

# Buds AND Blossoms

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"Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give everyone according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."--Jer. 32:19.

Sun flowers are very pretty. As children we have always admired the great stalk that had a head that followed the sun.

After it bloomed, we enjoyed the beautiful workmanship of the seeds in the big head.

Don't throw away the head when the seeds are picked out, because this can be a big help in dried arrangements. Farmers are growing sun flowers now commercially for the birds in this locality. The birds must be thankful to find such nice pedestals to lounge and to lunch on.

Before mulching any plants, be sure that the earth is soft. *Nandina domestica* is a beautiful even green, but it does enjoy a lot of moisture. It also likes to get its fertilizer from the bottom of its root.

Try making a hole by driving a stick around it, and pour liquid fertilizer in it. It will hold its berries if it is well fertilized and watered. If your caladiums didn't do good this summer it probably was because they weren't fertilized about every 10 days and kept moist.

Transplant daisies now. They don't like to be overcrowded. Don't forget to plant coral bells this fall. *Oxalis* come in a but-tercup yellow that is very pretty. Try edging your border this year with yellow, as well as white and pink.

The blackberry lily is an amusing lily to grow. Let the children enjoy them. Cut your bittersweet and pull the leaves off. Arrange them and enjoy watching them open. Dry bachelor buttons now by the up-side down method.

Once more we turn to James Witcomb Riley for our Buds and Blossoms poem. We're sure you'll appreciate "The Days Gone By."

O the days gone by! O the days gone by!

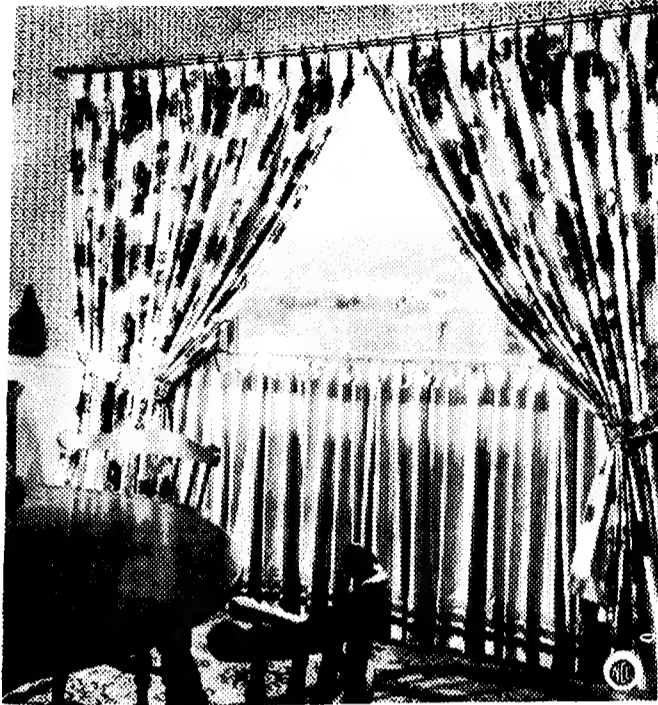
The apples in the orchard, and the pathway through the rye;

The chirrup of the robin, and the whistle of the quail  
As he piped across the meadows sweet as any nightingale;

When the bloom was on the clover, and the blue was in the sky,

Any my happy heart brimmed over, in the days gone by.

In the days gone by, when my naked feet were tripped  
By the honeysuckle tangles where the water-lilies dip-ped,



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And the ripples of the river lipped the moss along the brink

Where the placid-eyed and lazy-footed cattle came to drink,

And the tilting snipe stood fearless of the truant's way-ward cry

And the splashing of the swimmer, in the days gone by.

O the days gone by! O the days gone by!

The music of the laughing lip, the luster of the eye;  
The childish faith in fairies, and Aladdin's magic ring--  
The simple, soul-reposing, glad belief in every thing, --  
When life was like a story hold-ling neither sob nor sigh,  
In the golden, olden glory of the days gone by.

Those who have traveled will tell you that the world's greatest tourist attractions are right here in the United States.

The darkest hour in any man's life is when he sits down to plan to get money without earning it.--Horace Greeley

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