

HAYSEED

By UNCLE SAM

NO SHORTAGE OF WORDS
 In the Assembly of the United Nations there is a lack of unity, cooperation and peace but there is no shortage of words.
 In the halls of Congress there may be little statesmanship but there is no shortage of words.
 In the courts justice may fall but there is no shortage of words.
 In the churches both in the pulpits and pews there may be a shortage of righteous living but there is no shortage of words.
 In the printing house there may be a shortage of paper but with the editors and columnists there is no shortage of words.
 In the schools there may be a shortage of knowledge but there is no shortage of words.
 In almost everything there are shortages, but so far there has been no shortage of words.
 In eating if people were forced to eat their words, there no doubt would be a surplus of food for there has been no shortage of words.

About Your Home

By FRANCES BELL

Any time from late August until the ground freezes is bulb planting time. Daffodils, jonquils, tulips, hyacinths, narcissus and lilies may be planted during this period.

This is also the time to separate peony clumps.

The beauty of the globe is brought out by a background of shrubbery and trees. However, remember that trees are heavy feeders and rob small plants of needed nutrients. Be sure to feed the shrubbery, trees and bulbs with a complete plant food.

When preparing the soil for bulbs, the soil should be spaded eight to ten inches deep and the clods thoroughly broken down.

Spade the soil somewhat deeper for peonies. A fairly accurate rule is to plant bulbs twice as deep as their width. Narcissus should be covered with four inches of soil and spaced four inches apart. Crocus bulbs should be covered two inches and spaced at least four inches apart.

Peony roots should be separated so there are at least three to five eyes to each division. Set them in the soil so that the eyes at the top are no more than two inches beneath the ground. Space them two and one-half to three and one-half feet apart.

No winter protection is needed for bulbs and peonies unless there is a chance there will be a great freezing and thawing which will have them upward. If this happens, cover the new plantings after the ground freezes with a six inch layer of leaves.

Grow Christmas Flowers From Bulbs in Water

Growing flowers for Christmas in the modern home is not easy, but it can be done if Paper White Narcissus bulbs are started Nov. 1, and grown in carefully regulated temperatures. Without such care the flowers are likely to be inferior, and the stems weak, because the bulbs have not matured in the degree most favorable for forcing.

"Forcing" is the florist's word for making a plant flower out of season; and the formula for accomplishing this is much the same with all bulbs. Bulbs develop, even in storage; and take time to reach the stage where they are ready to grow. If planted then, they first must produce roots, since top growth without good roots is weak, and seldom flowers.

Paper White narcissi, planted in bowls filled with gravel or peat chips, should be kept in a temperature below 50 degrees for four weeks; preferably in dim light. When root growth is sufficient, top growth will begin, and then they should have all the light possible. Best flowers will result when the temperature never exceeds 70 degrees, keeps them away from radiators and steam pipes, and out of overheated living rooms.

Instead of gravel, bowls may be filled with bulb fibre, or potting soil. Containers should be deep enough to allow two inches of gravel, fibre or soil below them. Set the bulbs close together but do not let them touch; and only the necks should emerge from the soil.

Yellow Paper Whites (solial d'or) and Narcissus Early Perfection can also be grown by these methods; but they take longer to make flowers. The best time to start all these is Dec. 1, for mid-January flowers.

Large bulbs of hyacinths can be grown in water in special glasses; and both bulbs and glasses are available this year for the first time since the war began. The glasses support the bulbs just above the water, into which their roots drop. It takes 10 to 12 weeks for the roots



Just as Hyacinth Bulbs Will Flower in Hyacinth Glasses, Filled with Water.

to develop, in a dark place, in cool temperature. When roots fill the glass and top growth begins, accustom the plant gradually to light, and grow slowly in a temperature below 50 degrees. The water should not be changed, but merely replenished.

When top growth begins, these bulbs must have all the light you can give them. They should be kept near windows, in a sunnier or room where ventilation can be given and temperatures kept down. By arranging shelves in front of a window on which the plants can stand, an attractive display is made.

Lily of the Valley pipe can be flowered in bowls of moss and water.

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