

Keep Parlour Plants Fit

Why do most parlour plants—the ferns, or palms or what not that adorn your table and window—look so sick and sorry for themselves? Because they are harmed, by the way, don't get enough light and fresh air. Not a bit of it. Their trouble, the times out of ten, is that you have over them too much.

How often do you water your plants? Probably every day; and you give them cold water straight from the tap, no doubt. Actually, at this time of the year and through the winter they want watering—even the driest of them, like aspidistras and maidenhair ferns—no more than once in eight or ten days. The water must have the chill taken off it, too; it should be roughly of the same temperature as that of the room. You can always tell when a plant needs water by tapping the pot and listening to the sound. A "soggy" noise means that the soil is moist enough; a hollow ringing sound means that another little drink wouldn't do any harm! Don't give the drink by means of the kitchen jug. Immerse the pot early to its rim in a bucket and let it stay there for about a quarter of an hour, or until bubbles cease to rise.

Most parlour plants can do with a good watering now and again, and the best way for them is foot-water, made by soaking a muslin bag filled with soil in a pail of water for two days. Plant fertilisers, as sold by florists, dissolved in water at the rate of a teaspoonful to the gallon, are also good.

Never feed anything but a plant with good health. A sick plant can never be made well simply by manuring it.

If a parlour plant is unwell, that is, losing its leaves, developing brown spots on its foliage or the leaves are going brown at the tips, here is what you should do:

Slip your hand over the top of the pot, with the plant's stem through your fingers, invert the pot, give it a tap on the edge of the table and draw out the plant, soil and all, that you can have a look at the roots. Probably the "ball" of soil will be wet and pasty and some of the roots decayed.

Pick out most of the bad soil, cut away the obviously dead roots, swirl the remainder in a bath of very weak permanganate of potash. Wash the pot in the same bath and then use fresh soil that has been free of leaf mould and silver sand.

Two heads are better than one, as you vote for FANNIE McLELLIN and MAY KENNEDY.

Keep Smiling

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Great psychologist of the past, who astonished his pupils with his knowledge of the human mind, because long forgotten.

"Sense," he taught, "says fortune, are sorry and a bear, are frightened, we are insulted by a rival, and strike. The rational statement is that we are sorry because we cry, angry because we strike, afraid because we smile."

He can imagine the pupils saying, "must be right, but it sounds all wrong"; for, at first sight, it certainly is paradoxical. To be frightened because we are running away from it.

There is truth in the doctrine, for the less, since the state of our mind undoubtedly has an influence on our feelings. You wake up in the morning to a dull, expressed and sensible outlook. The day is all right. The sun is not shining for everyone you meet is ugly; everything in the universe against

only brace up! Fill your mind with your muscles! Look at the exhilarating thrill of the strong blood and taut muscles and lungs surges up in your mind wraps you about, till—presto!—mood vanishes! The world is no longer so drab and unfriendly! The sun is shining, and beauty is to be found in the most unlikely places! Laugh, and the world laughs with you. Weep, and you weep alone. If you weep, not alone, the world laughs at you. The world is full of tears.

There is much truth in the seemingly topsy-turvy view of the psychologists. But its practical application is not merely a counsel of perfection for the melancholic nor an appeal to selfishness all round. Not you, but the world at large, will be the better for more smiles.

Smile more the merrier. Weep smiling! Often it is difficult, but the results are worth it.—Daily

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