## Buds

AND

## **Blossoms**

MAMIE MILLER



"Again there shall be heard the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness...the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good."--Jer. 33:10, 11.

Hydrangea are really pretty now. They are so easy to grow, and full of suprises. You may plant a beautiful pink one, and it will become a beautiful blue one. The soil changes their color.

Pee Gee hydrangea is a lovely one as a fresh flower, and makes a lovely arrangement when dried. The Oak Leaf hydrangea is a good foundation planting, and the flower is very pretty. It is so old fashioned. Everyone enjoys the flower that reminds them of childhood.

Even though summer is just getting underway, the seed catalogues will soon be coming in. The magazines are carrying many bargains in day lilies and iris. So while it is warm,

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enjoy reading on flowers and deciding which ones you will plant in the fall.

For our Buds and Blossoms poem, we offer these cheerful lines penned by Douglas Malloch.

Sure, this world is full of trou-

I ain't said it ain't.

Lord, I've had enough and double

Reason for complaint;
Rain and storm have come to
fret me,

Skies are often gray; Thorns and bramble have beset me

On the road—but say, Ain't it fine today?

What's the use of always weepin', Making trouble last?

What's the use of always keepin' Thinking of the past?

Each must have his tribulation--Water with his wine;

water with his wine;
Life, it ain't no celebration,
Trouble?--I've had mine-But today is fine!

It's today that I am livin', Not a month ago. Havin'; losin'; takin'; givin'; As time wills it so.

As time wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way;
It may rain again tomorrow,

It may rain--but say, Ain't it fine today?

There is in every true woman's heart a spark of heavenly fire, which lies dormant in the broad daylight of prosperity; but which kindles up, and beams and blazes in the dark hour of adversity.— Washington Irving.

## More than 60 Varieties of Magnolia Trees and Plants Grow in the South

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Magnolias and the South go together like bacon and eggs, grits and red gravy, or 'possum and sweet potatoes. This beautiful plant specimen may be found in song and story, exemplifying some of the finer traditions of the Southland. Many a Southern Belle has yielded to the proposals of her Galahad in the shade of a magnolia tree.

The magnolia was named for Pierre Magnol who was director of the Botanic Gardens of Montpelier, France, 1638-1715. The plant gained early fame through Magnol's extensive use of it in his gardens.

The genus contains about 70 species widely scattered inroughout the temperate regions of the world. They may be either trees or large shrubs, deciduous or evergreen, with attractive foliage and handsome flowers.

There are nine species native to the eastern United States, eight species in Mexico and Central America, nine species in northern South America and the West Indies and 44 species native to southeastern Asia. There are many hybrids, mostly of Asiatic origin.

Of the nine species native to the southeastern United States, six are deciduous, one has persistent leaves and two are evergreens.

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ppi and Louisiana, it can be

planted as far north as New

York. The seven-to-nine-inch

flowers appear in late May. The foliage is thick, dark and leath-

ery and the leaves are used by

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of the southern magnolia. One

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