

July Flowers.

The flowers of July lack the fragile beauty of those of early spring. Those flowers that sprang up everywhere in the woods and owed their loveliness and color to the sunshine that drifted through leafless boughs have faded. The few blossoms that now are seen in the dense leafy shade of the forest are waxen white, tinted with no color save a roseate flush. The twin snowy bells of the Mitchella, the white flowers of the wintergreen and the pyrola all belong to this month, and all of them are fragrant, beautiful plants, that look almost as ghostlike as the ghost flowers themselves, which also blossom in the woods.

Intense color demands heat and sunlight, and it is natural to find that the flowers of tropic color and luxuriant growth blossom in the meadows and swamps in the full blaze of the sun. The most magnificent colors seen in the entire cycle of blossoming things are found during this month of July in moist meadows and swamps. The great "fringed orchids," clothed in purple and in gold, are found in our swamps in this month. The purple fringed orchid, a flower in glowing violet hues, is called by Thoreau "the fairest, as it is one of the rarest of our flowers." The yellow fringed orchid, which appears in swamps toward the end of this month, is so rich in color that it is known in some parts of the country as the "flaming" orchid. In the beginning of July the most beautiful and magnificent of all the race of our native orchids appears—the snowy lady slipper, clothed in royal rose purple and white. It is found in "bogs." And on the borders of lonely, black looking ponds grow the beautiful, gay pogonias and "grass pinks," or calopogons—two flowers that are inseparable. The brilliant "Oswego tea," Monarda didyma, which the Indians called "Ogechee," or "flame flower," and the gorgeous cardinal flower, with its great spikes of crimson blossoms, are both in bloom on the borders of small inland lakes and streams.

These are most brilliant and conspicuously beautiful flowers, all grow in moist, open places, but in inaccessible locations. It would be only a bold botanist who would venture in heated July into these open swamps in search of flowers.

Speaking of one of these wild blossoms of the bog, Thoreau says: "The village belle never sees this more delicate belle of the swamps. How little relation between our life and its! The seasons go by to us, as if it were not. A beauty reared in the shade of the convent, who has never strayed beyond the convent bell. Only the skunk or owl or other inhabitant of the swamp beholds it. It does not pine because man does not admire it."

Do Fishes Sleep?

Dr. Theodor Beer claims to have decided in the affirmative, by his observations at the biological station in Naples, the much disputed question whether fishes sleep or not. It has long been known that fishes lose their activity at the appearance of darkness and remain for hours floating in the same spot, even their usually restless eyes being motionless. Most fishes sleep in this way, just as horses sleep standing. If the equilibrium of the body is disturbed by clipping the fins, which soon grow out again, the fish sleep floating in a vertical position. Few fishes seek the bottom to sleep, but many float on their sides and can be caught with the hand, a fact well known to sailors. The eyes of most fishes are open necessarily during sleep, owing to the absence of eyelids.—Detroit News Tribune.

Some experiments of the New Hampshire station indicate that formaline treatment of seed potatoes is an effective remedy for scab. Formaline possesses the advantage over corrosive sublimate of being less poisonous and more easily applied.

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News Summary

Gen Ulysses Heureux, president of the Dominican republic, was assassinated at Moca on Wednesday afternoon. The name of the murderer is Ramon Caceres.

The leading wholesale grocers of Toronto Hamilton, London and Kingston have formed a combine, and have appointed a central buying agency, which will act as broker for all the members of the company.

The body of the Czarowitch was entombed Wednesday in the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Petersburg, in the presence of the Czar, The Dowager Empress and other members of the imperial family.

"Josiah Allen's wife" (Marietta Holly) has finished her new story, and the first instalment is published in the August Ladies' Home Journal. It is in her characteristic, humorous vein, but may be said to be a story with purpose. It bears the name of "My Stylish Cousin's Daughter."

The absence of President Kruger from the meeting of the Transvaal executive council Monday gave currency to a report that he had resigned, owing to differences between himself and members of the volksraad. The alleged reason of the resignation was the refusal of the council to give him a free hand as to the dynamite monopoly.

In recognition of his services in the cause of imperial penny postage, Henneker Heat-ton, M. P., has been presented with the freedom of the city of London, as well as a gold casket, upon one end of which is the figure representing Britannia and at the other end an allegorical figure of Canada.

James Ross a wealthy colored farmer of Sandwich East, Ont., died Thursday night from the effects of a brutal assault which was committed on him on a lonely road at midnight Tuesday last and of which robbery was the object. Louis Stewart, also colored, was arrested. The victim's gold watch was found in his possession.

The will of the late Senator Sanford was made known at Hamilton, Ont., on Friday to the family. He leaves nothing to charity, the estate being left practically to Mrs. Sanford and her two daughters. The deceased Senator was of the opinion the Ontario government had taken sufficient in succession duties for all charitable purposes.

The Charlottetown Guardian says that Mr W. F. Tidmarsh, of that city, representing the Portland Packing Company, on June 26th, enclosed the sum of \$1,000 in bank notes, registered and mailed the letter containing the same to the address of Mr. C. W. Tidmarsh, Grand Entry, Magdalen Islands, which letter and money have failed to reach their destination. The letter has been traced to Souris.

McClure's Magazine for August will contain an article on "The Cape to Cairo Railway," by W. T. Stead. As Mr. Stead is a personal friend of Cecil Rhodes, as well as of most of the important men associated with him in this enterprise, his story will have a very special interest and value. It will be fully illustrated from photographs of incidents and scenes along the line.

"Richly illustrated" barely describes the August Cosmopolitan, there being in that great number one hundred and forty-six different illustrations of all sorts and sizes and not one of them commonplace or uninteresting. The literary features of the magazine vie with the pictorial, the whole forming a most attractive magazine for summer reading.

A Washington special to the World says that General Alger will cease to be Secretary of War on Tuesday, January 2, 1900; that General Horace Porter, now ambassador to France, will then become Secretary of War, unless the President's present plan is changed, and that Secretary Hay and Gage are chiefly responsible for Alger's determination to quit. They urged the Secretary of War, the despatch says, to relieve the President of great embarrassment and that he finally consented to do so.

At The Hague peace conference on Wednesday Sir Julian Pauncefote, head of the British delegation, demanded that the non-signatory powers be entitled to adhere to the arbitration convention only by the unanimous consent of the signatory powers. Count Nigra, chief of the Italian delegation, proposed an amendment, permitting such adhesion if no power opposes. It is hoped that the British foreign office will accept the amendment.

Gordon Heron, son of the late Major Heron, of the Inland Revenue department, and grandson of the late Gordon Brown, who for many years was connected with the Toronto Globe, performed an act of heroism which entitles him to the consideration of the Humane Society. Young Heron is but fifteen years old, yet he swam out with a plank to five ladies who were drowning in Gattineau river, near Chelsea. He got them on it and ferried to the other side of the river, the current being too strong to return. Two river men were at the bank, but offered no assistance. All five ladies belonged to Ottawa.

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J. Crawford Bradlee, M. D.

34 Wyndham Sq., Sydney, N. S. W., Australia, November 21, 1898.

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Former United States Consul writes:

Hamilton, Ont., Canada Sept. 2, 1896.
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G. F. MACDONALD,
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Rev. Isaac Naylor,

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The Oxydonor had a marvellous influence over me. With incredible quickness it brought me round, substituting strength for weakness, vigor for languor, ease for pain, and health for sickness. I shall take an Oxydonor back to England with me, and shall feel it a duty to recommend it to my friends.
(REV.) ISAAC NAYLOR,
Island View, Hornsea, near Hull, England.

Hay Fever.

McMaster Hall, Toronto, Ont. November 24, 1898.

The night I had the Oxydonor applied to me was the first night in three weeks that I had been able to sleep. Three days later the Hay Fever entirely left me. I will recommend those suffering from Hay Fever to try Oxydonor.
WM. H. WALKER.

Sciatica, Erysipelas.

Thessalon, Ont., March 7, 1899.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the worth of your Oxydonor, No. 2. I had been suffering untold agonies from Sciatica, and purchased one of your valuable instruments, and I have been improving ever since. The Oxydonor also cured one of my children of Erysipelas.
THOMAS LECLAIR.

Asthma.

Wawanesa, Manitoba, March 1, 1899.

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