

**Ornamentation.**—Much can be done to add to the attractiveness of the farm home by the development of a lawn and by the planting of a few trees, flowering shrubs, and herbaceous perennials. In fact, no farm home is complete without a lawn which has received some degree of ornamentation. The development will require some time to complete, and, in order to get satisfactory results, the work of lawn-making should be thoroughly done. The soil for lawns should be well prepared and thoroughly enriched before the seed is sown. A finely pulverized surface will facilitate the germination of the finer grass seeds, and on a good lawn only the finer grasses should be sown. Such grasses as Kentucky and Canadian Blue grass, and Red Top, which make a compact growth and have a creeping habit induced by the running root-stock, are the most reliable grasses for lawn-making purposes. Sowing the grass seeds during the early summer, covering the seed with a garden rake, and thoroughly firming the soil about the seed with a garden roller, will induce quick germination and hasten the development of a good lawn.

The planting of trees and shrubs should be in keeping with the size of the grounds, and the varieties used will be influenced by climatic and soil conditions. The attractiveness of any ornamental scheme of this kind will depend on the quality and the variety of the material that is planted. In a country with a rich natural flora, like our Canadian West, liberal use should be made of the hardier types of native flowering shrubs and trees. Planting in groups of various sizes, depending upon the location and extent of the grounds; massing to give pleasing contrasts or combinations of foliage or flowers; and restricting the planting largely to the outside or convenient places throughout the grounds are suggestions which may be followed in the planting of trees or shrubs on a lawn. Herbaceous perennials, with their great profusion of bloom, wealth of color, and extended season of blooming, are strongly recommended for ornamental purposes. The perennials are best planted in properly prepared beds or borders, with a thoroughly enriched soil, and in quantity to give a massing of color. A wise selection of varieties will give a continuity of bloom throughout the entire growing season. Opportunities for the exercise of good taste in the improvement of home grounds are many, and much can be accomplished by the proper arrangement and combination of planting to make the home a place of great beauty.

In the improvement of farm surroundings, the practical and useful features should not be lost sight of, and the farm garden with its variety of succulent vegetables should be conveniently located and so arranged that it can be cared for with the minimum amount of effort.