

Buds AND Blossoms

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"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another—Let us now go even unto Bethlehem to see the thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child."—Portion of 2nd chapter of Luke.

Always condition a Christmas tree before putting it into a heated room. Place the tree in the yard for the snow and cold to preserve it. Spray the tree with water one or two times before putting it on a Christmas tree stand.

Cut the tree trunk on a deep diagonal or deep V, to absorb as much water as possible. Put it in a container to which one of the following has been added as a stimulant: one cup of sugar or molasses to each quart of water.

If poinsettias have yellow leaves on them, they are undernourished. Use a good fertilizer on them. Many shrubs during winter months are covered with a mold that is very noticeable, and foliage always has to be washed before using.

This is a sooty mold, and may be controlled by using emulsifiable Malathion. Gardenias and camellias are often covered with it.

There is still plenty of time to plant candytuft, calendula, carnations, Sweet Alyssum and hollyhocks. If you receive camellias as gifts for Christmas, place them in acid soil, with plenty of moisture but well-drained soil.

Camellias do better if you will pick as much as half the buds from

shrubs. Put ammonium sulfate around plants soon after they bloom. Do not encourage new growth in late summer and fall. They are easily killed.

How Far To Bethlehem?
It isn't far to Bethlehem Town—

Just over the dusty roads adown,
Past Wise Men's well, still offering
Cool draughts from wayside
spring;

Past shepherds with their flutes of
reed

That charm the wooly sheep they
lead;

Past boys with kites on hilltops
flying.

And soon you're there where
Bethlehem's lying.

Sunned white and sweet on olived
slopes,

Gold-lighted still with Judah's
hopes.

And so we find the Shepherd's
field

And plain that gave rich Boaz
yield.

And look where Herod's villa stood.
We thrill that earthly parenthood
Could foster Christ who was all

good;
And thrill that Bethlehem Town
today
Looks down on Christmas homes
that pray.
It isn't far to Bethlehem Town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes
down
And finds in people's friendly
face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs
right through
The homes of folks like me and
you.
—Madeline Sweeny Miller.

Mirror Morsels

Advice is seldom welcome. Those who need it most, like it less. — Samuel Johnson.

We often pray for purity, unselfishness, for the highest qualities of character, and forget that these things cannot be given, but must be earned. — Lyman Abbott.

Let a human being throw the engines of his soul into the making of something, and the instinct of workmanship will take care of his honesty. — Walter Lippman.

No age or time of life, no position or circumstance, has a monopoly on success. Any age is the right age to START DOING! — Gerard.

Music resembles poetry; in each are numerous graces which no methods teach, and which a master alone can reach. — Alexander Pope.



Anyone who says our school teachers have it easy, simply does not know what they're talking about! Some misguided souls feel that they have quite a few arguments in their favor.

"For instance," they moan, "look at us. We work twelve months every year, with only a week or two off for vacation. (If we're lucky, that is) while these teachers work only nine months, and then take off the other three months!"

Well, friends, you can't get away with that argument. There's one sure thing that can certainly be figured out while you're complaining. You just don't have kids.

After coping with anywhere from 30 to 35 children five days a week for nine months, every parent will agree to one thing. It's going to take those three months to recuperate.

Now, consider one of those class trips the youngsters take every once in awhile, for instance. Herding 35 first graders safely on and off busses, and through a thickly populated zoo, would be nothing less than a nightmare for us.

One very puzzled mother, after

thinking about it for some time, started questioning her young son as to what rules he had been told to obey, or what specific instructions he had been given. The little fellow thought for a moment, and then said he couldn't think of any rules or instructions.

"But surely," his mother persisted, "your teacher must have told you something!"

Exasperated, her six-year-old burst out: "Mom, she didn't tell us ANYTHING! All she said was 'Just don't let go of the rope!'"

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