

Buds AND Blossoms

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"A bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in: As the Lord commanded Moses."—Exodus 39:26.

The pomegranate is in full color. They come in orange and white, and pure orange. The pomegranate is mentioned many times in the Bible, and is associated with religious rituals and weddings.

If you don't have one already, just cut a six-inch stem with a blossom and it will root easily by placing in moist soil.

See that the asters are transplant-

ed as well as the lace flowers and scabious. It is time to transplant all annuals. In case you like a garden with a lot of gray or lavender in it, plant the following: dusty miller, lavender, wall cress, blue-lace flower, mullein, grass pinks and old maid pinks.

We find that lice are eating the annuals and perennials. Make a

shallow depression around each plant, and pour nicotine sulfate or a soap solution for spraying aphids.

If the arborvitas are dying, cut the infected parts out and burn. Spruce mites cause this trouble. If you are bothered with rust, dust with sulphur.

Nandina bushes will have berries if they are planted in groups, so they will be cross-pollinated. Rainfall does affect the number of berries. Ask your seed man for the spray that encourages the berries to remain on the stems.

There are 184 species of the Passions flower. We have a very hardy common kind that grows in this locality. The fruit is edible. There is a legend connected with it concerning the 12 Disciples, the Yoke and Crown of Thorns. They are very pretty trailing on a fence.

Prune your tamarix now. Cut back all blooming shrubs that are fading. Add aluminum to the soil

to change a pink hydrangea to a blue one. As the poppies bloom, mark them so you may have the prettier ones for seeds. Poppies are so pretty this season.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing,
fly
Scarce heard among the guns
below.

—John McCrae

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Take precaution to make such scatter rugs as you do use in your rooms slip-proof. There are products available in most rug or department stores today to make such rugs hold still. Good slip-proof underlays can be inexpensive treated sheets, trimmed to small rug size or laid side by side under the larger rugs. Anti-skid rubberized fire padding, and moisture, dust and moth-proof rubber or composition rubber paddings are also available, though more expensive.

Tack stairway and hall coverings down securely or use a non-skid material recommended by your floor covering dealer. Also, install a small light at baseboard level to expose danger spots and warn the walker to be careful.

In the basement, the floors around washtubs and machines should be kept dry.

Basement stairs: Paint the bottom step or patch of floor shiny white or some bright color. A surprising number of persons fall in the basement because, with a dim light and often no light at all, they think the lowest step is floor level.

Front and Back Doors: Provide mats outside your front and back doors for family and visitors to wipe their feet on. This will dry their shoes of mud or sticky substances, reduce possibility of their falling on your floors or tracking and making floor slippery. The mat also helps to keep your indoor floors and carpets clean.

Roddy McDowell is unhappy with his part in the Kit Cornell play, "The First Born," but he intends to stick with it.

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