

have the pot well drained with a few pieces of broken crocks, thus to insure good drainage. You will then not have to be so particular in watering as the over supply of water will drain away quickly.

Another important thing is the over-potting of plants, that is the potting of very small plants into very large pots. This ought never to be done, as it involves much more labor in finding out whether the plants need water or not. The safest plan is the repeated repotting of a plant from one pot to one a little larger. Plants potted in this way will grow better and are easier managed and are better in every way. The right time to move a plant from a small pot to a larger one is shown by the roots beginning to mat around the outside of the ball that is next to the edge of the pot. It is almost amusing to see some amateurs start to repot plants. I have known them to take a knife and insert it all around the pot and thus scoop the plant out. Another favorite way is to break the pot with a hammer. I expect some of our lady friends do this who no doubt know well how to turn a pudding or jelly out of a mould, but who, I expect, have never given it a thought that the ball of earth enveloping the roots of a plant could be turned out of a pot in the same way. In most cases a slight tap of the pot on the edge of a table is quite sufficient to turn out the ball of earth.