

# Half Hour Gardening

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## ONE OF OUR BEST FAMILIES In Shrubs, That Is—The Handsome and Wonderfully Varied Spiraea.

If purple garden or desire for variety of plants should be limited, so that you want to plant only a few shrubs of which you can be perfectly sure, buy spiraea and you won't be sorry.

When buying, remember that there are more than fifty varieties, and that some are hardy shrubs, others are hardy herbaceous perennials, and others are not hardy in our climate. The spiraea recommended here are hardy shrubs and will be almost certain to do well.

The most satisfactory of all for ordinary gardeners is Spiraea. Anthony Waterer. It has beautiful disk-heads of carmine-crimson flowers, that will literally cover a healthy bush of 2-1/2 feet in height, so that nothing can be seen of it except that, but while it blows there is its tender, exquisite foliage. These rich blossoms will come out day after day, just so long as the fading ones are out, and they will stay in full bloom from June till November. The writer cuts a great bunch every day throughout the season from one shrub. No insects have ever been seen on it. It has had less care than most of the other shrubs in the garden, because it has never called for any, except to supply it with fertilizer. It never has fungus diseases or blights. Truly it may be said that this shrub grows like a weed. Its low growing habit makes it available for any purpose; the backs of borders or beds, corners, isolated situations, etc.

## SWEET CORN FOR THE HOME. Be Sure to Select the Right Kind—How to Raise It.

The American people are fed on more kinds of fodder corn than true sweet corn; and it is not too much to say that thousands of city dwellers (and country dwellers, too) don't know what real sweet corn tastes like. Of all the true sweet corns, the most famous is Country Gentleman; and it is holding its own to-day in the face of the improvement in all other kinds. Another fine corn, though not so good-looking, is Golden Bantam. This is an early corn and can be planted for a crop to come before Country Gentleman. For a late crop most specialists agree that there are few to compare with Stowell's Evergreen. This is one of the varieties recommended by the department of agriculture.

Make successive plantings of corn every two weeks until July, unless you plant early, medium and late varieties, when all may go in early. Even then, however, a little successive planting will be found profitable. Make the rows for corn at least three feet apart, and when the plants come up, thin them down so that there will be single stalks every foot. Or plant in hills, putting half a dozen seeds in each hill and keeping the hills three feet apart each way.

Corn should go in about two inches deep and needs the very richest ground. It also needs lots of cultivation, especially while the plants are young, for they are easily starved or smothered then by weeds up-springing around them. Never forget that corn is a hungry crop, growing greatly and needing room and nourishment.

In a very favorable season, it may pay to plant an "early" variety, that is, a swiftly growing variety, about the middle of July, to ensure a crop late in the season when the main crops will have been used up. It is very tender, and will be killed by the first frost, so there is no use in planting such a crop unless the growing conditions are highly favorable.

Spiraea Prunifolia is the shrub better known as Bridal Wreath, whose exquisite double white flowers delight the eye in May and June. It is more delicate in structure than the others and very charming.

famous in the last three years through their remarkable successes in experiments in market gardening, report that their first early spring planting of prickly spinach seed germinated in eleven days. In five weeks the row was thinned, and they say that they succeeded in finding that these things from three feet a peck of fine young greens. Two more pickings came from this small bed.

When the plants are not pulled up bodily while thinning, the leaves are gathered by cutting them off at the earth surface. Their farms are on Long Island, New York state, and they sowed their prickly spinach on April 25th. They sowed the New Zealand variety at the same time, and it came up fifteen days later and gave its first crop from thinning on May 10th. They sowed the first crop from the prickly sort. Thus it made a very good companion crop to fill in gaps.

Liquid manure is good for spinach, because it is applied in this form, it gives immediate results, and the quicker the growth the finer the result, as the leaves are crisp and delicate. Sprays of soda is an excellent fertilizer. Dig three inches around each plant. Plant the seed an inch deep, and pretty close, for thinnings can all be eaten. When the first three or four leaves are up, thin down so that plants stand four inches apart, or even six if you have room. Sow for succession every two weeks during June, and in August sow down for an autumn crop.

## MID-SUMMER COLOR TABLE. A Guide for Planting to Get the Best Color Effects in the Flower Beds.

The following are the colors of the more common flowers blooming in June and July. Speaking generally, the most pleasant color schemes are those in which strongly contrasting tints are separated by whites or pale yellows. Blues and reds never lose by being bordered or set off against white. Lilacs and purples often gain brilliancy by having yellow flowers lead up to them.

The blue flowers are: Forget-me-nots, penstemon, Stokes' aster, love-in-a-mist, lobelia, ageratum, etc. The white and white are: Campanula, delphinium, penstemon, digitalis, Jacob's ladder, platycodon and lobelia. Red and yellow are: Canna, annual galls, calliopis (red and white), White Poppies, valerian, illum candium, Shasta daisy, yucca, phlox, Jacob's ladder, cosmos, lobelia, nicotiana and sweet alyssum.

Strong yellows are: Canna, marigold, calliopis, poppy, coreopsis and geranium. For rich red effects, use zinnia, canna, cosmos, cardinal flower, nicotiana, monarda, poppies and lychin roses. It will be noted that many of the flowers in this table appear under several tints. When selecting such plants, be sure to order seeds of the color you desire.

For multicolored beds, the following flowers come in a large variety of colors and can be planted so as to give a great mixture of tints—a very desirable result sometimes. These are: A dull spot in the corner that needs gay colors. For this purpose, plant the mixed varieties of fox-glove, Sweet William, corn flowers, poppies, sweet peas, petunias, snap-dragon, fahalis, stock, zinnia, nasturtium, phlox, candy tuft and portulaca.

Of course this list is offered not as being comprehensive, but as being a well selected one, suggesting the flowers that are easiest for amateurs to raise and that will give the most satisfaction to the average gardener.

Other gorse-like blossoms are the flowering crabs, that make a good growth almost everywhere. Bechtel's Crab is particularly good. It has flowers of lead, resembling small roses. An application to vary the color of the section to the crab is that they are liable to attacks from the scale insects like the regular apple trees. But when they are in blossom there is nothing like them.

The rose anemone is one of the prettiest of our locusts. It is a low growing form and attains fullness and perfection very quickly. It has pretty rose-colored blossoms, and its foliage is exquisitely dainty.

One of our own natives is the shad bush, which has fleecy masses of white blossoms early in the year. In May or June the beautiful crimson berries follow. Shad bush 4 to 5 feet tall should not be more than 50 cents. For the same price it is possible to obtain specimens of 4 feet tall of the flowering crab, cherry or acacia.

The TOURIST WORK.  
Executive Committee Met and Decided to Call Annual Meeting.

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
The executive committee of the Tourist Association met last evening at the rooms of the association, Alderman Hall occupied the chair and there were also present Ald. Cameron, ex-Ald. Vincent, John Nelson, G. Wilson, J. H. Lawson, Jr., John Arbuthnot and G. A. Caldwell.

The Mayor and Alderman Cameron as representing the city council acquainted the committee with the fact that four thousand dollars had been voted but that it had been hedged around with certain conditions, one of which was that three thousand dollars, at least, should be spent on literature. The status of the association in view of the fact that such limited funds were on hand was then discussed.

J. H. Lawson suggested calling an annual meeting to elect a new executive and to them could be left the work of organization. Accordingly it was decided to call this meeting for Tuesday afternoon next at 4:30.

In view of the restrictions put upon the grant, by the city council the members present were unanimous in the opinion that there would be no money left for secretarial and other purposes and those who in the past have done the collecting expressed a disinclination to do the work this year. Some of those present expressed the view that if the city council wished to say in what way the grant should be spent they should also do the spending. It was finally agreed, however, to leave the matter to the annual meeting.

A small sub-committee was appointed to draft a modified budget in view of the limited amount of money in sight.

## VICTORIA DOGS BARRED FROM 'FRISCO

Unsportsmanlike Action of Golden Gate Club Excites Criticism.

San Francisco has decided to run a sort of parlor show, keeping all the prizes to themselves so the Victoria dogs will not be entered. This is considered to be a very small and unsportsmanlike way of doing business on the part of the 'Frisco Kennel Club. According to a communication received by a local man from Tom McConnell the prizes are all reserved for San Francisco dogs.

Last year it will be remembered the Victoria dogs went down there and carried off everything in sight. Malwud Bob winning for the best setter in the show, and Rockline Ladybird shown by Taylor, and now owned by Sam Goodacre, took the first prize in open classes. This so annoyed the San Francisco people that they decided to hedge the prizes around so that no outsiders could take them another time. This was not known until a few days ago, and the result is that a Victoria is not represented. It was a pretty certain thing that had they been allowed to enter, they would have carried off everything.

## "THE TIMES" MAMMOTH Victoria-Vancouver Island Edition

TO BE ISSUED SATURDAY,  
MAY 2nd, 1908

As record-making and breaking is the keynote of the new century the Times has determined to take a hand in the game with the Vancouver Island special edition now about ready to be issued. Up to the present 64 pages is believed to be the maximum issue of any British Columbia newspaper, and the high-water mark of Island journalistic enterprise. The forthcoming publication will give more than that number of pages of specially prepared articles and attractive illustration—all on the one great text: Vancouver Island.

The island will be treated of historically, geologically, mineralogically, statistically, climatologically, geographically, industrially, generally, specifically—and all the other "icallys." Its charms and opportunities will be treated collectively and individually.

There will be adequate chapters of Island mixed farming, dairying, orcharding, small fruit growing, apiculture, poultry raising, prune culture, hop and flax growing, etc., etc. Mining, timbering, fisheries, whaling, manufacturing, and all the multitude of other "ings" will have their several places of prominence.

The island's art, in literature, in scenic grandeur, in the domain of sport, will obtain due recognition. The news of railway and industrial expansion will be fully treated. In fact and briefly, Vancouver Island will for once receive comprehensive attention to the extent to which its marvellous combination and concentration of attractions and resources so well entitle it. Such a publication has not been before attempted any similar division of all Canada, and the result cannot be other than to greatly stimulate interest in Vancouver Island, and its great opportunities for investors, captains of industry, tourists, sportsmen, seekers of an ideal place of residence.

Those who have any interest in "THE ISLAND" or who have any friends whom they wish to interest in "THE ISLAND" cannot do better than read and send this comprehensive cyclopedia of Vancouver Island—and as it was, as it is, and as it will be.

The issue will be ready on Saturday next, and orders for extra copies should be sent in NOW.

## TREE QUESTION GOES TO COURT

FRED. W. JONES GETS INTERIM INJUNCTION

Action Will Decide the City Council's Authority in the Matter.

The whole question of the right of the city to remove trees from the streets is now to come before the courts, as Fred W. Jones has taken out an interim injunction to prevent the civic authorities from removing a tree from opposite his residence on Rockland avenue. This injunction will come up for argument next week when Mr. Jones will make application to have it made permanent. The city will oppose this application, so that the whole matter will be argued out.

Mr. Jones, discussing the matter with a reporter for the Times, said: "I applied for the interim injunction on Wednesday last after I had been notified by Mayor Hall that the city council had decided on the destruction of the tree opposite my property, from which notice was taken down by the police authorities. This notification was the result of a request which I had made to the mayor to let me know if the council should conclude that this tree must go, as in that case I intended to take legal action to prevent, if possible, any interference with my property."

"For my part I cannot see why it should be necessary for private citizens to have to go to the courts to protect trees which should be the pride of the city, from the ravages of the city authorities. These trees, many of which are 600 years old, should, in my opinion, be protected and taken care of by the city so far as possible, instead of being destroyed at every opportunity."

"The plea is advanced that the trees close to the sidewalks will in time injure the walks. It may be true that in twenty years from now the growth of an oak tree might affect the sidewalk a little if it were close enough to it, but the value to the street of the tree would many times over offset the small amount it would then cost to put the sidewalk in shape again. In cutting down these trees the civic authorities are destroying works which it has taken nature hundreds of years to bring to their present state of perfection, and which cannot be replaced except in as many years to come."

"I am going to see whether the council has the right to remove the particular tree in front of my property without my consent. Even if the courts hold that the city has the right to remove any trees which stand in the way of the sidewalk, it is possible that the civic authorities will 'go slow' in removing any more trees until it has been decided. One tree, whose fate now hangs in the balance, is a beautiful oak about two feet in diameter which stands in front of my residence, at the corner of Linden avenue. Major Wilson is particularly anxious that this tree should not be destroyed, and has asked the city authorities that it be spared."

A resident of Rockland avenue, discussing this particular tree to-day, said he would consider it almost sacrilege to remove such a beautiful tree. It was one of the finest in the city, and the council should by all means go to special pains to leave it as it stands, an ornament to the street and a credit to the city.

ROYAL COLUMBIA HOSPITAL.  
New Westminster, April 24.—The board of managers of the Royal Columbian hospital has approved of the proposal to install an up-to-date equipment in the new maternity cottage now being completed at the hospital. It was decided to have plans presented at once for the isolation hospital. The report of the Lady Superintendent for the past month showed that 106 patients had been treated during March and that the average number in the hospital was about forty-eight, while there were fifty in the institution at present. The receipts from paying patients amounted to \$1,858.

BIG FIRE AT RICHMOND.  
Richmond, Vt., April 24.—The entire business section of this town was destroyed early to-day by a fire which caused a loss estimated at \$100,000. Almost a dozen business blocks were wiped out by the flames, and two small dwelling houses were also destroyed. Most of the buildings burned were two story wooden structures. No cause for the fire is known.

UNOBVIOUS MOTORIST.  
E. H. Forrest Has Buggy Broken Up Through Horse Taking Flight.  
Duncan, April 23.—E. H. Forrest had a narrow escape while driving yesterday near Corfield. He met a motor car, the driver of which refused to stop or slow up in spite of his signals. Mr. Forrest's horse took fright and was broken in pieces. The motorist was a stranger in the neighborhood and perhaps did not realize that many of the country horses are not yet used to motor cars.

## OAK BAY CLUB TO OPEN SOON

WITH BIG REGATTA AND AQUATIC SPORTS

Finances of Institution Flourishing and Public Taking Advantage of Privileges.

In about a week the Oak Bay Boat Club will be complete. Already the boats are being hired, and on several occasions all have been out at the same time. Because the way in which the boats are patronized it has been decided to purchase more, and thus supply the demand which exists.

For the formal opening of the club a regatta will be held, probably on May 16th, and a committee now have the matter in hand. This committee consists of Messrs. Ernest Foot, Wood, Johnson, and Kenah. A meeting will be held in the near future and a programme of events drawn up and all the arrangements made. Not only will there be boat racing, but swimming, diving and other aquatic events will take place as well as a big motor-boat race from Victoria harbor to Oak Bay, finishing in the bay at a point opposite the club house. For this occasion the club house will be decorated as well as a number of the member's boats which will be lying in the harbor. On the cupola in the club house will fly the flag of the club, which has been officially adopted. It consists of a wreath of oak leaves almost surrounding a fouled anchor and the letters O. B. E. C.

## TWENTY-EIGHT DIE IN MEXICAN COLLISION

Excursion Train Carrying Pilgrims Crashes Into Freight at Gargantua Siding

City of Mexico, April 25.—Twenty-eight persons were killed and fifteen seriously injured at Gargantua Siding, west of Maltrata, on the main line of the Mexican Central railway, in a collision between a freight and the section of a special excursion train carrying pilgrims from the shrine of Guadalupe. The pilgrims left Mexico City in the morning.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.  
Meeting of the Organizer Will Be Held on Tuesday.

An extraordinary meeting of the executive of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will take place on Tuesday next, promptly at 2:30 p. m. at the board of directors' office. A full attendance of the executive and of members is invited.

At 3 p. m. a general meeting will be held to consider feasible plans for the establishment of a maternity ward at the hospital with an little further delay as possible. At this meeting His Worship the Mayor will be present, and many of the clergy, medical faculty and prominent citizens have prominently. The Local Council of Women will be represented by its president, and a delegate from each affiliated society. All friends interested in this movement are most earnestly invited to be present.

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Salt Ste Marie, Me., in connection with will be closed down 1,500 men idle.

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## "Why I Recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

The Particulars of a Remarkable Cure Told by a Presbyterian Clergyman—The Sufferer Brought Back from Death's Door.

St. Andrew's Manse.  
Cardigan, P. E. I., Jan. 1908.  
Though I have never been sick myself, and have not had occasion to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I thought you ought to know of the remarkable cure they have wrought in Mr. Olding's case.

During a visit to my home in Merlignish, N. S., some years ago I was grieved to find our next door neighbor and friend, Michael Olding, very low and not expected to live. My mother informed me, "And you must go over and see him as he is liable to pass away at any moment." "Not to be only of the doctor who attended him, but of his wife and family as well. Upon visiting him myself I found abundant evidence to confirm their opinion."

Mr. Olding had for years been afflicted with asthma and bronchitis, but a complication of diseases was ravaging his system. He had been confined to his bed for months and was reduced to a skeleton. Though evidently glad to see me, he conversed with the greatest difficulty, and seemed to realize that it was the beginning of the end. He was daily growing weaker; his feet were swollen to twice their natural size, and the cold hand of death was upon his brow. "It's no use," he said sadly, "the doctor's medicine is not helping me and I am going down rapidly." I prayed with him as for a man soon to pass into eternity, and when I took his hand in parting it was the last time I expected to see him in the flesh.

Three years later while on another visit to my mother's, Michael Olding was seemingly in better health than I had ever seen him, for, as I said, he had always been ailing. In sheer desperation he had asked his wife to get him Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They soon began to help him. His appetite and strength began to improve, and to the astonishment of his family and friends he rapidly regained his health. Now, though the burden of well high four score years is upon him, he is able to do a fair day's work, and is in the enjoyment of good health, even the asthma has ceased to trouble him in any form.

REV. EDMUND SMITH, M.A.  
Mr. Olding himself writes: "I am glad Rev. Mr. Smith has written you about my wonderful cure, for I confidently believe that if it had not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I would have been dead long ago. It would be impossible to exaggerate the desperate condition I was in when I began to use the Pills. No one thought I could get better. I scarcely dared hope myself that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills would bring me through, but they did and I have ever since enjoyed good health. Though I am seventy-nine years old people are always remarking on how young I look—and I feel young. I can do a fair day's work, and I am better in every way than I had been for years. I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I take every opportunity I can to recommend them to friends who are ailing."

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North Bay, May 4. priced perhaps when was offered \$8,000 in fine at Ottawa at the Whitney collection cabinet, if I would Cochrane's election. I refused the bribe keep out of the way registrar was the perfect understanding that I was not to be Cochrane was allowed matron.

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NAPTHA D Bodies Are Recovered Chicago Reduct

Chicago, May 4. tes, making three in ed on Saturday from plant of the Chicago party, which was de Friday night, because of a naphtha lamp. The bodies are of William Lane, Steven Novak, and to be that of John E. employed by the coe red, but it could ng to the heat of

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