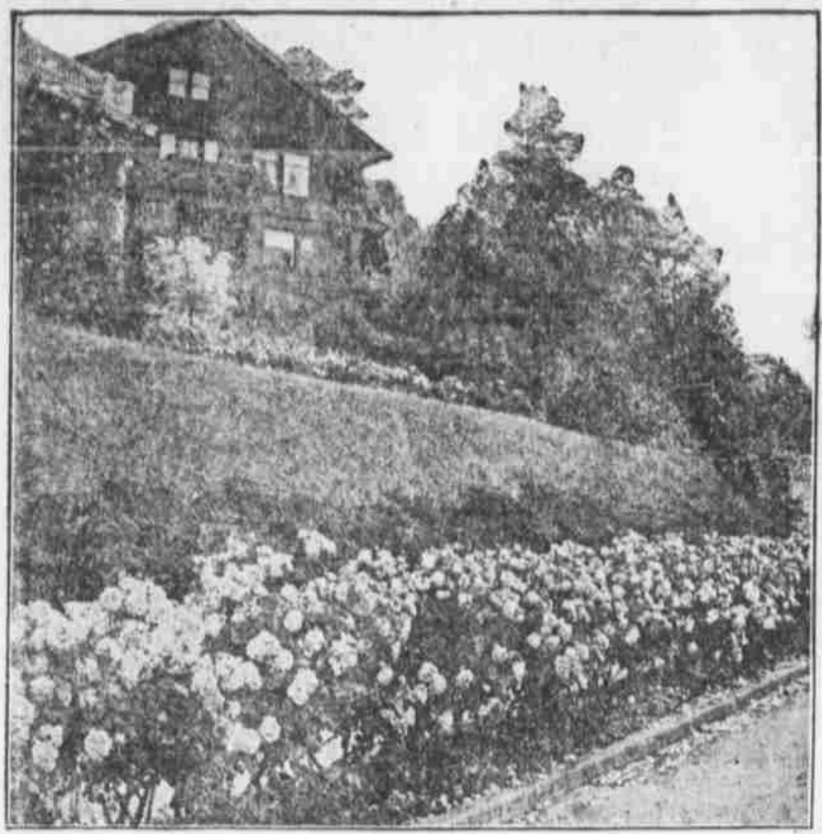


The HOME BEAUTIFUL Flowers and Shrubbery Their Care and Cultivation



Try a Rose Hedge Next Season.

PREPARATORY WORK FOR FALL AND WINTER

What about the winter window garden? Now is the time for much work that cannot be delayed.

One of the best winter blooming geraniums is the Mrs. E. G. Hill. Many old plants should be discarded and new ones started.

Do not let the geraniums get leggy. Pinch into shape.

Pinch out all buds from plants intended for the window garden.

Late started plants are not satisfactory. Begin now.

Get your soil, sand, manures and potting materials together.

Clean, scour, sun and put in place the pots for winter. Have every vessel clean.

Use charcoal in your drainage. Dead coals from wood ashes are as good as any.

Report all plants needing it, cutting back severely. Don't try to keep everything.

Try to have your plants at their best when it is time to take them indoors. Pinch and prune into good shape.

Drops of water must not stand on leaves of the gloxinia, as water will rot it.

Get seedling primroses from the florist now. Keep them growing and thriving for winter blooming.

The peristrophe variegata is a good bracket plant and a free bloomer.

For winter blooming get dormant tuberous-rooted begonias. Give each tuber a pot by itself.

If one has no plants, and cannot afford to buy, the seedlings of many garden plants are easily cared for. Many are very satisfactory.

The Zanzibar balsam-impatiens autumn is always in bloom, always beautiful, easily cared for. A fine window plant.

Slips of fuchsias, heliotropes, petunias, coleus and other soft-wooded plants root readily in moist sand. Slip now.

LATE PLANTING OF EVERGREENS

The best time to plant evergreens is early in the spring just when the new season's growth is starting. It is a mistake to plant too early; but if the planting is delayed until June, the trees are not apt to do well unless frequently watered and mulched during the summer months.

Some planting is done in August, but I do not believe an inexperienced person can make his trees grow when planted so late.

Nurseries frequently put out their evergreens in July and August, but more from necessity than choice, because they are too busy during the spring months to do the work.

When evergreens are planted late they should be thoroughly watered and a dust mulch maintained around the roots until winter sets in.

It is difficult to tell by the looks of the trees whether they survive during the late summer or not, as very often they retain their verdure some time after they are dead.

In the spring, however, trees that die turn brown within two or three weeks. The better time to plant evergreens is,

GARDEN NOTES.

If the garden has been thoroughly cultivated early in the season, there is little weeding to be done. Yet, a few late weeds will strive for supremacy if not conquered.

One of the most persistent now, as earlier, is the chickweed, which grows in such dense masses as to choke out everything else. Keep it cleaned out. If thrown into a pile it will be decomposed in a few weeks into a light soil rich in humus.

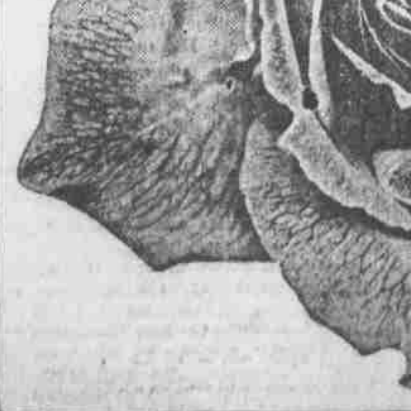
If the cabbages are slow about heading, or the heads lack firmness, sprinkle with salt and water. This will also tend to keep the worms down.

Because you have plenty of land, do not think it is of no value. Have you used your garden to the utmost capacity? Intensive gardening has already come where there is most profit in the occupation. If you have not applied this principle, see how you can get more out of the ground.

Dandelions are coming into general favor in America for salads. The flavor is greatly improved by blanching the leaves. To do this, place an inverted flower pot over each plant for awhile before the leaves are gathered. This salad is a favorite among connoisseurs.

Before applying liquid manure to plants, the soil should be moistened by watering with clear water, unless the soil is already moist. Apply the liquid manure to the soil without sprinkling it over the plants.

Where manure is available, a spade-ful or more tied up in coarse sackings, suspended in a tub of water affords a good way to make the liquid.



American Beauty.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE CITIES

Girls Like the Work of Operating Elevators

NEW YORK.—Have you a new elevator operatoress in your apartment house? This is the question of the hour between cliff dwellers. Women elevator operators are the latest apartment house modernity and, according to the best lensing circles, they have come to stay; male elevator chauffeurs from now on being passe. More than 200 girls and women have found employment in apartment houses as elevator operators, and the movement is spreading rapidly.

Despite the ups and downs of the job, the girls declare that the work is just too lovely for anything. At first they were timid and couldn't make the "old thing," as they called the lift, behave, but they soon got over their nervousness and can make just as accurate stops as the men manipulators.

Since the women have made a success of their new vocation they have been beset by envious friends who want to follow suit. The only thing that stands in the way is the conservatism of many apartment house owners, but superintendents, large real estate firms, and the women themselves are ready and eager for the innovation.

Most of the girls secured their positions through the clearing house of Federated Non-Commercial Agencies, which is managed by Mrs. P. J. O'Connell. "The apartment house superintendents are not waiting for the draft to employ girls in the work," said Mrs. O'Connell. "The negroes who were employed to operate elevators are nearly all working in munition factories now. And the girls have learned their new work quickly and seem to be making good at it. Most of the elevator operators have to manage the telephone switchboard. We want to arrange for an eight-and-one-half-hour day if possible, though there is no law to regulate the hours of elevator operators. Our clearing house makes sure of the place before it sends a girl to accept a position. We have an investigating committee to attend to this before we send an employer an operator. The average wage of girl elevator operators is \$40 a month."

Spokane Woman Has Memento of Lafayette

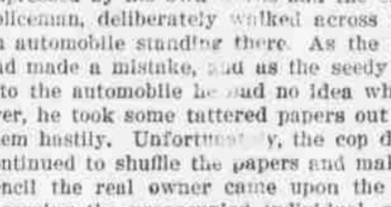
SPOKANE, WASH.—A memento of the second visit of Lafayette to America after the close of the Revolutionary war is in the possession of Mrs. Alfred E. Anderson, wife of County Auditor Anderson of Spokane, and a descendant of a colonial family in whose home General Washington was a guest many times during the war.



It is a blue and white water pitcher, bearing a picture of Lafayette and decorated with American eagles and other patriotic emblems. "During the Revolution, General Washington and his staff were entertained at the home of Mrs. Anderson's great-grandfather near Trenton, N. J., several times," said Mr. Anderson. "On one of these occasions it is related that the general was presented with two pigs, which he placed in one of his wagons and took to camp for the purpose of giving some of his officers a taste of food. The visit of Lafayette to America, of which the pitcher is a relic, was made in 1824, on invitation of President Monroe, when the French marshal laid the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill monument. He had paid an earlier visit to America in 1784.

Tramp's Nerve Bluff Almost Deseved to Win

CHICAGO.—The game of bluff don't always go, especially with a cop, although there are many here who live on sheer nerve. The other afternoon a policeman noticed a number of persons loitering along the street and among them was a seedy-looking individual. "Move on," ordered the policeman, emphasizing the mandate with a slight tap upon the seat of the tattered rumpers of the man. To say that the ragged person was indignant is falling utterly to describe the sentiments of the hoarse object. He informed the officer that he would report the matter at once to the police commissioner, made it clear that he had just stepped from a nearby cafe after visiting it for the purpose of selling goods, and then, impressed by his own words and the effect they seemed to be having on the policeman, deliberately walked across the sidewalk and plumped down into an automobile standing there. As the cop admitted later, he feared that he had made a mistake, and as the seedy one admitted even later, once he got into the automobile he had no idea what to do to keep up the bluff. However, he took some tattered papers out of his pocket and began to look over them hastily. Unfortunately, the cop did not go away, and even as the man continued to shuffle the papers and make imaginary notes with an imaginary pencil the real owner came upon the scene. He registered surprise upon observing the preoccupied individual, and when the policeman asked if he would behold the policeman. So at the end of an almost perfect bluff he went from there to the station house.



Observing Gambler Won His Sure-Thing Bets

DETROIT.—Two men were walking up Woodward avenue. As they passed a shoe shop one remarked that white boots were getting so high priced he could not understand how working girls could afford to wear them. The other answered that working girls didn't wear them and offered to bet that if they went into the next restaurant they passed and looked at all the shoes worn by the girls that waited on customers there would not be more than one pair of white shoes in the lot, the loser to pay for the two glasses of milk they drank during their observations.



He won that bet and offered to give his friend a chance on double or quits at the next restaurant of the same class. He won that bet also. Then he offered to give odds, but after the third glass of milk he felt unable to hold any more and proposed to bet all he had won, double or quits, that there would be just one pair of white shoes among all the waitresses in the next restaurant, no more, no less. After winning that bet he disappeared down the subway steps. Feeling he had been done in some way or other, the loser went back into the restaurant, called the waitress with the solitary pair of white boots to his table and unfolded his tale of woe, at which she smiled broadly, at the same time calling another girl to take his order. "Only the floor managers are allowed to wear white shoes," she explained. "If any of the other girls came to work in white shoes they would have to take them off or get them blacked, or go home. I guess your friend had noticed that and was betting on a sure thing."

SCRAPS

Wireless telegraph was discovered in 1896. Antiseptic surgery has been practiced since 1865. There are said to be 7,000,000 cats in the United Kingdom. The annual sootfall of Pittsburgh is said to be 1,031 tons a square mile. The honey bee is probably of Asiatic origin. Wild bees are abundant in India and in the islands of the Malay archipelago. The report of a gun a mile away takes a full five seconds to reach the ear. Knoxville (Tenn.) girl makes clever character dolls with heads carved of dried apples. A refrigerator made of concrete cools by the action of water flowing over the sides of the device. The autopod, which is a motor on which the operator stands as it glides along the street, has been tried by the Washington post office and has been found to do good service.

SPACE ECONOMY IN HOUSE PLANS

Modern Dwellings Have Very Little Waste Room to Catch the Dust.

BEDS DISAPPEAR IN CLOSETS

Design Described Here an Example of Architectural Ingenuity—Stucco and Brick Blend Well in Decoration.

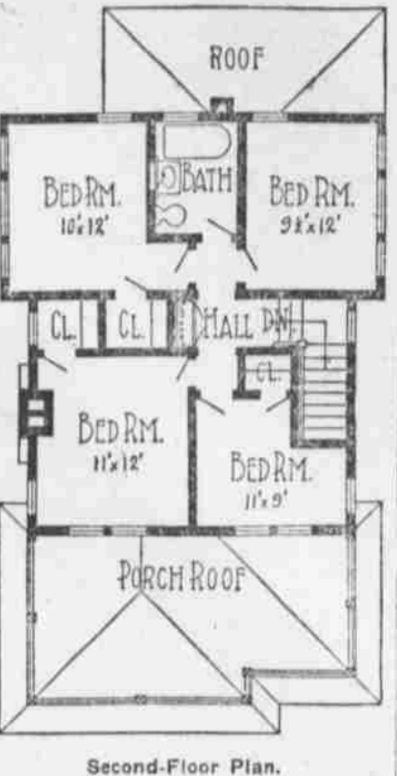
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There are two methods of designing a house so that it will have sufficient capacity to meet the needs for which it is required. One method is to proportion the size of and number of rooms to the special requirements of the case. The other is to utilize certain of the space for two or more purposes and thus obtain the same results with a lesser actual floor area. Home equipment designed for the purpose of saving space has been and is being developed with success because of the fact that its need is urgent, calling forth the efforts of exceptionally ingenious men to meet the need.

Suppose, for instance, we consider how it may be possible to realize the same utility out of a house of three rooms which might be expected of a house of five rooms. Naturally, this requires that two of the rooms in our three-room house be so constructed and equipped that each will successfully provide every useful quality of the corresponding room which has

built into the attic floor, has a neat appearance from the floor below, is strong, substantial and serviceable and is very easy to operate. All that can be seen from the floor below, when the stair is folded up, is a carefully finished panel of wood, which is finished to match the trim in the room where it is located.

We have mentioned only a very small house in connection with these space-saving articles of home equipment, because the results obtained by their use in a very small house is very striking. Their application to the larger



Second-Floor Plan.

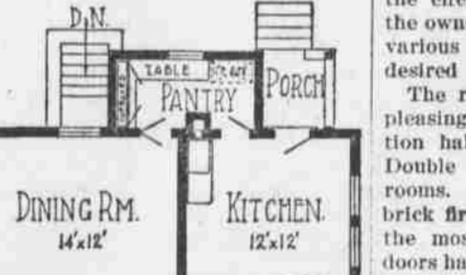
ger houses is just as effective, if not so striking. Any house might have one or more disappearing beds installed as a substitute for the extra bedrooms. Houses having sun parlors are not yielding the fullest return on the investment unless the sun parlor is also serving as a sleeping porch. The type of building which is selected will determine largely to what degree economy of space can be carried into the design of the house itself.



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been eliminated from the five-room design—in addition to its ordinary use, which must not be interfered with.

Of all the rooms in the average house, the bedrooms are actually used fewer hours than any other rooms. Consequently, if the bedrooms can be eliminated, a maximum saving of space is accomplished. How may the living room and the dining room of our three-room house also be used to serve as two bedrooms? The problem has been solved in the disappearing bed. During the daytime, the living room and the dining room of our three-room house will occupy their ordinary capacity in the house. At night their usefulness in this capacity dwindles and, by an easy rearrangement of the



First-Floor Plan.

furniture and the addition of a disappearing bed, they come into new usefulness.

But where is the bed during the daytime? It is tucked away out of sight in a closet, folded back into a wall recess or drawn up into a ceiling receptacle. Closet space is required, no matter what type of bed is used, but the net result will show a good saving of space in favor of the scheme, even if these closets are made fairly large.

This three-room house will not have space on the main floor which can be used for storage purposes. The basement is not a suitable place for the storage of certain articles, and so the attic space must be utilized. It hardly seems like good design, when space economy is the object, to take up quite a considerable amount of floor space with a stairway to the attic which, it is probable, will not be used a great deal. There is a solution to this problem also. The movable stair is being manufactured for just such use. It is

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"Since that time we have acquired altogether a section and a half of land, in addition to renting another three quarters of a section. If we had to sell out now we could probably realize about \$50,000, and have made all this since we came here. We get crops in this district of from 30 to 35 bushels of wheat to the acre and oats from 40 to 80 bushels to the acre. Stock here pays well. We have 1,700 sheep, 70 cattle and 60 horses, of which a number are registered Clydes."

Similar successes might be given of the experiences of hundreds of farmers throughout Western Canada, who have done comparatively as well. Why should they not do well, live well, have comfortable homes, with all modern equipments, electric light, steam heat, wire ventilation and automobiles. Speaking of automobiles it will be a revelation to the reader to learn that during the first half of 1917, 16,000 automobile licenses were issued in Alberta, twice as many as in the whole of 1916. In Saskatchewan, 21,000 licenses were issued up to the first of May, 1917. In its monthly bulletin for June the Canadian Bank of Commerce makes special reference to this phase and to the general prosperity of the West in the following:

"Generally speaking the western farmer is, in many respects, in a much better position than hitherto to increase his production. Two years of high prices for his products have enabled him, even with a normal crop, to liquidate a substantial proportion of his liabilities and at the same time to buy improved farm machinery. His prosperity is reflected in the demand for building materials motor cars and other equipment. It is no doubt true that some extravagance is evidenced by the astonishing demand for motor cars, but it must be remembered that many of these cars will make for efficiency on the farm and economize both time and labor."—Advertisement.

Lost in the Shuffle. "It was just wondering." "About what?" "Wondering what had become of the patriotic notion I had last April that I'd spend my vacation this summer helping some farmer to hoe."

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