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HOUSE PLANTS IN FARM HOMES Only those who have had house plants and then are obliged to be without them for a time know what pleasure there is in having a few nice specimens of plants in the window throughout the winter. This week's discussion gives some valuable hints regarding suitable varieties and necessary care and attention. It is easily seen that geraniums rank highest from almost every standpoint. Every homelover should read these articles and others that will appear in future issues and make it a point to have flowers in the future if this part of home decoration has been neglected.

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HOW TO GROW HOUSE PLANTS Editor Farmer's Advocate :

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All these plants must be grown in the sun. A shelf, six inches below the window sill, so that the sun will not shine on the pots is best. A thorough weekly washing in strong soap suds, pots, plants and all, I find excellent treatment, though the coleus resents such heroic measures. After washing carefully rinse the leaves in clear water.

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