# Buds

AND

### **Blossoms**

**MAMIE MILLER** 



Now that winter is past we can tributing their elegant offering to enjoy the Miracle of Creation. the parade of spring blossoms, and Around us the labors of last fall's now we see the handiwork of God. plantings are paying their tribute to the gardner who planted the daf- a mass of green and its yellow catfodils, narcissus, the early tulips, kins. Many birds are enjoying the hyachinths, crocus, chronodoxa or swing of the drooping branches. the glories of the snow.

With the Japanese quince, our and soon the vines will be filled adopted City shrub, and the gold- with the purple and white blosen bell and spirea in full glory, we soms. sense the feeling that spring is really here. In many yards in New beauty of the white dogwood, we and gone; the flowers appear on Bern we find the colorful red bud are conscious of the purity of its the earth; the time of the singing or Judas tree, the flowering plum coloring and its legendary signifi- of the birds is come, and the voice and many fruit trees making the cance. Now that we are blessed of the turtle is heard in our land." earth more colorful.

ing their heads out from a harsh to spade into the Good Earth. winter's rest. Pansies are expressing their personalities in their may do now to have continuous beabeautiful faces, as little ladies ty through the summer and fall. dressed in beautiful spring bonnets. Plant now Alyssum, columbine, pop-The camellias and azaleas are con-py, petunia, stock, candy-tuft, and

The weeping willow is becoming The wisteria buds are swelling fast,

As we see the earth spreading the with the Great Awakening of That's the way it is described in Tiny violas and violets are stick- springtime we have a great urge

These are some of the things we

sweet Williams and pinks.

It is time to plant the hanging baskets with vinea, wandering Jew, ivy, petunia and begonia. Where could you hang a basket to be reminded of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon? Plant your window boxes now.

Prune the dead limbs from the horrors of the terrible cold winter. Rambler roses bloom on old growth, but other roses bloom on new growth. Forsythia blooms on old growth-crepe Myrtle blooms on new growth. Prune your evergreens when they are dormant.

Plant tuberous begonias now indoors. Plant in vermiculite or peat until they develop a good root growth. Water with warm water, and not too much water.

Clean the garden of last year's debris, as it creates insects. Encourage bees to come to blossoms, as they are very helpful to the gardener. By all means be kind to the frog, the police of the garden.

Salute the springtime: "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over Solomon, in the Old Testament. Has anyone ever said it more beautifully?

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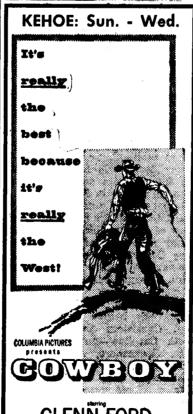
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