

# Buds AND Blossoms

By  
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"He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him. His name shall endure forever; His name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed. Let the whole earth be filled with his glory.—Psalm 72:8, 11, 17, 19.

If you like beautiful landscaping from flowering trees, plant the following: the white and red crab apples—they are beautiful; the cherry tree offers a variety of interest; we have the Block, Nanking and Oriental.

For beauty in spring, fall and winter, plant plenty of pink and white dogwoods. The Hawthorn is a beautiful tree in spring, when the cluster of white flowers appears. It is equally pretty when the branches are filled with red berries in the fall.

Plant Judas trees for a small compact tree to be beautiful with rosy-lavender blooms. The red leaf peach and plum tree offers a variety of color in leaf and blossom. Plant magnolias for foliage both for outdoor and indoor enjoyment. Enjoy the beauty of the beech smoke tree, fringe tree and silver bell. The Golden Rain tree is pretty too.

Many perennials will give you a display of color and foliage the year through, if you plant according to the months they bloom. Here are a few dependable ones: Alpine rock cress—April; poppy—May; bleeding heart—May; blue phlox—May; Columbine—April; Aconite—June; baby's breath—June; Astilbe—June; dragon head

—June and July; forget-me-not—June; foxglove—June and July; Gass pink—June; peony—May through July; Shasta daisy—June through September. There are a number of others that will give plenty of blooms.

Let's not forget the coloring of our surroundings during the season. Take time out to enjoy the seashore and its beautiful sunsets. A portion of one of Oliver Wendell Holmes' poems is beautiful for this time of year.

**The Chambered Nautilus**  
This is the ship of pearl, which,

poets feign,  
Sails the unshadowed main—  
The venturous bark that flings  
On the sweet summer winds its  
purpled wings  
In gulfs enchanted, where the siren  
sings,  
And coral reefs lie bare,  
Where the cold sea-maids rise and  
sun their streaming hair.

Thanks for the heavenly message  
brought by thee,  
Child of the wandering sea,  
Cast from her lap forlorn!  
From thy dead lips a clearer  
note is born  
Than ever Triton blew from  
weathered horn!  
While on mine ear it rings  
Through the deep caves of thought  
I hear a voice that sings.

Build the more stately mansions,  
O my soul,  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Let each new temple, nobler than  
the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a  
dome more vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell  
by life's unresting sea.



**GARDEN TIME**  
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My camellia (Japonica) plants are turning yellow and losing leaves. What can I do?

There are three possible suggestions that may be made to correct this trouble. First, soil drainage. Camellias do not like "wet feet." Secondly, the plants may have been set too deep in the soil. This is a common error. When plants are purchased from your nurseryman or favorite garden supply center, they are always "balled and burlapped." Dig a hole larger than the ball, and set the plants so that the top of the ball is even with the soil level. Fill the hole with equal volumes of peat and good soil, firm and mulch with pine needles.

The third, and most likely cause is associated with soil pH. The camellia likes a soil with a pH of about 5.5. The only safe method to determine the pH range is by a soil test. When grading around new homes or other buildings, lime and plaster residues are mixed with the soil which may raise the pH to 7.0 or above. This is too "sweet" for camellias and azaleas. See your county agent, vocational agriculture teacher or your soil conservation man and ask for a soil sample kit. Full instruction will be given, on the box, for taking and mailing the samples.

Sulphur, or a mixture of three parts sulphur and one part of iron sulphate may be used to pull the

pH down, but you should know the proper amount to use or you may injure the plants. A soil test is the only safe method.

The pyracanthas are beautiful in our neighborhood. Plan to plant one this fall and train it flat against a wall, or a louver which screens the carport. This can be easily done by Espalier training. Because this plant is naturally a rather straggly grower, some form of training will give many pretty patterns. It is best to start with a young plant so that you can control the effect you want to produce.

## MIRROR MEDITATION

Ten years ago one of the world's foremost physicists began to simplify the physical laws by adding a fifth dimension to the basic four dimensions of space-time, used in modern physics. This fifth dimension is the eternity domain of our universe.

In this domain is to be found the basis or origin of all things, physical or mental. He stated that therein lies the origin of energy and matter. Life and consciousness. The physical four-dimensional space-time world is everywhere evident. That its contact is constantly guided, and controlled by the eternity domain. From whence it receives its life and energy.

What does this prove? It proves that the further man gropes for truth the more he realizes there is a spiritual world in control. The more a scientist searches for logic and reason, the more he realizes the infinity of God's intelligence, and wonders of the natural forces.

I believe man's mind is his entity of Soul and God and will be allowed to invent and discover as things need be until he becomes next to God. Beyond the curtain of the unknown there lies a world even beyond space and time. A spiritual world from whence we came, and to which we shall return. Jesus stated this to Nicodemus as quoted in John 3:13—"And no man ascendeth up to heaven, except he that came down from heaven, even the son of man, which is in heaven." What a challenge to mankind to pursue this field of knowledge.  
—By Emmitt L. Brinson

After crosses and losses men grow humbler and wiser.

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# TOT TALK

New Bern parents, whether they're well off or have to count their pennies, need not short change their moppets on delightful literature.

Down at the New Bern Public Library—as free as the air—you'll find a brand new assortment of picture books. Any one of these volumes, picked at random, should prove quite fascinating to your youngster.

The books are well bound, and naturally you wouldn't want to turn them over to your child for possible mistreatment. As a precaution, enjoy them with your offspring. In fact, that's what parents ought to do anyhow, not only to protect the library's property but to give children added pleasure.

When you visit the library, look for "The Plain Princess and the Lazy Prince," "Which Witch," "Muley Ears," "Nobody's Dog," "Terrible Terrifying Toby," "The Cat In The Hat," "The Children That Lived In A Shoe," "The Dog Who Grew Too Much," "Contrary Woodrow," "I Like Caterpillars," "The Three Bears Visit Goldilocks," "Chester, The Little Pony," "Big Black Horse," "A Fly Went By," "Little Red Newt," "The Big Jump," and "A Big Ball of String."

There isn't an inferior book in the whole lot. In fact, adults will be quick to recognize the ingenious

manner in which the material was created for young minds. Perusing the volumes with your child will bring back memories of your own tot days, when a princess or a witch was very real and wonderful to you.

Speaking of witches, you might agree that "Which Witch" is the best of the new books that the library has obtained for children. Thumbing through its pages, we discovered that one witch is very rich and the other witch has the itch. The latter witch has to start from scratch, but the way it all turns out will satisfy your child.

We know you're busy with household duties, so you'll be glad to know that all of the books are short.

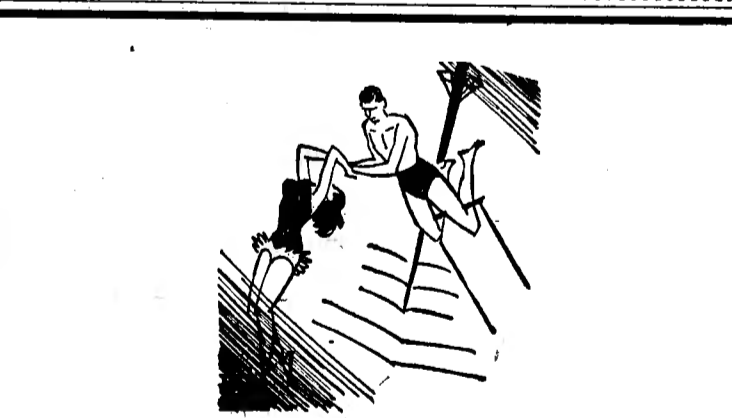
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