

there can be so much in succession. One can have young green peas in September, quite as delicious as those of June. So, too, with the flowers. The September roses are as fine as those of May and June and almost as luxuriant. There are comparatively few people who can resist the fascination of gardening on this end of the "Treasure Island."

Relation of Climate to Success. — The thoughtful homeseeker will, of course, consider the climate as a big item. On it depends his welfare. "Plant life, the growth of crops, the range of products and their quality are intimately connected with the weather." The question of temperature, clouds, sunshine, absence of storms, of floods, and the relation of the rainfall to the



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seeding and harvesting of the crops must be considered. Not only the production but the health and comfort of the family depend on the climate. And we make the modest claim for this Southern end of Vancouver Island that its climate is unexcelled for the home-maker.

What a Mild Climate Means.—The wonderful influence of the Japanese current is often not enough considered. When it is remembered that we are here in the same latitude as countries of severe winter and hot summers and yet have a mild and enjoyable climate we must be grateful to the warming current of Japan, the Kuro Siwo, and the prevailing south-west winds. These make the difference, and so great a difference is it that we have the balmy air of the south about us and yet are of the north-west people, hardy, adventurous and vigorous. A happy combination indeed! Nor is the rainfall here excessive, as in some parts of the Pacific Coast. Most of the rain falls at night, and light showers, alternating with sunshine, are characteristic of the late winter months. As farmers, more summer rains would not hurt us, but as home-makers we can never complain of the bright summer. There is no excessive drought, the moisture of the sea breezes and the heavy dews on the slopes near the sea, and the more frequent showers on the hills, making up for the heavy rains elsewhere.