

Buds AND Blossoms

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"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Christmas is a season of gaiety in decorations of the home and garden. Now that cold weather is here, the berries are really appreciating the weather. They will be very pretty as outdoor Christmas trees, or for trees for birds.

The fir trees will be pruned, as everyone wants to buy, borrow or steal a sprig of

evergreen. It is well to prune firs now, but it is wise to prune them yourself and give the extra away. Sometimes pruners don't respect the part they leave.

Most doorways and windows will be decorated for Christmas, as well as the interiors of homes, and few will forego an indoor Christmas tree. Be sure to appreciate the effort people go to in providing scenes inspired by the birth of Christ.

Because of the fuel shortage, some citizens will use less elaborate lighting this year. Remember to carefully observe safety rules in setting up trees, stringing bulbs, or making use of various electrical appliances. These things do create fire hazards.

There are a number of ways to preserve green decorations. For example, they can be soaked in sugar water before you use them, or sprayed with plastic. Turn off lights when you are not at home, not only to preserve fuel but to reduce the chances of fire in your absence.

For this week's Buds and Blossoms poem, we bring you these lines by Edgar A. Guest.

There's a little chap at our house
That is being mighty good,
Keeps the front lawn looking tidy
In the way we've said he

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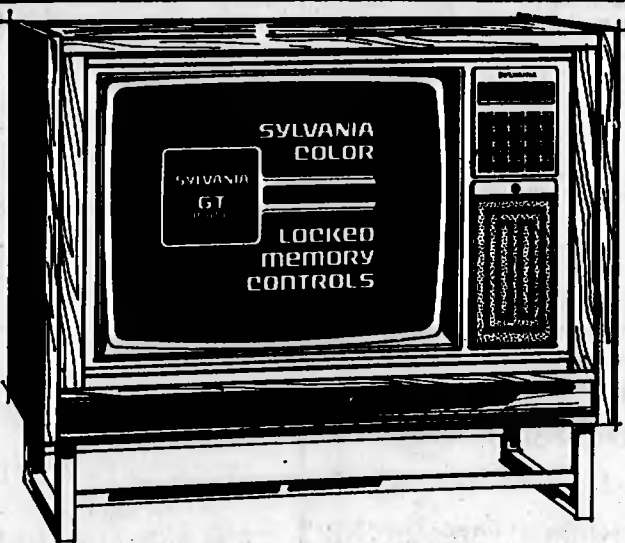
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We should pray with as much earnestness as those who expect everything from God; and should act with as much energy as those who expect everything from themselves.—Colton.

Praise has different effects, according to the mind it meets with; it makes a wise man modest, but a fool more arrogant, turning his weak brain giddy.—Feltham.

We shall have to fight the politician, who remembers only that the unborn have no votes and that since posterity has done nothing for us we need do nothing for posterity.—Inge.

should;
Doesn't leave his little wagon,
When he's finished with his play,
On the sidewalk as he used to;
Now he puts it right away.
When we call him into supper,
We don't have to stand and shout;
It is getting on to Christmas
And it's plain he's found it out.

He eats the food we give him
Without murmur or complaint;
He's seated at the table
Like a cherub or a saint;
He doesn't pinch his sister
Just to hear how loud she'll squeal;
Doesn't ask us to excuse him
In the middle of the meal,
And at eight o'clock he's willing
To be put away to bed.
It is getting close to Christmas;
Nothing further need be said.

None are too wise to be mistaken, but few are so wisely just as to acknowledge and correct their mistakes, and especially the mistakes of prejudice.—Barrow.

It is our relation to circumstances that determines their influence over us. The same wind that carries one vessel into port may blow another off shore.—Bovee.

If I can put one touch of a rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God.—George MacDonald.

Nature knows no pause in progress and development, and attaches her curse on all inaction.—Goethe.

Indulge in Procrastination, and in time you will come to this, that because a thing ought to be done, therefore you can't do it.—Charles Buxton.

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