

Buds AND Blossoms

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"While they were on their way Jesus came to a village where a woman named Martha made him welcome in her home. She had a sister, Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and stayed there listening to his words. Now Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to get on with the work by

myself? Tell her to come and lend a hand.' But the Lord answered, 'Martha, Martha, you are fretting and fussing about so many things; but one thing is necessary. The part that Mary has chosen is best; and it shall not be taken from her.' — St. Luke 10:38-42.

Garden heliotrope or centranthus is a showy, rosy-red perennial. They will bloom from June until October. The foliage lends itself gracefully for arrangements.

Lily of the valley may be planted now. The dainty, lovely clusters of white bells on six-inch stems make long lasting corsages and decorations. Grow them in a shady spot. They are very fragrant.

Try something new this fall. The hardy banana is a Paw-Paw tree. It grows in a dwarf 10-15 feet tree. They have excellent foliage and colorful blooms. The fruit is a banana-like, golden-fleshed fruit that is good for eating raw or cooked. The hardy banana is winter hardy.

Plant a Gold Cloud ash tree for rapid growth and compact size. The leaves in the spring are a chartreuse that changes to light peagreen. The long foliage is bright golden in the fall.

There is something of fall that makes us lonely. It is the maturity of our lives. Ella Wheeler Wilcox tells us about it this week in our Buds and Blossoms poem.

TIRED

I am tired tonight, and something—
The wind maybe, or the rain,
Or the cry of the bird in the copse outside—
Has brought back the past and its pain.

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Rice-Sized Killer Is Attacking State Pine

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"It" is the southern pine beetle, it's ravaging the forests of Mecklenburg, Union and Davidson counties already.

"The big thing in event of attack is to salvage trees as fast as possible," says Fred Whitfield, extension forester at N. C. State college. "And insecticides can't solve all the trouble."

Whitfield urges pine-owners to take these steps when they find bark beetles infesting their trees:

1. Remove dead and dying trees immediately. This helps control spread of the beetle and keep down damage from other wood-boring insects.
2. Use the infested trees promptly. Pulp mills taking beetle-bitten trees should be notified at once.
3. Spray insecticide on tops, stumps or trees too small to be

And I feel, as I sit here thinking,
That the hand of the dead old June

Has reached hold of my heart's loose strings
And is drawing them up in tune.

I am tired tonight, and I miss you
And long for your love through tears;

And it seems but today that I saw you go—
You who have been gone for years;

And I seem to be newly lonely,
I who am so much alone,
And the strings of my heart are well in tune,

But they have not the same old tone.

I am tired, and that old sorrow
Sweeps down the bed of my soul,
As a turbulent river might suddenly break

Away from a dam's control.
It beareth a wreck on its bosom,
A wreck with a snow-white sail,
And the hand on my heart strings thrums away,

But they only respond with a wail.

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used. Benzene hexachloride (BHC) is an effective chemical — one gallon to 55 gallons of No. 2 fuel oil. Don't forget the rubber gloves when mixing or spraying, since BHC is toxic to humans.

The dark beetles attack the middle and upper parts of green trees. You may have to use binoculars to find them.

"Outward sign of attack is a light-to-reddish-brown color in the tops of the trees," says Dr. M. H. Farrier, State college entomologist working on the problem with Whitfield. "A closer look will show reddish dust in the bark crevices."

When the beetles tunnel into the inner bark, resin forms, mixes with the bark dust and is pushed outside by the beetles. It hardens and forms pitch tubes. Other kinds of bark beetles, attacking at the same time, cause pitch tubes to form from ground to treetop.

"Sixty-five thousand beetles can destroy 65 14-inch pine trees," says Whitfield. "The beetles can take out dozens of acres in one stand during one season."

In Georgia, 90,000 acres of pines have been destroyed. Much damage has been done in South Carolina, too.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Memphis — Trying to be helpful, a bystander asked a lady driver why she was so nervous over her minor traffic collision since the damage was so slight.

The troubled woman said she was on the way to court to answer a summons for being involved in another collision when this unfortunate crash occurred.

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