


Buds AND Blossoms

By MAMIE MILLER



"The land which you are going to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, a land which the Lord your God cares for; for the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year." —Deut. 11:11-12.

Cacti will grow better in a loose porous soil. Do not use nitrogen, but add lime. Keep the temperature about 50 degrees to make the cacti do well. Keep night-blooming cereus in a light place all the time. When you cut back this plant, rub the cut with sulphur. Remove mealy bugs with Ivory soapsuds on cactus.

Repot Christmas Cactus when the pot is filled with roots. Buds fall from these plants because they are usually given too much water. Give plants plenty of potash. Use liquid manure weekly.

A cacti is from the family of Cactaceae. A succulent is a fleshy plant that can conserve water in its tissues. They require about the same treatment. Succulents like brick added to soil and lots of lime. Many succulents make lovely window boxes. They look like a crocheted bed spread from an up-

stairs window. If you like a fragrant, plant sweet alyssum, stock, mignonette, sweet peas and pinks.

Plant begonias in a well porous soil that is rich in humus. Fertilize once a week in growing season and once each three weeks in winter months. If begonias drop leaves and lack blooms, it shows they get too little light and temperature is too low.

Enjoy the many little plants that you may grow on your place. Even to the little rock garden and the lily-padded pool is a spot where God is constantly talking in a language that everyone understands.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox gives us a glimpse of His world in "Progress."

Progress
Let there be many windows to your soul,
That all the glory of the universe
May beautify it. Not the narrow pane
Of one poor creed can catch the radiant rays
That shine from countless sources.
Tear away
The blinds of superstition; let the light
Pour through fair windows broad as Truth itself
And high as God. Why should the spirit peer
Through some priest-curtained orifice, and grope
Along dim corridors of doubt, when all
The splendor from unfathomed seas of space
Might bathe it with the golden waves of love?
Sweep up the debris of decaying faiths;
Sweep down the cobwebs of worn out beliefs,
And throw your soul wide open to the light
Of reason and knowledge. Tune your ear
To all the wordless music of the stars
And to the voice of Nature, and your heart
Shall turn to truth as goodness


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MOTOR MAIDS

Bragging Drivers Cause Accidents
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Do you have to show off the power of your new car? Do you have to demonstrate your skill in making time through traffic? The National Safety Council warns that this kind of "YOU" causes accidents.

You may be an experienced driver, but if you have the competitive urge to pass cars even when you're not in a hurry—then you're asking for trouble.

If you have to beat everyone away from the light, and insist on keeping the other fellow in his lane—you are in danger of becoming a traffic statistic.

The over-confident driver causes many accidents. He gets a sudden feeling of power when he takes the wheel. This power-complex leads him to take chances. And, when you take chances, you frequently don't win.

Try to remember that the other driver pays highway taxes too. It's his road as much as it's yours.

The other driver has just as much right to the road as you have. Don't try to compete with—just try to live with him. Give him part of your share of the road, and be safe.

of the plant
Turns to the sun. A thousand unseen hands
Reach down to help you to their peace-crowned heights,
And all the forces of the firmament
Shall fortify your strength. Be not afraid
To thrust aside half-truths and grasp the whole.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Make Plans Early To Handle Weeds
Are your weed control tools and machines ready to go? Have you made your final plans on how to handle weeds on land this summer? Old standby tools like cultivators and hoes should be checked now before you get busy with other jobs. Now is the time to do this job just as surely as there is a right time to cultivate and hoe for effective weed control and to top-dress for the high yield.

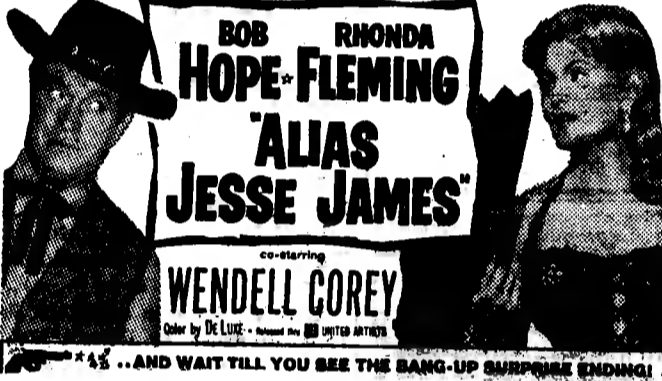
Newer tools like your sprayer for applying weed chemicals need to be checked, too. Applying chemical weed killers at the right time is even more important than getting some cultivating done at the right time. A sprayer which has become fouled with dust and rust won't be very serviceable at spraying time.

Take time now to clean it up. Be sure to replace worn nozzles and valves, rotted hose, etc.

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