

Garden Time

Pinching Growing Tips Can Give Plants Shape

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Ventilation, temperature and light all play a very important part in the successful production of house plants.

additional information concerning specific requirements of plants for light, temperature and ventilation, let me know and I will be happy to supply it.

Pinching of the growing tip of many plants at the proper time will make them stockier and more shapely. Such plants as geranium, coleus, begonia and the ivies will respond to this treatment.

Training of vines and trailing foliage plants will

add interest to your collection. Some of the materials commonly used for training include fernwood, driftwood, cork, pecky cypress slabs and plastic poles.

Repotting is important but no rule can be given as plants will vary in their requirements. Probably the better plan would be to gently tap the soil mass from the pot and examine the root system.

It might be of interest to suggest some plants that are better adapted for average house conditions than others and will tolerate some abuse -- Arrowhead, Australian Umbrella Tree, Chinese Evergreens, Devil's Ivy, Fiddleleaf Fig, Grape Ivy, Heartleaf Philodendron, India Rubber Plant, Jade Plant, Ovalleaf Peperomia, Snake Plant, Veitch Screw

Pine and Zebra Plant. Specimen plants for large tubs would include Australian Umbrella Pine, Dracenas, Fatshedera, Fiddleleaf Fig, India Rubber Plant, Palms Philodendrons and Veitch Screw Pine.

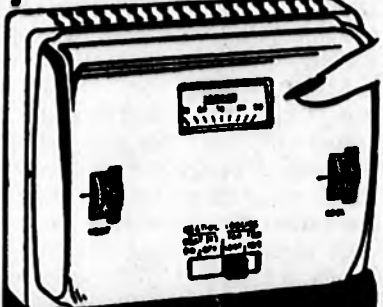
For south or west windows these plants might do best: Amaryllis, Azalea, Coleus, Cyclamen, Geranium, Oxalis and Poinsettia.

For north windows: African Violet (in summer), Dracaena, Fern, Ivy, Dumb Cane (Deffenbachia), Ivy, Peperomia, Philodendron, Rubber Plant, Snake Plant and Wandering Jew.

For east windows: African Violet, Caladium, Dracaena, Fatshedera, Gloxinia, Peperomia, Philodendron, Rubber Plant, Veitch Screw Pine, Wandering Jew and Wax Plant.

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