

bushes will start where the branches are covered with soil. One half dozen new plants are quite easily obtained from the old plant in this manner.

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Canadian Wild Flowers for Transplanting

MISS M. E. Blacklock adds in comment on the "Canadian Wild-Flowers for Transplanting," an article which we have already published:

The larger yellow lady's slipper (*C. pubescens*) and the smaller yellow lady's slipper (*C. pariflorum*) do fairly well in the garden—for, as I have said, a few years. They are both beautiful flowers and like a moist soil of peat and leaf-mould. The ram's head lady's slipper (*C. arietinum*) is the quaintest but least beautiful of the family. The pouch of the flower running down into a point underneath reminds me more of a goat's beard than a ram's head; the colors are very like those of a jack-in-the-pulpit. I have no knowledge of its adaptability for gardens, never having had the good luck to find one myself, though I once had the loan of one for a day or two to sketch. Some of the Rein orchis family (*habenaria*) are easily grown. The purple fringed orchis (*H. psycodes*) and the ragged fringed orchis (*H. lacera*) are both beautiful. I grew them for several years in partial shade, in ordinary garden soil of a sandy nature. The showy orchis (*O. spectabilis*), a lovely mauve and white flower with two large thick shiny leaves, would doubtless thrive in the garden in leaf-mould, in a shady nook, but I have not tried it.

So many lovely things I have passed over without a word—the dainty twin-flower (*linnea borealis*), the spicy fragrance of whose tiny bells leads you to its home; the pyrolas with their dark rosette of leaves and waxy, white and pink flowers, the latter highly perfumed; the pipsissewa or princess pine (*chimaphila umbellata*) and *C. maculata*, the spotted wintergreen (the leaves of which are variegated with white, but *not* in spots; the creeping snowberry (*chiogenes serpyllifolia*) with its tea berry flavor, glistening white berries and long creeping branches thickly set with tiny thyme-like leaves, it helps the mosses to clothe the old fallen trees in the sphagnum swamps—but these are not for the ordinary gardener to experiment with; a master-hand might succeed with them, with great care and the proper environment.

One little plea, in conclusion, for the wild flowers. When you go to the woods and fields, please do not root up everything you see; only take one or two roots of each variety—just what you can really care for. There are some things, like the lupins, wild asters, ox-eye daisies, golden rod, wild roses, etc., that are so deeply rooted, or such immense seed producers, that they can scarcely be exterminated, so gather all of these that you want; but there are other precious things which are becoming extinct through the thoughtless greed of their so-called lovers. The trailing arbutus, the fringed gentian and countless other treasures have been so freely gathered and so ruthlessly uprooted that soon their favorite haunts will know them no more. I am sorry to say that botanists are no better than other people in this respect, though they ought to set the example.

Nowadays, when everyone is taking up nature study as a hobby (and a most delightful one it is), one cannot help wondering when all these people have each secured a specimen of each flower to study, whether there will be any left to propagate the species.

A few more varieties of flowers have been given than the twenty-four originally mentioned, but it is almost impossible to limit oneself when writing about the wild flowers.



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