

Buds AND Blossoms

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"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountains: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."
Summertime is the proper time to rid shrubs of scale in-

sects. Use oil spray to clean up the leaves and rid the shrubs of the annoyance of being fed upon all the time.

This is a good time to plant Canterbury bells, Mexican primrose, foxgloves, and delphiniums. Sweet Williams, hollyhocks and honesty plant also do well planted now.

Put out cuttings of feverfew in the spots where you would like for it to grow. Grow wandering Jew, rosary vines, ivy, trailing geraniums and petunias in hanging baskets.

Pick petals for drying. These are good for sachets and rose jars. If you live on the beach, use plenty of ribbon grass, as it does very well in dry, sandy soil.

This week's Buds and Blossoms poem, by Elizabeth

Barrett Browning, is included in her "Sonnets From The Portuguese." It is titled "A Dead Rose."

Oh rose! who dares to name thee?

No longer roseate now, nor soft, nor sweet; But pale, and hard, and dry, as stubble wheat,--

Kept seven years in a drawer--thy titles shame thee.

The breeze that used to blow thee

Between the hedge-row thorns, and take away An odor up the lane to last all day,--

If breathing now,--unsweetened would forego thee.

The sun that used to smite thee, And mix his glory in thy gorgeous urn,

Till beam appeared to bloom, and flower to burn,--

If shining now,--with not a hue would light thee.

The dew that used to wet thee, And, white first, grow incarnadined, because

It lay upon thee where the crimson was,--

If dropping now, would darken where it met thee.

The fly that lit upon thee, To stretch the tendrils of his tiny feet,

Along thy leaf's pure edges, after heat,--

If lighting now, would coldly overrun thee.

The bee that once did suck thee,

And build they perfumed ambers up his hive,

And swoon in thee for joy,

till scarce alive,-- If passing now, would blindly overlook thee.

The heart doth recognize thee, Alone, alone! The heart doth smell thee sweet, Doth view thee fair, doth judge thee most complete-- Though seeing now those changes that disguise thee.

Yes, and the heart doth owe thee More love, dead rose! than to such roses bold As Julia wears at dances, smiling cold!--

Lie still upon this heart-- which breaks below thee!

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