

**AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.**  
**THE GARDEN**  
 Some Very Timely Suggestions Are Offered.  
 IMPETUS ADDED TO THE WORK  
 Of Improving Lawns and Gardens by the Civic Improvement Society.

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Little boxes about 9 inches long, 4 or 5 inches wide, and 3 inches in depth, or even shallow cigar-boxes, are the best to sow seed in. Any good garden soil is suitable, although three parts sandy loam to one part wood soil is better.

Sift the soil through a coarse sieve, fill the box and tap on it gently to settle the soil, then press it lightly with the hand, leaving a good inch of space between the soil and the top of the box. Scatter the seeds over the surface, and if very fine do not cover them. If the seed is coarse cover with a little of the sifted soil. Sprinkle with water, but very gently, so as not to wash the seeds out, and cover the box with a piece of glass and set it where it will be warm.

Treated in this way the seeds will quickly germinate. Keep them moist, but not wet, and when the plants have attained the third or fourth leaf transplant them, placing them deeper in the soil slightly than they were before. When they begin to grow, give a little manure water once a week, and, as they need it, transfer to larger pots or the window boxes where they are to remain.

To make a good window box use half-inch pine, and make it long enough and wide enough to fit your window, and nine or ten inches deep. Bore three small holes at equal distances through the bottom of the box, and place a small, flat stone at each end, and lay on these a piece of lath exactly over the holes. Then fill in a drainage of charcoal or wood cinders, and on this, after covering the soil, charcoal in the soil keeps the earth from getting sour, and imparts brilliancy to the flowers.

The box should be painted in sober colors, so as not to detract from the bright green of the leaves and the vivid colors of the flowers. Growing plants must be shaded through the hottest part of the day and should be showered frequently to keep the foliage clean and bright, for the plants breathe through their leaves and cannot keep in good health when they are covered with dust.

For a back porch, or any place where vines are needed, wild clematis grow quickly and are exceedingly pretty. Morning glories trained up a porch or wall with sweet peas or nasturtiums growing in front of them, are beautiful. The ground family, with the differently colored leaves and fruit, make fast climbers and are most interesting.

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Good bracket plants are fuchsias, ivy-leaved geraniums, the ordinary single petunias and nasturtiums. Seed planting and flower growing are most fascinating pastimes and old and young should not forget their legitimate business.

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 Borax is one of the most powerful if not, indeed, the most powerful, antiseptics known. The housekeeper could much less afford to spare it than she could aristocrat, and it is valuable to them. It was once expensive, but it is now within the reach of all.

It is used to wash the head—as much as one can hold in the hollow of the hand to about a quart of water—it destroys dandruff, it also washes out sunburn, bleaches out tan and redness, helps freckles and moths to a great degree, in a weak solution relieves inflammation of the eyes, soothes itching and in rheumatic affections, and is an invaluable ingredient in almost every dentifrice and cure for canker in the mouth and throat.

The laundress finds it softening to hard water, whitening her clothes without destroying them. The table girl finds it giving a new luster to her glass, lays her silver in a hot solution of it and then does not have to clean it laboriously half so often.

The housemaid finds it brightening her oilcloth and taking all the finger marks and soiling from the woodwork. She has to keep clean and polishing off her window glass as nothing else does.

It is indeed a friend in need and a friend indeed.

**APPENDICITIS AND WALKING.**  
 The remarkable increase of appendicitis of late years is attributed by Dr. Thomas W. Lauterborn, of New York, to the increase of the facilities for transporting people from one place to another, and the consequence that they walk less than formerly. With the decrease of walking as a voluntary or unavoidable exercise there is an increase of appendicitis. To further verify this theory, Dr. Lauterborn says there is scarcely any appendicitis in the country, where the people walk as much as they ever did. In the country, of course, they do not call it appendicitis, but cling to the old-fashioned name it used to have—erysipelas—inflammation of the bowels—a disease that was most generally fatal, and one which doctors knew very little about. Persons who walk a great deal, it is said, are seldom attacked by appendicitis, but the luxurious and indolent classes who go about in carriages or who confine their movements from place to place entirely to the street cars, furnish all the victims. Lack of exercise has been accused of fostering nearly all the physical maladies known to man, and appendicitis is now to be shouldered upon it. Walking, therefore, has another important use than that of merely enabling one to get there. It is a prophylactic. It makes it unnecessary to take all of those re-generators that are advertised on the billboards. What all a great many people who have "symptoms" is too much shunning of any regular, daily exercise, to express it in one word—New York Post.

**PAINS DISAPPEAR WITH IT.**  
 No one need suffer pain when they have available Dr. Thomas' Eucalypti. It can be procured at the nearest store, as all merchants keep it for sale. It is a simple and all bodily pains disappear when it is applied, and should they at any time return, it will again remove the user of the oil how to deal with them.

**EVERYBODY'S Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant**  
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**MALE HELP WANTED.**  
 GOOD BOY WANTED. APPLY CAIRN-CROSS & LAWRENCE, 121 King Street.  
 STOUT BOYS WANTED. ABOUT 12 years of age, and of good character. Apply to Lewis Lake, Box 63, Montreal.  
 WANTED—TWO STRONG BOYS. To learn bread baking business. Apply to Lewis Lake, Box 63, Montreal.  
 MACHINE HANDS—ACTIVE YOUNG men for circular saws. Apply to Lewis Lake, Box 63, Montreal.  
 WANTED AT ONCE—OFFICE BOY. Apply Room 4, Aldon block.  
 WANTED—YOUNG MEN TO EARN free scholarships for the best commercial course in Canada. Only two weeks' work necessary. For particulars apply to Lewis Lake, Box 63, Montreal.  
 GOOD LAY AGENTS WANTED FOR City of London and several towns and townships in Ontario. For North American Life, wherever this grand institution is not adequately represented. Great opportunities for hustling and trustworthy young men to increase their incomes. Apply today to Angus Elliott, district manager, North American Life, 204 Masonic Temple, London.  
 CARRIAGE PAINTER AND BOYS wanted. Campbell's Carriage Factory.  
 BOYS WANTED—15 TO 18 YEARS OF age. Apply to McCormick Manufacturing Company.  
 WANTED—EVERYBODY TO VISIT the educational exhibit of the International Correspondence Schools at 210 Dundas Street, near Jarvis Street. Exhibition open for a few days only.  
 WANTED—YOUNG MAN TO ASSIST IN bicycle repairing. Apply 121 Dundas Street.  
 YOUNG MEN—OUR BOOK ON TELEGRAPHY explains why telegraphy is most attractive profession for you. We mail it free. Write now. Dominion School of Telegraphy, King East, Toronto.  
 A YOUNG MAN WITH AMBITION looking for an agency, with a chance of establishing himself in a permanent business of his own, will do well to address a postcard to J. A. Young, 15, 25, 35, 45, 55, 65, 75, 85, 95, 105, 115, 125, 135, 145, 155, 165, 175, 185, 195, 205, 215, 225, 235, 245, 255, 265, 275, 285, 295, 305, 315, 325, 335, 345, 355, 365, 375, 385, 395, 405, 415, 425, 435, 445, 455, 465, 475, 485, 495, 505, 515, 525, 535, 545, 555, 565, 575, 585, 595, 605, 615, 625, 635, 645, 655, 665, 675, 685, 695, 705, 715, 725, 735, 745, 755, 765, 775, 785, 795, 805, 815, 825, 835, 845, 855, 865, 875, 885, 895, 905, 915, 925, 935, 945, 955, 965, 975, 985, 995, 1005, 1015, 1025, 1035, 1045, 1055, 1065, 1075, 1085, 1095, 1105, 1115, 1125, 1135, 1145, 1155, 1165, 1175, 1185, 1195, 1205, 1215, 1225, 1235, 1245, 1255, 1265, 1275, 1285, 1295, 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335, 1345, 1355, 1365, 1375, 1385, 1395, 1405, 1415, 1425, 1435, 1445, 1455, 1465, 1475, 1485, 1495, 1505, 1515, 1525, 1535, 1545, 1555, 1565, 1575, 1585, 1595, 1605, 1615, 1625, 1635, 1645, 1655, 1665, 1675, 1685, 1695, 1705, 1715, 1725, 1735, 1745, 1755, 1765, 1775, 1785, 1795, 1805, 1815, 1825, 1835, 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