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nasturtiums, sweet alyssum. A few very valuable, because of their perfume, arestocks, mignonette, sweet sultan, and, of this clear? course, sweet peas, which you probably

planted a month ago. . . . . . Annuals that will re-sow, and come up next year -Japanese hops, poppies, morning glory, rose moss (a sort of portu-

Don't forget to put in some gladiolus bulbs, if you want some very fine flowers for cutting. They open splendidly in water if cut when the first flower opens.

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If your taste runs to old-fashioned gardens, you will think of marigolds, China asters, phlox, four o'clock, sweet sultan, balsam, sweet alyssum, poppies, cornflower, with the biennial and perennial Sweet William, hollyhocks, foxgloves, larkspur, columbine, and "old man." \* \* \* \*

Very good border plants are feverfew, alyssum, dwarf ageratum, lobelia, and dusty miller. If candytuft is used, cut off the seedstalks, and the plants will develop a thick, green mass of foliage, which is very attractive.

Plants that will bloom after frost comes are alyssum, candytuft, cornflower, marigold, annual phlox, stocks, verbenas. \* \* \* \*

Among the most BEAUTIFUL annuals are :- white alyssum, sweet peas, white and shell pink asters, stocks, purple morning glory, white candytuft, gaillardia, baby's breath (massed), nasturtiums, phlox drummondi, Shirley and Iceland poppies, verbenas. Please note this paragraph.

This article by no means exhausts the list of fine annuals, but those mentioned have been chosen especially for the selection of the woman who has but little time to spend on her garden. In closing, may we say, be sure to buy good, fresh seeds, directly from a reliable seedsman. The seed-cases of the "corner store" have been responsible for many a flower-garden failure. Last of all-try to have your garden express personality, individuality. Do not aim to have it a museum of splashy color. Better choose fewer kinds, and exercise thought and taste in arrangement. The result will be much more satisfying, and the process much more interesting.

#### To Peel County Women.

May I quote the following from a letter recently received from Mrs. Dawson, of Parkhill, who writes of the flower-garden competition for Peel County: "Mr. Pearson's plan and generosity are splendid. making the prizes continuous is in the right direction, and will help to accomplish his object"-to make every farm home in Peel County beautiful.

We are particularly pleased with the sentiment expressed by the first Peel County woman to enter the flower-garden competition: "Although our garden is in poor shape this summer, as we are making changes which will not allow us to plant where we wish, still it will be better for another year. We will do the best we can with what we have, and wish to enter the contest in the hope that it

will encourage others to try, too." This is the right spirit. May we urge upon all others who would like to enter this competition for prizes of \$30, \$20 and \$10-and the delight of a beautiful garden, whether a prize be won or not,the advisability of sending in their applications as soon as possible? Much expense in starting the garden is not necessary, nor a great extent of flowers. Ever so tiny a plot, which displays taste in the arrangement of flowers and vines, will stand quite as good a chance as a larger

As Mr. Pearson specified "flower - garden," not speaking at all of lawns or grounds in general, we would suggest that each competitor who already has lawns, with grass which must not be broken up, make her flower-garden quite separately, say ut the back or side of the house. This is really the plan advised by the best I deane gardeners. Lawns at the front started by no mean he broken for flower-had although flowers hay be used in borders, the flower-gard in especial being placed a rear

Remember, then, it is "flower-gardens" that are to be judged, not lawns. Is

#### Sea-foam Candy.

Dear Dame Durden,-In your Ingle Nook of April 13th, I noticed a request for a recipe for making sea-foam candy. The following recipe is a favorite with college girls: 21 cups brown sugar, 1 cup water, white of 1 egg, walnuts and flavoring. Boil the sugar and water until it is a little past the ball stage when dropped in water, add teaspoonful vanilla. Have ready the white of the egg beaten stiff with a silver fork on a platter. Pour the candy slowly on the egg, beating constantly until stiff. Drop in spoonfuls on buttered paper, placing walnut on each. MOLLIE. Oxford Co., Ont.

#### Fireless Cookers Again.

Since last week, we have found out a little more about the manufactured fireless cookers. We find that there are two kinds. (1) The "Chatham No. 8," which acts on the principle of retention of heat, and is only good for stews, custards, scalloped potatoes-anything that can be simmered or steamed. This cooker, with three cavities for pots, and a set of three aluminum cooking utensils, retails at about \$10. (2) The "New Chatham" and "Jewel" cookers, which are provided with metal discs which are slipped in hot, so that roasting, baking and frying can be done also. These range in price from \$10 to \$18, according to size, including cooking utensils.

The saving in fuel and time by using a fireless cooker will be apparent. With the evening fire, which must be put on in the cookstove to heat water for scalding milk utensils, you start your porridge, or any dried fruit, such as prunes, which you wish to have for breakfast, and put them into the cooker boiling hot. By morning they will be thoroughly cooked. Both porridge and dried fruits require very long and thorough cooking, so you can see the advantage here.

With the morning fire, which must again be put on for the milk vessels, the kettle for breakfast can be boiled, stews, puddings, etc., started for dinner, and the fireless cooker again put into use.

With a "New Chatham" or "Jewel Cooker," I find, on consulting the cookbook, that occasionally the discs have to be reheated in cooking very large roasts. In this case, I should imagine a small coal-oil stove, in addition to the cooker, would be advisable, to prevent the neces sity of starting ap the kitchen fire. Indeed, I should think a small coal-oil stove would be very useful in most cases, to boil the kettle quickly for tea, and save putting on a wood-fire, unless, indeed, one did as the Chinese do, made the tea at breakfast time, drained it off the leaves and put the clear decoction to keep warm the cooker. The discs, it may be noted, may be heated over any wood, coal or gas flame.

We cannot, however, give all particulars here, so I would advise all who are interested to write at once to the manufacturers, the Manson Campbell Co., Chatham, Ont., asking all questions.

To myself, it is clear that the fireless cooker would be a boon to any farm woman who has too much to do. Just think of the relief to own one, were it only on wash-days, Sundays, and goingto-town days. Of course, it would be necessary to follow exactly the directions given in the cookbook supplied with each cooker, also to use one's own commonsense occasionally. For instance, I find by the cookbook that cabbage will cook in the "fireless" in two hours. Now, suppose the cabbage is started and put in at breakfast time. It will be done at nine o'clock, but commonsense will say, "Do not open the cooker. Cabbage will not spoil by staying there. Leave it to keep hot for dinner"-and so on.

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