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A FEW EARLY FLOWERING PERENNIALS.

DURING the latter half of May our gardens are bright with spring flowering perennials, but in the early part of the month the bulbs, alone, usually furnish us with all the bloom we have at that time. But while crocuses, squills, snow-drops, tulips, hyacinths and daffodils, if properly arranged, make a fine display, there are a few other charming early flowering plants which should not be omitted from any garden. The following are six of the best of them.

Spreading Pasque Flower (*Anemone patens*). This beautiful perennial begins to bloom during the last week of April. It has large, deep, purple flowers which are very attractive and excellent for cutting.

Ox-eye (*Adonis vernalis*). Though only attaining a height of from six to nine inches, this pretty little plant is very desirable. The flowers are large and of a lemon yellow colour, and the foliage finely cut and graceful. It begins to bloom during the first week of May.

Iceland Poppy (*Papaver nudicaule*). This poppy begins to flower during the second week of May and there is a profusion of bloom until early summer, when it rests for a time beginning afresh in the autumn. The flowers are of several colours, yellow, orange and white

being the most common; they make fine table decorations on account of their bright coloring.

Red barren-wort (*Epimedium rubrum*) A very graceful and beautiful little plant beginning to bloom during the second week of May. The flowers are small, bright crimson and white, borne in a loose panicle. The leaves of this plant are very pretty. There are several other species of this genus which are desirable. They are very ornamental as cut flowers.

Lovely Phlox (*Phlox amoena*). There are many species of early flowering phlox but this is one of the earliest and best. The flowers are bright pink in colour and the stems are long enough to make it a good flower for cutting. It begins to bloom during the second week of May.

Dwarf Jacob's ladder (*Polemonium humile pulchellum*). All the polemoniums yet tested here are pretty, and this is the earliest and one of the best. It is a profuse bloomer with violet blue flowers and small narrow leaves.

There are a few other early flowering perennials which are very desirable, such as the bleeding heart, tall leopard's, bane and trollius.

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