

## "Flourfax" Fables

### The Honest Flour Barrel and the Farmer's Wife.

Once upon a time an Honest Flour Barrel was sent out to a farmer's house, full of flour—the wise wife looked the barrel over carefully and then said to her husband:

"I don't think this is the flour I wanted—I don't see 'Royal Household' on it."

"No; it ain't 'Royal Household,'" said the larmee.

—"but it is just as good."

—"for the grocer said so."

—"when I asked for 'Royal Household,' he recommended this kind, saying it was just as good, but didn't cost as much. So I said I'd try it."

"I wish you had done as I said,—I don't think much of these 'just as good' grocers anyway—I want the flour that is purified by electricity, for I believe it is healthier. However, since we have got this, I suppose we might as well use it," and she had the barrel rolled into the pantry and opened up.

"Looks pretty," she said to herself.

"Madam," spoke up the Honest Flour Barrel, "even flour experts can't tell about flour just by looking at it. Any flour, if there is no other flour to compare it with, looks white and nice, but if you bake it into bread and then bake 'Royal Household' into bread, you can see the difference."

"Now, the truth about this flour is, it is made of cheap wheat, in a cheap mill by a cheap process. Flour that is not highly purified contains a lot of stuff that isn't flour, and the process of taking all of it out is expensive—that's why pure flower costs more."

"Pure flour is worth all it costs and more too. If you knew the whole truth about flour, you'd send me back and get 'Royal Household.'"

And the Honest Flour Barrel having said its say subsided, but after the first baking, back went the barrel to the grocer and "Royal Household" Flour was sent in its stead.

Now the Farmer's Wife uses "Royal Household" and nothing else.

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### Dainty Favorites.

In a garden that we know grew up a great coarse borage—stems four feet high, leaves rough and jagged, flowers red and blue, mingled in the same flower cluster. We had let the plant grow, not knowing what it was, nor what beauty might not be developed from the woolly bud coverings; but when the blossoms came out, all that was to be known was known, and there was nothing left but to dig up the rough borage, and see to it that some more patrician denizen of the yard occupied its place in future. The thought came that among flowers as well as among people, there are all grades between coarseness and delicacy. There are the little violets that peep forth in spring, daintiest of the dainty, and from them the stately, the gaudy, the more gaudy, and the coarse. The ideal garden will have in it a great percentage of the daintier flowers, for, however effective a clump of sunflowers or hollyhocks may be in their place, a plot made up of such daring Philistines could not appeal to the finest of one's sensibilities, nor give the lasting pleasure and surprise which waits in the successive opening of the more delicate beauties.

In choosing the dainty flowers which we are to have, there are several things to look to: color, attractiveness of foliage, silkiness of petal texture, and the elusive gradations of tinting shown in the apple-blossom, or in the tea-rose, in whose depths cream deepens to yellow, or white to rose-pink. Most of all, perhaps, one may consider perfume; and yet it is something to be remarked that nearly all of our perfumed flowers are, in all other respects, delicately beautiful.

Shell-pink, mauve, pale blue and white, are the colors most commonly recognized for their daintiness, and she who wants a bouquet at all times fit for the Queen of Fairies herself, will see to it that from her garden these colors have not been eliminated. Of pink flowers the name is legion, and one has only to think of the great sisterhood of roses, the daisies, the pink honeysuckle, bleeding-heart, flowering almond, pink hyacinth, and the palest of rose peonies, to be reminded of many others. In mauve there is a smaller representation. Heliotrope is of mauve color, but is valuable chiefly for its exquisite perfume. Some of the lavender asters, on the other hand, which have no perfume, are magnificently beautiful, especially those of the chrysanthemum and ostrich-feather varieties. Chrysanthemum and ostrich-feather asters in white and in palest pink, are also very fine, and may be had by specifying to the seedsman that seeds for these shades are wanted. Mauve in lilacs, crocuses and hyacinths will, of course, suggest itself at once; but less widely known is the peculiar lavender of the agapanthus, a magnificent plant with lily-like leaves and strikingly handsome flower-clusters—very effective for growing in tubs on lawn or veranda during the summer months.

Among blue flowers, the forget-me-not and lobelia are, perhaps, the most "lovable." Ageratum is, however, quite effective as a border-plant to Leds of caladium or ricinus, where no scarlet or pink appears with which the blue of the ageratum may come to daggers.

Among white flowers, almost invariably all from the snowdrop which creeps out from under the snowbank in early spring, to the glistening anemone of late October, may be given a place among those finer blossoms which so snugly in to our hearts. Hyacinths, lilies of

the valley, June lilies, the Day lily with its faint sweet breath, spiraea, syringa, gypsophila, alyssum, candy-tuft, tuberose, even the stately auratum lily with its golden splashes; these but a few of the scores of white flowers which may be planted in our gardens, for white may always be used lavishly.

In closing, one cannot but speak an especial word in favor of the pansy, which, though without perfume and clad in the most royal of purple and gold, yet nestles down so modestly, as to deserve a place amongst the dainty favorites of the garden. Nor can one forget mignonette and sweet peas, which have come to be necessities to those who have once grown them.

To those who are especially desirous of having perfumed flowers in their garden, the following list may, perhaps, be helpful: Fragrant Flowers—Hyacinth, narcissus, lily of the valley, English violet, rose peony, lilac, Siberian currant, honeysuckle vine, carnation, pink, mignonette, sweet peas, nicotiana, rose, stocks, wallflower, lemon lily, day lily, tuberose, cinnamon vine, sweet sultan, verbenas.

FLORA FERNLEAF.

### Love Them All.

While it is a fact that few persons can be wholly impartial, it is imperative that the true mother should so control herself that no suspicion of any feeling of impartiality among her children shall be noticed. Indeed, it is a tendency against which all parents should guard most strenuously. To show preference for one child over another plants in the heart of the neglected one a sting that will pierce into the very life of the little one, and often cause disastrous after-results. No child likes to realize that his brother or sister is preferred above himself by their mother.

Besides this, it is an inexcusable outrage against justice for a parent to show a dislike or a carelessness in regard to one child and tender solicitude for another. Many children become discouraged and fail in their studies in school because the teacher shows partiality for other children, and how much more bitter will a similar condition seem to a child in the home where each child is supposed to hold equal place. Justice knows no law but equality, and if a parent feels more affection for one of her children than for another, she should put her feelings sternly aside, and put judgment and conscience in their stead.

It is this partiality, plainly shown by some parents, that causes rebellion, carelessness, indifference to home influence, and, perhaps, later on, folly and vice, among children. People often remark upon the fact that children reared in the same home, by the same parents, and under like conditions, still "turn out" so differently. Perhaps one will become a pride and joy to the parents and a desirable citizen in the community, while his brother may become the "black sheep" of the flock. The idea that there must be a proverbial "black sheep" in every family is a false one. There may be cases where, even though every effort on the part of the parents has been made towards good, that a child goes wrong notwithstanding, but if close and conscientious investigation were made by the parents into their methods and example, partiality might be often found to be the cause of the result. At all events, it is a feeling to be kept well under control in the home. Parents, your children are your own, love them all.—[Detroit News Tribune.]

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