

and also keep any pests from making their winter quarters there. This course should be followed more by those people who live in the larger cities, where it is getting increasingly hard to go out into the bush and get fresh sticks each year.

One of the most useful things to have in your garden is a barrel for soot water. This is easily made by getting a sack and half filling it with soot that has been kept in the air, but under cover for about three months. Then get an old broomstick or some such piece of wood and put it across the top of your barrel. Hang your sack on this so that it goes about half way down the barrel. Keep the barrel filled with water. When you first use it, it must be diluted but as you fill it up, less dilution is necessary. The water can be used until it is no longer discolored.

The same rule applies to chicken or ordinary manure. But when using chicken manure be sure and do not use it fresh, but keep it for some time before you put it in the barrel. This barrel should have a top on it, and should be kept in a shady spot, or out of sight. It is advisable to give it a coat or two of green paint, or the same color as your house.

No matter whether you have a large or small garden, always have a few bird boxes hung up in the trees, or on the side of the house. And in the winter always have a bird table on which to put food for the birds during the very cold and snowy weather. Birds can do a lot of good round a garden, more especially the insectivorous ones. They eat up a lot of pests in the way of flies and grubs.

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