

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

"To be woven eternally on the loom of perpetual change." The cycle of the seasons, with their never-ending variety, their constant innovations, is certainly not the least of a garden's charm.

There is neither beginning nor ending to the gardener's year—only recurrent patterns on a scroll. But the patterns that recur are never quite alike.

The gardener's year begins in September and not in the Spring as many believe. It is possible now to transplant anything with success, especially so because of the moisture this season and anything will grow.

Perennials have been transplanted from the field and others have been moved to better positions. Early blooming plants can be divided now and it is so much easier to see what needs to be done, than later in the season when it is difficult to identify the different flowers.

Forget-me-not plants have been transplanted to the bulb garden as they are the loveliest ground cover for many-colored bulbs.

If you are planning a new flower border, this is the time to prepare the ground and do the planting so it will become established before the cold weather comes.

Drainage is the most important part of any garden and some sun must shine on the garden part of the day. The soil must contain everything the plants need and this part of gardening is easy on the farm as all kinds of fertilizer and mulches can be had for the labour of gathering them up.

Spring flowering shrubs can be divided and moved now and others can be pruned to the size and shape desired.

Grass seed has been sown in this garden and I am in the throes of renovating and killing a horrid weed that has run over one part of the garden.

Last week I spent a happy time in a garden of gladioli, hundreds of the finest gladioli are grown in the proper way, and several very promising seedlings have been propagated by these gardeners.

Notes were made of the different varieties that seemed to be lovelier than any we had seen, and a large number of these were Canadian originations by E. F. Palmer of Ontario and his sister Beatrice who lives in British Columbia. Pandora is one of these in high fitted collar, our face neither soft coral with inconspicuous staid nor yet merry, supported the demure raven braids of our days and it has some Picardy blood in it. It is a very lovely gladiolus.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

The watch-fob long since passed from fashion now rests in the jewel case which takes care of our meagre collection of the years. It lies with curious but esteemed bed-fellows.

Our first ring is there, a well beloved circle of gold, set with three tiny rubies, our birth-stone. It came as a glorious surprise on a white Christmas morning to a small girl from her parents. True they might have bestowed on us a more practical gift, yet it is doubtful if world-over they could have found anything which could have equalled the continuing joy it lent through the girlhood years.

It will likely come to grand-daughter as a talisman to help her along hers. And what of the watch? It does duty about the place on occasion, the farmers preferring to carry it in place of more modern time-pieces to the fields to mark there for them the flying hours.

We must look at it every night... the face that often slept beneath our pillow, the still shining case, the front bare still of the initial it could have held, the back where golden roses entwined.

We do not now recall all of our buying with our first cheque... Boots, we suspect, or shoes for summer wear, a pair of black cashmere stockings against the fall days or was it a lighter weight, intriguingly clocked at the ankles?

Collar supports we must have, and varied cordings to top the collars of our gowns. A "best" corset-cover of lawn and generous lengths of "fine white" for night-gowns and under-skirts, befrilled to flounce as we walked.

One purchase made on our behalf was a dress-length of material known as "Lustre" in a shade of cream. It was, we believe, a mixture of silk yarns and cotton, so possessed both substance and sheen and when made up according to the dress-maker's skill and our fancy, it became one of our favorite gowns.

It was pannelled and pleated, reaching from the ears, at least, mid-way to the calf and was trimmed with yards and yards of inch-wide insertion. The sleeves were long and tucked at intervals.

Our lily-white hands. Above the high fitted collar, our face neither staid nor yet merry, supported the demure raven braids of our days and it has some Picardy blood in it. It is a very lovely gladiolus.

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The Royal Edinburghs

BY MARGARET SAVILLE

Close to Princess Elizabeth wherever she goes in Canada will be a pretty young woman wearing a cypher brooch on her shoulder, a diamond E on pink silk ribbon. She will be the Princess's lady-in-waiting wearing her badge of office which was formally given to her by the King when she was first appointed. Her duties are varied, calling for a high degree of tact, discretion and personal charm—and again discretion.

She attends to the Princess's correspondence, receives her visitors, answers her telephone, goes out shopping for her and at functions she sees that her Royal mistress meets whom she wishes to meet and that the people she doesn't are deftly steered away from her path.

Often too she carries highly personal messages from the Princess to relatives and friends. For all this, technically "on call" for 24 hours of the day during her term of office, she is paid five hundred pounds a year by Princess Elizabeth plus a small allowance for her clothes.

Princess Elizabeth has four ladies-in-waiting who serve her at Clarence House for two weeks and then take four weeks off on a rota system. To accompany her across the Atlantic she has chosen the Hon. Mrs. Andrew Elphinstone, who is a little older than herself, with her dark brown hair swept back from her forehead and an extremely gentle expression.

She has known Princess Elizabeth since they played together as children when she was Jean Frances Hambro. She married Captain C. V. Gibb of the Grenadier Guards who was killed in action in Holland in 1944. Then in 1946 the widow became the wife of the Hon. Andrew C. V. Elphinstone whose mother Lady Rose Elphinstone is the Queen's sister.

The Elphinstones live modestly in a little country house in Surrey and she travels up to London to her duties at Clarence House by train and bus. Sometimes she takes along her small daughter, blonde Rosemary Elizabeth, aged 4, who plays with Prince Charles and Princess Anne while their respective mothers are engaged.

One of the many points Mrs. Elphinstone must always remember is that she must never wear colors that clash with the Princess's clothes. So in public she generally dresses in dark brown or navy blue to harmonize with the warm pastels and greens and yellows Princess Elizabeth usually prefers.

Another member of the Royal party, in official charge of all arrangements, will be Lieut. General Sir Frederick Arthur Montague Browning, K.B.E., late of the Grenadier Guards, probably the most famous regiment of the British Army which has Princess Elizabeth as its Colonel-in-Chief. Tall and distinguished, the 53

year old soldier has been the Comptroller and Treasurer of the Royal Edinburgh's household since 1947. He literally holds their purse, paying all their bills, engaging and supervising their staff and servants and attending to all the myriad details of their public and personal affairs.

Princess Elizabeth always makes a special point of going over the monthly account-books with him to ensure she is not being extravagant. She does not think that just because she is a Royal lady she should pay more than proper dues for any goods or services.

The General is married to novelist Daphne du Maurier and when he is not on duty, he joins her at their big old-world house near Fowey in Cornwall and there they sail and swim and fish with their two teenage daughters.

As equerry the Duke of Edinburgh will be attended by a former naval officer, Lieutenant

Michael A. Parker, while Princess Elizabeth will also take along her private secretary, the Hon. Martin M. C. Charteris who is a brother of the Earl of Wemyss and March. Handsome and 37, he is married to the younger daughter of Lord Margesson and has three small children.

While he is on the tour, Mrs. Charteris is taking the family to the United States to stay with her American-born mother who has a house in the Catskills.

Princess Elizabeth's two dressers will also be travelling—they are never officially known as maids, the chief one, Miss Ruby Macdonald, who has looked after her for many years. Unidentified but always on guard will be the Scotland Yard detective who is responsible for the Princess's safety, co-operating with the local police everywhere she goes and never allowing her to leave his own sight when she is out-of-doors.

Prince Philip will take his valet in the party and he will be responsible for all the baggage. This will number around a hundred pieces—the Princess's wide-skirted satin and chiffon evening gowns cannot be packed in small space and then Prince Philip requires various full-dress uniforms with all their ceremonial accessories. Some new trunks and cases have

British Royalty Is Entertained By Canadian Pipers



Princess Elizabeth is seen deep in conversation with Lieut.-Col. J. A. Farmer, officer commanding the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, at Birnhall, on Deeside, Scotland. The occasion was a performance put on for the Princess by the pipers of the Canadian regiment, which was in Scotland for the gathering of the clans, first in over 200 years.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What is the meaning of "table d'hôte" as used in restaurants?

A. This means a set price for each meal, irrespective of how many courses you order. "A la carte" means that you order "according to the card," and you pay for each dish ordered.

Q. When giving a bridge party which follows a luncheon, is the hostess expected to serve sandwiches or cakes during the game?

A. No. Q. What should be done with the knife after cutting food at the table?

A. Place it at the upper right-hand edge of the plate, and on the plate, never with the handle resting on the table.

How Can I...!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make walnut stain?

A. Mix one quart of boiled linseed oil, one quart turpentine, one pint of whiting, one tablespoonful of burnt umber, 1/2 teaspoonful Venetian red, 1/2 teaspoonful of yellow ochre.

Q. How can I restore the original brightness to pearl buttons?

A. Rub them with a little olive oil. This takes away the blurred appearance. Then sprinkle with nail powder and rub thoroughly.

Cook's Corner

BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES

Slice medium-sized washed and dried cucumbers paper-thin. Measure 1 gallon. Mix these with 8 small white onions sliced paper-thin, 2 shredded green peppers and 1/2 cup salt. Add enough ice that when it melts away they will be nearly submerged and let stand 3 hours. Drain thoroughly. Bring to boiling point 5 cups each sugar and vinegar, 1 1/2 teaspoons turmeric, 1/2 teaspoon cloves, 2 teaspoons mustard seed, 1 teaspoon celery seed, then add the sliced vegetables and bring to boiling point again quickly. Let simmer about 4 minutes, but do not let cook until cucumbers soften at all. Pack immediately into sterile jars and seal.

Better English

By G. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Brown seemed very surprised when his brother failed to show up."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "frontier"?

3. Which one of these words is amathist, amoeba.

4. What does the word "endowments" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ra that means "agreeable to reason"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Brown seemed very surprised when his brother failed to appear." 2. Pronounce frontier, o as in on preferred, e as in tea, accent second syllable, 3. Amethyst, 4. Talents; gifts. "He was aided by strong, mental endowments." 5. Rational.

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Courageous Girl

Takes Burdens Of Entire Family On Her Shoulders

DEAR MISS DIX: I come from a poor family, but I am married now with two children. I have always vowed to do my best to better my life and my family's. Now I have the chance, and wonder if I will succeed.

My father is going to a veteran's hospital for the third time, and my mother, who is unable to do any housework, will be left with very little income. So my mother, two sisters, one brother and my own small family are moving into a large house. With mother's things and mine we will have a home with all necessities in it. Our income will be sufficient, with my husband's salary and my father's pension.

I want to teach my sisters how to do things to make a nice home, to cook and care for their clothes. Only one can cook a little, and as things were a little haphazard at home, they don't know how to plan meals or anything like that. I'd also like to make my other sisters and brothers realize that, when they visit with their children, the youngsters should not be given the run of the house to do as they please.

ANSWER: You are a wise and courageous girl to undertake the terrific job ahead of you. I hope your family appreciates what you are trying to do and co-operate with you.

KEEP VISITORS IN LINE

When the visiting families arrive and see the changes you are trying to make in the old home, they should have sense enough to see that their marauding offspring are kept within bounds. If not, you will have to take a firm stand and tell both children and parents that toys must be put away, feet kept off furniture and food eaten

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The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow THE fulfillment of dreams, aspirations, hopes, wishes, as well as practical constructive efforts, could gain by an allowance for week-end incubation, since the deeper phases may take longer time for the hidden and elusive development of subtle techniques or perplexing problems.

If It Is Your Birthday Those whose birthday it is are encouraged to carry on for the fulfillment of their most cherished ideals, dreams, plans and desires, this, perhaps, by a period of incubation while curious, elusive or subtle ideas, hopes, ambitions take on tangible form, for concrete and workable expression. Unique or unfamiliar drives, emotions, feelings, may gain by broadened perspective, when something of the wondrous and chimerical may fall into practical patterns. Relaxation, meditation, may assist.

A child born on this day may be rich in phantasy, dreams, the unique and elusive, which could be rendered objective and profitable by proper development, a training in realism.

Morning Smile

Convenient

Mistress (at midnight): I don't intend to come downstairs to let you in at this time of the night again."

New Girl (reassuringly): "You won't have to, mum. One of my friends took an impression of your key and he's making a new one for me."

Very Thin

The regimental wit looked down at the tiny carrot which had been included with his portion of boiled beef.

"That's this?" he asked. "The thin end of the veg, I presume."

Limited Range

Oh, doctor, I'm so upset," said the woman. "My husband seems to be wandering in his mind."

"Don't let that worry you," replied the doctor. "I know your husband—he can't go far."

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Sandpaper To make sandpaper coat stout paper with glue and then sift fine sand over its surface before the glue sets. Emery paper can be made in the same manner, only powdered emery is used instead of sand.

Floor Mops Floor mops will gather dirt more quickly and thoroughly if washed in soapsuds about once a month. Soda added to the water will loosen the dirt wonderfully.

Starch To prevent starch from sticking, add one teaspoonful of lard to each quart of starch and boil it one minute before using.

Repairing Furs To repair tears in furs, use adhesive tape on the wrong side, heating the tape with an iron to make it adhere.

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