

Buds AND Blossoms

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"And brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes." John 19:39.

Nicodemus carried aloes to embalm the body of Jesus. Egyptians used it for embalming. It is used as a medicine for horses. It is very bitter.

Aloe is a fleshy leafy rosette, with tubular red flowers, tipped with green. It resembles the century plant. They grow off the coast of east Africa near the Red Sea. All of the plant is a purgative. It is used for rheumatism, also different nationalities use it for purging odors around the dead.

In America we have a century plant that only blooms once in 100 years. The bark is used for furniture.

Plant dogwood, redbuds, and other trees from woods from December until the end of February. Always put out trees when the leaves have fallen.

Plant gerberas indoors now. They will germinate in about two weeks. Make division from old plants. Cover with oak leaves if you put the plants out.

In July or August plant spider-lilies. Plant white spiderlilies in the spring.

You cannot root nandina cuttings. Plant the seed; or plant the shrub.

Redbuds, dogwoods and other flowering trees bloom sparingly because of too rapid growth. Do not feed with Nitrogen.

Plant Bristol Fairy Babybreath in soil that has plenty of lime. Do not break the roots when transplanting.

Plant perennial seed in May. Plant pachysandra, ivy, ajuga or gill in shady spots in yard, such as an oak.

THE ALOE PLANT

Have you heard the tale of the aloe plant,

Away in the sunny clime?
By humble growth of a hundred years

It reaches its blooming time;
And then a wondrous bud at its crown

Breaks into a thousand flowers;
This floral queen in its blooming seen

Is the pride of the tropical bowers;
But the plant to the flower is a sacrifice,

For it blooms but once, and in blooming dies.

Have you heard the tale of the Pelican,

The Arab's Gomel el Bahr,
That dwells in the African solitudes

Where the birds that live lonely are?

Have you heard how it loves its tender young,
And cares and toils for their good?

It brings them water from fountains afar
And fishes the sea for their food.

In famine it feeds them what love can desire—
The blood of its blossom—and feeding them, dies.

Have you heard the tale they tell of the swan,

The snow white bird of the lake?
It noiselessly floats on the silvery wave,

It silently sits in the wake;
For it saves its song till the end of life,

And then, in the soft, still even,
'Mid the golden light of the setting sun

It sings as it soars into heaven,
And the blessed notes fall back from the skies—

'Tis its only song, for in singing it dies.

You have heard the tale. Shall I tell you one,
A greater and better one than all?

Have you heard of Him whom the heavens adore,
Before whom the hosts of them fall?

How He left the choirs and anthems above

Looking Glass -

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perhaps, he saw beauty where beauty didn't exist, just like the teen-age girls who picks out a skinny kid with pimples, and sees in him the qualities of a Rock Hudson or a Pat Boone.

New Bern, to this kindly man, was a child's smile on a tree-shaded street. It was the spell of rivers—slow - moving rivers taking their own sweet time in getting to the sea. It was many, many things. As for "Pop"— he was old age at its wonderful best.

For earth in its wailings and woes,
And suffered the shame and pain of the cross
To die for the life of His foes.
His death is our life, His loss is our gain.
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—Dr. Henry Harbough.

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The reason this *socialism-by taxation* goes on is simply that most people don't know about it. So you can help halt it by spreading the word.

As soon as enough people know that their taxes are being used to buy socialism, they will stop it, you can be sure.

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