

among so many. Among climbers there is the Woodbine, so universally a favorite, the varieties of Honeysuckle, the Trumpet Vine and Climbing Bittersweet, and the Perennial Pea, the

“wanton witch  
In so much haste to wed,  
She clasps her rings on every hand.”

In planting out hardy perennials there should be no definite pattern or plan; everything like formality should be avoided. The beds should be thoroughly prepared at the outset that the roots may remain undisturbed as long as possible and still be able to find plenty of food in the soil. Especially avoid crowding, remembering always that the slips of seedlings which look so small and at such a distance from each other will develop into clumps and masses of most decided proportions. Do not set them in an unvarying straight line if they must grow in a narrow border, but break the regularity and monotony as much as possible. Annuals, and bedding and “carpet” plants may be used to fill up vacant spaces with the best possible result. A single verbena may flourish and extend itself as only verbenas will between two tall plants, a carpet of stoncrop may spread itself somewhere else in the same way, a fringe of blue Lobelia may creep about the roots of another, and the sun-loving Portulacca may border the walk. A Scarlet Runner Bean may be allowed to climb the stalk of a Sunflower, thus furnishing a combination quite in accordance with the popular idea of harmony of color, while the Cypress Vine may garland the surrounding shrubs with its fine light green foliage.

Seeds of many varieties of annuals are advantageously planted in the autumn, among which are Candytuft, Petunias, Annual Poppies the Rocket and Larkspurs, Clarkia, Snap Dragon, Sweet Alyssum and others.

To the lovers of flowers these autumn days are grand opportunities for preparing for an abundance of blossoms next spring. Very soon, too, tender plants which are to spend the winter under the snow should be provided with a blanket of fallen leaves, coarse litter or straw, which must be held in place by bits of boards to prevent December's gentle zephyrs from scattering it.—*Michigan Farmer.*

### WHITE HOUSE WHITEWASH.

Take half a bushel unslacked lime and slack it with boiling water; cover during process to keep in the steam. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve or strainer. Now add a peck of salt previously dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice boiled to a paste, half pound powdered Spanish whiting, and one pound clear glue soaked well and melted. Add five gallons of hot water to this mixture; stir it well, and then let it stand for a few days covered from dust. The mixture to be put on hot.—ALEX. LINDSAY.