

The HOME BEAUTIFUL



This Home Needs Fine Planting of Trees and Vines to Make it Attractive.

BEAUTY OF HOME GROUNDS

By H. H. SHEPARD.

The immediate grounds about the farm or home dwelling can be made beautiful and sanitary as few other places can.

An acre is not too much. Some may think that an acre of ground is too much to waste on a simple dooryard.

Some look forward to and prepare too much pleasure to come and do not spend any means on making the present the very best that it can be.

They need the comforts, healthfulness and beautifying influences of good home and surroundings in order to make them healthy, strong, beautiful and good.

Use Coleus instead of flowering plants. A row of the yellow variety about the outside of the box with scarlet in the center, will make your window brilliant with color.

Don't be sparing of water on your window boxes. Ninety-nine cases of failure out of a hundred result from a lack of sufficient water.

Being exposed to the air on all sides, evaporation takes place very rapidly. Apply water by the spout instead of the bowlful, and there need be no failure to grow just as good plants in the window box as in the garden beds.

Abundance of flowers, shrubs and trees are essential for completing the picture, but flowers and shrubs must be nursed in clumps and borders along the sides and the trees must be grouped in one place, preferably the rear or somewhat removed from one side of the dwelling.

Under the trees, in the cool, shady part of the grounds, a children's playhouse or rustic, open structure is a good place for rest and play for both young and old.

Such a playhouse is dear to the hearts of children, and they will spend many happy hours each day there, when, if no such provision were made, they would be in places in which we would not want them.

For wet weather concrete walks are comfortable and economical. They are cheaply and easily made. They need not necessarily be wide, but there should be enough of them so that all outbuildings and other much-frequented places can be reached without walking on the wet ground.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Commission of the Bible Institute, Chicago.

LESSON FOR AUGUST 20

RIOT AT EPHESUS.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 19:23-41. GOD'S TEXT—1 Peter 2:11. Money is the root of all kinds of evil.—1 Tim 6:10.

Teachers ought to have good maps and keep before the minds of their classes both the ancient and modern names in a general way by proper construction, arrangement and painting.

The barn and entire group of farm buildings, together with the grounds they occupy, may be made to harmonize in a general way by proper construction, arrangement and painting.

Good fences around all the home grounds and lots are a necessary convenience, and keeping them in good repair adds to the neatness and beauty of the picture as a whole.

It is a wrong estimate of life and property to be forever making money to enlarge the farm in area, buying extra tracts of land for future use, and not improve and make the best of the little spot where the wife and children must spend nearly all of the best part of life.

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DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

LUNCHEON FOR THE BIRDS.

"The Fairy Queen thought she should have a Luncheon Party, and she asked the Fairy Messengers to invite the Mockingbird and his Family, the Killdeer and his Family, the Ruby-Crowned Kinglet and his Family, and the Blue Jay and his Family. So you see she was to have a pretty big party," said Daddy.

"The Fairy Messengers invited the Guests and the day came for the Luncheon. Each Bird had something special to tell the Fairy Queen. They wanted her to know of some things they had been doing to please her—and they had several treats in store.

"Glad to see you all," said the Fairy Queen. "You have a splendid big family," and Mr. Mockingbird sang a wonderful song—with the most marvelous run that he had made up for the Fairy Queen's party.

"Well, what have you been up to lately, Mr. Killdeer?" asked the Fairy Queen.

"I've been eating a lot of naughty insects which were trying to eat up the Farmers' Fruit Groves. And I've chewed well of the Mosquito Family—for they're not at all pleasant to have around. I've given Dinners and Dinners until I thought I, and my friends, and the Bird Family would never finish eating. But somehow it did us good to eat up the bad insects. Yes, and we've had a Banquet of Horse Flies. We simply can't bear to think they bite the splendid Horses we are going along the roads pulling wagons with People and Farmers and Children."

"I've eaten bad bugs and insects too," said the Ruby-Crowned Kinglet. "I've eaten horrid Wasps that sting folks and all the Creatures that try to eat the Plants the Children care so much for."

"That's splendid," said the Fairy Queen. "How proud I am of you all. As for you, Mr. Blue Jay, we'll have you tell us your Story after Luncheon, as we must start in soon."

"At my rate, sir, you are looking very handsome, and the shade of blue you're wearing seems almost more wonderful than ever."

"The Blue Jay was very proud when he heard the Fairy Queen say that, and he told his Wife and his Children and the rest of his relations to fly over the Fairy Queen's head in a circle, singing:

"Thank you, thank you, Fairy Queen, we're very glad that we're not green, and we're not in a box."

"And our greatest joy is to please you," said the Ruby-Crowned Kinglet. "The bulk of the population is in the southern part of the peninsula. The total number of inhabitants is said to be between thirty and thirty-five thousand, of whom possibly three-fourths are in the south."

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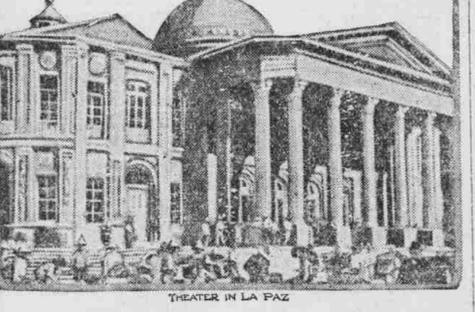
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Lower California



THEATER IN LA PAZ

THERE have been many rumors of late that Lower California would secede from Mexico and become a republic.

Vague notions prevail of what constitutes Lower California. Physically, it is a peninsula 700 miles long and a hundred miles or so across from the Pacific to the gulf. The peninsula is a jagged one with a mountain range paralleling the Pacific. The sterile heights are not inviting, nor is the cactus-covered tableland. Few passes bisect the mountain range. There is little timber and less water, but the peninsula is not all barren waste.

There are regions in which the wealth of tropical vegetation is riotous, and there are great stretches of land which, by means of irrigation, can be made the sources of productive agriculture, writes Charles M. Pepper, in the Washington Star.

It is the coast, however, that is of chief international importance. This was charted by Admiral Dewey when he was Captain Dewey. It has also been charted by other officers of the United States navy, and its characteristics are not unknown to the Japanese navy. There are few good harbors either on the Pacific side or on that of the gulf, and that is another reason why it makes those that do exist of such international importance.

A wealth of romantic tradition clusters around the peninsula. It has been called "the mother of California." Cortez sent exploring parties there after pearls and gold. The Jesuit fathers established themselves, and all the romance of the mission days is due to them.

Porfirio Diaz gave Lower California the best government it ever had, which was that of a benevolent, but iron-fisted military dictatorship. The peninsula was constituted into a territory, which it still is, and was divided into two districts for administrative purposes. The headquarters of the northern district are at Ensenada, not very far from San Diego, with which it is connected by a railway. The headquarters of the lower district are at La Paz on the gulf.

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Somehow Different. The circus was in town, and on a prominent corner Bunko Pete was trying to initiate an old farmer into the mysteries of the three-shell game. "Here, you," exclaimed a policeman who happened along just then; "don't you know it's against the law to operate a game of chance on the public thoroughfare?" "Dat's all right, partner," replied Bunko Pete. "Our friend here ain't got no chance."

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Just Trying to Boss. "Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "a man gets de notion dat he's upliffin' de human race when he's only tryin' to boss it around."

What Her Smiles May Mean. When a girl smiles at you she either thinks you are funny or is looking for a favor.

Don't Poison Baby.

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RESEARCH WORK IN AMERICA

Future Will Witness Wider Application of Principle Which Has Already Done So Much.

Prophecy is a double-edged tool with a peculiar facility for injuring the user, but the activity of the present leads one to predict that each succeeding year will bring us nearer to the state in which the research work of the country will be national in both scope and effort.

The federal government and the states have done and are conducting research of immense value to agriculture, the foundation of industry; but the future will witness a more general application of this principle—an active national interest in industrial research, and this will serve as a healthy subsidy for American manufacturers.

Research has enabled our industries to make rapid strides. The recognition of this fact has occasioned a recent awakening to an increased sense of appreciation of the need of greater facilities for insuring the scientific development and extension of industry and commerce and of promoting industrial research.

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When saying "No" it is not necessary to think long before you speak.



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