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everywhere evidence of it, for the verandah and windows were filled with house plants. Although these entered not at all into consideration of the garden proper, they helped to fix the idea that those who love flowers best succeed best with them. Eventually this garden proved to be the one to which the second prize was awarded. . . . In passing I may say that in this vicinity we observed some of the finest stone fences that I have ever seen, built from stones taken off the fields, with great regularity and solidity, so that they are positively decorative as well as substantial.

We had intended finishing the visits to the gardens in the afternoon, but a heavy thunderstorm prevented, during which a barn not far from the club-house was burned by lightning, the occurrence prompting the reflection that in these days of vicious electric storms the farmer who has his buildings well rodded is the wisest man.

Next day the remaining flower gardens were judged, and the opinion was unanimous that Mrs. D. N. Potter, Mono Mills, had well earned the right to the first prize. Owing to the cloudiness of the sky, and the distance between the flower borders, also to the fact that many of the flowers were red and yellow, both of which colors take black in a photo, it was impossible to get pictures with a small kodak that could convey any adequate idea of this truly beautiful garden, but we tried our best. Mrs. Potter, we observed, had followed all the general rules of landscape gardening in her planning, while adding enough ideas of her own to give the desirable touch of originality. The open lawn before the house, so often recommended in these columns, the irregular masses of flowers and shrubbery in borders rather than in beds cutting up the lawn, the screening of out-houses, the plentiful use of vines—these points were all observed, but there were many more. For instance,

Mrs. Potter had massed a little rockery about the stem of her clothes-reel and planted nasturtiums in the crevices; she had placed arches over the gates and trained vines to cover them, and, more clever even than this, she had devised a rustic arbor, and with the exception of roof and corner-posts, had constructed it herself. This arbor formed a fine support for vines, and contained a table and chairs, forming a pleasant resting-place for hot weather.

One wondered if the long drouth had touched Mrs. Potter's garden at all. Everywhere the plants grew luxuriantly, and one surmised that the soil from which they sprang had been faithfully and thoroughly enriched before the seeds were sown. The variety too was as notable as the profusion. We could not name all the species, and, unfortunately, Mrs. Potter herself was absent, and so could not assist in the identification, but among those noted were the following: Scarlet Runner, Nasturtiums, Shirley Poppy, Phlox Drummondii, Sweet Peas, Geraniums, Clematis, Morning-glory, Asters, Petunias, Mignonette, Gladioli, Hollyhocks, Golden Glow, Verbenas, Scabiosa, Bleeding Heart, Mexican Fire Plant, Dahlias, Hydrangea, Pansies, Wild Cucumber, Coleus, Salvia, Snapdragon,—with a variety of shrubs.

Assuredly this garden deserved nothing but the highest commendation, and we dare to hope that the lady who created it will be good enough to write us an account of the methods by which she ensured her success.

The last garden visited, and the one which won third prize, was that of Miss A. L. Wharram, Sand Hill. A feature of this garden was a neat plot, at one side, beyond the vegetable garden, for cut flowers. The permanent flowers were arranged in borders about the lawn.

In conclusion, may we say that Mr. Pearson intends to make this competition continuous. Next year he will

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