

uncover it, and make it known. The tinker was soldering a tea-kettle at no great distance from Hollins's house, when his dog began to fight with another. Hollins who liked few things better than a dog-fight, ran from his house to enjoy the sport, and soon discovered that the tinker's dog had on the very brass collar which used to be worn by his favourite bull-dog, Fury. The tinker said he had bought the collar from Ralph Perkins, who told him that Hollins had given it to him. Away went Hollins, taking a stick in his hand, to find out Ralph. It was a rare thing for Ralph to be at fault for a tale to screen himself; so he said that as he walked by the river side, he saw the body of the bull dog on the top of the water, and that he thought it no harm to take away the collar. Hollins pulled Ralph along by the ear to account for the lie he had told the tinker; when Ralph in his fright confessed that Bill Hollins had given him the collar to sell; and then it was that he got the severe drubbing which I had seen. "A false witness shall not be unpunished; and he that speaketh lies shall not escape," Hollins was in a rage with his son for taking the collar from his bull-dog, and left me with the full determination of giving him as good a drubbing as he had giving to Ralph Perkins. I told Hollins as he left me, that a little good advice, and a little good example, would, with God's blessing, do more good than all the beatings in the world.

In the evening I went to Ralph Perkins; for though I had talked with him many times about the sin of lying. I could not rest until I had again pointed out to him the consequences of his evil course. I took him with me in the direction of the churchyard, and talked kindly to him; thinking that as he had already received chastisement. I would again try the effect of kind advice. I had two reasons for taking him to the churchyard: the one was, because his grandmother, who was a pious woman, was buried there; the other was, that a gravestone had just been put up by Robert Hall, the stonemason, in memory of his little daughter Kitty, who was as well known in the village for her love of truth, as Ralph Perkins for the sin of lying. "Ralph," said I, when we came to the churchyard, "I think that is the hillock under which your grandmother lies. Where do you think her spirit is now?" He said he believed it was in heaven. "And why do you think so, Ralph?" "Because she was a good woman," he replied. "And where, then, will they go, who are not good?" He hung down his head, but did not speak. "Ralph," continued I, remember that God has said that liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. Look at this newly erected gravestone. You knew Kitty Hall very well, and you know also that what is said of her on that stone is true:

With simple heart, in early youth,  
She fear'd the Lord, she lov'd the truth;  
And look'd with humble hope on high,  
For grace to God, who cannot lie.

Now, Ralph, think for a moment, if you were to die, whether you would go where your grandmother is gone? or whether we could put such a verse over your grave as that which stands over Kitty Hall?" Ralph still held down his head; and I left him in the churchyard, having to call at a cottage before I returned home.

FLOWER GARDEN

As the season is approaching when the lovers of flowers must bestir themselves, if they would enjoy so great a luxury, we cheerfully give the following directions. The ladies, who are always first in matters of taste, will, we trust, avail themselves of the extensive assortment of seeds, now advertised to ornament their flower garden.

Annual Flower Seeds should be sown during the month of May, on borders of light, rich earth very finely pulverized: the borders being previously well dug, arrange with a trowel small patches therein, about six inches in width, at moderate distances, breaking the earth well, and making the surface even; draw a little earth off the top to one side, then sow the seed therein, each sort in separate patches, and cover with the earth that was drawn off, observing to cover the small seeds less than a quarter of an inch deep, the largest in proportion to their size; but the sweet pea and bean kinds, must be covered one inch deep. When the plants have been up some time, the larger growing kinds should, where they stand too thick, be regularly thinned, observing to allow every kind, according to its growth, proper room to grow. When *Mignonette*, *Sweet Alyssum White* and *Blue Amethyst*, *Cypress Vine*, and other delicate annuals, are sown in pots, care should be taken to water them; soft water is preferable. Use a small watering pot with a finely pierced nose, for it watered heavily, it hardens the ground so that small delicate seeds cannot raise the surface, and of course must perish; to prevent this, perforate a newspaper with a common darning needle, and lay in strips over the rows, fastened at the corners by stones being laid upon them.

In small gardens, where there is no space for picturesque delineations, neatness must be the prevailing characteristic. A variety of forms may be indulged in, provided the figures are graceful and neat, and not in any one place too complicated. An oval is a figure that generally pleases, on account of the continuity of its outlines; next, if extensive, a circle. But hearts diamonds, or triangles, seldom please. A simple parallelogram, divided into beds running lengthwise, or the larger segment of an oval, with beds running parallel to its outer margin, will always please.

The Cultivation of the Flower Garden is simple compared with that of the kitchen garden, both from its limited extent and the general sameness of its products; but to manage it to perfection requires a degree of nicety and constant attention beyond any other open-air department of gardening. As the stalks of flowering plants shoot up, they generally require staking, and props for support; and the blossom, both of plants and shrubs, no sooner expands than it begins to wither, and must be cut off, unless, as in some of the ornamental shrubs they are left for the sake of the beauty of their fruit. Weeding, watering, stirring the soil, cutting off stems which have done flowering, attending to grass and gravel, must go hand in hand in these operations.

Always water in the evening, as it has time to sink into the earth and be imbibed by the flowers during the night. If it is done in the morning, the sun comes and drinks up the moisture before the plants derive any benefit, and the labor and water are thrown away.—*American paper.*

OBSERVATIONS OF OLD HUMPHREY ON HUMILITY

I have observed, in passing through life, not only among men of the world, but also among christians, that where one man has been disposed to practise humility, twenty have been ready to defend their own dignity.

If you offend a man, say, and a good man too, such is human infirmity, that it is ten to one but he thinks more about the respect that is due to him, and the enormity of your offence, than he does of the opportunity of showing his humility and of exercising forgiveness. Now, I read often enough in scripture, that we should be clothed with humility, and forgive our enemies, say, even those who trespass against us seven times a day, and repent; but in no one part of the bible, have I yet found that we are exhorted to stand up in defence of our dignity.

Think not, my friends, that I am making these observations to you more than to myself. No! no! Old Humphrey has as proud a heart as any one among you, and requires to be reminded of it as often as you do; a little humility is of more value than a great deal of dignity; and what is the use of bristling up like a hedgehog at every little injury we receive? He that punishes an enemy, has a momentary pleasure; but he that forgives one, has an abiding satisfaction.

LADIES.—It was stated at a late meeting of a Ladies' Bible Association in England, that a calculation had been made in Birmingham respecting the proportionate value of the services of gentlemen and ladies, as collectors for charitable purposes, and it was found that one lady was worth thirteen gentlemen and a half.