

add four inches distance of trench from tree. Often the top of the tree will also require pruning so as to give it a round head, as of an acorn based on the circle of the trench. The Dukes and Morrelios need somewhat more pruning than the sweet varieties, but all are impatient of the knife; yet if to be done, let it be done in July, or when the terminal buds are forming. Dwarfs may be, and are, trained to please the fancy of growers, and mostly by the "pinching-in" process. As they grow with extreme vigor on the Mahaleb, for three or four years, they require not only to have their tops pruned, but also to be root-pruned annually. If possible to be avoided, large branches should never be cut from a sweet cherry tree. I have examined the results of many cases where large branches were cut away in spring for the purpose

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PRINCE BISMARCK.

This is a new, double, pink and white everlasting, recently brought to our notice by one of the leading English seedsmen and florists of the highest reputation. Like all new plants and seeds, it is a great price, and most highly spoken of. Most of our readers know what nice bouquets and handsome ornaments these everlastings make, especially when mixed with the ornamental grasses. These plants require about the same treatment as balsams, stock and asters, that is, to raise the plants in a hot-bed or in a box in the house, then plant out about the tenth of June.

Snapdragon.—Of this flower there are several varieties. It is a good flower for a border; flowers white, bright red, rich crimson and variegated.

St. Burnos Lily blooms in June, July and August; will grow freely; flowers orange yellow.

Wallflower.—Of this general favorite there are several varieties. No common flower is more generally admired, for its agreeable perfume as well as its variety of color. It does not grow here as freely as in Great Britain, but it can be raised with a little care, and is worth all the trouble.

Chrysanthemums.—Of this greatly admired flower there are not less than 200 varieties, of rich and rare hues. To grow them in perfection they



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of changing the tree to a different variety by grafting; the result has almost invariably been death after two summers. When necessary to be done, the wound should be covered with grafting composition or gum shellac, to exclude the air, and the body wrapped in straw or matting. Encasing the body during winter and spring months with straw, paper, cloth, or moss will often prevent injury; for the cause of bursting of bark is in winter, not summer months, although often it does not exhibit itself until July or August.

Fresh cow manure dissolved in water, it is said, will kill the bugs on all kinds of bed plants. Sprinkle the plants morning and evening.

The Flower Garden — Perennial Flowers.

No flower garden is complete without a good selection of perennials. Annuals bloom but for a season, and that season in Canada a short one. Perennials are hardy, many of them blooming for years. We will merely give a selection of a few of our favorites. They are easily grown and very handsome, and their bloom continues through a comparatively long period.

The Spring Adonis grows freely in any common garden soil; it flowers in April and May; large yellow flowers.

require rich, light soil. About the 1st of April the roots should be taken up and divided into fresh soil. By planting not more than two or three stems together, the flowers will be larger, more double and of richer color. They are in bloom from the first of October till the first severe frost.

Pink, Carnation and Sweet William all are of the same species, the Dianthus. Without these, our old favorites, the flower garden would seem wanting much of its fragrance and beauty, even if blooming with the choice treasures of florists. They are hardy, and will stand the severest cold, though to have them perfect in their beauty some varieties should be protected in frames during win-

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