.

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**Re Transplanting Maples—Recipes.**  
Dear Dame Durden,—In a recent issue of "The Farmer's Advocate," in a paper by M. C. Dawson, President of the Park-Hill Women's Institute, she states that in making improvements to their town, they

transplanted a number of full-grown maple trees, when the snow was on the ground. I would be very glad to have full particulars as to the method of transplanting trees of such a size, proper time of year, cost, etc. Would also like to know if the methods employed in Western Ontario could be successfully followed in Eastern Ontario, where our winters are so much more severe.

Our home has a northern exposure, and there are no trees near the house other than four elms to the south in a group. The prevailing wind is from the north-west, and we would like to have trees planted as a wind-break, and also some to the north for shade and ornamental purposes. Can you suggest the kind of trees that would be best to use, and a suitable arrangement of same. It would be a great advantage, of course, if full-grown trees could be used.

Perhaps this is not in your line, but I hope you will be able to help me, if not directly, then indirectly, by telling me where to apply for the desired information.

I enjoy every part of "The Home Magazine," and have found the solution to many of my housekeeping problems in the columns of the Ingle Nook. In the hope of contributing my mite towards its interest, I send the following recipes:

**Steam Pudding.**—One-half cup lukewarm water, 1 cup syrup, 1½ cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 egg. Steam one hour, and serve with sauce. This may be varied, and made as rich as desired, by the addition of raisins, currants and candied peel.

**Maple Mousse.**—One cup maple syrup, yolks of 2 eggs beaten. Bring to a boil, and, when cool, add beaten whites and 1 cup of cream whipped. Freeze.

**Rice Custard.**—One-half cup of rice, 1 quart milk, salt. Steam or boil until rice is soft. Beat yolks of 4 eggs with 4 tablespoons sugar, and add just before taking from the fire. Flavor with vanilla. Put in a pudding-dish with beaten whites on top, and brown. Serve with cream.

**Fruit or Wine Layer Cake.**—One cup sugar, ½ cup butter, 1½ cups flour, ½ cup wine or fruit juice, 1 cup raisins, 2 eggs, and ½ teaspoon soda dissolved in a very little water. Bake in layers. Use white icing.

Thanking you in anticipation of the assistance asked for.

HELEN.

Any thick trees, such as Canadian pine, Norway spruce, etc., may be used for a windbreak. For shade trees, you can have nothing better than our own hard-wood maple, with, perhaps, a few mountain ash for the sake of their feathery foliage and pretty red berries. Were I planting for myself, I should have a thick, irregular grove, as near to nature's planting as possible, on the side of the house that had the poorest view, or at the back. There I should plant all sorts of woods flowers, and see that they were protected from the inroads of sheep or cattle, or too greedy hands. In front of the house, I should have an open lawn, with a few trees to form a screen from the road. If the lawn were large enough to require it, I might have a solitary tree or two wherever it would look best, or even, perhaps, a clump of them. I should try to have the whole effect look as though the vine-covered house had almost grown up of itself in a natural glade, open close to the house to admit of sunshine, open to the front, and to any side that admitted a fine view. Perhaps this will not be your idea, but, at all events, avoid spotty planting over the lawn. . . . I have referred the question re transplanting to Mrs. Dawson.

Reply from Mrs. Dawson.

Dear Dame Durden,—Transplanting full-grown trees has to be done in the spring as soon as the ground will permit. Just now is the time. You first trim the trees back, leaving only the main branches. Then you cut the sod around the tree at a distance of at least two feet from the trunk. Then dig down, your object being to dig up the tree, keeping as much soil as possible undisturbed. Cut off the roots as you come to them, leaving them, of course, as long as possible. When you have your tree dug up, place the butt end on a stone-boat and move to new location. Plant in a hole well bedded with manure, and cover ground around tree with sawdust

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### Flower Queries.

I have a Hoya Carnosa which does not flower. It is about seven and a half years old. Is planted in a horseshoe-nail box, gets enough water to keep it damp, is trained on a rack, and, when held up, is five feet high. Gets waterings of weak manure, is healthy, leaves are very green, large, and broad. It is planted in bush soil. Has never had a single flower. Does it need to be transplanted? If so, what size of box, or would you advise shaking out roots carefully and placing fresh soil in the same box? Should it have little or much water? Would it be best to take slips and dispose of the old plant? What kind of soil should it be planted in? Does liquid manure harm or help it? Should it be rested? If so, how? Should it be cut back?

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