

Buds AND Blossoms

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"I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Jer. 17:10.

We experienced such a long dry spell so many plants and shrubs have been damaged. Unless you keep them well watered, they can't produce next season's growth and blooms.

Camellias are especially damaged in dry weather. Mums should be given plenty to drink too. Like humans and other living creatures, plants survive without food longer than they can exist without water.

This is the time of year to visualize your blooms as you would like for them to be in April and May. Bulbs are on display at nurseries, and the catalogues are full of pictures and increase your enthusiasm.

Include in your planting this fall the giant trumpet daffodils, pink daffodil, King Alfred, Mount Hood, and red trumpet. These are all very hardy, will

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There is a garden in her face, where roses and white lilies show, a heavenly paradise wherein all pleasant fruits do grow.—Archibald Alison.

I know the past and thence will assay to glean a warning for the future, so that man may profit by his errors, and derive experience from his folly.—Shelley.

grow for years in your garden, and make lovely cut flowers.

They should be planted in borders, beds, or just in keeping with the natural design of your garden. Poets have written about many flowers, but no lines are more famous than William Wordsworth's tribute to daffodils.

The fragrant hyacinth is one of the most loved early spring bulbs. It has been a source of great joy through the ages. Nothing surpasses the delightful fragrance, and they make lovely house plants as well as outdoor ones. Be sure to plant all colors.

Louise Imogen Guiney is the author of this week's Buds and Blossoms poem. She titled it A Song From "Sylvan."

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing birds,
The humming of the bees.

The fears of what may come to pass,
I cast them all away,
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn,
Where the drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.

Just as you are pleased at finding faults, you are displeased at finding perfections.—Lavater.

Never does a man know the force that is in him till some mighty affliction or grief has humanized the soul.—F. W. Robertson.

The most substantial glory of a country is in its virtuous great men. Its prosperity will depend on its docility to learn from their example.—Fisher Ames.

Honest good humor is the oil and wine of a merry meeting, and there is no jovial companionship equal to that where the jokes are rather small, and the laughter abundant.—Washington Irving.

God should be the object of all our desires, the end of all our actions, the principle of all our affections, and the governing power of our whole souls.—Massillon.

The secret of giving affectionately is great and rare; it requires address to do it well; otherwise we lose instead of deriving benefit.—Cornelle.

The flowering of civilization is the finished man; the man of sense, of grace, of accomplishments, of social power, the gentleman.—Emerson.

Men of the noblest dispositions think themselves happiest when others share their happiness with them.—Duncan.

Flattery is often a traffic of mutual meanness, where, although both parties intend deception, neither is deceived.—Colton.

Firmness of purpose is one of the most necessary sinews of character, and one of the best instruments of success.—Chesterfield.

In religion faith does not spring out of feeling, but feeling out of faith. The less we feel the more we should trust. We cannot feel right until we have believed.—Bonar.

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