

keitsje Perring. Tais is our gardenia. It is smaller, certainly, but equally exquisite in scent, and, with a little care, it flowers in great profusion. The tuberose also flourishes amazingly in the open air with but the smallest attention and cultivation. The bulbs shoot up their three or four foot stems, each bearing very sweet smelling flowers, in an incredibly short space of time.

In Pretoria, roses are prolific—in fact, most of the streets are bounded by rose hedges throughout their length, and they bloom with a frail, pink, monthly rose blossom for three-quarters of the year. In public places, such as Burgher's Park, the profusion of roses, lilies, carnations and tuberoses is bewilderingly beautiful. The wild orchids of Swaziland are famous. They are of at least twenty different kinds, and, although now no longer rare or valuable, they are exceedingly curious, and, with a little care and extra heat, they can be induced to develop into very wonderful plants.

The blue gum tree, or common eucalyptus tree, flourishes amazingly, and, from a tiny seedling, grows to twenty feet high in three years. This seems surprising, but it is hard, solemn fact. A well known English tenor, who was travelling in the Transvaal, once remarked, that he verily believed that if you planted walking sticks you could reap umbrellas in a fortnight.

On nearly every veranda in Johannesburg grows the easily trained and use granadilla. This is a species of passion flower, with a pretty little feathery starred flower, and a very delicious egg-shaped, crinkled-up, brownish-green fruit, containing a yellow pulp, with many flat, black seeds. It has a cooling, slightly acid flavor, which must be tried to be appreciated. The granadilla grows easily and quickly, and in flower, in fruit, and in foliage, it is very beautiful.

STAMP-COLLECTING AND TUBERCULOSIS.

A French army surgeon warns philatelists that stamps may be the means of disseminating tuberculosis. He had in his employ a servant suffering from advanced pulmonary tuberculosis; the man was a great stamp collector, and occupied his spare time in fixing stamps in albums. The surgeon discovered that the man used his saliva to moisten the stamps, captured some 300 of the specimens upon which his servant had operated, and placed them in sterilized water. This water was then used for the purpose of inoculation experiments, and eight guinea pigs thus inoculated died with

characteristic tuberculosis lesions. The surgeon warns parents against allowing their children to place any stamps near their mouths for the purpose of moistening them.

THE ARAB AND HIS HORSE.

The Arab is regarded as the first of horsemen and the Arab mare as the perfect steed.

Not for me the dullard camel,

Deck her saddle as they may,
Bounding with her crest uplifted

Dearer far my blood-red bay!
My blood-red bay a touch will turn her
In the hottest of the fray.

The Arab's idea of horse taming is of the simplest. The colt is treated from the first as a member of the family, like the Irish peasant's pig. It goes in and out of the tents and is so familiarized with the doings of that extraordinary creature man that there is never any need of breaking it in. The Bedouin is very careful of his mare. He does not mount her when he sets out to play tricks upon travellers. He rides a camel to which his mare is tethered. Not until the caravan is in sight does he mount the mare and give chase. There is, by the way, an impression that the Bedouin is a bloody-minded person who would as lief take your life as not. This is unfair to him; he is a thief of very peaceable inclinations, and much prefers to effect any necessary transfer of property with as little bother as possible.—"The Knight."

WHAT MAKES A HOME?

In an address before the National Council of the Women of Canada, at Toronto, recently, Lady Aberdeen said:

"What is that indefinable something that makes a home: that reveals itself in the books and pictures, in the arrangement of the rooms, in the preparation for a guest, in the tones of the children, in the expression of husband and wife? We cannot describe it, but we recognize it at once when it is present, and no house can be truly a home without some measure of it.

We do not need just houses where we can eat and sleep healthily, but we want homes full of rest and peace and beauty and refreshment. Full of power, therefore, to send out men and women inspired with the spirit and devotion to all that is true and beautiful to serve their day and generation."

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