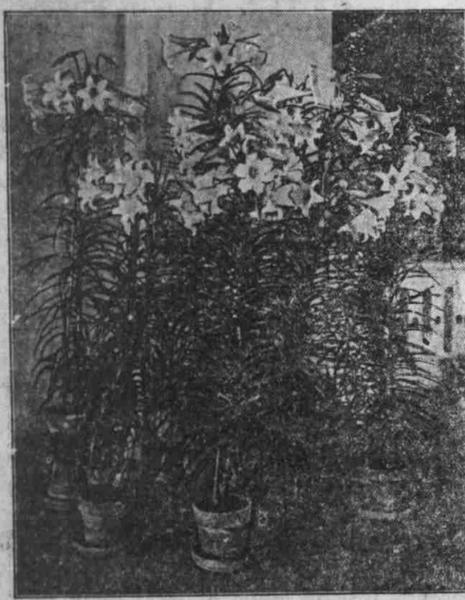


The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubby
Their Care and Cultivation.



CONSIDER THE LILIES

By L. M. BENNINGTON.
The time has come for the annual shipments of Japanese and European lilies to reach America, and some thought must be given by prospective producers to the things that must be done in order to get results from these pretty and valuable plants.

In the first place, the amateur should be reminded—it is not necessary to tell the trained professional—that this big country has many degrees of climate. In many sections of the land the ground will be frozen before the bulbs can be received, much less planted.

A little forehanding precaution will serve to avoid the trouble that the cold brings. Mature, old bagging, or any other sort of recognized covering which will protect the ground where the bulbs are to be planted, will act as a reception committee and keep the ground ready to receive the bulbs.

After December 1 it is generally customary to defer the planting until spring, but there are many sections where such delay is not at all necessary. Among the beautiful types that are listed among the late importations are the white lily of Japan, or Lilium Auratum, Virginia Album, etc.

The variety listed for this season is so great that it would take a wealth of detail to tell about the beautiful flowers. And while speaking of lilies, I am reminded of the value of the Chinese type. From a couple of plain little cuttings that were placed up in a dingy little store in New York's Chinatown, a New York woman has made a most attractive house ornament.

The stems were simple put in a jar of water and placed over the mantel and nature did the rest. The lilies have sprouted and flourished indoors without the slightest care, save for the occasional removal of the water, and their long, green shoots give a refreshing relief to the room where they are now persistently adding to their beauty.

MAKING THE STONES COUNT
By L. M. BENNINGTON.
There is no place where the taste and originality of the garden worker can be shown to better advantage than in the making of a garden wall.

Almost all of the lovers of the garden have at some time cherished the desire to have a rock garden. It offers an appeal and a field that seems to be irresistible.

The beauty of the rock garden prospect is that one does not have to depend upon natural assistance to provide one. Almost any point in the garden where a retaining wall is needed, or possible, affords the opportunity for decorative effect.

The roughest field stones, of the kind that any farmer uses for a dry wall, may be utilized. The larger the stones, the better the chance for getting the



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FREEZIAS
Deliciously fragrant, Frezias are popular because they are suitable for cutting. They flower early. Bulbs potted now will blossom at Christmas.

My Friend
My friend is constant, like that high star, and though distance and days come between us, as do clouds between it and me, I know my friend is still there, shining with the same clear, steady light, and when the distance and days are melted away, I shall find it so.—Leigh Mitchell Hodges.

The Waterways of Kashmir

ON LAKE WULAR.

EVEN to think of the quiet rivers and lakes of Kashmir revives such a memorized atmosphere of serenity that for a time the four and crash of London fades into silence. Who can forget the dramatic moments when the dust and clatter of the high-road leading into Kashmir is changed for the leisurely calm of the Jhelum river and the safe asylum of a houseboat? To know that the nearest railway station is 200 miles away in itself brings peace to our souls.

It could not have been easy for the poet to realize that in this favored valley rough winds rarely blow, and that untroubled lake and river reflect snow-capped mountains and the verdure of spreading trees as clearly as any looking-glass. I wish I could have come with us across the Wular lake and watched the fish darting to and fro below amid the varied biosphere of this unique water garden.

The human life on the river claims the interest of the traveler equally with the scenery. The whole population seem to live on or by the Jhelum, and though they spend many hours "bathing," the result, as far as cleanliness is concerned, is exceedingly disappointing.

Kashmir is an enchantment with affluence for all. The artist finds it an Elysian dwelling place, and cannot decide whether dawn or sunset gives him the more exquisite moments. When spring comes with its wealth of wild flowers, he thinks nothing could content him to do a man's work, they hold the last born baby in their arms. They



TO THE MAIN CANAL.

do not look bashful or timid like the women of southern India, for their men seem to grant them a rough equality.

The river, being the sole channel for commercial transport, is crowded with boats laden with the produce of the country, more especially maize. All along the banks women may be seen armed with long poles pounding maize or rice in primitive mortars, while the men chop up the straw as food for their cattle.

One of the chief industries is the export of timber. Great tree trunks, cut in the extensive Kashmir forests, are launched into streams tributary to the Jhelum, and they float down the river till they reach the Furdak flats. Here they are retrieved in the shallow water and sold at a fair profit.

How They Spear Fish. It is interesting to watch the Kashmir fishermen at work. He stands in the prow of his boat spear in hand.

Beware of Electric Shock
One Cannot Be Too Careful in Handling the Fuses, Especially in the Bathroom.

That the innocent-looking electric fixtures in our homes may become instruments of death is shown by the electrical experimenter. "On the other hand," "Electricians think nothing of touching with their fingers a 110-volt or 220-volt alternating current or direct current switch to ascertain whether it is alive or not," says the Electrical Experimenter.

Tuberculosis in the Country.
Tuberculosis is worse in the country than in cities. Many rural folk still think they can sleep in close bedrooms and keep their health. Most of the ill that human flesh is heir to are due to living in houses. We made too sudden a jump from the log huts of our forefathers to the modern air-tight, over-cranked dwellings.

Home-Made Gas.
Home-made gas is used by the Spanish peasants living in the cork-oak regions of that country, the gas being obtained from cork refuse. As described by one authority, the process consists in filling several large tenkets with the waste bark, and placing each in turn over the fire during the evening, burning the volatile gas as it escapes from the spouts. The carbonized residue forms the fine black-brown pigment known to commerce as "Spanish brown."

Compelling Curiosity.
"What did you think of that movie star's acting?" "I didn't get to see the actor. I went to see what a person who can draw such an enormous salary looks like."

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of Sunday Schools, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 19
FROM MELITA TO ROME.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 2:11-15.
"The text—'I am not ashamed of the gospel; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.'—Rom. 1:16.

In this lesson we see somewhat of the human side of Paul's character. No man appreciated fellowship more than he. Look up Acts 17:15-18; 1 Cor. 7-9; 1 Thess. 3:1-2; 1 Tim. 4:21. I. The Sea Journey (vv. 11-14). Paul left Melita (Malta) probably February, A. D. 60. From there to Syria was a distance of between 80 and 100 miles. From the island of Syracuse (now Sicily) to Rhegium was one day's sail. From Rhegium to Puteoli was 180 miles. Puteoli (modern Pozzuoli) is in the Bay of Naples, eight miles from the modern city of Naples. Paul and his band who had done so much for the Maltese were specially honored with many honors. (v. 10).

In these verses we have a picture of Paul seeking out his brethren wherever he went, thanking God and taking courage as they came to meet with him and converse with him. It is a picture upon which we ought to ponder deeply and be grateful that it reveals to us a side of Paul little known and appreciated.

II. The Land Journey (vv. 14, 15). At Rhegium, Paul and his companions began their march to 140 miles of the city of Rome. After a march of 60 miles they reached the famous Appii Forum, I. e., "The market of Appius." Here Paul is met by the first delegation from the church at Rome, they were waiting to welcome him, and Luke and escort them to the capital city. A second delegation met them at the Three Taverns, or "The Three Shops," as we would call stores in the modern sense. These Christians had come as small companies, but had walked 46 miles to the Appii Forum and 33 to the Three Taverns, and then walk the same distance back to the city. Thus it was that the sight of these friends cheered Paul and he thanked God who would not let him be the joy of those souls, the communion enjoyed by those pilgrims as they journeyed toward the imperial city.

We can see in the letters which Paul wrote from Rome plain signs of his longing for sympathetic friends and can imagine how he must have felt when being thus greeted on his journey. We can also imagine something of the blessing and inspiration which must have come to those Christians who met this famous soldier of the cross and had the privilege of escorting him to the city. It must have inspired them and given them new courage for the battle that was being fought in the great wicked city then under the domination of the Emperor Nero.

III. In Rome (vv. 16-29). Having entered into the city, he awaited Julius, who had become a friend of Paul, delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard. This officer we are told was a liberal-minded man, one of the few good people in the corrupt life of the city. Paul was probably first taken to the forum, which was the center of imperial power and magnificence and near which was the "house of Caesar." (Phil. 4:22.) Paul was not sent to prison for it was against the law to put a Roman into prison without a trial, but he was permitted to dwell by himself in "his own hired house." Of course, there was a soldier who guarded him. This was the city where Paul had so long desired to preach the Gospel. (Rom. 1:14-15.) As in other places, Paul was not to be disturbed. So the consular comes the carriage with the man of genius in the middle of the coach yard, and there he will continue to dream, sometimes for hours.

Uncertain Humanity.
"Briefly stated," we explained, "the story of Enoch Arden was about as follows: He went to sea and was shipwrecked on an uninhabited island where he remained for several years. When at last he was rescued, Mr. Arden put out for home with considerable rapidity, only to find that during his absence Mrs. Arden had married again. What do you suppose was his subsequent action?"

"I don't know," replied Mr. Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, Ark., who had been listening with deep interest to the recital. "You can't tell which way a toad will jump when you poke him, and folks is just as peculiar. Probably he either took a shot at his wife's second husband or else borrowed enough money off'n him to get back to his uninhabited island, and I wouldn't bet a nickel on either horn of the what-d'ye-call-it?"—Kansas City Star.

Shippable Revival.
Shippable on the Pacific coast is reviving. There are now being built in the Pacific northwest 37 ships with a tonnage capacity of 252,000. Eleven of these are wooden vessels with semi-Diesel auxiliary power propellers, and the others are steel. The value of the vessels building or contracted for is \$12,000,000, and a dozen shippable companies are interested in the work. A steel steamer was recently launched at Seattle with a dead weight tonnage of 8,800 and another is soon to be launched at that place with almost the same tonnage. The Manufacturers' Association of Seattle recently gave a banquet in honor of the shipping and shippable interests.

Radium Production in Bohemia.
In the mining of uranium ore in Bohemia, 25,720 pounds of uranium were purified by smelting, having an average value of \$471.50 per 100 pounds of an average value of the different uranium compounds, there were produced in the government mine in Joachimsthal 2,225 pounds of an average value of \$252.50 per 100 pounds.

Some Improvement.
"How does Mrs. Dobson like the new flat?" "Oh, she's not at all pleased with it," answered Mr. Dobson, "but I noticed one encouraging sign."

Folly of Passionate Men.
The passionate are like men standing on their heads; they see all things the wrong way.—Plato.

OWN PART OF GREENLAND

Comparatively Few Know That the United States Territory Extends That Far to the North.

Very few had any idea that the United States owns a chunk of Greenland as big as one of our average states until they read the provision in the proposed treaty between our country and Denmark whereby we are to pay \$20,000,000 for the Danish West Indies and, in addition, relinquish to Denmark all our claims to territory in Greenland.

If you will look at a recent map of Greenland you will see the name "Ferryland" across the upper part of it. This is the land discovered and explored by Admiral Peary. He and other American explorers were the first to visit and map the coast line of the greater part of northern Greenland and Peary discovered that it was an island.

It has always been the recognized right of a nation to claim sovereignty over land discovered by its subjects. Spain gave to a big slice of America through Columbus. Under this title-discovery claim the United States could claim all of northern Greenland except the Danish settlement of 34,000 square miles and 12,000 population on the southern coast, opposite Iceland. But this is only one-twenty-fifth of the area of Greenland. Now Denmark wants it all.

The average American will be likely to say, "For goodness sake, let Denmark have it and good riddance; what do we want of that iceberg?" The chances are that we don't want it, and that it would never be any good to us. Still, there is another possibility. When the United States bought Alaska it was thought by the majority of people to be barren and worthless, but last year it shipped us in good enough times the value of the purchase price, and now coal is coming to the Alaskan coast by rail to help lower the price in California. Splitsberg, far up beyond the Arctic circle, has recently become of immense value because of the discovery there of minerals. Dispatches have told of the return of members of the Stefansson Canadian Arctic expedition with news of the discovery of great fields of native copper in Prince Albert land, as far north as Greenland.

Canada is exploring the lands of the Arctic with the intention of extending her authority all the way to the pole, on the chance of finding coal, iron, copper and possibly gold. But the development of those regions, if they are ever to be developed, seems to be the province of the nations of the snows, like Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Canada.

Rodin's Meditations.
Auguste Rodin, the French sculptor, is noted as one who has wrought greatly, created greatly, reflected gloriously. He delights in reading, but he reads only old books. Above all he delights in books of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in their original editions. To his thinking most modern books are not well enough written, not well enough printed and are not well enough bound. Only his intimate friends—and his companion—know, it is said, how at times he is absorbed in himself and is oblivious of all surroundings. At such times, it is useless to speak to him. He answers no one. He must be left alone in his meditations. When he returns from Paris to the villa of Meudon the coachman opens the door of his carriage. Rodin is awake, but thinking, and his reverie must not be disturbed. So the coachman closes the door, detaches the horses, and leaves the carriage with the man of genius in the middle of the coach yard, and there he will continue to dream, sometimes for hours.

Only Hinted It.
George was an imp, his sister said, and she thought her mother ought to raise her children better, which made mother laugh.

"What has poor George done now?" asked mother. "Well, if you want to know," said Grace, aged sixteen, "he came into the parlor and asked Charlie to give him some money. The very idea of begging," she exclaimed, as George himself came into the room.

"I did not ask him for money," George indignantly denied. "I said that Grace's beaus gave me a quarter every time they saw me, except one, and he was a tightwad."

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Entertaining Was Too Numerous.
A five-year-old boy had spent the morning at the home of a neighbor, who owns a beautiful collie pup. The youngster and little dog had romped about the lawn in high glee, until in play, the collie scratched the lad's leg with its teeth. Hurrying home, the child told his mother the dog had bit him, and that was not going over with his mother again.

"You should be ashamed to talk that way, son," the mother replied. "You know you love the puppy, and the L's have been lovely to you. They have entertained you all morning."

"Entertained! Entertained!" exclaimed the boy. "They have entertained me for the dog over there to chew on."

One Way to Do It.
"Father, how do you fill a fountain pen?" asked Johnny. "Is it your pen that you want to fill?" "Yes, sir."

To Live Long!
A recipe given by a famous physician for long life was: "Keep the kidneys in good order! Try to eliminate through the skin and intestines the poisons that otherwise clog the kidneys. Avoid eating meat as much as possible; avoid too much salt, alcohol, tea. Drink plenty of water."

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Suggesting a Change.
Willie is six years old, and when his mother punished him recently he did not resent it, but decided to have it out with her.

"It hurts you to whip me, doesn't it, mother?" he said.

"Yes, dear," said his mother, "it hurts me very much."

"And you only do it to make me good?"

"Yes, dear."

"Well, mother, forget it next time and it will make me gooder."

Ultimatum.
Crabshaw—The cost of most things has doubled on account of the war.

Mrs. Crabshaw—Then you'll have to give me a hundred instead of the usual fifty for Christmas.

Some Exception.
"It must be hard to see people scramble for a meal."

"Yes, unless it's eggs."

With the exception of the stage villain every man has some good points.