

A Country Garden

The Aquilegia, or columbine, is one of our daintiest and most popular flowers. Its long period of bloom and the ease with which it combines with other flowers are two reasons for its popularity. The most important reason for its popularity is its foliage. I think we are all inclined to overlook this aspect of a plant. When a new flower is introduced we at once inquire, "What color are the flowers? Are they large or small? Are they fragrant?" But how seldom we think of the foliage. It is all too often overlooked, being set aside in our minds as being merely green. To consider this part of the plant is really of the utmost importance as there are as many shades of green as of any other color. The fact that the Columbine foliage remains in good condition all summer makes it of great value. In the early spring we have neat little rosettes of crinkled leaves, some edged with red, others blue and glaucous. Have you ever noticed this early growth when covered with early morning dew?

During summer we have cool greens and later, in the autumn, some of the leaves take on a deep plum and some a dusty wine-red. The Columbine is of easy culture, doing well in any good garden soil, in sun or semi-shade. Like most flowers, it likes good drainage beneath the root system. Bees and humming-birds are both extremely fond of the Columbine and carry the pollen from one to the other, in this way mixing the colors. Many beautiful combinations are made in this way and come readily from self-sown seed appearing as a surprise to us in various parts of the garden. These flowers are lovely for cutting and last well in water. They are charming in large bowls by themselves or in mixed bouquets where their airy lightness and dainty colors break up any too heavy or a massed effect. They are very easily grown from seed and many plants have been added to the garden here every year.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

They who praise the bravery of springtime's earliest flowers, Arbutus and Anemone bloom in snowy bowers, Crocuses and snowdrops out beside a garden wall. Never seem to think about your bravery at all.

But—when all the rest have gone. The Goldenrod and Rose, Across the chill and withered lawn Your spicy fragrance blows.

Your stars of crimson, gold, and white, like candles in a twilight room. Brave blighting sun and frosty night to light November's gloom.

D. Doyle.

Chrysanthemums are still blooming here and another good gardener told me last evening at the Rural Beautification Banquet that the Mums in her garden were lovely now and a corsage of these flowers were worn on her beautiful gown. They are wonderful corsage flowers and in fact for decoration anywhere as they are so long-lasting. Other seasons they have bloomed here until very heavy frost and also through the snow. The good flower magazines have beautiful illustrations of Mums these days and a garden of them must be wonderful.

It was a joy to attend the ninth annual banquet meeting of the Rural Beautification Society and to meet old and new friends interested in beautifying their homes with planting of shrubs and flowers. When the Secretary showed the lovely slides of the prize-winning flower gardens he said, "There are many beautiful flower gardens on the island and it is safe to say that the Cotton Memorial Nursery had supplied many of these bushes and plants." The Roadside Plantings, Community efforts at beautifying all parts of the community, and the Cemeteries that had been improved, and cared for were in my opinion the most important of the projects. It was good to see a Father and Son and all the young couples who received prizes. To make the evening more enjoyable there were the lovely colored slides shown by the President of some of the beauty spots he had visited this summer in the European countries.

Many famous gardens that we had read about were shown and it was such a treat. Beautiful views of Kew gardens and very lovely large Rhododendrons, Chelsea Flower Spring Show, St. James Park and other colorful parks and wonderful Estates. Then in Scotland the most famous street in the world, Princess Street in Edinburgh with the floral clock, and many old castles and Cathedrals and lovely views of Highland scenery, the President said "Every home has a lovely garden in the

Commence Second Century Of Card Games



Mrs. Annie Feriatte, (right) was 13 years old when her companion in this card game, Mrs. J. P. Guite, 100, was born. With a century to discuss both ladies met recently at

daughter in a Jacquet-River convent when she heard of the 113-year-old woman. When Mrs. Guite called on her sister centarian for the first time, the older lady, possibly Canada's oldest, walked downstairs unassisted from her room and produced a deck of playing cards.

Women Hold Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Women's Association met in the social hall of Trinity Church, Thursday, October 28, with the president, Mrs. G. Taylor in the chair. The worship period was in charge of Mrs. Dickie, and Mrs. Sterns, 24 answered to the roll call. Hymn 356, Take My Life And Let It Be, was sung.

FINE FABRICS

Brocades, richly-decorated fabrics with a slightly raised pattern, were made in Italy and Spain as early as the 13th century.

Christian Training Center, and the North American Press soliciting aid for their new training center in Nova Scotia. Lunch was served by the Bambie group. Mrs. B. MacLaren was pianist for the evening.

NAVAL RANK

The title "captain" in the British Navy was first defined in 1747, covering both fighting and navigating elements.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two Canadian cabinet ministers and two leading defence officials will visit the United States next month to tour test bases for guided missiles and anti-aircraft weapons, it was announced Thursday. They are Trade Minister Howe, Defence Minister Campney, Dr. O. M. Solandt, chairman of the Canadian defence research board, and T. E. Stephenson, director of the aircraft branch of the defence production office.

This afternoon the farmers and help went to Alderlea to continue

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ELLEN'S DIARY

by an Island Farmer's Wife

When the dusk was pouring the first of its purpling shadows into the cup of our valley this evening, the flock of lambs recently taken from "the other farm" to this, and content heretofore to spend their nights in far fields, brought themselves home to a meadow close by the buildings.

"That's not encouraging," Jamie noticing, offered with a smile. "A sign of a snow storm—and the turnips all in the fields!"

"It's only the lambs," Gage commented with a shrug. "I guess they just happened to come there."

The sunny day had turned into a chilly evening then, sharp, with frost, for the time of year, and with that cheerless, penetrating cold which so often, indeed most-ly, indicates falling weather.

"We don't want snow yet," we nodded, remembering as had Jamie the row after row of turnips to be harvested from these farms as well as the folks who must have fine weather to save ends of harvest and their crops of potatoes. "Maybe," we chuckled, "it's a rain instead of snow, we're going to get!"

"It doesn't feel much like rain now," Jamie said, turning away toward the barns.

We hurried to the woodshed to gather an armful of maple sticks to brighten and keep the hearth-fire, and with the cold hastening still our steps, left the out-doors then to the gathering night-shadows.

their work of harvesting mangels, saving them to an old, rock-walled cellar there. Horses and carts went out along the lane, a truck too, the black dog, a knowing shaggy fellow facing along the fields in a short-cut to be the first at the scene. . . . Now the season of fall, dares the farmer to idle.

"Why don't I give up farming, Ellen?" one who has known and loved always this way of life and has prospered well smiled the other day at our query.

"Well I sometimes wonder myself. I have no need to farm. I can live without it. . . . But then could I? It would be all very well as far as money goes," he nodded. "But what would I do if I had no stock to take care of? I'd be lost! And next spring with no field to sow, no crop of my own to watch grow, no harvest to gather. . . . nothing to work for, no reason to be alive! No," he shook his head, "I wouldn't like that."

"You know, Ellen," he continued,

"There's something about farming that keeps a man on his toes—there's the old challenge of seasons and weathers a farmer has to meet. If that were to be taken from me, if there was nothing to fight against, nothing to gain, just come-day go-day in a monotonous round I'm sure," he grinned boyishly, "that would soon be the end of me. I reckon that's one of the things that keeps me on the farm."

Cold tonight, and cool today. Yet all about now the austere loveliness and grace of the year. Amber of stubbles, red-brown of furrow, silver of bare trees, drab of pastures, green of aftermated fields, dark of the evergreens. And all bound with a ribbon of sunlight. And above the sky-line along which the woodlands spread, the wonder of great wind-blown clouds journeying in the blue.

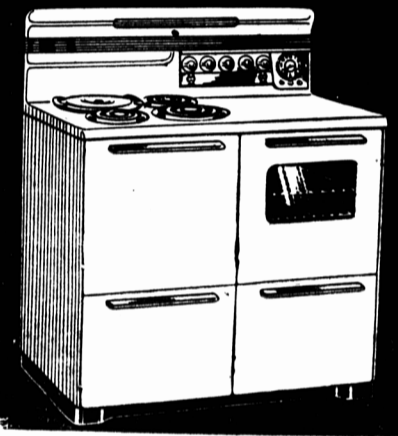
A night for a snow-storm? For rain? James says. . . . but a night for frost spiced by the maple embers and a cup of hot tea!

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