

Garden Topics

By GORDON LINDSAY SMITH

Protection

Even with bugs and insects around, and there are few places in Canada where these enemies are not lurking, it is possible to grow the finest of flowers and vegetables, if one is reasonably on guard. For every pest, fortunately, there is a control or cure. The main thing is to get this control operating at the very first sign of attack. Careful gardeners will examine any damage like wilted or partially destroyed or eaten leaves, will regard with suspicion any sudden check. Careful gardeners will also supply themselves with some sort of a duster or sprayer and the proper materials to go with them. There is all sorts of equipment available, and for the small garden it is not necessary to spend more than a dollar or two. There are also specific dusts and sprays ready mixed for use. As a general rule, insects that eat the foliage are attacked with a poison such as DDT, arsenate of lead, etc., while those that suck out the juices like aphids and other plant lice are controlled with preparations incorporating nicotine or tobacco solutions, lime sulphur or special soap. Finely ground sulphur dust, is an excellent preventive for diseases like rust. Above all it should be remembered that a healthy, well-cultivated, well-fertilized garden is the first and main defense. If plants are left unthinned and surrounded with weeds, if the soil is poor and growth spindly and weak we have an ideal spot for pests to flourish.

No Rush

There is plenty of time yet to have a good garden. For every plant or seed lost through late planting there are probably a dozen that perish through being put in too soon. There is nothing to be gained by rushing. True, certain grass seeds, peas, nursery stock, and such lovers of cool weather, can hardly be put in too soon. But with the great majority of the flowers and vegetables we grow in Canada there is no hurry. The main growing period, speaking generally, will be June and early July and often those things which are planted a week or two later than the first will catch up. Of course, with most vegetables experienced gardeners advise planting not once but several times and at about fortnight or three-week intervals. This brings them along in succession, spreading the harvesting or good-eating season over weeks instead of days. To extend that season still further

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

Apple orchards, the trees all covered with blossoms; Wheat fields carpeted far and near in vital emerald green; The eternal, exhaustless freshness of each early morning; The yellow golden, transparent haze of the warm afternoon sun; The aspiring lilac bushes with profuse purple or white flowers.

—Walt Whitman.

Apple blossoms and lilacs make the garden lovely these days, the fragrance of lilacs brings memories of gardens of the long ago and the dear old folk who loved them. Lilacs are the most desirable shrubs to plant in the garden, hardy and long-lived with little care. There are many new varieties extending the lilac season and it is possible to have fragrance and beauty from these shrubs for several weeks.

For a long time it was believed that all lilacs originated in Persia, but in 1915 it was discovered that even the "Persian Lilac" is a native of China. It was found growing so luxuriantly in its wild state on the mountain-slopes of Kansu that there could not be any doubt of its being indigenous there. It is even possible that this pale sweet flower was carried to Persia over the ancient trade-routes as part of the treasures of Cathay, a gift to some potentate, or for sale in the bazaars.

Lilacs reached Constantinople from Persia; and they were blooming in many gardens of that rich capital in 1554. The Ambassador from Austria was delighted with the strange new shrub, freighted with snowy flowers, and lost no time in sending lilac bushes to the imperial gardener at Vienna, following them later with seeds.

Soon they spread over western Europe and then to Germany and the end of the sixteenth century they were growing in English gardens. There is a delightful "Lilac Time" in Rochester, New York on the Sunday in May or early June that the lilacs are at their best, thousands of people journey to Rochester to enjoy them.

Birds, it seems, are particularly fond of the lilac, feeling well sheltered among its thick foliage. In "I Remember, I Remember" among the delightful things Hood could not forget were "The lilacs where the robin built..." And Lowell tells us that "The catbird croons from the lilac-bush." A happy fancy is that of Burns: "O were my love you lilac fair, O purple blossoms to the spring; And I, a bird, to shelter there When wearied on my little wing. How I wad mourn, when it was torn By Autumn wild, and Winter rude. But I wad sing on wanton wing When youthful, May its bloom renewed."

This week I spent a happy morning over at the Memorial Nursery given to this Island by a far sighted man. The Cotton Memorial Nursery is one of the best in the country and the population has decreased to negligible numbers. Nevertheless, they possess in their unpeopled acres a fascination and a remoteness curiously emphasized by this very road. One might travel it day after day without meeting a soul. When, in one of the many hollow places into which it dips, one looks around to find broken moorland and grey lichen rock on every hand, one loses completely the sense of being on a comparatively small island. True, Mull's lofty peak a dozen or more miles away appears to dominate the scene. Yet many of the ups and downs of Ulva, occur in territory so rugged that from much of the island the sea looms about it lie out of sight.

"Except for the modest plantations by the ferry at Ormscaig in the vicinity of Ulva House, and of the vacant Church and Manse, all of them at the island's eastern end and at no distance from one another, Ulva is treeless. Yet how pleasant these little woodlands can be" the writer continues, "on a hot day after a trying journey across Mull! One autumn day, having cycled briskly all the way from Salen to the ferry in the hope of crossing Ulva with as much good daylight as possible still ahead of me, I was indeed glad of their soothing and cooling embrace. They provided me with much-desired opportunity to pause while being going on to meet at Ulva House, my hostess, Edith Lady Conington, whom I was soon to find playing the hay-fork in one of the loveliest settings I ever beheld."

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Received Highest Individual Awards



Miss Hilda Pickard (above) was chosen as the best actress in the entire Festival for her performance of "Rose" in the St. Peter's A.Y.P.A. production of "The Lord's Prayer." This talented young actress, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pickard, Charlottetown, is an active member of the Little Theatre Guild, and is employed by the Confederation Life Insurance Company.

Mr. J. J. MacDonald, (above), was named best actor in the Drama Festival after appearing in a very few amateur productions previously. He received his award for his performance as "Timothy Shea" in the St. Mary's Dramatic Club's presentation of "Shea's Wedding." Mr. MacDonald is married and has five children, and is employed by the C.N.R. as station agent and telegrapher.

—Photo by Meyers

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I clean matting most effectively? A. Never attempt to clean matting with soap. Use ammonia and cold water. It is much better because of its effect on the matting and the fact that it is much easier to dry the matting. Q. How can I keep berries fresh for a longer time? A. Don't leave the fresh berries in their wooden box, or other container. Pour them into a plate or shallow dish so that the air can circulate through them. Q. How can I improve the flavor of fresh peas? A. The flavor can be improved, when boiling fresh peas, if a sprig of mint is added to the water.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

"On the south-west, a sea peppered with islets and skerries in coves between Ulva and Little Colonsay; and beyond as far again in the same direction, lies renowned Staffa. How wildly beautiful, how primordial is the scene everywhere around one! And how sad too, since Ulva's road threads its way through croft-lands long abandoned, through pastures rapidly reverting to ling and bracken, among the derelict homesteads of a vanished people!"

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SCALDS • BURNS
Dab on a paste of Baking Soda and water and cover with a damp cloth.

CAMP BRAND BAKING SODA

Seven Days A Week

(By Anne Shannon)

1. Monday: Editor Bok said "way back in 1900, 'until a young man reaches twenty-five he is incapable of the care and support of any girl. The least a girl can do when she marries is to marry a man, not a boy!"

2. Tuesday: Nothing but green, tough grass where you would love to have a flower bed? Do this and you will have flowers in abundance: Lay fertilizer bags (either opened out or as is), on the green grass. Cover with a good thick layer of earth. Plant your flowers then, and all you will have to do from then on is watch the posies grow! You may cut the bags to form a round, oblong or square bed. The heavy layers of paper kill and rot the grass quickly, eventually the bags decay and your flower bed remains practically weedless. As Red Skelton says, "Don't worry about the set-up, for I dood it!"

3. Wednesday: Cute idea for a bed spread is this: Gather up all those gaily colored handkerchiefs and if you haven't enough, start dropping gentle hints among your friends; sew the handkerchiefs to form a bed spread—make a back for the spread out of firm cotton either plain or flowered, and you're done!

4. Thursday: Booker T. Washington once got off a train in Charleston, South Carolina. He had a pressing speaking engagement. He saw nothing to ride in but an old hack owned by a white man. "No nigger is going to ride in this hack as long as I'm drawing it," said the white man. Said Washington, "All right, sir, you just get in behind, and I will drive you if you will not drive me." So before the owner could think, Booker T. Washington had driven the white man to the hall, paid his fee and was ready to deliver his speech on time!

5. Friday: Here's a family pleaser for Friday's menu—Use fresh or canned crab or lobster meat. Flake it. Make a rich cream sauce. Season well. Add prepared mustard to taste. Fill shells or oven proof glass cups with the mixture, cover with buttered cracker crumbs and bake until the mixture bubbles and browns—Extra nice when served with hot biscuits.

6. Saturday: No school today, so-o, how about digging deep into the button box, teen-agers, and making yourself a glittering belt? Sew an overlapping row of black and gold (or any tiny) buttons along the centre of a narrow belt or piece of felt. Scatter more buttons along both edges. Sew fasteners at both ends of the belt. Perky and bright—you bet!

7. Sunday: The lilacs spread their purple faces In sweet and secret country places. And down the path the daffodils Step in their exquisite quadrilles. And tulips keep their lovers' tears— for it is June, my dears.

Yes, it's June, and may it be a glad one for you and you and you! And to make it better for yourself and your neighbor remember that you give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give!

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Leo

Aluminum Tea Kettle
Try polishing the aluminum tea kettle with kerosene, and it will look like new.

Onions
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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Leo

Q. How does one word the acknowledgment to a formal wedding invitation, when one is unable to attend?
A. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamilton regret extremely that they are unable to be present at the wedding and reception of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Smith's daughter on Tuesday, the eighteenth of November.
Q. Are you supposed to push your chair under the table when leaving the table?
A. Most authorities suggest that it is in much better taste to leave one's chair where it is when one rises from the table.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Anonymous Letters

Sending Them Is A Despicable Trick

DEAR MISS DIX: Recently I was separated from my husband and we both went home to our respective families. We were married not quite a year, and were unhappy for reasons which would take too long to explain. A few days ago I received a clipping from your column about a man married to a girl with a mother fixation. I have no idea who sent such a thing, and I don't think the person who sent it knows what he is doing. I admit I did live near my mother, but had I been happy I would have followed my husband anywhere in the world, if necessary.

The person who sent the clipping does not realize that I received competent advice from the marriage counselors before I took this drastic step. Don't you think it was bad taste to send the clipping without even a name?

PANSY

ANSWER: It is a most despicable thing for anyone to send, or telephone, anonymous messages. I resent very much the use of any part of this column in such a fashion. If the sender of unsigned missives has any idea that his action is guided by a desire to be helpful, he is sadly mistaken, and grievously deluded. His only object is to hurt someone's feelings, reputation or security. The truly helpful person is perfectly willing to give his name in any instance where information is conveyed.

WANTS TO CAUSE TROUBLE

The sender of the column clipping which so disturbed you was motivated by nothing more laudable than a desire to cause trouble. I might point out, however, that you are not altogether blameless in this anonymity business. You failed to sign your name to the letter sent me, which is as discourteous as any other form of unsigned mail. As I have frequently pointed out, names and addresses are held in strict confidence within the confines of my own desk, and fre-

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Morning Smile

One-Track Mind
Sailor Wife: "George, be sure to get shore leave on Thursday; we're going to have the baby christened."
George: "Listen! Nobody's going to hit that kid over the head with a bottle."

Your Choice!
"What would you rather have," little Johnny was asked, "a new baby brother or a baby sister?"
"It's all the same to you," replied Johnny, after careful deliberation. "I would rather have a Newfoundland dog."

Beneath these fruit-boughs that shed Their snow-white blossoms on my head With brightest sunshine round me spread Of spring's unclouded weather, In this sequestered nook how sweet To sit upon my orchard-seat, And birds and flowers once more to greet, My last year's friends together. —Wordsworth.

Hemstitching
The drawing of threads in hemstitching will be easier if they are first gone over with a wet brush that has been rubbed over a bar of soap.



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