

Buds AND Blossoms

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"--Psalm 27:1.

To plant bulbs in the Fall will give you a beautiful garden each month in the year.

January will produce snow-drips, and February will give you the beautiful winter Aconite. These are a yellow cup, edged with green leaves.

March is filled with Glory of the Snow. April is awake with Anemone. In May we can enjoy the many species of tulips. Plan to plant plenty of these.

In June you can enjoy Allium Noly--a member of the onion family. In July, we have the many species of lilies. In August we have the Amaryllis' cousin, Lycoris, which is a bell-like flower sometimes called the magic lily.

In September look under the trees for Sterubergla Lutrea. These come up as the days grow shorter. Calchicum speciosum is the best of the Autumn crocuses. The Narcissus blooms at Thanksgiving, and the "little" crocus is coming out at Christmas.

Many other bulbs are blooming during the entire year, but these are dependable each month. To be effective, all small

bulbs should be planted in clumps of a dozen. Such bulbs should be set two inches apart. Extra large bulbs should be planted at least three inches apart, with as many as three in a spot.

This week, for our Buds and Blossoms poem, we chose "When You Get To Know A Fellow" by Edgar A. Guest. When you get to know a fellow, Know his joys and cares,

When you've come to understand him
And the burdens that he bears,
When you've learned the fight he's making
And the troubles in his way.
Then you find that he is different
Than you thought him yesterday.

You find his faults are trivial
And there's not so much to blame
In the brother that you jeered at
When you only knew his name.
You are quick to see the blemish
In the distant neighbor's style,
You can point to all his errors

And may sneer at him the while.

And your prejudices fatten
And your hates more violent grow

As you talk about the failures
Of the man you do not know,
But when drawn a little closer,
And your hands and shoulders touch,

You find the traits you hated
Really don't amount to much.

When you get to know a fellow,
Know his every mood and whim,

You begin to find the texture
Of the splendid side of him;
You begin to understand him,
And you cease to scoff and sneer,
For with understanding always
Prejudices disappear.
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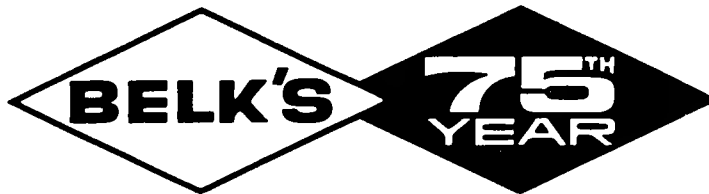
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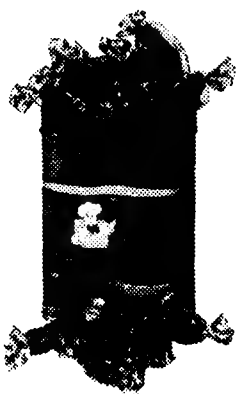
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