

needed. How necessary, therefore, it is that we must not be ungrateful of prayer. We should never forget that God has promised to see that we are not tempted beyond what we are able to bear. (1 Cor. 10, 13.)

While it may be hard to realize, we should never forget that temptations are often the best things for us. In James 1:2, we are told "count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." In the twelfth verse of the same chapter the apostle says: "Blessed is the man who endureth temptation; for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." Unless we are prepared to suffer temptations, we are not worthy to be called disciples of Christ.—I. H. N.

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### Flowers for Farmer's Wives

Mrs. S. A. Hunt, Oxford Co., Ont. 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 the best success with a wash-tub, or a box that would hold as much. Set on a stool and raise it above the reach of the chickens. Set your boxes as near the places 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 instead 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.

### DAIRYAGE AND SOIL

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 vines, nasturtiums, petunias and sweet alyssum round the edges. These plants will do well in any situation, except the box, and it is ready for the plants.

### WHAT TO GROW

The kind of plants will depend on the situation of the box. If it is on the north try pansies, and put madeira pansies; do not try pansies on the south or west. You can have good success with roses, geraniums, phlox, heliotropes, snapdragons and ageratum. If you use geraniums or roses, you will need two-year-old plants to get the best results, but you will not need more than four or five plants of that age to fill the centre. Whatever plants you use in the centre of the box be sure to plant some of all the plants named around the edges. I have found it almost a necessity to plant a madeira in each corner. They form large tubers, which take up a good deal of room, and by cramping the root-room of the flowering plants you will get so many more blossoms.

If you cannot get madeira vines ground ivy is the next best thing. It

will rapidly fill the damp, mellow soil with roots, and answer the purpose.

### IN THE WINDOW

As a rule, the average window gardener tries to crowd too many plants into one window. It is small wonder, for it is surely a heart-breaking task to decide among the favorites we wish to save for winter companionship. We choose one, then another, and cannot decide not to take a third, and so it goes.

There is no wisdom in this course, however. If one tries to keep a great number of plants in a window than can develop without crowding, the plants will never grow nor show to advantage. There is no comfort in a shelf full of ragged-looking straggly plants that seem only trying to get out of each other's way. The plants will get more real pleasure out of a single well-grown plant which has all the room needed in which to expand and bloom, than a dozen such as described.

Plants need sunshine and light and room as much as human beings do in order to develop the best that is in them. Don't crowd them. If you have too many, share them with your neighbor who hasn't any.

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