

the amount of land necessary for other purposes, the direction of the view, and the location of approaches. Ordinarily the tennis court would be located on flat land, or land that could be made so readily; on the lawn, or near it, if a grass court; if a dirt court, screened from it by planting. The flower garden should be readily accessible from the house, out of the line of an important view. Its location and character could, and probably would, be varied to suit local circumstances more than any other subdivision of the ground. The vegetable garden would naturally take up its quarters at the back of the buildings near the stable and sheds, and its relative importance will be governed by the desires and tastes of the owner. All

this applies to the village lot which is all to be used for home grounds, but the same principles would apply to the home grounds which should be reserved about the farm buildings or about the house of any large estate in the country. There should be a distinct division between this, the home ground, which would be nicely kept, and the cultivated, mowed or grazing fields of the farm. It may be a fence or wall bordered by shrubbery, to one side of which would come the lawn and on the other the farm, or it may be a retaining or ha-ha wall with the lawn sloping from the house to it, and with planting along its borders above the wall.

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## THE WINDOW GARDEN.

**W**ASH THE PLANT'S FACE. Just now, in the depths of the winter's gloom, a thrifty window garden is a comfort and joy, though the actual realization in bloom is not likely to be as profuse as later in February, when the greater power of the sun stimulates a rapid growth. But few additions have been made to the list of practicable window plants during late years, except in the more extended use of palms, ferns, rubber trees and decorative plants of this character. Geraniums and Begonias are universally the favorites, and are grown wherever the night temperature of the living rooms can be kept above freezing. The later geraniums are really magnificent improvements, bearing immense blooms of clear and pleasing colors, and are well adapted for window decoration. At this season the endeavor should be to give them all the sunlight possible; every hour counts in increasing vigor of leaf and flower. Keep them well watered.

The dry, hot air of living rooms absorbs the surplus moisture from a pot of growing plants very quickly, and there is less danger of overwatering than is generally appreciated, in case free drainage to the soil has been provided. The foliage, too, should be thoroughly sprayed or sprinkled often enough to keep the plant tolerably free from dust. Dirt and dust on the leaves clog up the breathing pores, and interfere with healthy growth. The window plant often needs a washing just as badly as a boy with a dirty face, and will show a deal more gratitude for it. Managers of amateur greenhouses, on the other hand, are likely to affect the opposite extreme and shower their plants into debility. The air of a small conservatory or glasshouse is easily rendered too damp for the best conditions of plant life during dull weather. Careful and loving observation of the growing plants will soon acquaint one with their peculiarities and desires.

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