

How to Grow Hyacinths.

Get good bulbs, even though they are a little more expensive than inferior ones. It pays best in the end, and twenty first-rate flower spikes on a garden bed make a better show than twice that number of second or third-rate flowers. Plant your bulbs in good ordinary garden soil, dug up with some inches of well decayed manure. Then put your bulbs three inches under ground, leaving a distance of five or six inches between them. Put a little sand round each bulb, and cover with soil. That is all, and if you cover your hyacinth bed during the winter with leaves, straw, or pulverized manure, you will find in March that you have hyacinths which, for beauty and fragrance, are superior to any other spring flowers.

But you must have hyacinths indoors, in glasses and pots. You want to watch them day by day as they unfold. It is an interesting process. First, then, about those in glasses. If you want them to flower in December put them in at once; the rest later on. Fill a hyacinth glass with pure pond or rain water, and put a few grains of salt in each glass to keep the water clear. Let the bulb just touch the water with its lower surface. Put the glasses away in a cool dark place for four or five weeks, by which time the roots have grown strong. Then bring them into the light in a living room, but do not let them stand over the fire or in a dry atmosphere. Add a little water as the first supply evaporates, otherwise don't touch the bulb; and if the water becomes muddy it must be changed. This is all; for the rest the bulb takes care of itself.

To grow hyacinths, or indeed any other bulbous plants for spring flowers in pots, you want good light soil; loam, with a liberal mixture of old cow manure, a little leaf mold and sand, is best. Provide drainage, and keep worms out. Then fill with soil, putting the bulb in the centre, so as to allow the point to be on a level with the surface. Press the soil firmly down, water well, and cover the pots in an out-of-the-way corner of the garden for a few weeks. Then, when the roots are well advanced, put the plants in a greenhouse or room in the house where they are to flower. Place them near the light, keep well watered, and by February and March you will have hyacinths in perfection.



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What the Mule Said.

A civil engineer tells this story: While overseeing a gang of men who, with mule teams, were hauling loads of dirt, a friend of mine, a ventriloquist—came up and stood by my side, watching the men at work.

Presently a mule, driven by a large, redheaded and fiery tempered Irishman, balked when right in front of where my friend and I were standing. The Irishman soon lost his temper, and began to belabor the animal with his whip. Every now and then the mule would turn and look reproachfully at the angry Irishman, but still refused to budge.

"Now just watch the Irishman," the ventriloquist whispered in my ear.

At that moment Pat, losing all patience, gave the animal a tremendous kick in the ribs with his heavy boot.

The mule turned his head, and, looking the Irishman in the face, opened his mouth—

"Don't you do that again!" The voice sounded as though it came direct from between the mule's parted lips.

The whip dropped from the Irishman's hand. For a moment he stared at the mule, and then, without uttering a word, he whirled about and bolted down the street as fast as his two legs could take him.

A Skeleton in the Closet.

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With a tender wife to brighten your cot
And love ever on the increase;
Given health and strength and plenty to do
In which body and mind partake,
And a heart that trusts in God as true,
Such never makes life a mistake!

Such an one will not envy wealth or power,
Twin-brothers to Worry and Care,
But will make the most of each golden hour,
And of pleasures will have his share;
His sleep will be sweet as a babe's at rest,

His heart will be hopeful and free,—
At forty or fifty he'll look his best,
And a ripe old age shall he see!

How often I've heard the wealthy complain
Of anxiety, loss and care,
And often the mortal that lives for gain
Dies the victim of dark Despair;
While around his death-bed in dismal mope,
Stand Jealousy, Envy, and Greed, —
At peace for a time by the fervent hope
Of remembrance in will or deed.

Dear brother, toil on, looking up to God,
Each day hath an evening of rest, —
The lowliest flower that gems the sod
May be of all flowers the best.
The happiest life is the humble one,
Power and wealth are often a snare,
Content, love, and peace is Heaven begun,
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