

Country Garden
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image be used is wonder, more beautiful than summer once had been.
The beautiful sunsets are characteristic of this season of the year and they make up for some of the summer loveliness that is gone. Where are the songs of spring? Ah, where are they? Think not of them, thou hast thy music, too. —Keats.
In October the Violets are blooming better than in the summer-time because of the moisture and the trimming of the plants with some humus added and in the rock garden the many blue varieties look well with the golden Iceland poppies and the autumn crocus. These bulbs are really members of the lily family and are wonderful bulbs as they bloom without leaves and are a surprise to see at this season.
Auratum lilies were planted this spring and are now blooming and their fragrance is added to that of the Clematis paniculata and the honeysuckle vine with fragrant carnations planted nearby. This is a very large lily, ivory-white a broad golden band but it is the fragrance that is the best feature of this lovely flower.
In the Autumn the ornamental crapapple shrubs are covered with crimson fruit and are as attractive with the shiny clusters as when there are pink and red blossoms in early spring.

BERRIED VARIETIES
It is important when planting shrubs to include some of these berried varieties for beautiful color in the autumn. The sweet briar rose is also lovely at this time with its bright orange red haws almost covering the large bushes scattered over all the garden. These are some of the attractive plants to see in the garden at this time and I must not forget the fragrant wallflower that has bloomed since early spring. It must be the season as it has never bloomed for such a long period before and it is a welcome golden color.
The horse chestnuts are tumbling down and are such a lovely smooth brown when the outer covering is removed. I have gathered some for decoration and in a wooden bowl they look quite nice. The days are crowded in this month on farms and country gardens with many lovely things and it is now or never to save the various tender plants and prepare the beds and borders for the winter season.

When the borders are cleaned and raked it is then time to think of planting bulbs for next spring's garden and remembering the early winter last year it will be wise to plant them this month if possible especially the early blooming bulbs.
In the garden here some snow flakes have been planted and they are much like snowdrops only more vigorous. Another unusual bulb named fritillaria was also planted in the rock garden where they have grown for years coming very early in the spring. There are several varieties and I like the slender stems a foot tall surmounted by graceful nodding bells. They are sometimes called the guinea hen fritillaria because of the chequered markings.

UNUSUAL PLANTS
It is always fun to try out unusual plants but it is wise to make most of the garden with dependable old varieties. Galtonia bulbs bloomed here for several summers and this year more were added to the collection. They are tall growing with white bells on strong stems. Sometimes they are called "Summer Hyacinths" and the resemble the hyacinths which bloom in the spring. Last week they were dug and placed in the cellar as they are tender bulbs and quite large.
Old bulbs of daffodils and other kinds that were forced last year should now be planted outside and they will give beauty and color again when they have good growing conditions, and if you have heeled in any tulip bulbs from borders this spring it is better to plant them early if you can find them where they should be in sandy friable soil resting until this month. Hidden deep in the bulbs lie the pledges of another life, and we realize this as we plant and plan for next year's garden.

Now is the season the nights are cold and waxen Indian Pipes rise, pale or pink from the moist leaf mould in the wood, where the scarlet toadstools the yellow, the white, colour the floor of the forest, garish as parasols gay brightening the beaches in summer.
This is the season the crickets chirr when sings no bird and far away the sound of the woodman's axe is heard breaking the silence. This is the season the butterflies fall when nights are chill and a shawl of mist covers the moors in the morning. Now is the season the ditches and fields are drenched a frosty blue by the wild aster's brush and sentinel maples in fear burn their fiery beacons on every hill warning of winter's invasion.

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