

# Buds AND Blossoms

By  
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"Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows."—Job 22:27.

Since all the heavy snow and ice we will naturally have a lot of broken limbs, branches, and fences down. The camellia bushes will be damaged, and we certainly will not have our abundance of blooms this spring.

Do not cut back azaleas or camellias, as they sometimes come back even when they look dead. Don't begin to plant

shrubs too soon in the spring. They don't adjust root growth too well in extra cold weather.

Don't prune any spring-blooming shrub. It is now getting ready to bloom. Keep the shrubbery in their natural form. You may do this by cutting a long branch from the ground out, then out from the back.

Soon you may be bringing branches into the house to force blooms. You will be surprised how early color of leaves and blossoms will appear.

Feed the birds, because they haven't had a very good month. They know who feeds them, because they come back for more. Write down the different names of birds as they come to "your table."

Take care of your Christmas plants. They require water and rest. Water is sometimes given them too liberally, because you forgot to be concerned about their thirst until they showed signs of wilting. Avoid this mistake.

Our choice for this week's Buds and Blossoms poem is Isabel Carolan's Carbon Copy.

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I found again in you,  
All the magic of a dream  
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He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that.—J. Stuart Mill.

As high as we have mounted in delight, in our dejection do we sing as low.—William Wordsworth.

The surest way of making a dupe is to let your victim suppose that you are his.—Bulwer.

Each person is born to one possession which outvalues all the others, his last breath.—Mark Twain.

The strength of criticism lies only in the weakness of the thing criticized.—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

A great deal of talent is lost in this world for the want of a little courage.—Sydney Smith.

If you are but content you have enough to live upon with comfort.—Plautus.

The integrity of men is to be measured by their conduct, not by their professions.—Junius.

If the poor man cannot always get meat, the rich cannot always digest it.—Giles.

Cheerfulness is health; its opposite, melancholy is disease.—Haliburton.

Not education, but character, is man's greatest need and man's greatest safeguard.—Spencer.

The man who is above his business may one day find his business above him.—Drew.

Necessity may render a doubtful act innocent, but it cannot make it praiseworthy.—Joubert.

The sufficiency of my merit is to know that my merit is not sufficient.—Augustine.

Before you give up hope, turn back and read the attacks that were made upon Lincoln.—Bruce Barton.

It is worth a thousand pounds a year to have the habit of looking on the bright side of things.—Samuel Johnson.

He is the happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace at home.—Goethe.

The essence of true holiness consists in conformity to the nature and will of God.—Samuel Lucas.

History is little more than the register of the crimes, follies, and misfortunes of mankind.—Edward Gibbon.

The habit of being happy enables one to be freed, or largely freed, from the domination of outward conditions.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

There never was a great institution or a great man, that did not, sooner or later, receive the reverence of mankind.—Theodore Parker.

Gratitude is not only the memory but the homage of the heart, rendered to God for his goodness.—N. P. Willis.

We sometimes meet an original gentleman, who, if manners had not existed, would have invented them.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Flowers are the sweetest things that God ever made and forgot to put a soul into.—Henry Ward Beecher.

The temple of fame stands upon the grave; the flame upon its altars is kindled from the ashes of the dead.—William Hazlitt.

However learned or eloquent, man knows nothing truly that he has not learned from ex-

perience.—Wieland.

The rules which experience suggests are better than those which theorists elaborate in their libraries.—Storrs.

He who rises late may trot all day, and not overtake his business at night.—Benjamin Franklin.

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