

Buds AND Blossoms

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The annual African daisy is of the compositae family, and came from South Africa. It has become very popular in our country. Grow them in all annuals, or mixed borders for cutting too. These grow in bushy plants, with flower stalks up to 30 inches. The foliage is gray and wooly. The plants are drought-resistant and must have full sun.

Baby's Breath is a very valuable plant to grow to mix with cut flowers. They last a long time when cut. The foliage is grayish or blue green. They require full sun and thrive in ordinary soil.

Cannas are blooming now, making a rather dull place showy. It is a native of Asia and South America. They were originally grown in beds, public parks and public buildings. Today we have beautiful ones on the market that are quite an improvement on our former single red, yellow and bronze ones.

This week, for our Buds and Blossoms poem, we turn to Elizabeth Barrett Browning and these lovely lines from "The Deserted Garden".

I mind me in the days departed,
How often underneath the sun
With childish bounds I used
to run
To a garden long deserted.

The beds and walks were vanished quite;
And wheresoe'er had struck
the spade,
The greenest grasses Nature
laid
To sanctify her right.

I called the place my wilderness,
For no one entered there
but I;
The sheep looked in, the grass
to espy,
And passed it ne'ertheless.

The trees were interwoven wild,
And spread their bows enough
about
To keep both sheep and shepherd
out,
But not a happy child.

Adventurous joy it was for me!
I crept beneath the boughs
and found
A circle smooth of mossy
ground
Beneath a poplar tree.

Old garden rose-trees hedged
it in,
Bedropt with roses waxen-
white
Well satisfied with dew and
light
And careless to be seen.

Long years ago it might befall,
When all the garden flowers
were trim,
The grave old gardener prided
him
On these the most of all.

Nor thought that gardner, (full
of scorn
For men unlearned and
simple phrase,)
A child would bring it all its
praise
By creeping through the
thorns!

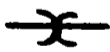
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Gracious Lord! I pray
Thou wilt look on all I love,
Tenderly today!
Weed their hearts of weariness;
Scatter every care
Down a wake of angel-wings
Winnowing the air.

Bring unto the sorrowing
All release from pain;
Let the lips of laughter
Overflow again;
And with all the needy
O divide, I pray,
This vast treasure of content
That is mine today.



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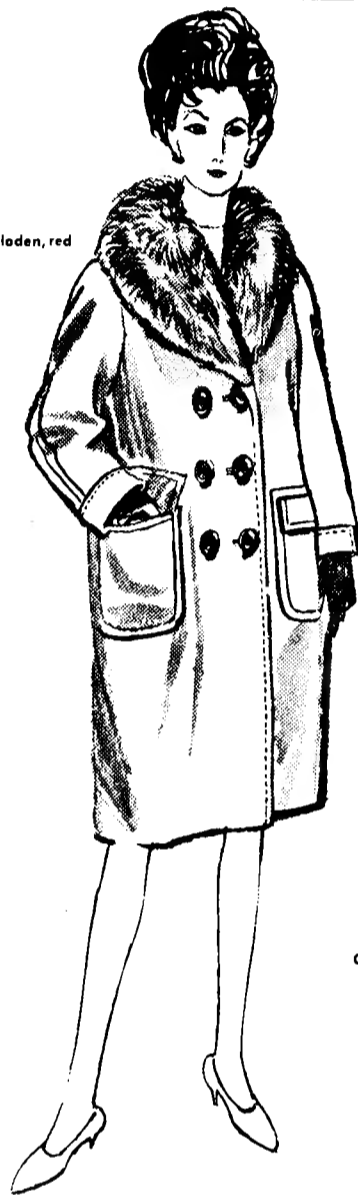
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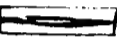
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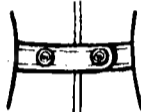
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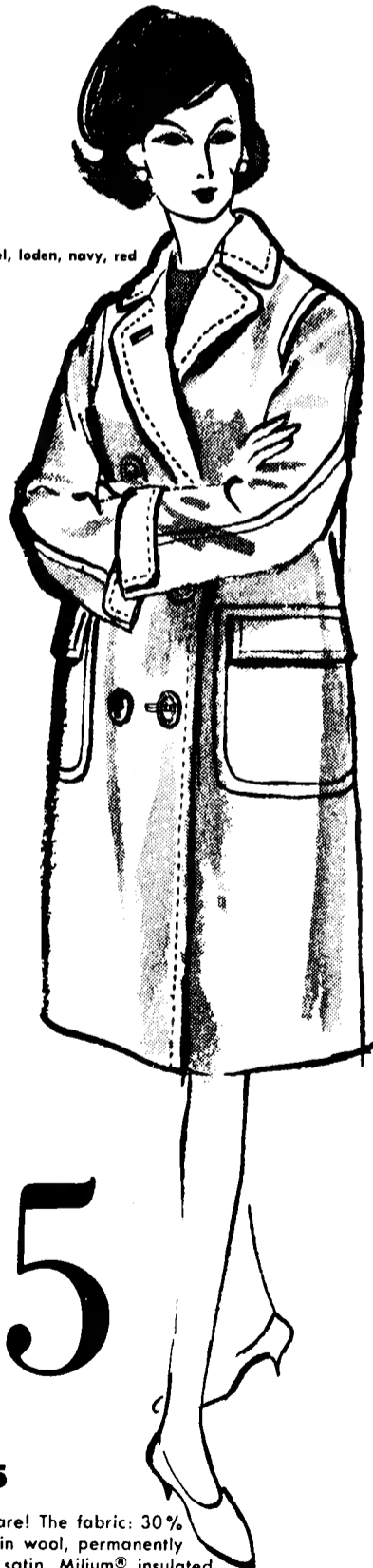


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