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N.B.—This list is corrected to 8th November, 1891.

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MARCH.—FLOWERS FOR FARMERS' WIVES.—So many farmers' wives have no place for flowers except, possibly, some far-off garden-spot, that I long to tell them how I have succeeded in raising flowers right at my back door, in spite of chickens and little pigs. I have had flowers in boxes and flowers in beds in the most hopeless situations and under the most discouraging surroundings, that, nevertheless, were a source of delight all summer.

First, as to flowers in boxes: Never let them get dry; provide good drainage; have the soil one-third sand, and use large boxes. You cannot keep a small box, of dirt from drying out in the long hot days of July and August. I have had the best success with a wash-tub, or a box that would hold as much. Set on a stool to raise it above the reach of the chickens. Set your box as near the place where the men wash as convenient, so they will not have to take any unnecessary steps, and ask them to pour the water on the flowers intead of on the ground, then you will only need to water them in the evening. This arrangement will save you time and strength, and the family will take more interest and pleasure in your flowers than they will if you do all the work yourself.

Unless you provide good drainage and a sandy soil, your plants will suffer during a rainy time. The ground will become thoroughly soaked, and should the water remain in the soil it will cause the roots to rot, and thus stop the growth of the plants, if it does not kill them outright. Without plenty of sand, also, the soil may become packed and soggy. Bore some holes in the bottom of your tub or box. Put in your old broken crockery, bones, etc., and some charcoal. I think the charcoal keeps it pure and sweet, even though it is constantly damp. Cover these things with hay, so that no dirt can get through. Then get some good mellow soil, mix it with sand, fill your box, and it is ready for the plants.