

# Buds AND Blossoms

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"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaves shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. Jer. 17:7,8.

Some of the new plants for this are the following: Red Ensign Petunia, Bright-eye Sweet William, Trail Blazer Zinnia, Rocket Snapdragons, Golden Daisy Rudbeckia, Toreador Marigold, Glamour Phlox, Oasis Gladiolus, Flying Saucer Morning Glory, and Cay Dahlia.

One of the newer lilies is the

Harlequin Hybrid; they range in color from creams to lemon yellow, salmon to orange and pink.

The Bronze Gremlin Chrysanthemum is an unusual deep walnut color. These are early bloomers. Nice plantings in border make a color blender with late fall blooming annuals.

Snowbaby Crape-Myrtle is very dwarf in growth and has extra large white blooms. These also come in Low Flame.

Fire King Rose is the 1960 All-America Rose. It is a Floribunda. The leaves are dark green tipped with red.

New Malus, Red Jade is a flowering crab that is filled with white single blossoms in the spring and red fruit in the fall.

Plant the hardy Americans Holly now for berries and greens another year. They add much to the beauty of your surroundings.

Envoy to the Toiling of Felix The legend of Felix is ended, the toiling of Felix is done; The Master has paid his wages, the goal of his journey is won; He rests, but he never is idle, a thousand years pass like a day, In the glad surprise of Paradise where work is sweeter than play.

He cancels the curse of Eden, and brings them a blessing instead: Blessed are they that labour, for Jesus partakes of their bread. He puts His hand to their burdens, He enters their home at night: Who does his best shall have as a guest The Master of life and light.

And courage will come with His presence and patience return at his touch, And manifold sins be forgiven to those who love Him much: The cries of envy and anger will change to songs of cheer, The toiling age will forget its rage

when the Prince of Peace draws near.

This is the gospel of labour, ring it, ye bells of the kirk! The Lord of Love came down from above, to live with the men who work.

This is the rose that He planted, here in the thorn curst soil: Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but the blessing of Earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke.

## HINTS TO HOMEMAKERS

**LIPSTICK MANNERS** — Completely remove every smitch of lipstick before washing face or taking a shower. Rub lips with cold cream and wipe clean with facial tissue. Keep a box of facial tissue in bathroom for quick lipstick removal.

Remove all lipstick before getting into bed or stretching out on any pillow or sofa in the house.

Keep those pretty white shorty gloves away from your mouth! Lipstick often stains white cotton. The well-groomed person never allows this to happen.

Never remove lipstick with a towel or washcloth, while visiting and be as careful and thoughtful in your own home. (Carry several tissues in your purse for this purpose.)

Avoid staining dress and sweaters with lipstick while dressing. Press tissue against mouth, bite down with lips—neat protection while slipping garment over head. Use same lipstick-shield technique while trying on garments in store. Blot your mouth gently with a facial tissue to keep lipstick from smearing.

Patch-up work never gives a smooth finish in lipstick. Remove lipstick with facial tissues, then start afresh.

**MANY WAYS TO USE COTTAGE CHEESE**—Have you tried cottage cheese atop pancakes with jelly, at lunch in sandwiches, as dessert for dinner?

With spices and seasonings—caraway or poppy seed, capers, rosemary, tarragon, ginger and other spices?

With fruit—any fresh, dried, canned or frozen fruits? Drain well for use in salads?

With vegetables—the crisp, tangy varieties; diced, sliced, grated or chopped?

With meat, fish, eggs, other dairy foods—use cooked or smoked meat, poultry or fish; with hard cooked or in scrambled eggs; with other cheeses and sour cream?

**UNCREAMED OR DRY COTTAGE CHEESE**—is drained curd without added cream.

Most of us never recognize opportunity until it goes to work in our competitor's business.

—R. L. Andarr



## TOT TALK

That little boy or girl at your house is probably in a high state of excitement over Valentines Day. Yet, we can't help wondering whether kids in this modern era get as much fun out of the occasion as their parents and their grandparents did.

Long since gone out of style is the grand old custom of fashioning home-made Valentines with tablet paper and a box of crayons. Maybe these original creations weren't as fancy as the store-bought type, but a child who received one knew that someone who cared had gone to a little extra trouble.

True, it's possible to buy Valentines at the store that must be pasted together by the young purchaser, but this isn't exactly the same as being completely original.

One thing that hasn't changed in connection with the Valentine observance is the way that signatures are signed. Just as was the case in past generations, numerals are used instead of initials. The numeral "1" is for A, the numeral "2" is for B, and so through the alphabet.

Hence, when your young daughter finds a Valentine on the porch from someone who printed 6-10-5 in a broad penciled scrawl, she can figure out pretty quickly that the

unknown party is F-L-E. With that clue, she usually doesn't have to do much guessing.

For our part, we think Valentines Day is one of our better holidays, and you parents no doubt agree with us. If we had our life to live over, wouldn't it be fun to reach for that tablet, a box of crayons, and a pair of scissors along about now?

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