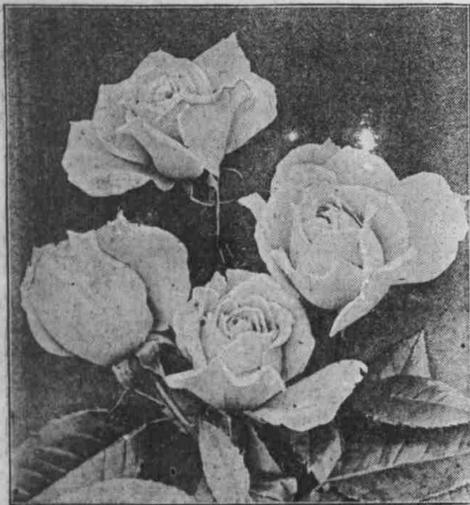


The HOME BEAUTIFUL Flowers and Shrubs Their Care and Cultivation



If You Want to Encourage Blooming in Your Hybrids and Tea Roses, Cut Back to a Well-Developed Bud.

NOTES ON BLOOMING THINGS

By ELIZABETH VAN BENTHUYSEN.

If you want to encourage blooming in your hybrid and tea roses, cut back to a well-developed bud at the junction of leaf and stem when cutting off the rose.

It is not generally known that the first spray of gladioli is cut when the first flower appears, or rather opens, and placed in water it will bloom just as well as if on the stalk.

Fragrant flowers are unsatisfactory for decoration. However, if every bloom is cut in the evening and thrown away, those flowers that open next morning will last two or three days if they are plunged in water up to their necks for an hour or two.

The sweet peas, like every flower that blows, demands a daily stripping of every bloom. Producing seeds is done at the expense of blooms.

Never cut the flowers of the wax plant unless you wish no further blooms. Its flowers are produced in exactly the same "eye" each time, and if this eye is removed no more flowers will develop.

Weak liquid manure is just the stimulant most flowers need when they bloom. Do not stint them in this respect.

Another aid to the profusion of flowers is plenty of water. The dust which in time of drought is beneficial when water is scarce.

Do not try to grow flowers or vegetables too thickly on the ground. Thin out with a liberal hand, and give each sufficient space to develop naturally.

Water liberally throughout the summer and only put them in the greenhouse to finish.

Good plants for sandy soil are verbena, aster and phlox. These are all annuals and do particularly well in this soil.

Lactic bluing star or gay feather is a capital plant for sandy soil, although it does well in any good soil.

Liquid manure is made by saving a barrel in two, or using a tub with a spigot near the bottom.

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Thousands and thousands of trees are killed every year by planters allowing the roots to become dry, and the nursery man from whom they are purchased is condemned for the carelessness of the purchaser.

A stake should be set where each tree or shrub is to be planted, and the name may be written on the stake. Dig the holes carefully and of ample size, so the roots may assume a natural position in their new location.

Before the stock is set out prune the branches back from a third to a half of last season's growth, so the tree will be able to thrive less the roots it has lost through its removal from the spot where it originally grew.

Set the trees so they will be as deep as they stood in the nursery. The feeding roots are near the surface; therefore, too deep planting is injurious.

Work the soil well in around the roots, and as soon as the roots are covered tramp down the soil with the feet and gently pour in a pail of water, and a second and third pail if the soil is dry, until the soil is thoroughly moistened.

Do not plant trees on land that has been cut down by grading and filled in with earth from a cellar and expect them to grow.

PHLOX FOR GREENHOUSE. Perennial phlox makes splendid pot plants for the greenhouse when treated after the manner of chrysanthemums.

For potting soil use good loam two parts and well-rotted manure one part. Grow the plants outside, with the pots plunged to the rim in earth.

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are not fully posted, but which you want if it suits you.—Farm and Poultry.

Washing and Automobileing. A speaker before the convention of the National Educational association in New York asserted that if the men had to do the washing for a week there would be more washing machines than automobiles bought.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 27 JOURNEYING TO JERUSALEM.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 20:16-38. GOLDEN TEXT—I commend you to God and to the word of his grace.—Acts 20:32.

After his experience in Ephesus Paul went to Corinth, where, amidst much sickness and affliction, he cared for the churches, corrected their wrong conduct and probably wrote several of his letters and epistles (II Cor. 4:7-11; 11:28; 12:20). From Corinth he journeyed by way of Philippi to Troas where he preached his famous long sermon (v. 5-12), that sermon which had such a tragic result. It is recorded as a witness to the power of the prayer of faith and Paul's readiness to serve in time of need.

In his haste to reach Jerusalem before the Day of Pentecost (A. D. 58) Paul did not return to Ephesus, but in order to save time, he had the elders of that church meet him at Miletus (See a good map).

A Great Review (vs. 17-28). Paul's statesmanship and genius for organization is nowhere more clearly set forth than here. He had plans for a great evangelistic campaign of Latin lands (Ch. 19:21). Before pursuing his plan he decided to visit Jerusalem, carrying with him the collections which had been systematically taken up in the various churches on this tour (Rom. 15:26; I Cor. 16:1-5; Acts 24:17) and he was accompanied by a considerable number of pilgrims. (See v. 4.) It is a good thing to pause occasionally and to take stock, to review one's work and to see what progress we have made.

This Paul did with the Ephesian delegation he enumerates (1) his character among them (vs. 18-19). They knew his manner of life, how that, as a bond servant, and "with all lowliness of mind," he had served their church. They also knew that with tears he had wept over them and impotent hearts (v. 31) and all of this amidst many testings; (2) his method of work (v. 20). Paul not only worked at his trade of tentmaking, but found time for the public proclamation of the gospel and also time to house visitation.

After men, not notoriety. He was always and ever at it, amidst trials, self-denial and the "lying in wait." (Am. R. v.) of men; (3) his methods (v. 21). He had the same message for Jew and Gentile, "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

Repentance is not for Jews alone. Paul shrank not from declaring all that was profitable for their encouragement, reproof, warning, help, training in service and hard study. He had taught them publicly in classes, and had visited them from house to house and invited them to his own home.

Paul's aim, as is the teacher's aim, was to make all people patriotic citizens of the kingdom of heaven while on earth, that they might fight the good fight of faith against all evils, even the principalities and powers of evil, and build up the heavenly character in all men by overcoming evil with good; (4) his prospects (vs. 22-24). Constrained in spirit, under an obligation, though not outwardly bound, Paul knew and felt himself as one bound by conscience and duty to go on his way to Jerusalem in order to carry out his plan of a united, federated church of Jews and Gentiles.

He "counted not his life as dear unto himself" if so he might hold out until the end and accomplish his course and ministry. This epoch-making journey, one of the greatest in history, suggests in many points our Savior's last journey towards that same city (Luke 9:51). Like his master, Paul knew that ahead of him were trials, but he also knew that God was leading him in obedience to the Spirit's guidance, though it was over the protests of his friends.

He was to have the unique experience of visiting the land he so longed and desired to visit—Rome—not at his own expense but at the expense of the empire, and in a manner which gave him an entrée into the courts of the emperor, also to testify to the truth before governors and rulers along that journey.

A Great Charge (vs. 28-38). It is a great experience when one can declare himself pure from the blood of all men (v. 26), and that he has not shrank from declaring the whole counsel of God. Such conduct always brings an obligation upon those who know and hear such men, viz., that it should be emulated. These elders were to return to the church at Ephesus, not to be servants of themselves but to feed the church of God (v. 28). Paul knew, as a prophet, what would be in store for them (vs. 29-30). Therefore he exhorts them to watch, and warns them how by his own hands he had supported himself and had lived a righteous life among them (v. 34). He commends them (v. 31) "to God and to the Word of his grace which is able to build them up and to give them an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (John 17:17). It was not stubbornness on Paul's part which led him to go to Jerusalem. He was bound in the spirit, and that same spirit which was leading him also remove the obstacles and abide with these elders as they went back to their ministry in Ephesus, and help them to live lives of service and not of covetousness (vs. 33-34). He had shown them all things needful, and exhorts them in a marvelous way (v. 35). We have here rescued from oblivion a new saying of our Lord Jesus Christ, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," one not found in the gospels.

It is this giving which produces a higher quality of happiness and a more noble character.

It is the blessedness of Christ, of heaven, and of the Christian religion. It is also the blessedness that endures.

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These friends sensed the significance of this final separation from Paul (v. 28), and their greater sorrow seemed to be to miss his personality than to lose the help of his teaching.

No teacher's influence exceeds in character.

In South India



GREAT TEMPLE AT MADURA

MADURA, dusty town of splendid distances, with a harbor unprotected from storms, is yet the terminus of four railway-lines and the third largest city of India. Its importance is less due to its position as a trading center than to its position as a presidency capital.

It is the seat of a university and its observatory keeps the time for the whole of India. Many of the modern public and official buildings in Madura are handsome and imposing, but ever since Queen Elizabeth granted a charter to the original East India company, the building most rich in historic memories is St. Mary's church, within the precincts of the Madras fort.

St. George, writes A. Hugh Fisher in the Illustrated London News. Standing on Sunday morning in the gorgeous richness of the Secretariat buildings, I was upon the site of the earliest inner fort, where divine service was held until St. Mary's church was built in 1678, to remain—subject to various additions and alterations—the oldest British building now existing in India.

Among the numerous old gravestones now placed along the north and part of the east and west sides of the church is one of Aaron Baker, the first president and governor of Fort St. George, with the oldest British inscription in India, dated 1682. The interior contains the colors of numerous regiments, and so many monuments and tablets to men famous in the history of the British occupation that the church is sometimes called the Westminster abbey of India.

Nor are its records associated only with the military. In the front of black granite in 1857 were charred the three daughters of Job Charnock, whom he had by the Hindu widow he had rescued from the funeral pyre of her husband; Robert Clive was married here in 1753, not far from the "Officers' Buildings" where, some years previously, he had twice snapped a pistol at his own head; the name of Arthur Wellesley appears in the register as a witness to another marriage in 1798.

It is unfortunate that the edifice was not designed in a nobler style than that of the present. The architect, the master gunner of the time, whose chief, and very reasonable, care was to make the walls thick and the roof rounded to resist artillery.

The Madras museum is especially rich in remains from the Buddhist era. In the south of the city, some years ago, were found the remains of a black granite in 1857 were charred the three daughters of Job Charnock, whom he had by the Hindu widow he had rescued from the funeral pyre of her husband.

Through the Nilgiri Hills. From Madras I went via Erode Junction to Mettupalayam, the terminus of the new-gauge railway, and there, changed to a horse and carriage which climbs up the Nilgiri hills. The engine was at the rear, and from a seat on the extreme front of the train I was able to watch the scenery to advantage while the lookout man kept below my feet and kept my signals hand, such as we met in our deep cutting, where a piece of fallen rock lay across the line.

We crossed over cliffs and gorges, by bridges, through the sleepers on which I could see foaming torrents far below my feet, and kept my signals hand, such as we met in our deep cutting, where a piece of fallen rock lay across the line.

"Ooty" itself (7,200 feet above sea level) is not unlike Nuwara Elyia in Ceylon, in its natural scenery as well as in the social life of the place. Singular arum lilies were growing near a similar lake, and both places are crowded during the hot weather by Jaded British seeking health and recreation. At the time of my visit, however, Detacamund was empty. There were no happy bachelors under canvas on the golf links, there was no one at the hotels, and St. Stephen's church was almost as deserted as the cricket ground. In small huts on the hillside I saw some Todas, the men wearing a mantle called the "puttali" thrown round the shoulders without any fastening. They are distinctly lighter

Pair of Snuffers. A man holidaying in the Highlands of Scotland was engaged one night in writing a letter in a humble abode, where he had obtained accommodation. The fluttering candles annoyed him and he called out: "Mrs. McPherson, can you give me a pair of snuffers?" "A pair of snuffers?" repeated Mrs. McPherson, somewhat bewildered. "Well, I'll be my best."

In a few minutes there was a commotion outside. Two snuffers were shuffled in, followed by Mrs. McPherson. "This is Donald McDougall," she said, "and this is Dugald McDougall. I dinna ken what ye want wi' them; but I think 'twad be o' them that 'dair snuff' than any 'ither twa in the parish."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Honest Judgment. It is possible for no one to acquire more than a limited amount of the results of culture, to form an entirely original judgment of value, and to be a few isolated cases. But each one can learn to understand that it is a mark

Time for Haste. A little five-year-old McCordsville miss has a stepfather of whom she is very fond. One day the stepfather suffered from a violent headache, and she waited some domestic kitchen to prepare quietly for some time for her mother to return and relieve the sufferer. Losing patience, she went to the kitchen door and energetically called out: "Mamma, if you don't hurry up you're going to have another husband to bury."

Best Way to Wash a Rug. Stretch the rug and tack it upon a clean floor. After scouring it well with soda, rinse thoroughly to remove all soap, and then lay it flat on the floor. Let the rug stay tacked down until perfectly dry, so that it will not shrink.

Good in Cheerfulness. Cheerfulness, the character of com and hope, is, in strong hope, like glimpses of sunshine on a cloudy day.—Selected.

NEW YORK IN THE TROPICS?

Gulf Stream Some Day May Warm the icy Waters of the North.

Some day the Gulf stream may smash back the icy waters of the Labrador drift and make New York as warm as European and Asiatic cities of the same latitude. It may even

Cleveland suggests that these parts will be tropical. True, the Jesuit scientist reassures us by saying that a great swelling of the Gulf stream is improbable, but even the slim possibility fills the imagination with exotic pictures.

Orange groves in northern New Jersey, coffee plantations in place of Suffolk county cabbage patches, rubber forests in Connecticut, alligators devouring canal-boat captives in Newton creek and anacondas asleep in Westchester jungles—it would all be worth while living to see.

But the time is not yet. This month's heat is only natural. And in August, when a seeming simoon comes upon us, do not misjudge the Gulf stream. The hot air will be from the great wind stream that rises in the canyon (exhorts and flows until a month's ending in November, the New York Sun observes.

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STOPS ORCHESTRA OVER BET

Director Called to Telephone to Listen to Wagner's "Tristan" Imitation of Music.

Ernest Hussar, director of the Hungarian orchestra at the McAlpin playground, was called from his platform to the telephone the other night.

"I said, 'be heard, you've got to decide a wager. Tra la, tra la, tra la, my friend bets \$100 that the 'Faust.' I say it isn't. Tra la, tra la."

"Really," broke in the musician, "I can't waste my time—"

"Just a minute. Tra la, pom pom, tra la, tra la, tra la."

The musician had become interested. "Sounds something like 'Lorsque done des Folles Amours.' But that goes tra la, tra la, tra la."

"That's it, exactly," came the voice from the other end of the wire. "I win the \$100. Thanks so much."—New York Tribune.

Jane Settled Him. "Jane," said her mistress, "you really will have to put a stop to the visits of your 'fellow'."

"Yes, I must, ma'am," replied Jane. "But you have said that before," expostulated her mistress, "and there it's ended."

"I'm sure I've done my best, ma'am," said Jane; "it isn't easy. But I'll try and settle him on my next Thursday."

Her next Thursday out came and went. Her fellow also came and went (with Jane), and Jane eventually returned in a radiant mood.

"I've settled him this time, ma'am!" she exclaimed breathlessly.

Her mistress was delighted. But in the hour of victory one should be generous to the fallen foes, so she expressed hope that Jane had not been too hard on the young man.

"Hard on him?" cried Jane. "No, ma'am, that I wasn't. I've just married him, and I leave at the end of the month!"

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