

# Buds AND Blossoms

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"The multitude spread palm braches in the way when Jesus rode into Jerusalem."—John 12:13. "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree . . . Those that be planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish . . . They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."—Psalm 12:12-14. John 12:13—"Took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet Him."

The palm tree is really a date tree. It stands out from all other trees. It is referred to as the "branches" of the Bible. It is used for covering roof of homes in the Holy Land and to rope up reed fences. The trunk makes good timber. The fiber from leaves makes mats, dishes and dust-ers, as well as fuel.

The fruit often weighs in clusters up to 45 pounds. It is good food

for man. The seed is used for food for animals as well as ornaments. It is said that the palm tree offers bread, wine and honey. It is used in time of great rejoicing—it represents riches, victory and light.

There are many legends concerning the palm tree. It is believed to be the "Tree of Life" or "Tree of Knowledge" in the garden of Eden. It is said that Mary asked the palm tree to bow down and shade the brow of baby Jesus on flight to Egypt.

It is time to plant lobelia, nasturtium, snapdragon, stock, rock cress, mourning bride, candula and sweet alyssum.

Grow plants to add interest and variety to your border. Colorful leaves often soften the border and are dependable when flowers fade. When danger of frost is over you may plant coleus, caladiums, crotons, and begonias. Aspidistra may be permanent, and makes nice foliage for arrangements the year round.

Start to search for harmful insects and diseases in plants. Do not destroy lady beetles and praying mantis. Destroy bagworm bags on evergreens. Cutworms are plentiful at this time of year. Dust plants with Paris green mixed with flour or meal. If you are bothered with aphids spray with nicotine.

A portion of the poem "Palestine" by John Greenleaf Whittier expresses the Easter Season.

**PALESTINE**  
Blessed land of Judea! Thrice hallowed of song,  
Where the holiest of memories pilgrim-like throng;  
In the shade of thy palms, by the shores of thy sea,  
On the hills of thy beauty, my heart is with thee.

And Bethany's palm-trees in beauty still throw  
Their shadows at noon on the

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## HINTS TO HOMEMAKERS

**ADVANTAGES OF A FREEZER**  
—Research food specialists say there are advantages to freezing special foods. Buy and freeze day-old bread. It's less expensive and freezing actually seems to freshen it (moisture seems to be more evenly distributed).

Freeze brown sugar and confectioners' sugar to prevent lumping.

Marshmallows keep moist and soft when frozen.

Crackers and potato chips when frozen in warm weather insure freshness and crispness.

**IMAGINATIVE TOUCH TO A MEAL**—A perfect accompaniment to fish is cucumbers. Chill cucumbers thoroughly. Slice 'em thin, add a little salad oil and enough fresh lemon juice to cover. Sprinkle with fresh dill or dill seed. Add salt and pepper to taste just before serving.

Next time you run out of "vegetable ideas," here's a quickie to try. Cook canned or frozen vegetables according to package directions. Add a squeeze of fresh lemon juice and put into a buttered flat casserole. Make a medium white sauce; add one egg yolk and one tablespoon fresh lemon juice, blending thoroughly. Pour over vegetables and sprinkle with grated cheddar cheese. Bake in 350-degree oven until cheese melts.

ruin below;  
But where are the sisters who hastened to greet  
The lowly Redeemer, and sit at his feet?

I tread where the Twelve in their wayfaring trod;  
I stand where they stood with the Chosen of God,  
Where His blessings were heard and His lessons were taught,  
Where the blind were restored and the healing was wrought.

Not in clouds and in terrors, but gentle as when,  
In love and in meekness, He moved among men;  
And the voice which breathed peace to the waves of the sea  
In the hush of my spirit would whisper to me.

And what if my feet may not tread where He stood,  
Nor my ears hear the dashing of Galilee's flood,  
Nor my eyes see the cross which He bowed Him to bear,  
Nor my knees press Geth-semane's Garden of Prayer!

Oh, the outward hath gone! but in glory and power  
The Spirit surviveth the things of an hour;  
Unchanged, undecaying, its Pentecost flame  
On the heart's secret altar is burning the same!

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## TOT TALK



One of the things we liked about the late Dr. Oscar Kafer was his keen sense of humor. That, and his willingness to flop in a chair by your bed, and grunt with you for awhile, after diagnosis of your ailment.

Dropping into his office on a still remembered morning, we spied one of his sons, little Bill, sucking away on a thumb.

"What do you do about Bill," we asked, "when some worried mother comes in to get a prescription for thumb sucking?"

"Oh that's easy," Dr. Kafer grinned. "I just hide him behind the door until she leaves."

Kafer had a way with children, and, for that matter, with everybody else. Never was this more clearly demonstrated to us than in emergencies involving juveniles.

On one such occasion, the writer

happened along when a small boy on Johnson street fell on a broken milk-bottle. It resulted in a gaping wound on the tot's left leg.

A husky Red Cross swimming instructor also happened along. He was in the city for a two-week period to teach life saving. The laceration was bleeding so profusely that we took the child to the hospital ourselves instead of calling an ambulance.

In the emergency room with Dr. Kafer, we assisted the physician in any way we could, when asked to do it. The wound was attended to quickly and expertly, and the frightened lad lost his terror, thanks to the soft, reassuring words of Kafer.

But there was one unexpected complication. The Red Cross instructor, a fine man who was strong as a bull, fainted dead away.

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