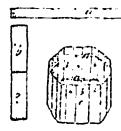
Plants and Flowers.

A TERRACE FLOWER GARDEN.

It sometimes becomes necessary to cut down large trees that are in close



proximity 1 the house and that leave very unsightly stump. These stumps, with a small amount of labor and a very little ex-pense, can be made into a thing of beauty. Take any old

barrel, knock it to pieces and saw the barrel, knock it to pieces and saw the staves, b, through the middle into two central lengths. Next saw 16 strips of board a, 3 in wide, 35 in long and 1 in thek. Slant cach end of these pieces so that they will fit together in octagon

Shape.
Place two of the strips on a flat surface with both ends even and lay on the half staves in a straight line and so that they will fit close together, with



AN ORNAMENTAL STUMP.

about 2 in projecting above the strip intended for the top, the other strip is placed near the bottom. Naii on the staves with shingle nails. When eight set tons have been finished, set up the octagen as at c, and nail firmly at each joint to a piece of wood made to fit. These pieces should be a few inches longer se that they can be driven into the ground to hold the frame firmly. Paint the frame red when finished, as this color looks well among the green, and set it up over the stump that you want to hide. Fill with rich loam an plant it with flowers Of course one can plant any kind of flowers they choose. The one I am deing is very tropical tooking, though it contains nothing but common flowers. There is a large sunflower in the center of the top circle, for it is a terrace flower garden, the stump being so high that it required two estagons to hide it, and all around a few laches from the outside edge of the hed are sweet peas, climbing beans and morning glories. In the lower circle a row of geraniums, four-o'clocks, and portulaca flourish. The vines have lovingly festooned the giant sunflower and decked it in many gorgeous colors. In the early morning, when the four-o'clocks are open and the morning glories' bright faces are all aglow, it is indeed a thing of beauty and one that costs but very little to make.

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The one described is not far from thwell and has a full supply of water which is conveyed to it by a shor, piece of rubber hose attached to a small opray pump. In felling the tree the stump should be cut as low as possible, so that it may be more readily covered with earth. If the stump is cut high there will be two octagons needed to cover it. The second one will have to be smaller 18 in will be about the right length for the sections of the inside circle. After the large octagon has been filled with earth, place the small octagon in the center of it over the stump that will pretrudes and fill it with earth and with form a terrace and make the flower gender of with any will soon decay and can be broken off with an ax and carted away.—[Mrs F. C. Kiner, La Salle Co, III.

POTTING TROUBLES.

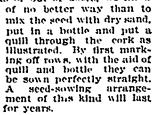
Have the soil in good condition. Make mellow and loose with sand and leaf mold. Mix some time in advance and keep but little cooler than the soil from which the plant to be potted is taken. It should be dryish rather than wettish, the nearer the condition of the soil in

It should be dryish rather than wettlsh, the nearer the condition of the soil in which the plant already is the better. The ball of earth in which the plant is growing should not be dry, because, strange as it may seem, no after watering will properly moisten it. Neither should it be very wet, because it will clmost surely puddle and prevent the reots extending freely. Some pieces of broken pots should be put it the botte m of the pot for drainage. If pots are very dry, they should be soaked before the plant is put into them.

The pot should not be filled full. Pots that can be handled conveniently across the top with thumb and fingers may be filled to within one-third inch of the top sizes larger than this should have space left for the thumb to take comfortable hold of the edge, sizes so large as to require both hands to carry them when full should have 1½ in space left at the top. This space should be filled with water and the soil soaked when the plants are watered. Then water should be withheld until the soil becomes dry and the pots give a metallic or bell-like ring when rapped with the knuckles. Imitate nature. Don't keep the plants in a cog by perpetual watering unless you are growing bog plants, which you probably are not.—[M. G. Kains.

Scale Insects on House Plants can be best removed. I find, by washing the leaves with strong soap suds. The work may be thoroughly done by taking a cloth or sponge and carefully rubbing every part of each leaf and leaf stem. [Fred O. Sibley.

To Sow Seed in straight rows, either in box flats or out of doors, we know



Delaware The farmers of Kent and Sussex countles have organized an fron-bound association which they intend to make a real trust with a capitalization of \$10,000. The land owners having entered into the movement, they will fine members \$10 each for violation of its rules, with danger of expulsion. They propose to handle all kinds of fruits and vegetables. The weather was mild and the roads good until Feb 16, when the first snow storm of the season occurred, blocking up the roads and stopping travel for a few days. Prospect for fruit of all kinds good. It is a custom in Kent Co for the orsix farmers to join together and erect temporary canneries and pack their own tomatoe for which they realize \$10 per ton after the expenses of packing are taken out, while the large packers pay only \$6. Fat steers are selling for \$10 per ton potatoes 30c p bskt, apples \$0c, chickens 10c 1 w, butter 20c, milk at creamery 1 p ewt. having entered into the movement, they milk at creamery 1 p ewt.

A large share of the inferior fruit of na orchard should be eliminated by culture.—[G. T. Powell, N Y.

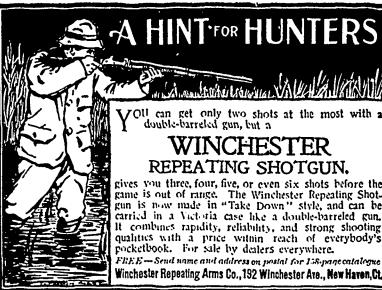
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