

HOW TO OBTAIN DESIGN BOOK

The latest design book entitled "101 Selected Suburban and Country Homes, Designed for Canadians," is now available at the offices of The Guardian and The Evening Patriot for \$1, tax free. This new edition includes color selection, etc., plus over 100 popular new designs to choose from. Also included are full designs on how to order blueprints.

Informal Rose Garden Becoming Popular

A few years ago rosarians would not have dreamed of planting a rose anywhere except in a geometrical formal rose garden. This trend was followed by home gardeners who surrounded the sun dial and bird bath with square or rectangular beds of roses to provide the formality needed. Rose breeders all over the world are gradually changing all this. They are now introducing kinds with flowers that look like the hybrid tea roses but are produced in large clusters and can be used informally.

The hybrid tea rose was, and still is, exquisitely formal but its hybrid and more ubiquitous offspring, the polyantha, could never be considered formal. The hybrid tea crossed with the polyantha produced the floriferous floribunda, some varieties of which have the exquisite shape of the tea rose but the informality of the polyantha. New hybrid teas, too, produce bloom over a longer period and lend themselves to informal planting.

Nowadays the hybrid tea, grandiflora and floribunda roses may be planted in almost any spot in the garden where continuous bloom and color make a pleasing sight. This new way of treating roses allows for many ideas to be developed in your own garden.

WIDE COLOR RANGE
First, approach your landscape areas with this in mind: no other garden plant offers such a varied range of colors as the rose, and none has as long a season of bloom. This means you can put a planting of roses wherever the landscape calls for a dash of color—against a foil of luxuriant green foliage, a necessity for their proper display, or in front of a dark-colored fence or screen. The chief demands your roses will make are at least a half day of sunlight and no large trees or heavy shrubs to compete with them for food and moisture.

If you have a garden wall or dividing fence, plantings of either hybrid teas, tall grandifloras or the lower-growing floribundas will bring both color and greenery to the site. For depth you can combine hybrid teas, using them as background plants with floribundas in the foreground.

Imagine the striking color effect created against a yellow wall with multicolored Granada or American Heritage, two splendid bicolor roses, the first with blends of red and yellow and the second an ivory yellow with suffusion of scarlet and vermilion. Or think of these in combination with clusters of pure white flowers of either Saratoga, a floribunda rose, or Matferhorn, a hybrid tea rose with snowy-white perfectly tailored blooms. Or if you wish something similar but of less recent origin, try the huge Christian Dior or John S. Armstrong, vivid reds, with the older Ivory Fashion, creamy white.

If you've grown tired of the sameness of the evergreen foundation plantings add brilliance to them with beds of colorful roses, or by placing a few plants among the low-growing evergreens to give cheerful accents. I have seen the salmon floribunda Spartan and the multicolored Masquerade serve admirably in such situations. Some gardeners are using roses exclusively in informal beds in front of the house, picking colors to contrast or harmonize with the color of the home exterior.

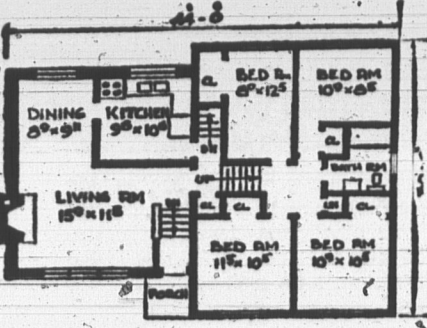
PLEASING SIGHT
Roses also have a place in relation to walks, driveways and the patio. Along the sweep of a driveway, there probably is no more pleasing sight than a row

of cheerful floribundas. Then, too, if you live where there is much snowfall be sure to give your roses some protection such as boards placed over them and mound them for the winter. Surrounding the patio, or serving as a divider between patio and lawn, roses create a colorful, restful spot for the place where we spend so much of our outdoor living time. Do not forget to include some in patio planters, but bear in mind that these must be sunk in the ground during October to avoid freezing.

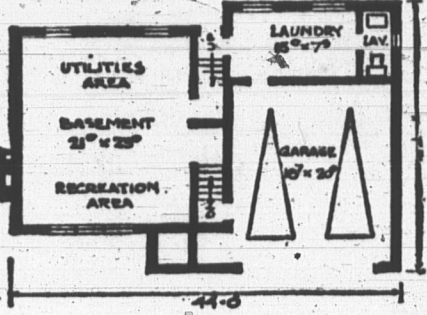
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Grandiflora roses make good tall plants, which are excellent for screening purposes in the warmer parts of Ontario and Quebec. They can create informal areas of privacy with relaxing color, a great advantage they have over other types of shrubs. Good grandiflora roses are Pink Parfait, Queen Elizabeth, Montezuma, Carousel and Buccaneer.

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First Aid For Ailing Houses

PAINTING VARNISHED DOOR

QUESTION: Our new home is painted white, but the door to the garage is varnished. We prefer a more uniform appearance and want to refinish the door to match the rest of the house. Must I remove the varnish first?
ANSWER: If the varnish on the door has not developed cracks or peeled, it need not be removed before applying the paint. However, the gloss should be dulled by rubbing with sandpaper or coarse steel wool, or with a "flattening" preparation available at paint and hardware dealers. Be sure to wipe off all dust before applying a good quality house paint. Don't do outdoor painting if the temperature gets below 50 degrees.

MILDEWED SILLS

QUESTION: The sills have mildewed because of moisture dripping down from the windows in our kitchen. How can I remove the darkened areas or lighten them before refinishing the sills?
ANSWER: Scrape off the present finish down to bare wood. Then apply a prepared wood bleach, following label directions carefully, or apply a liberal quantity of a hot saturated solution of oxalic acid (note this is a poison). Allow this to remain overnight, and then rinse thoroughly with clear water. When the wood is dry, smooth with "000" sandpaper, wipe off the dust, and refinish as desired. Installing a kitchen exhaust fan, vented to the outdoors, will prevent the windows.

RUSTED WALL TILES

QUESTION: We have steel wall tiles on our bathroom walls. Our house is about 10 years old and the tiles are becoming rusted because the enamel is peeling off. How can we overcome this?
ANSWER: Remove all peeling paint and all rust by rubbing the tile surface with No. 1 steel wool and turpentine. Then scuff the exposed metal with a rust-inhibitive paint. When hard and dry, finish with a good quality enamel, either gloss or semi-gloss.

SPACES BETWEEN BOARDS

QUESTION: Spaces have developed between several of the floorboards in our bedrooms upstairs. How should these be filled?
ANSWER: Open spaces between floorboards should be filled during the heating season when the wood has shrunk considerably and dried out. All dirt and dust should be scraped out. Then fill the spaces the full depth of the opening with wood putty and stain to match. You might want to use a putty stick, available in most hardware and plywood dealers. Wide spaces of a quarter-inch or more can be filled with strips of wood cut to fit. These are glued in place or nailed with wire brads.

OIL ON CELLAR FLOOR

QUESTION: My husband has his workshop in the cellar. He accidentally spilled linseed oil on the concrete floor, leaving a big stain. How can this be removed?
ANSWER: Unless the excess oil on a surface is wiped up immediately, linseed oil oxidizes and hardens, making it extremely difficult to remove later. Cover the stained area with a thick layer of a paste made by adding water to a mixture of one part trisodium phosphate and two parts powdered whiting. Allow this to remain at least an hour, and then scrape it off with a putty knife. Scrub the affected area with a solution of three pounds of trisodium phosphate to the gallon of water, followed by rinsing with clear water.

REPLACE FELT TABLE TOP

QUESTION: We have a felt top on our game table, which otherwise is made of wood. The felt is becoming worn out. How can we replace the worn material?
ANSWER: Remove the present felt and smooth the wood surface underneath with sandpaper to take off any particles of glue, etc., and wipe off any particles of glue, etc., and wipe off any dust. Coat the wood surface with pure, fresh, white shellac (thinned half and half with denatured alcohol) and allow to dry and harden. Cut a piece of new felt to exact size. Then apply a second liberal coat of the shellac to the wood and lay the piece of new felt in position, pressing it on firmly without stretching.

VAPOR PROOF BARRIERS

QUESTION: I want to insulate my attic floor by pouring in loose rock wool between the joists. What can I use as a vaporproof barrier underneath the insulation?
ANSWER: You should use what is known as a vaporproof paper, or put down sheets of aluminum foil to serve as a vapor barrier. You would save yourself a great deal of work if you used rockwool batts, since they come made up with a vaporproof covering on one side.

QUESTION:

Would you put me on to some good basic, direct and understandable reference books on special housekeeping problems?
ANSWER: I am sure you will find the following will take care of most problems that may arise: "How to Clean Everything," by A. C. Moore, published by Simon and Schuster; the pocket books edition of my own "First Aid for the Ailing House"; "How to Take Care of Your Pictures," by C. K. Keck, published by Museum of Modern Art and Brooklyn Museum (New York City). Book stores should be able to get these for you, if they are not in stock.

(NOTE:

All correspondence relating to home maintenance should be addressed to: Roger C. Whitman, c/o Toronto Star Syndicate, 80 King Street W., Toronto 1, Ontario.)

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Threat Seen To French Language

QUEBEC (CP)—Paul Robert, a French lexicographer visiting Canada, said Thursday the French language is "threatened much more in Canada than in France by Anglicisms."

However, Mr. Robert, author of a novel dictionary which bears his name, said that "because the English influence is stronger, the defence reaction is also stronger."

The French-speaking population of Quebec was only an island amidst an English-speaking mass of some 200,000,000. Because of this, the French spoken in Canada, "is more or less in danger of being Anglicized."

However, he said this is not necessarily an evil if an English word fills a gap which the French tongue can not. Mr. Robert's dictionary not only gives the definitions for some 50,000 French words arranged in Alphabetical order,

but also gives synonyms, antonyms, words which could be related because of belonging to related fields and simple analogies. It therefore is possible to locate words which one does not even know exist by seeking an associated word.

Bid Being Made To Retain Thant

OTTAWA (CP)—External Affairs Minister Martin will encourage U Thant to remain as secretary-general of the United Nations when his mandate

comes up for renewal in November, informed sources said Thursday. Mr. Martin will spend nearly two days with Mr. Thant this weekend when the secretary-general visits Montreal and Windsor, Ont.

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