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START YOUR HARDY GARDEN NOW AND GAIN A YEAR

How often have you stopped to admire the home made beautiful and attractive by a well-chosen planting of hardy flowers?

And how often have you promised yourself that you would not let another season go by without having just such an attractive planting around your own home?

But when spring came, with the rush of work of all kinds to do; and the vegetable garden to plant; and cleaning up and painting demanding every spare moment you had—then you simply could not get around to setting out your hardy flowers. And once more you would have to "let it go."

Have a Hardy Garden of Your Own Next Spring.

But you can have a hardy garden of your own. And you can have flowers blooming in it next spring. All you have to do is to start it now. Most of the hardy perennials (that is, the plants that live out over winter, and bloom year after year) can be planted in the fall just as well as in spring. In fact, many expert gardeners prefer to plant them in the fall. They can be set out any time up to hard freezing weather.

Any fairly good soil, such as you have been using for annuals or greeniums, will do for your hardy flowers. Or you can make the bed or "border" for your hardy flowers where there is good soil. A narrow bed, along either side of the walk or drive leading to the house, is almost always effective and pretty. A couple of hours work will prepare a good sized bed.

Don't Wait Until You Can Get a Whole Collection to Start With. One reason why some folks never get a hardy garden started is because they keep putting off making a start until they can get a complete collection.

The easiest way, and really the best way, is to start with a few things and keep adding to the list as opportunity offers. Almost anybody can get a dozen or two different things to make a beginning that will give a very creditable show of flowers during the first season. Some of these things you can secure from your neighbors. Any of them you can get at a very small cost from some nearby nursery.

Most perennials, after they have been growing in one place for a few years, will continue to give more and bigger flowers if they are taken up and the "clumps" of roots separated into a number of pieces, and replanted. These pieces or "divisions," as they are called, therefore, are usually easy to obtain from your flower growing friends.

In getting plants in this way, the roots should be kept out of the ground as short a time as possible, and protected from sun and wind by pieces of wet bagging while being handled. The divisions for replanting should not be left too large—a clump or a section of a plant with a few strong buds will give much better results than a large clump containing several old roots.

The plants which you get from a nursery, of course, are husky, young individual plants which have been grown as individuals for at least a season, and these naturally can be more depended upon to give satisfactory results than "divisions" made from old plants. The latter, however, make a very satisfactory way of getting an economical start with your hardy garden. If they are supplemented by some of the newer varieties from the nursery, a very fine showing can be had, even the first season, for an outlay of a very few dollars.

Some Things You Can Plant Now. While the list of good dependable hardy plants is very long, it is well to start your garden with the old reliable standbys such as phlox, peonies and iris. In selecting these, obtain, if possible, two or three different types of each, so that the season of bloom will be made as long as possible. You will find the different types described in any of the fall nursery catalogues or in the lists carried by agents. It is by no means necessary to get one of the newer varieties, as many of the older ones are just as beautiful, and are less expensive to make a start with. Of course, after your collection gets bigger, you will naturally want some of the new things in order to have a greater variety.

The most important of all our American hardy perennials and, in the opinion of many, the most indispensable of all perennials for the hardy border, are the members of the phlox family. By careful selection of the varieties from the different species, they may be had in bloom continually from quite early in the season until frost. There is a wide range of colors practical freedom from diseases or insect enemies, and the flowers of many varieties are fragrant.

In addition to the phlox, peonies and iris, you will want some of the following, all of which are absolutely hardy and dependable; Asters, Hardy Alyssum, Aquilegia (Columbine); Campanula (Canterbury Bells) Dicentra (Bleeding Heart) Convallaria Majalis (Lily of the Valley); Delphinium Larkspur.

Some other good perennials which may be set now, include Hardy Daisies, Hardy Pinks, Liatris, Lychnis, Sweet William and Veronica. Perennial especially good for shady positions are Aconitum, Anemones, Anemone (Alkanet), Hepatica, Primroses Polyanthus, Ranunculus, Saxifrage, Trillium, Vinca, Hardy Violets.

How to Prepare the Soil for Planting. As to the location of the bed or border where the hardy flowers are to be planted, the soil should be in fairly good condition and the location such that no surface water will stand on the bed during the winter months. As the plants are to remain for several years, the soil can hardly be made too rich, and plenty of coarse ground bone should be used in addition to the manure or compost employed, as this will decay gradually and continues to furnish an even supply of plant food for several years.

In setting the roots in the soil, the plants should be given plenty of room 15 to 18 inches for most of the things mentioned above, but more for the

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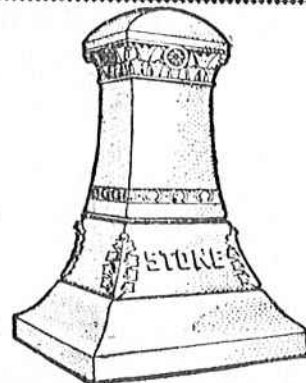
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THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CASES OF DIPHTHERIA

With an increase in the number of cases of Diphtheria reported from practically all parts of the State it is up to parents to inform themselves of the nature of this disease and the methods for its prevention.

Diphtheria, or membranous croup, is an acute infectious disease that attacks usually the throat. It sometimes causes the child very little discomfort and the disease may be fairly well developed before a physician is called. Too often the case is regarded by the parent as an attack of simple sore throat, but all sore throats are dangerous, and the possibility of Diphtheria should be kept in mind until proven otherwise.

Observation of a large number of children has shown that only about 40 per cent of them will take Diphtheria, even if exposed to it. So the first step in the prevention of Diphtheria is to have your children, especially those between the ages of two and five, tested, and if the test proves that they are susceptible, have them inoculated against Diphtheria. This can be done easily and cheaply by your family physician or local health officer, and the child rendered immune for a period of about five years.

When a case of Diphtheria develops in a family the patient should be isolated at once; all eating utensils, bed linen, etc., should be boiled each time they are used and kept separate from those things used by the other members of the family. Children under fourteen years, who have been exposed to the disease, should be given sufficient Antitoxin to protect them for three or four weeks. Especial caution should be observed by the person caring for the case so that the disease is not carried to the rest of the family. Where possible a cap and gown should be worn in the sick room, and the hands thoroughly scrubbed with lysol solution each time upon leaving the room.

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