

Buds AND Blossoms

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"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." — Psalms 19:8.

Crocus need all the sun and especially like sand. Snowdrops need a rich soil, and do well under trees that lose their foliage during winter. It is a little bulb that is easy to keep. It requires no care.

Siberian squill and chionodoxa

bloom early and look real pretty in the rock garden. Winter aconite is one of the earliest to bloom. It is very inexpensive, and a little patch of them peeping through the snow is very pretty.

It is not necessary to put fertilizer around shrubs when you plant them in the fall. Don't rush them, for they are too easily killed by hard weather. Oriental poppies may still be planted. Soak the earth around them before lifting. The tap root must be dug up in order for it to live.

Do not throw away tops of annuals and other plants. They are good material for the compost pile. Keep the compost pile wet. Spray iris with DDT. Any good borer preventive will do.

Add apple and wheat seeds for the birds. They enjoy this with the white striped sunflower seed. Feed the birds to keep them from going south. They might find this is a good place for our fine feathered friends. Keep plenty of water for them.

Pachysandra is fine for a ground cover in the shade. Along with rocks and a few blooms, it can make a perfect rock garden. Plantain lilies

MIRROR MORSELS

Reason is the most active human faculty. — Mary Baker Eddy.

Charity begins at home, and justice begins next door. — Dickens.

The words of some men are thrown forcibly against you and adhere like burs. — Henry David Thoreau.

Courage is that virtue which champions the cause of right. — Cicero.

I see men ordinarily more eager to discover a reason for things than to find out whether the things are so. — Montaigne.

Money spent on ourselves may be a millstone about the neck; spent on others it may give us wings like an eagle's — R. D. Hitchcock.

Words are an attempt to grip and dissect that which in ultimate essence is as ungrippable as a shadow. — Samuel Butler.

Two men look out through the selfsame bars; one sees the mud, and one the stars. — Frederick Langbridge.

thrive in sun and shade. They are very prolific.

Put English daisies out when you plant pansies. Do not plant them too deep. Enjoy your garden as it goes to sleep. (Editor's Note: We like that sentence of Mamie's don't you?)

And now, here is this week's Buds and Blossoms poem. It is titled "Where Go The Boats?" and was written by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Dark brown is the river,
Golden is the sand,
It flows along forever,
With trees on either hand.

Green leaves a-floating,
Castles of the foam,
Boats of mine a-boating —
Where will all come home.

On goes the river
And out past the mill,
Away down the valley,
Away down the hill.

Away down the river
A hundred miles or more,
Other little children
Shall bring my boats ashore.



TOT TALK



Teach your child to face an illness. Small children must learn that there are unfortunate things in life which happen to all of us, and which we must learn to face.

Illnesses are among the first unpleasant experiences with which children come in contact. The wise parent will see that his child learns something from this. The unwise one will hang over the child, pamper, and baby him.

Be truthful. Never fool your child about his illness, about pain, or in regard to food and medicine. If you tell him the medicine is not so bad, and he finds it is horrible to taste, he may lose some faith in you.

It is far better to tell him the medicine isn't pleasant, but he's getting to be a big boy now and you think that he can take it. He'll take pride in his accomplishment.

Make directions streamlined. Instructions should be simple, in as few words as possible. Be sure that they are necessary. Once given, see that they are obeyed. Be sure, for example, that Junior needs to stay in bed, and then insist that he stays there. We are inclined to give children too many or too rigid orders, and then allow too much leeway in their interpretation of those orders.

Give credit where credit is due. It is far better to give credit to Junior for the good things he does than to stress the bad ones, when it comes to getting results. Have you heard a mother explain within Jimmie's range of hearing that he is sick and so hard to take care of, and won't do this and won't do that? She is just giving him ideas.

Extra attention necessary during illness should be quickly eliminated as soon as your child is safely past the real need for it. Don't make being ill too much of a happy holiday. Later on memories of delightful days in bed may lead to fake illnesses when the going gets difficult.

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