

Buds AND Blossoms

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"And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted and became into four heads."—Genesis 2:10.

"Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; yet through the scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a plant."—Job 14: 8-9.

When the sun gets hot and the soil dry, there are a few shrubs that can be depended upon. Just a shower will start them blooming. The chaste tree of five to eight feet is a delightful blue, used as a background shrub, and is always dependable.

A small clipping will give you a nice plant next year. It is real

spicy. Our summer lilacs, or butterfly bushes are gorgeous. They are like the chaste shrub because they are winter killed, but come out quickly from root. These come in many lovely colors—red, purple, pink and white.

Dahlias are easy to grow. They come in 2,000 named varieties. Speed-well or veronica spicata is a beautiful blue perennial. It also comes in pink. Sneezewort is an old garden plant that resembles yarrow. It requires no attention except to cut the blossoms.

Our ordinary canna is a delight to the eye, and the foliage is perfect for arrangements.

"I saw God wash the world last night
With His sweet showers on high;
And then when morning came I saw
Him hang it out to dry.

He washed each tiny blade of grass
And every trembling tree;
He flung His showers against the hills,
And swept the billowing sea.

The white rose is a cleaner white,
The red rose is more red,
Since God washed every fragrant face

And put them all to bed.
There's not a bird, there's not a bee
That wings along the way,
But is a cleaner bird and bee
Than it was yesterday.
I saw God wash the world last night,
Ah, would He had washed me
As clean of all my dust and dirt
As that old white birch tree.
—William L. Stidger

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