

Buds AND Blossoms

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"Blessed by the Lord be His land, with the choicest gifts of Heaven above, with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness, and the favor of him that dwelt in the bush."—Deut. 33:13-16.

Oriental poppies are easy to grow if you keep their feet dry and in the sunshine. They bloom in June and July—transplant them in October. There are some new poppies on the market, namely Colonel Bowles (deep red); Field Marshal Von Der Glotz (white); Raspberry Queen (rasberry); and

Sturmfockel (a very deep red).

Transplant peonies in early Fall. From September 15 through November is fine. There are many hybrid ones on sale now. The Nina Secor is a pure white and is a \$10 one. Topeka is a double red and costs \$5.

Plant plenty of spider worts or trades-cantias. It is a perennial easily grown. They are unusually hardy, and bloom in shade or sun. One of the most dependable perennials is Stokesia. They have a disc-like bloom four and a half inches across. One of the favorite varieties is Blue Danube.

Grow the Christmas Rose this year. They have beautiful white flowers most all the time from now until March. They like rich soil and summer shade. Plant on the north side.

Plant seeds now for next spring. Some of the many plants that may be grown from seed are Bleeding Heart, Foxglove, Primrose, Baby's Breath, Columbine, Larkspur, Stock, Snapdragon, Pinks and Sweet Williams.

Select seed bed with good soil. Pulverize the soil to a depth of three inches. Add organic and chemical fertilizer and peat moss. Plant seed on the surface. Wet the entire bed.

AARS tags on rose bushes for All-American rose selections. They are tested two years in various soils by an organization sponsored by the leading nurseries. We really love the last roses of the season—they leave that fragrance in the air. The following poem by Thomas Moore is a very beautiful one:

The Last Rose of Summer

'Tis the last rose of summer
Left blooming alone;
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone.
No flower or her kindred,
No rosebud is nigh,
To reflect back her blushes
Or give sigh for sigh.

I'll not leave thee, thou lone one
To pine on the stem;
Since the lovely are sleeping,
Go sleep there with them.
Thus kindly I scatter
Thy leaves o'er the bed
Where thy mates of the garden
Lie scentless and dead.

So soon may I follow,
When friendships decay,
And from Love's shining circle
The gems drop away;
When true hearts lie withered
And fond ones are flown,
Oh! Who would inhabit
The bleak world alone?

It will be a shock to men when they realize that though they were fast enough for today are not fast enough for tomorrow.
—Christopher Morley.

READ THE MIRROR WEEKLY

Tips on Purchase Of a Winter Coat For Your Daughter

Are you buying your daughter a coat this fall? If so, buy with care. A coat is a big item in your daughter's wardrobe because it costs a lot of money, is worn many places, and must last more than one year.

Miss Julia McIver, clothing specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, advises mothers to help their daughters choose coats wisely. She will want to be in style and her choice should be one to fit her needs. Many synthetic fabrics are lightweight and warm.

Select a coat that will grow with your daughter. Some growing features are raglan sleeves, no definite waistline, and cuffs that can be let down. Read labels attached to garment to find fiber content and how to care for the garment.

Color is the news in classic tweeds. They are playing a strong role in the coat market. You'll see a new range of colors—muted greens, golden browns, and bluish reds. Often these colors are combined in marvelous two-tone and tapestry effects.

According to Miss McIver, coats have a simpler, classic air. The cardigan coat with scarf tie is a natural in a year when plaids are popular. It can be ensembled with a pleated skirt in the same plaid.

The double-breasted classic coat emphasizes the incoming mannish trend, but is kept from being severe by color choice. Deep collars, multiple pockets, and interesting buttons are important. Other styles are becoming but you should always keep in mind lasting qualities of the coat.

INVASION

Gorizia, Italy — An invasion by tens of thousands of bees forced the closing of a local marmalade factory. The insects, first attracted by piles of empty sugar sacks outside, swarmed into the plant. Workers fought back with sprays and swatters, but it was a losing battle, what with stings and marmalade ruined by poisonous sprays. The plant had to remain closed until the bees were driven out by experts.

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SUGGESTIONS TO THE MEN FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS GIFTS



Someone has said that the behavior of smart children often indicates that they don't smart in the right places. In other words, a child is like a canoe, it behaves better if paddled from the rear.

New Bern parents—with their full share of impudent and disobedient moppets—are very much aware of their lack of discipline. Yet, few of them resort to the use of a switch, except on rare occasions.

Spare the rod and spoil the child is an adage as old as the hills, and it's true that youngsters who came along in past generations appeared to have more respect for—or perhaps more fear of their parents.

No local mother or father has any desire to be pictured as a boogey man or a cruel tyrant by his or her offspring. And offhand, we can't think of anything more distasteful than having your own child look at you with apprehension and terror every time you come into view.

That's probably in the mind of New Bern mothers and fathers, when they fail to administer pun-

ishment that is due. That and the undeniable fact that giving a child a thrashing or even a vigorous spanking is far more upsetting to the parent than it is to the brat.

Long after your youngster's posterior has cooled off, and he has gone out to play, you'll be as nervous as a long-tailed tomcat in a room full of rocking chairs. So it's true—though kids will never believe it—that a whipping hurts you far more than the misbehaving juvenile who receives it.

Quite often your youngster picks meal time to act up. Spanking him then ruins dinner or supper for the whole family, so you put it off until later. And who among us won't chicken out on our responsibility, rather than grab a switch or a paddle and start banging away after the incident that provoked us is an hour or so old?

All of which helps to explain why spanking has gone out of style, and parents are confronted with problem children.

Humility is a virtue all preach, none practice.—John Selden.

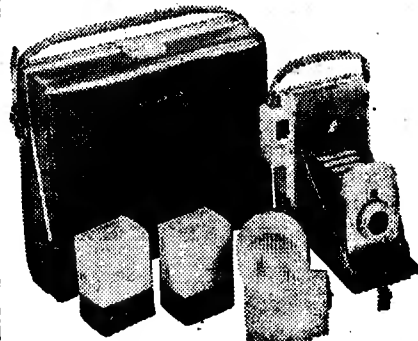
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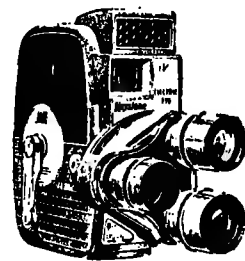


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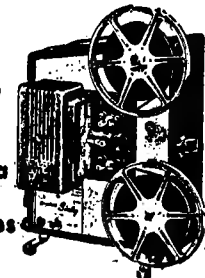
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