


Buds AND Blossoms

By MAMIE MILLER



"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" — Psalms 119:103.

Many plants are acid loving. Baptisia, bayberry, chrysanthemum, flox, heather, lady slipper, lily, marigold, magnolia, wintergreen, lupine and trailing arbutus are some of the ones that like acid.

Aquilegia or columbine is a hardy green perennial known for its exquisite, durable foliage, as well as its beautiful blooms in spring. Seed planted this year will bloom beautifully next spring. Grow these in the border, the rock garden and in a wild flower area.

Grow them in plenty of rich humus and decayed manure. If borers attack your plants, use a solution of 40% nicotine-sulphate.

Many plants are used for hanging baskets and window boxes. Some plants for hanging baskets could be clock vine, ivy, petunia, weeping lantana, coleous, vinca, minion, geranium, verbena and periwinkle.

Window boxes may be beautiful in ferns, alyssum, dusty miller, nasturtium, petunia, candytuft and trailing lantana. In flower, the lilac trailing lantana is beautiful. It has been used to beautify window boxes and to mark doorways at public buildings.

At Cypress Gardens, it is beautiful trailing on the banks. The hanging baskets there are beautiful in petunias. Myrtle Beach has beautiful hanging baskets, but uses

artificial flowers during winter months. Goldsboro has lovely baskets that no one ever forgets. It is so relaxing to ride through Goldsboro and enjoy the beauty of the "Hanging Gardens Babylon."

We turn this week to the works of James Russell Lowell for our Buds and Blossoms poem. Its title is "To The Dandelion."

Dear common flower that grow'st beside the way,

Fringing the dusty road with harmless gold,

First pledge of blithesome May, Which children pluck, and full of pride uphold,

High-hearted buccaneers, o'erjoyed that they

An Eldorado in the grass have found,

Which not the rich earth's ample round

May match in wealth, thou art more dear to me

Than all the prouder summer blooms may be.

Gold such as thine ne'er drew the Spanish prow

Through the primeval hush of Indian seas,

Nor wrinkled the lean brow

Of age, to rob the lover's heart of ease;

'Tis the spring's largess, which she scatters now

To the rich and poor alike with lavish hand,

Though most hearts never understand

To take it at God's value, but pass by

The offered wealth with unrewarded eye.

Then think I of deep shadows on the grass,

Of meadows where in sun the cattle graze,

Where, as the breezes pass, The gleaming rushes lean a thousand ways,

Of leaves that slumber in a cloudy mass,

Or whiten in the wind, of waters blue

That from the distance sparkle through

Some woodland gay, and of a sky above

Where one white cloud like a stray lamb doth move.

My childhood's earliest thoughts are linked to thee;

The sight of thee calls back the robins song,

Who, from the dark old tree Beside the door, sang clearly all day long.

And I, secure in childish piety, Listened as if I heard an angel sing

With news from heaven, which he could bring

Fresh every day to my untainted ears

When birds and flowers and I

MIRROR MORSELS

Human life is a constant want and ought to be a constant prayer. — Samuel Osgood.

Hatred is self-punishment. — Hosea Ballou.

The wisdom of man is not sufficient to warrant him in advising God. — Mary Baker Eddy.

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind. — William Shakespeare.

Every bird likes its own nest best. — Randle Cotgrave.

The seeds of our punishment are sown at the same time we commit the sin. — Hesiod.

Giving calls for genius. — Ovid.

were happy peers. How like a prodigal doth Nature seem,

When thou, for all thy gold, so common art!

Thou teachest me to deem More sacredly of every human heart,

Since each reflects in joy its scanty gleam

Of heaven, and could some wonderous secret show,

Did we but pay the love we owe, And with a child's undoubting wisdom look

In all these living pages of God's book.

If you can't be a pine on the top of a hill

Be a scrub in the valley— but be The best little scrub by the side of the rill;

Be a bush if you can't be a tree. — Douglas Malloch

It appears to me that morality, study, and gayety are three sisters who should never be separated. — Voltaire

Hope is like the sun which, as we journey towards it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us. — Samuel Smiles

Resolve to be happy. Your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties. — Helen Keller

Stand porter at the door of thought. — Mary Baker Eddy

Few save the poor feel for the poor. — Letitia E. Landon

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Wilmington, Ohio — Thirty cows are living in air conditioned luxury, while the remainder of the herd, probably very jealous, are living under normal conditions on the same farm.


This is to test whether the milk and butterfat production can be kept high through summer months.

Researchers at Ohio State university have found that dairy cows produce more milk when the temperature ranges from 30 to 75 degrees.

The world is full of a number of things, and they all seem piled on our desk.

Doctors say exercises will kill germs, but how do you get the germs to exercise?

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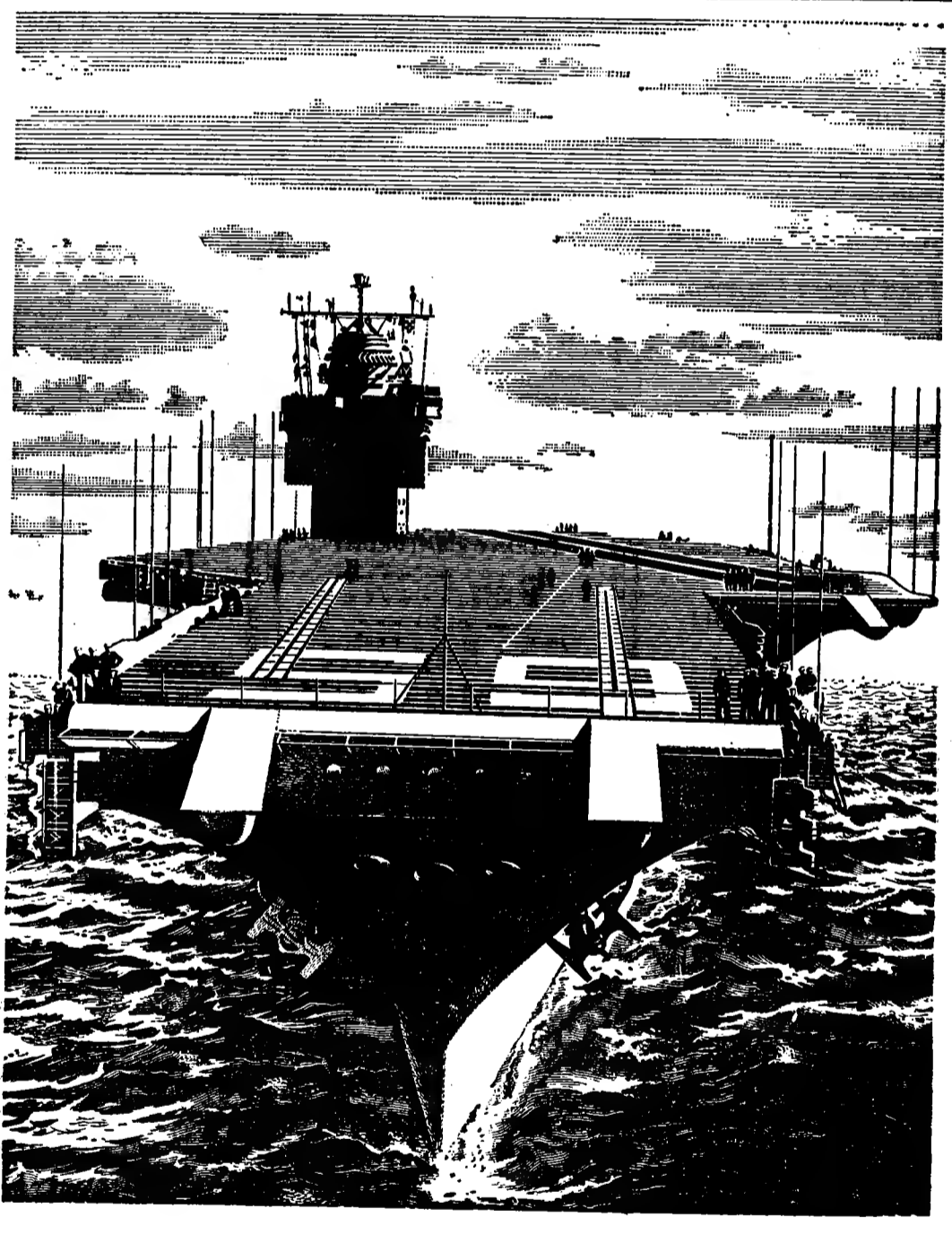
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