

Green Thumb Ladies

This is the time of the year to consider the flowers you will have in your garden next spring. Between September 1 and December 15 is the time to put flowering bulbs in the ground. The exact date will depend upon the climate of your particular section of the South. October is the best month for most of the Upper South. Here are ten rules which will help you to have more early spring flowers:

1. Buy large, healthy bulbs of good quality.
2. Order early and keep bulbs in a cool, dry place until planting time.
3. Plant in a light well drained soil.
4. Plant before the frost hardens the ground, usually from October through November. In warmer climates plant after Thanksgiving.
5. Plant the right depth. Follow planting directions which usually come with bulbs.
6. Decide whether you will plant bulbs in groups, borders or mass planting.
7. When weather turns cold cover the surface of the ground with leaves or sawdust. Remove mulch in early spring.
8. Spring flowers that grow from bulbs appreciate having the surface soil about them loosened from time to time and kept free from weeds.
9. Remove flowers when petals begin to drop. If they are to be left in the ground another year, do not remove foliage until it has died down.
10. Bulbs may be lifted and stored for replanting the following fall after the foliage has died. Only the largest bulbs should be saved.

Dried arrangements are a boon to the homemaker in that they can be depended upon to last indefinitely. But they are also an extra chore for the housekeeper who has to keep them clean. Careful dusting with a soft feather duster should be part of the routine to eliminate or at least postpone a major cleaning.

When dried material seems to need more than a dusting, washing in water is perfectly safe. The leaves, seed pods, driftwood, etc., should be laid flat in the bottom of the bathtub and gently sprayed or syringed with cool water. Especially grimy spots can be gone over several times with the spray till grime is flushed away. Clean material should be hung up to drip dry. A final measure to tone up the arrangement is to spray it with an aerosol bomb of clear plastic. The coating also tends to discourage dust and increases the durability.

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present status proved most interesting. Roundtables followed making use of information gained from the film and from the lecture.

Monday evening's meetings included a Song Fest, Parade of States, the President's Message—"The Southeastern and the New South" by Mrs. Lyells followed by announcements of the Parade of States Winners, Arts and Crafts winners, and Presentation of trophies. Art exhibits displayed many skillful hobbies.

The special feature of Tuesday morning's general session was a program by the girls. Appropriate musical selections, an address, presented in an interesting manner the "Foundation of the American Government" and a well planned fashion review certainly kept the audience well entertained. Having visitors attend the session unexpectedly was a pleasure because the program could not have been better selected or presented. There were representatives of many nations among the visitors.

Though meetings consumed much of the time, they were interspersed with occasion for diversion which included a tea, a party and a sight-seeing tour which included a visit at Mt. Meig's Training School where dinner was served, places of interest in Montgomery and being well entertained at the Montgomery City Federation Club House.

In the closing session Mrs. Irene McCoy Gains, President of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs was guest speaker and later installed officers. President Lyell's Commitment then the benediction and the nineteenth biennial convention of the Southeastern Association of Colored Women's Clubs and the Southeastern Association of Colored Girl's closed to meet again in 1959 in Jackson, Miss.

Your Manners Are Showing

When Dick invites you out to eat, The waiter guides you to your seat; No need to wonder what to do—You follow him, Dick follows you.

When callers come, you should be dressed in something nice if not your best. Unless you're ill, it's not O. K. to greet them while in negligee.

If you and Pete sit sipping coke and in the room come older folk, stand up and smile, and later when they leave, stand up and smile again.

We all must wait around in vain while Peggy chats with friends again. Perhaps she thinks that she alone is privileged to use the phone.

When men escort you on the street in city, town or county seat, if they have courtesy and pride, they always walk on the outside.

Penny Savers

Do a stitch-in-time routine with your clothes. One hour each week in brushing, pressing and repair will return dollars in wear to you.

Resew hems where threads are broken, for looks and safety. Resew hooks and eyes, snaps and buttons so they won't be lost or appear untidy. If buttons have been lost or broken in laundering and cleaning, buy or make a new set and replace the lot.

Spot your clothes with cleaning fluid and scrap of wool fabric that won't leave lint. Get some scraps of wool upholstery fabric like frieze and make a bag 3 x 3 inches square. This is an ideal spotter when saturated with cleaning fluid. Go over spots carefully. If they are serious ones, send garment to the cleaners. Be faithful in your use of a deodorant to protect your clothes.

Keep a specially treated press cloth at hand and press wrinkles out promptly. Careful pressing after spotting can often delay a trip to the cleaners.

If you use lingerie neckwear, wash it after each wearing. If you haven't time to launder and replace it, better not buy it.

Watch linings of your coats. Do not let them sag below your coat. A bar stitch at the hemline can lift a lining back into place in little time.

If a dress or suit hangs neglected and unworn because shoulders are too large for now, fix them by making pads smaller and softer. If top of sleeve sticks up, rip seam across top and take out fullness. Baste carefully; stitch and press, and the shoulders should look ever so right for today's fashions.

If dress is sleeveless, remove all or part of pads, and take a deeper shoulder seam from armhole in, tapering to nothing at the neck.

If a dress hangs unevenly, sags, or hem has been badly done, turn and even edges, making hem new.

If skirt rolls just below waistline, open skirt seams, refit garment on figure, then restitch seams.

Use ribbon, rayon taffeta, velvet or velvet to refashion, renew and rejuvenate last season's clothes.

Put whiskbroom or cloth brush into service on neckline and shoulders of garments. Use also on hats and bags, which are refreshed further with cleaning fluid. Keep gloves cleaned and mended, also bags and shoes.

Have good hangers for all clothes. Hang dresses with heavy skirts by waistline tapes rather than shoulders. Give your clothes a rest—have at least two outfits so you can change every day. Air them often.

Clothes don't make the woman, but they surely help to make her more attractive, especially if she has a trim, well-put-together look. One hour each week can help you to look smarter and better groomed.—Reprint from Everywoman's.

Poetry Corner

A Cure For Fault-Finding

Just stand aside, and watch yourself go by;

Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I,"

Pick flaws, find fault, forget the man is you,

And strive to make your estimate ring true.

The faults of others then will dwarf and shrink.

Love's chain grows stronger by one mighty link,

When you with "he" as substitute Have stood aside, and watched yourself go by.—Selected.

Song for Small Things

I will divide small things in two groups, saying:

"These are inconsequential,—let them go

Presently down the wind, for long delaying

Would grieve the heart, or prick the mind with slow

Imaginations. I will forget each Unpleasantness," and "These I must retain

As if I'd pockets in my being: all The golden sights of Autumn, lilac-rain,

New snow, and every flower I have beheld;

Bright beauty I have heard in certain speech,

And pleasure deep in eyes, and laughter welled

A moment from the very soul, and each

Small other loveliness I cannot now

Say when shall come, or by what road, or how."

So Long As There Are Homes

So long as there are homes to which men turn

At the close of day,

So long as there are homes where children are,

Where women stay,

If love and loyalty and faith be found

Across those sills,

A stricken nation can recover from its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where fires burn

And there is bread,

So long as there are homes where lamps are lit

And prayers are said;

Although a people falter through the dark

And nations grope,

With God himself back of these little homes

We can still hope.