



**HUNTING IN ENGLAND.**  
Famous Quorn dog pack ready to start out for the chase in Leicester.

**THE WINDOW GARDEN.**

Don't use much water at this season of the year. The plants will be at a standstill, for the most part, and these need only enough to keep the soil moist. It's the growing plant that requires a good deal of water.

Use no fertilizers until your plants begin to grow again. A plant that is not growing is not in a condition to make use of strong food. The application of it will do harm. Instead of good.

Turn your plants at least once a week, that all sides of them may have a chance at the sunshine. A plant that is allowed to stand facing the glass all the time only looks well from one

position, and that is outside the window.

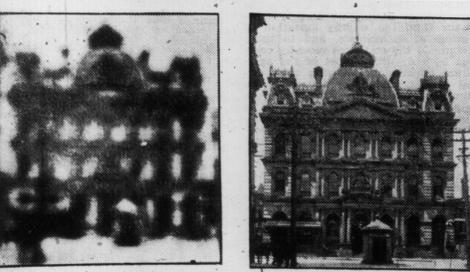
Let cleanliness prevail at all times. Pick off every leaf that begins to turn yellow. Keep the surface of the soil stirred, that air may get to the roots of the plants.

Keep the thermometer down to 65 or 70 degrees if possible.

Shower your plants two or three times a week to wash the dust off their leaves, and prevent the ravages of the red spider. This pest flourishes in a hot, dry atmosphere. Keep it moist and he will not do much damage. A showering, bear in mind, doesn't mean a slight sprinkling. It means a real shower, and the result of it is that your plants are wet, all over.

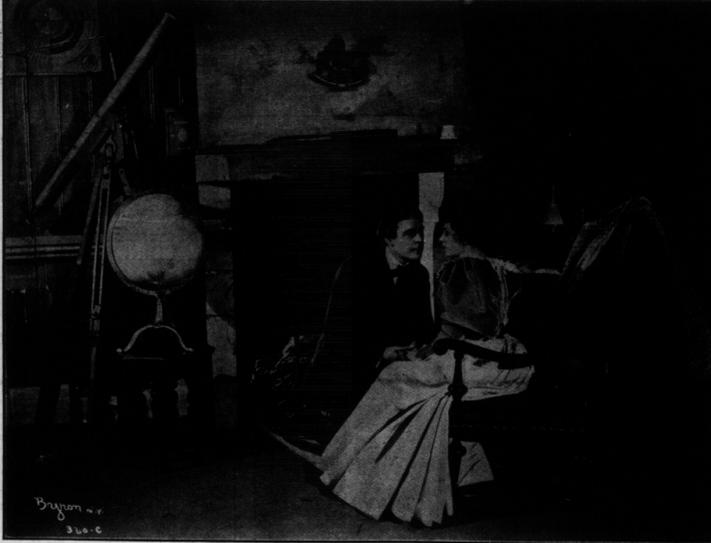


Bonita in "Wine, Woman and Song," at Grand Opera House.—Bonita won the diamond star at the Actors' Fund Fair, New York, for being the most popular American actress.



Don't put off having your eyes attended to. Consult Dr. Harvey, at the Empire College of Ophthalmology, 358 West Queen Street. Defective presight caused Miss Grace Potts to see the Toronto Post-Office as above before her eyes were examined by Dr. Harvey. The successful methods employed enabled her to see it clearly and distinctly afterwards.

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Splendid scene in "The Masqueraders," which will be presented at the Royal Alexandra this week.

There is only one thing better than a thoro showering for house plants, and that is a dip-bath. Fill a large tub with water and submerge your plants under, leaving them submerged for two or three minutes, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that water has got to every part of them. No insect can possibly escape such a bath as that.

If the red spider has begun to injure your plants before you were aware of his presence, heat the water in your tub to 120 degrees, and immerse the infested plants in it, allowing them to remain under about half a minute. This will kill the spider without injuring very delicate plants.

—From "Country Home Seasonable Reminders," by Eben E. Rexford, in The Outing Magazine for December.

**IN THE OPEN.**

Here's what I love—the blue sky above  
And the wide clear space,  
The mountain plain, the guiding rein,  
The wind in my face.

To ride and ride, where the land spreads wide  
To the darkening hills.  
In a splendid race to the open place  
And the life that fills.

To ride and to rest on the hill's high crest,  
Under open sky;  
And to sleep without fear, where the stars are near  
And God cures by.

—From The Outing Magazine for December.

**THE INGENIOUS HOME OF THE HUMMING BIRD.**

The home of the humming-bird is one of the most remarkable and artistic creations of all bird architecture. It is a tiny, delicate cup, made of the softest plant-down, saddled upon some slender branch, so deftly that it seems a part thereof. The saliva of the birds is used to compact and secure the material, and likewise to coat the exterior with the gray-green lichens so generally found upon trees. This makes it so assimilate with the surroundings that it is a very difficult object to discover. And thereby hangs a tale. A gentleman had told me that if I would call upon him, he would show me an occupied nest of a humming-bird in his orchard. When I

came, he was out of town, but I thought I would see if I could find the nest myself. So I made inspection from tree to tree, and presently the female hummer began to fly about me anxiously. We played a game of hot and cold, until it became evident that the nest must be in a certain low apple tree which had many dead, lichen-covered branches. Some of these came down nearly to the ground, and for quite a while I stood by the tree, running my eyes along each branch in order, trying to make out the nest, while the female kept darting frantically at my head. It must have been nearly a quarter of an hour before I discovered that I was standing almost touching the nest with my hands, having been looking right over it all the time. It contained two fresh eggs, this being in the early part of June. The branch upon which it was built was completely overgrown with lichens, and the nest, being covered with them, too, was wonderfully disguised, tho there were no leaves to hide it.

From "Experiences with Humming-Birds," by H. K. Job, in The Outing Magazine for December.

**BITS OF FUN.**

An old lady, lauding up the Thames scenery, said to Whistler, "The whole trip along the river was like a series of your superb etchings."

"Yes," he replied, "nature is creeping up."

"So young Gotrox has taken a wife. What was her maiden name?"

"Her maiden ain seems to have been to marry Gotrox, and she proved an unusually good shot for a woman."

"What," she asked, "is your idea of a womanly woman?"

"One," he replied, "who takes the comb out of her back hair every little while and gives it two or three upward scrapes and then jabs it in again."

An old gentleman was about to take onto himself a fourth wife. Sobs were heard in an adjoining room, and a guest enquired what was the matter?

"It's only Maria, the servant. She always cries when papa gets married!" said the son of the house.

"It seems strange," said the judge, "to see a maritime lawyer representing a bankrupt."

"Not at all," replied the witty advocate; "if your honor will glance over the record in this case, you will find that so far as his finances are concerned, my client is entirely at sea."



Mrs. Patrick Campbell in one of her natural poses. She will appear at the Princess the last half of the coming week.

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"What is your position on this question?" asked the man of the statesman-like instincts.  
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As a train was approaching a seaside resort it parted in the middle, and naturally the communicating cord snapped also; the end of it striking an old lady on the bonnet. "What is the matter?" she exclaimed. "Oh, the train has broken in two," replied a youth who sat in the next seat. "I should say so," responded the old lady, looking at the broken cord. "Did they suppose a thin bit of string like that would hold the train together?"

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Revenue Officer (to captain, just arrived): Is your ship's cargo mixed? Irish captain (very cheery): It is, scrr, every bit of it—Punch.

"Next Friday, Henry, is our silver wedding day. Don't you think we might kill the fat pig and have a—"

"Kill the pig, woman? Why, how is the unfortunate pig to blame for what happened five-and-twenty years ago?"

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