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## Question Drawer

### WISTARIA NOT FLOWERING.

SIR, Could you through the columns of your paper give me any information how to make a white Wistaria blossom. It has been planted about ten years against a south wall, slightly under an overhanging roof. I have tried partial roof pruning, and have tried spur pruning as well as less severe top pruning, but no plan seems to induce it to bloom. The plant has a fine healthy foliage but no blossom.  
Toronto, Ont. F. W.

Answered by Wm. Hunt, O. A. C., Guelph.

Wistarias are sometimes very fickle and difficult to induce to flower. The overhanging roof mentioned is certainly of no benefit to the plant in this respect.

I would recommend that the plant be well pruned back late this autumn, or still better

early next spring, and if possible the plant removed to a more open position. If this—from the age and size of the plant—is not practicable, dig a trench around the plant about 3 feet from the base of the stem, about 2 feet deep and 1 foot in width. Fill this trench with fairly large stones, rubble, or gravel, so as to confine the roots somewhat more than they probably are at present. I tried this plan once on a plant of Wistaria that had been planted for eight years without flowering, and it proved quite successful in bringing it into flower. This plant I purchased for a white Wistaria, but it proved to be a worthless variety with short stunted racemes of dull blue flowers.