

# Buds AND Blossoms

By  
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"The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary." --Isaiah.

This summer has been bad on cut flowers, as well as flowers out of doors. If they are in air conditioning they soon become sick from moisture being drawn from the room. Flowers don't last long under bright lights or drafts.

Cut your flowers early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Put them immediately in a container that has room temperature water in it. Cut stems at an angle, so the stem will rest only on the tip of the stem and can draw water. Cut all foliage from the stem from water line to the bottom of the container.

Do not place flowers with milk stems in a container with

flowers that aren't of thick sap. This clogs up the stems. Lots of people put aspirin, powdered alum, liquid camphor, raw egg white and tobacco juice to help keep flowers fresh.

Use Crisco and milk to make foliage glossy, Cane sugar, boric acid and alcohol or gin sometimes helps too. The use of such things may sound rather ridiculous, but don't knock it until you try it.

This week's Buds and Blossoms poem is a romantic sonnet from the pen of Edna St. Vincent Millay, entitled "Pity Me Not."

Pity me not because of the light of day

At close of day no longer walks the sky;

Pity me for not for beauties passed away

From field and thicket as the years go by;

Pity me not the waning of the moon,

Nor that the ebbing tide goes out to sea,

Nor than a man's desire is hushed too soon, And you no longer look with love on me.

This I have known always: love is no more

Than the wide blossom which the wind assails,

Than the great tide that treads the shining shore, Strewing fresh wreckage gathered in the gales.

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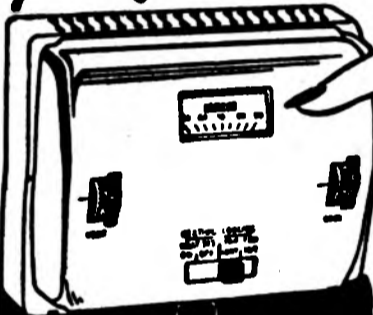
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