

horse, but the cost will be slight. This is all the expense that need be incurred if you are willing to do the work of securing and setting out the plants yourself.

In securing your shrubs and plants aim to save all the roots you can and to disturb them as little as possible. Never allow them to become exposed to sunshine in transit, or to become dry. Cover them with wet pieces of old carpet as soon as dug, and see that they are kept wrapped up until set out.

In setting them make the soil firm about them, and then water thoroughly to settle the earth evenly and compactly. Do not make the mistake of selecting large shrubs, in your desire for immediate effect. Large shrubs will be likely to lose so much of their old growth, as the result of transplanting, that in two years' time smaller ones will have got the start of them in size and be a great deal more vigorous.

Wild Roses, Elders, Dogwoods, Clethra, Celastrus, Clematis flammula, Helianthus, Rudbeckia, Vernonia, Thalictrum, Spirea aruncus, Asters, Goldenrod, Lobelia—these and many others equally as desirable are to be found in almost all localities, and every one of them can be transplanted with entire safety, provided the conditions heretofore spoken of are observed. And this list simply includes the plants you are most likely to find in an ordinary trip to the country. Careful search will lead you to find those of more retiring habit, whose haunts are somewhat aside from the beaten path.

#### Floral Notes.

##### Dont's.

Don't go in partnership with weeds. They will take the lions share always.

Don't take some old weed patch for a flower bed. It will give you no end of trouble.

Don't buy little dribble packages which at best will give you but a few plants. Have a plenty.

Don't cut a hole in the lawn turf and plant your roses there and wonder why they don't do well.

Don't be satisfied merely with the cheap or medium. You may have to start with these, but aim for the very best ways.

Don't plant in grassy and ill prepared ground, and then leave your flowers to neglect. "Eternal vigilance" is the price of anything worth having.

Don't delay placing your orders for plants and shrubbery. If you wait you may get only culls, and plants never do as well if put in after they leaf out.

Don't be stingy with the front yard. You furnish your house well, why not be liberal with the yard? Your furniture will soon become second hand, but if you plant your yard judiciously \$10 will soon grow to \$100.

Don't expect to get the choicest paeonies, phloxes and other perennials at the same price as common ones. There are costly thoroughbreds among flowers. You can't buy a beautiful registered Jersey for the price of a common scrub. You can buy any amount of paeonies for ten cents each, but a high grade one may cost you a dollar. But as they multiply rapidly it always pays to get a good start.

#### Sowing Tiny Seeds.

These are often wasted by sowing them with an extravagant hand; another waste is deep planting. Mix the fine seeds with ten to twenty times their bulk of sand and sprinkle them over the seed bed from a pepper-box. A light covering of fine white sand makes an ideal blanket for the bed of tiny seeds. This will not "crust" or "bake" in the wind and sun like a clay loam, which often will not yield to the upward pressure of the plantlets. Secure a supply of fine, white sand for this purpose and use it when needed.

#### Easily Grown Flowers.

Sweet peas are deservedly popular, because of their ease of culture, pro-

fusion of bloom, dainty colors and delightful fragrance. Plant them in any good garden soil, fertilized well with rich cow manure, in rows preferably running east and west. Keep the flowers well picked each day to prevent seed pods forming, for, like pansies, the vitality of the plant is impaired by the production of seeds. The seed should be planted very early in the spring, in trenches three or four inches deep, being covered only a little at first and the trenches gradually filled as the plants grow.

Few persons are acquainted with the merits of the gaillardia, or blanket flower, which is a hardy perennial and blooms in the summer in great profusion. It is about a foot high and has good stems for cutting. For an old-fashioned garden the new hybrids of French marigolds and zinnias, larkspur and fringed petunias are exceedingly beautiful and furnish a wealth of bloom for cutting.

#### Plans for Summer Flowers.

We are already beginning to plan our vegetable and flower gardens for the coming summer. I really have no flower garden, preferring to plant my flowers where they are most needed and will add to the beauty of the home surroundings, to growing them all in one place. A guard of tall sunflowers, with a sweet pea trellis before it, screens the necessary woodpile from the view of the passers by. The outhouses that are near the house are literally covered in summer with morning glory vines, and alyssum, petunias, and California poppies blossom gaily at their feet. Pansies lift their bright faces on each side of the doorstep, and madeira vines and scarlet runners twine over the doorway and windows. A south window in the kitchen has a cool screen of morning glory and cucumber vines. A far corner of the yard is decorated with the foliage of castor oil beans, and a canna or two, before which are planted phlox and verberna. Nasturtiums border the path to the well, and wherever there is a dry place where the grass does not grow well, portulacca is sown and covers the ground with its bright blossoms. Other flowers of various kinds peep out of odd corners, and from underneath windows, and I enjoy my flowers thus much better than I would in one mass in the garden, and they make the home much more attractive.—Mari Gold.

#### For Fair Gardeners.

Early plants of marigold flower in pots before replanting, and never stop until frost.

Morning glory is the best vine for the trellis. Soak the seed in warm water before planting. It self sows. The first frost kills it.

Ordinary petunia flowers profusely all summer, thrives anywhere, and self sows.

Annual phlox is the best dwarf plant for general purposes. It self sows. It is a good pot-plant.

The Japanese and Chinese pinks are showy flowers, three inches across, with a curious mixture of colors. They will stand cold weather, but not wet.

The California poppy is the most brilliant red annual. Do not transplant.

Sunflowers are the best growing annuals. The seeds are good for chicken feed.

Sow sweet peas early and cut the flowers promptly, if you wish flowers through the whole season.

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