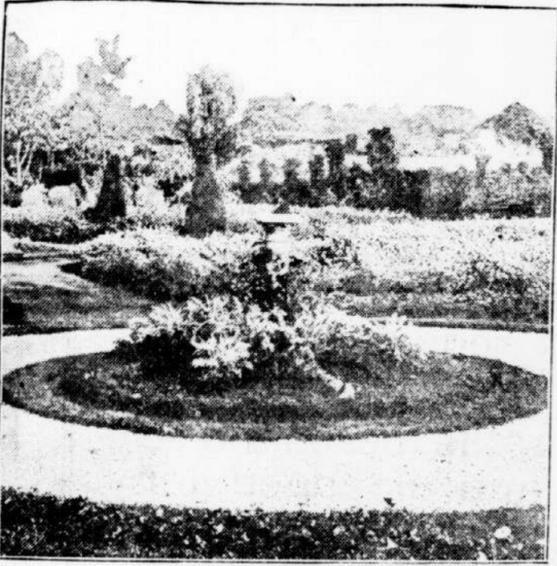


The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubby
Their Care and Cultivation



A Beautifully Thought-Out Garden.

WORKING IN THE SHADE

By ELIZABETH VAN BENTHUYSEN.

There is hardly a garden plot of any size that does not possess some spot that resembles the back of an elderly bachelor's head when the hair has started to point toward the advisability of purchasing a toupee. Always one finds these bald spots under the shade of trees, or where the sun has little chance to make its influence felt.

It is what might be called a "back-yard" effect, because the shady nook is peculiarly the property of the back-yard. Early in the morning and late in the afternoon the sun takes a peep under the branches of the trees. At other times the umbrella-like big fellows keep the ground free from the life-making rays.

Early in the spring, before the leaves come, the bare spots are sure to have some sun. That is the signal to plant bulbs in the autumn so as to be ready for the sun. By scattering crocus bulbs and letting them fall as they will, one gets a better effect than by carefully arranging them in rows. While tulips, narcissus, white, lavender and yellow crocuses and some native growths that are almost of the weed family may be utilized.

The fever-few will stand the winter and will seed itself. It begins to bloom during the month of June. Foxglove, monkshood and larkspur are also among the possibilities for the bald place. And then there are hollyhocks and almost any of the lily family.

Bleeding heart grows and blossoms in the shade and rose bushes will thrive in the zone where there is half shade and half light.

It is always necessary to plan for the garden during the days when the weather and the cold blasts make it impossible to work out of doors. A little study of the possibilities during the idle weeks will prepare the amateur for a campaign in the open that will get astonishing results.

Of course, one should have impressed the fact that it is not possible to accomplish everything at once. A simple, well-studied program, taking into consideration the kind of plants with which the best results are obtained in your particular section, is sure to bring gratifying results.

If the worker knows just exactly in advance what is to be done, the actual execution of the plans becomes more a matter of pleasure than of toil.

I am firmly of the opinion that there isn't a spot of any size in any section that cannot be made to show artistic results if the proper amount of intelligent study is given to its improvement—and the proper amount of study is precious little.

The main thing is to decide to do something.

HOW TO GROW SWEET PEAS SUCCESSFULLY

By BETTY PAKE.

First of all select your seeds early and sow as soon as is possible in your particular part of the globe.

It is bad business to plant your sweet peas on the same ground successive years. If your garden is too small to allow of a change of site each year, remove the old soil and fill in with new.

This soil should be rich and deep and prepared early—the fall of the year is



The Use of Ivy, Flower Boxes and Pines Around This Home Added to Its Beauty.

HOME TOWN HELPS

WHEN LAYING OUT A CITY

Proper Planning, by Adding to Its Appearance, Bound to Bring Desirable Financial Results.

Are we laying out, for instance, a new suburb? Is it not better and more businesslike, and more likely to produce adequate financial results if we determine beforehand which of the streets are likely to become great traffic thoroughfares and to give them ample width of broad macadam or paved surface, providing only in the residential streets sufficient paved surface to allow two tradesmen's carts to pass, and laying down the remainder in trees and grass, in a way which will save the rate-payers large sums and at the same time make the street or boulevard a more desirable place in which to live?

Such instances could be multiplied a thousandfold. The results, so far of practical city planning will convince anyone that the scope, influence and finance of city planning are so much a subject for the earnest consideration of every man who is a good citizen and loves his city and his fellow citizens, that none can afford to neglect it. Nay, more than this, any city which does neglect this great subject, cannot hope to continue in these go-ahead days, to compete with other cities and towns which are wide awake to take full advantage of the opportunities for advancement and betterment which it provides.—Exchange.

COMBINING CITY AND COUNTY

By Cutting Expenses There Would Be More Money to Spend on Public Improvements.

Mayor Campbell of Houston has started a discussion of a proposal to combine city and county governments, and eliminate one set of officers. The writer advocated that several years ago, but plans to reduce the expense of government were not then as much in favor as plans to increase it.

There is no sound reason why a commissioner's court and a city commission should both be required for legislative service, nor is there any apparent need for the double service of a city and a county police force. Many other duplications could be suggested equally wasteful.

The city and county of St. Louis are identical. New York and London are under the same single system of government. So it cannot be urged that the plan will not fit a city.

The truth is that the American system seems to be based on a demand that provision shall be made for every man to hold an office who wants one. It has multiplied offices to a degree unknown in any other country, and has, as a result, driven the cost of government to a figure which exceeds that of any other country in the world, if the military branch is excluded from the comparison.—Waco (Tex.) News.

Dwindling Wool Supply.

War and embargoes are making textile men uneasy as to the wool supply. World demand is increasing while the supply is growing less. Our own needs are twice what we raise and the chasm between domestic supply and demand is widening. Our production is less today than 25 years ago, while the population has increased 60 per cent. The difference between what we produce and what we use must be made up by imports, with the world bidding against us. The British embargo on wool shows how precarious is our position. Yet, in peace and in war, wool is an absolute necessity. Several years ago when alarm was taken at the declining beef supply many felt that the situation could not be remedied. But today cattle are increasing in the United States. More sheep and wool can be raised also if proper attention be given the industry.

Wages Go Up in Japan.

Thanks to the general business activity in consequence of the great European war the working classes in Japan are now unusually prosperous and contented, says East and West. To quote an example, hatoba coolies in Yokohama are now getting 50 yen per month, while waste paper buyers are making as much as 150 yen a day. Sake shops near the foreign and native bays are now busier than ever, being well patronized by the coolie and lower classes. A fact worth recording is that the latter do not now indulge in gambling on as large a scale as formerly. Salaried men alone are the victims of the steady rise in the price of daily commodities.

Cities Take Up Child Hygiene.

More than 400 American cities, each of more than 10,000 population, have reported to the children's bureau, a branch of the department of labor, that municipal funds are being given special children's hygiene work. In more than 20 cities a special department for this work is being operated.—Providence Bulletin.

Art of Agriculture.

The art of agriculture is "doing the right thing at the right time and all the time."

Reasons for Longevity.

Native—There are the Oldby twins. They are ninety-eight years old. Stranger—To what do they credit their long lives? Native—One 'cause he uses terebacker and one 'cause he never uses it.—London Answers.

One Kind.

"Can you tell me of any fire-escape which is always practical and never out of order?" "Certainly. The Ten Commandments."

Fads and Fancies of Fashion



CROSSBAR TAFFETAS IN AFTERNOON FROCKS.

Crossbar taffetas, in soft weaves, made up in simple designs, are among the unpretentious afternoon gowns that make an instant appeal to most women. There are several models of this character among almost every representative showing of spring styles. The silks appear in all the colors used this season, with crossbars in fine lines of white. They look like fine gingham translated into silk. Designers take their cue from this suggested likeness and a sort of playful resemblance to an apron is evident in some of the new dress models.

A typical frock of crossbar taffetas is shown in the accompanying picture. It is one piece, but has the effect of an overdress and skirt. There is a panel extending the length of the dress from neck to hem at the front and one at the back. In the skirt portion, the panels have a plait at each side, but in the bodice this is omitted. At each side of the skirt larger pockets proclaim the frock as mindful of fashion's requirements. They are gathered

by the crotone, are as radiant in color as a tropical garden. The introduction of black and white in stripes adds to their brilliance and gives them character.

Kindergarten cloth, in narrow stripes of white with one color, is an excellent material for the practical skirts, gingham and chambray, in plaids and stripes, and in the plain colors, it goes without saying are the choice of many who know their various good qualities. They are altogether trustworthy and maybe the most practical of petticoats for everyday wear. But the brilliant newcomer is a novelty and in this alone lies one of its charms.

The petticoat shown in the picture is fitted about the hips and cut without fullness. Comfortable room for walking is provided for by the ruffle. This is cut in scallops about the lower edge and finished by crocheting a narrow edge with black mercerized crocheted cotton. This same finish for the edge is pretty in white and colored striped petticoats when the crocheted



NOVELTIES IN PETTICOATS.

in across the top with two rows of shirring.

The very wide belt is finished with a narrow cording at the edge and is loosely adjusted in the most approved style. It fastens with buttons in the color of the frock and white. The bodice fastens under the panel and on the shoulder.

A small sailor collar and narrow cuffs are of white satin and there is just the merest bit of embroidery on them. The white silk cord and tassels make just the right finish for the neck.

Any frock that carries a suggestion of youth and refinement about it is sure to create an enthusiasm for itself, especially when it manages at the same time to be so unassuming.

Gay stripes in cotton goods are used for petticoats this spring along with others less gay. Some of them, nota-

cotton is selected to match the color of the stripe. Flounces in silk petticoats are cut in small scallops and buttonhole-stitched with heavy silk thread.

For silk petticoats flounces cut in deep points are most successfully finished with the picot edge. Since the flare has vanished from petticoats so completely that it hardly lingers in the memory, the picot edge has come to the front as the best for straight hanging skirts and flounces.

Julie Stottmily

Fashion Is for the Few.

The mere introduction of a new fashion does not mean that every woman in the country can or should wear it.

King's Blue Is Worn.

King's blue, that beautiful color one sees in pansies and bachelor's buttons, is used in the new evening dresses. It is so becoming to some women that it is a pity not to take advantage of it, for all women do not look well in light evening gowns.

A very amusing new fashion, decidedly extreme, is to have the lower half of a skirt or coat attached to the upper part by enormous cartridge bolts. In a light eye coat of velour de laine this effect was achieved by

taking a band of fur and attaching it to the coat in these standard loops. On a brown velvet dress the seal-fur band was attached in these huge semi-cylinders just at finger-tip depth. Though these folds stand out from the dress, they are not stiffened, and end by falling irregularly into negligent folds.

Among the new pockets that decorate the sides of skirts and coats, one of the most original is a new moon shape, outlined by narrow bands of brown fur material.

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