

JUNE ROSES.

A gleam of red in the garden,
A breath of balm on the breeze,
And lo! all the sweet June Roses
Are opening under the trees,
And I think, of all summer's flowers,
None are so sweet as these.

There comes to me with the fragrance
Out of the heart of the Rose,
A memory, tender with sorrow,
Of one who no sorrow knows,
Who brought to my life such sweetness
As the June gains from the Rose.

She gave me her love's rare flower;
O, never a blossom that blows
Is sweet as the heart of my darling,
That she gave me with a Rose.
Darling, the blossom has faded,
But your love no fading knows.

I bend o'er the beautiful blossoms
That nod o'er the garden wall,
And my heart is astir in my bosom,
As if it heard her call.
Where are you, oh, my darling,
Sweetest June Rose of all?

Oh, my love, like a summer blossom,
You died, as these Roses will;
Died, but the heart you gave me
I hold in my keeping still;
I shall keep it forever and ever,
Mine through all good and ill.

Blossom, oh, Roses of June-time,
Turn your red hearts to the sun,
You were born to blossom and wither
When summer seems just begun:
So died the hopes of life's summer,
Like the Roses, one by one.

But I fancy each faded blossom
Will some day blossom again,
And hopes that died with the Roses,
Like the hopes of so many men,
Will come back in the June of Heaven,
And then, oh, my darling, then!

—EBEN E. REXFORD, in VICK'S MAGAZINE for June.

A ROSE HEDGE.

I have lately planted a hedge which I believe to be entirely new and very promising. It is of young plants of *Rosa rugosa*. This Rose, which is quick growing, has very close strong thorns, and if a hedge of it is carefully made at the bottom, I should doubt if even rabbits could get through it. I used seedling plants, but where the Rose thrives it makes many suckers, and it would save time to use these. This Japanese Rose flowers well, even when closely cut in, and the early foliage stands frost.—G. F. W., in VICK'S MAGAZINE for June.

THE PEPPER ROOT.

This interesting plant may be easily transplanted, and if set in a rich border among shrubs, it will afford a supply of pretty flowers at a season when they would be very desirable. Five species of *Dentaria* are described by GRAY as found in the northern part of this country, but he makes the significant remark that "all these species, except the first, (*D. diphylla*),

run together." Some good observers who have carefully noted this plant are of the opinion that all the five species are really but one, their peculiarities being dependent upon the conditions under which they exist.

It is a great delight, and, if one is not acquainted with them, a surprise, to find these flowers in spring soon after the advent of mild weather, and while trees and shrubs are yet leafless. Those who have never hunted the wild flowers of early spring have missed a pure and peaceful pleasure that is one of the charms of rural life.

"It is very strange that our pulses thrill
At the sight of a voiceless thing,
And our hearts yearn so with tenderness
In the beautiful time of spring."

—VICK'S MAGAZINE for June.

The Industrial Fair at Toronto.

The Industrial Exhibition Association, of Toronto, have their advertisement in another column, announcing their great fair, to be held at Toronto from the 7th to the 19th September next. The prize list, which contains the fullest information and amount of premiums offered, is now ready, and any one can procure copies by dropping a post card to Mr. Hill, the manager and secretary, at Toronto. The list has been thoroughly revised since the last exhibition, and among many important additions which have been made is a full set of prizes for Holstein cattle.

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