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excellent early variety.

Almost all flowering shrubs do best in full sunlight and good soil.

The rose requires a warm, sunny location for its best development. Group vegetables of like culture as near together as possible. Keep the vines together, roots together, etc. Keep the

Home-made paper pots are of much value in garden work. They must have drainage provided to be entirely satisfactory

satisfactory.

In planning the garden, lay out everything in long rows. Beds suffer more from drought and are much harder to cultivate.

Ferns may be grown on the north or east side of a house provided they are protected from the wind. They should have plenty of leaf mold in the

Purchase spraying material and equipment needed and make a thor-ough study of their uses.

Plan to set out a good liberal as-paragus bed this spring. No vege-table is easier taken care of or returns more for the labor expended on it than asparagua.

The Red and Yellow Globe onions are the kinds usually planted for market. Prizetaker and some other white onions are of better flavor but

white officials are of bester havor but do not keep as well. Sparks Earliana and June Pink are two excellent early tomatoes. Beauty, Dwarf Champion, Globe and Ponderosa are good second early and

Ponderosa are good second cany are late varieties.

Go over all house plants and re-move scale, mealy bug, etc. Turn the plants toward the light occasion-ally so that they do not become onesided or uneven.

A Family-sized Fruit Plantation Mrs, Arnold Bishop, Oxford Co., Ont.

Is rhubarb a fruit? This is, I know, disputed point. If it is, I wish to that we have raw fruit-luscious, health-giving fruit-right from early spring to late fall. The system by spring to late fall. The system by which we manage our fruit plantation is simplicity. It is work well worth while when we consider that our table through the summer months is always fit for a prince of the royal blood—and all because my husband believes in making the farm produce every good thing that it will.

When we came to this place some When we came to this piace some years ago there was a fairly good orchard, but there were no small fruits of any kind. The very first season we ordered a half-dozen heads of rhubarb, several hundred strawberry plants, 12 red currant bushes, 12 black currants, 12 gooseberry bushes (American varieties), and then sufficient rampherry. blackherry, and bushes (American varieties), and then sufficient raspberry, blackberry, and thimbleberry bushes to set out 30 feet of hedge. Finally we added half a dozen grape vines and our fruit plan-

This does not necessitate any extra hitching up, and takes but a short time. The biggest mistake that I have observed in setting out a familysized fruit plantation is that the berry bushes are set along in rows close to the fence where, if they are cultivated at all, it must be by hand, and hence they are neglected.

We appreciate the good things of our garden, and in a few years are looking forward to still greater bless-ings in that direction, as we have cherries, plums and pears coming into bearing. Apples we have already. We are quite agreed that we get more satisfaction and more direct returns in dollars and cents from our fruit plantation than from any other part of the farm.

Sow Vegetables and Flowers Early

Although it may seem very early to be talking about selecting our seeds for flowers and vegetables for the for flowers and vegetables for the coming summer, yet in reality it in high time to be making a selection and sending in your orders to the seedsmen. By placing our orders we will be able to have them filled in good time before the seedsmen become overwhalmad with arders as its always. overwhelmed with orders, as is always the case at the last minute.

Those who are fortunate enough to have a nice sunny window or a green-house, can by sowing now have flow-ers and vegetables several weeks ear-lier than if no seeds are sown until the weather conditions will permit planting outside.

March is the month to sow onions Select only the best varieties. A flat or shallow box should be used to plant or shallow box should be used to plant the seed and one that is well drain-ed. The soil should be fine and sweet, and only well-rotted manure mixed with it. By planting in this manner they can be planted outside as soon as weather conditions will permit. Lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage and parsley may be treated in the and parsley may be treated in the way

same way.

Other flowers, such as pansies, violas, carnations, salvias, petunias. and the Iceland poppy, may also be sown this month for flowering this



House for 200 Hens

Please give me a cut of a henhouse large enough for 200 hens, with three compartments scratching pen, laying pen and roceting pen, with dimensions of seasons. What showing be the period of the perio

of heage. Finally we adder half a doren grape vines and our fruit plantation was complete.

Our fruit plantation is to one side of our vegetable garden. The whole thing is kept under cultivation, a fine dust mulch being preserved all summer. Everything is set out in rows. After a day's work cultivating in the field my husband will leave the field a little early and run through the fruit plantation with the cultivator.



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