

A COUNTRY GARDEN

THE FIRST SNOW

Quiet gathered
In the tracery of old trees,
Drifted along the forest floor.
A pearl-grey hush followed the
wind, a reiteration.
Stillness put her seal upon the
water-fall;
The window-sill
Saw no sound come from behind
the frosted pane;
Smoke plumed from the lone
chimney,
Scent low, retreating along the
eaves.
The trees knew
That their dark limbs would be
clothed with white lace;
The beasts knew they would wake
to a new world;
Only the young child, born that
spring,
Was not aware that he waited
For the first snow.

V. Harden.

In the garden when the first
snow comes we are very happy
if all has been done for the
garden that is necessary before
winter comes. It is possible to plant
shrubs by lifting off the crusty
snow and finding the ground un-
frozen. This was done here today
and clay was tilled in the child's
sleigh to the roses for their win-
ter covering. It is amazing how
a garden can be made when cir-
cumstances prevent gardening at
the proper time.

Just a few more days will see
all the roses covered and of course
there is no immediate danger to
them as snow is the very best pro-
tection they can have.
In the little garden room some
rosy pink fragrant Stocks are in
bloom. I did not expect them so
soon after digging them out of the
garden. Small plants that were
so late sown they had not bloom-
ed. Six plants were potted up
and now the gardener wishes that
all had been brought in for win-
ter for their fragrance especially.
The garden room is small and it is
crowded with a great variety of
plants. Some of the new bulbs are
coming in to bloom and of course
the Christmas Cactus is covered
with rosy pink buds.

When I think of this lovely plant
that brings so much beauty at this
season of the year, I think of the
lovely Christmas Cactus seen this
fall in a friend's home. It was very
large and last year had over five
hundred blossoms. The most re-
markable thing about this particu-
lar plant was the fact it had
bloomed in the same large tub for
over thirty years. A beautiful slip
had been taken and it had grown
almost as large as the parent
plant. The Star had given public-
ity to this unusual plant by writ-
ing its history and showing a
photograph of it last year.

Many nice people everywhere
have beautiful plants of one kind
or another, even in this wintry
month. It was a joy and a privilege
to see such a home and enjoy the
hospitality of the good gardeners
living there. As I walked in the
door the lady gardener was taking
on the phone about the roses some
one was ordering for a Christmas
gift for a favorite relative. Vari-
eties were discussed and information
given, and what a lovely gift for
anyone who loves roses. From
then on we had good garden talk
while we admired the bouquets
and arrangements of berries shrubs
in suitable containers. A low brown
basket filled with slender sprays
of scarlet Barberry, soft grey
Bayberry and the waxen berries of
the Snowberry taken from a new
shrub planted in the garden.

A lovely blue spray bowl held
small sprays of Stachys Lanata
(Lamba Ears) and scarlet Bar-
berry and Grey Bayberry.
A Philodendron with glossy
green leaves climbed to the top
of the doorway and it was the
finest I have ever seen. Ferns and
Ferns were beautifully grown in
baskets and colorful jardiniere.
All of these can be grown in any
home as they do not require too
much sun, and the way they are
arranged in the home makes the
difference between a jumble of
overgrown plants reaching for the
light, and beauty as it can be made
by these lovely green winter
plants.

More sun and light is required
by the Geraniums and in this
home were too small plants with
three soft pink blooms. They
were planted in small rose jars and
must have been timed for just this
dark month with their lovely flow-
ers. The plant was beautifully pro-
portioned and care must have been
given to the shaping of it in the
summer months. Altogether it
was a treat to see what can be
done with house plants in this
first winter month of Decem-
ber.

Seeds from this garden are
saved for friends at the Christ-
mas season and for a garden
friend are the very best gift pos-
sible.
For Christmas books it is time
to gather them together and there
are many garden books for all
types of gardens. It is possible to
learn everything necessary to
good gardening from reading about
them.

Books are keys to wisdom's trea-
sure;
Books are gates to land's of plea-

sure;
Books are paths that upward lead;
Books are friends. Come, let us
read.

If your garden friend is keen on
Dahlias a new book on Dahlias For
Every Garden by Marian C. Wal-
ker is a beautifully illustrated
book with many colored photo-
graphs. I can recommend this book
as it has been very helpful to me.

Perhaps some one you know is
very interested in Wild Flowers.
Edgar T. Wherry a professor of
Botany at the University of Penn-
sylvania has written a Wild Flower
Guide which makes it easy to
locate all the information about
any wild flower you find, then
gives you its common name,
scientific name, its range, habitat,
and suggestions as to how it can
be cultivated.

My favorite books are stories of
gardening; written by gardeners
in an interesting way and much
can be learned from their experi-
ences.

Beautifully illustrated books on
gardening show how lovely these
can be with good landscape de-
signing and no matter what part
of gardening you are interested in
there are books to instruct and de-
light you.

Most interesting are the books
describing the gardens in other
lands. England, Italy and Hol-
land are among the countries
where the gardens are very beauti-
ful and reading about them is
next to visiting them in enjoyment.
On this continent there are beau-
tiful gardens in the United States,
including the beautiful gardens of
California and the lovely gardens
of Florida and the wonderful
Cypress gardens in South Carolina.

All over the world there are
beautiful gardens and many books
are describing them. It is not pos-
sible to visit them, reading good
books telling about them is a real
joy and inspiration.

In 1622 Henry Vaughan wrote on
his books

By sucking you the wise, like bees,
do grow
Healing and rich, though this they
do most know,
Because most choicely; for as
great a store

Have we of books as bees of herbs,
and more;
And the great task to try, then
know, the good,
To discern seeds, and judge of
wholesome food,
Is a rare scant performance. For
man dies

Off ere 'tis done, while the bee
feeds and flies,
But you were all choice flowers;
all set and dressed
By old sage florists, who well
knew the best.

Good garden magazines are a
splendid Christmas gift for your
garden friend. There are many
lovely varieties of them beauti-
fully illustrated in color and they
are something to look forward to
every month. Even if the English
magazines contain material that
will not thrive in our gardens, they
also give much knowledge that can
be used in this country.

Many American magazines are
wonderful. The garden club move-
ment in the country to the south
of the border seems to stimulate
much interest in gardens. I miss
the Canadian Horticulture maga-
zine and there does not seem to
be any that is as practical for
amateur gardeners.

Many flowers have Societies de-
voted to their particular culture
and the Ontario Rose Society is-
sues an annual and bulletins
throughout the year. The Gladioli
Society is another vigorous So-
ciety in Canada and members-
hips in these would be a good
gift for those especially interest-
ed in these flowers.

In America there is an Iris,
Delphinium, Rose, Begonia, Herb,
and Geranium Society and many
more that I have not had any
memberships. They keep you up
to date on all developments with
the particular plant of their so-
ciety.

Several visitors to the garden
here have been members of these
societies from other countries.
The Rose Society with its many
members have frequently come to
the garden and it is a treat to meet
them. If your friend who loves
these flowers receives a mem-
bership in any of these societies I
am sure they will be thankful to
you for your thoughtfulness. If I
can be of any assistance please
write me for information and I
will be glad to help all I can.

With all these lovely books and
Annuals it is possible to enjoy the
winter even if the garden is sleep-
ing for a very few weeks until
spring comes again.

THE MELLOWING YEAR
The mellow year is hastening to its
close.
The little birds have almost sung
their last.
Their small notes twitter in the
dreary blast—
That shrill-piped harbinger of early
snows;
The patient beauty of the scent-
less rose,
Of with the morn's hoar crystal
quaintly glistens,
Hangs, a pale mourner for the
summer past,
And makes a little summer where
it grows,
In the chill sunbeam of the fair

Bridal Party at Kinkora



Photographed with their wedding attendants are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McCarville. From left to right are: Mr. Alvin McCarville, the best man; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McCarville, the groom and bride; Miss Margaret Mulligan, bridesmaid; Mr. Jackie Mulligan, usher; Mr. Aeneas MacEntee, usher. — (Edwin Heckbert Studio).

St. Malachy's Church, Kinkora,
was the scene of an autumn wed-
ding on Nov. 9 when Anne Therese,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M.
Mulligan, Newton, became the
bride of Frances Vernon, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Earle McCarville,
Emerald.

The bride, who was given in
marriage by her father, wore a
strapless gown of white nylon net
over taffeta with a chantilly lace
jacket, buttoned with tiny self-
covered buttons. The Peter Pan
collar was outlined with rhine-
stones and the long sleeves tapered
to points over the hands. Her floor-
length skirt was designed with

several large applied diamonds
set in rhinestones. Her finger-
tip veil was held in place with hat
effect of net and seed trim. She
carried a white prayer book with
streamers of rosebuds.

Her bridesmaid was her sister,
Margaret, who wore a floor-length
gown of pale blue satin with
matching gloves and headdress.
She carried a nosegay of pink
roses.

The groom was attended by his
brother, Alvin, as best man.
Guests were ushered to their
seats by Jackie Mulligan and Aeneas
MacEntee.

Fr. Harold Croken celebrated the
ceremony.

For her honeymoon the bride
chose a charcoal grey dress with
matching tweed jacket and white
accessories. She wore a corsage of
red roses.

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Seven Days A Week

2 tbsps. double-acting baking
powder.
1 tsp. ginger.
1-2 tsp. salt.
1-2 cup shortening.
1 cup sugar.
2 eggs.
2-3 cup milk.
1-4 cup molasses.
1-4 tsp. soda.
1 tsp. cinnamon.
1-4 tsp. cloves.

1-4 tsp. nutmeg. — Combine first
seven ingredients in saucepan. Cook
over medium heat, stirring occa-
sionally, until apples are tender.
Pour into well-greased pan
13"x9"x2." Sift together next 4 dry
ingredients. Cream together short-
ening and sugar. Add eggs; beat
1 minute. Add alternately milk and
sifted dry ingredients to creamed
mixture, beginning and ending with
dry ingredients. Place half batter
in second bowl. Blend in the last
five ingredients. Spoon light and
dark batters alternately over apples.
Bake in a moderate oven 50 to 60
minutes. Cool in pan 15 to 20 min-
utes. Invert on serving plate, or
wire rack covered with wax paper.
Serve either warm or cold with
your favorite sauce or whipped
cream.

7. SUNDAY: Seems a long time
since I last wrote Seven Days A
Week but "Miserable Misery" as an
old fellow once said, is keeping me

in a
brief day
The dusky waters shudder as they
shine.
The russet leaves obstruct the
straggling way.
Of oozy brooks, which no deep
banks define;
And the gaunt woods, in ragged,
scant array.
Wrap their old limbs with sombre
ivy twine.
—Hartley Coleridge.

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Christmas Trimming

By ELEANOR ROSS

Smelt fishing was reported very
good last week and despite the
mild weather prices are reported
as high on the U. S. market.
Mr. James Arnold, of the Dredge
staff working at Rustico, was home
for a part of the week-end and re-
ports the men are working full
time to get through before the
freeze up. He Dredge, in other
years has been brought here for
winter overhaul but this season it
is doubtful if the weather will hold
good to allow the tow along the
north side of the Morell River.

Last week when a thirteen year
old goose was shot near Montague
a man called us to say geese did
not live to be that old. We called
Mr. Jenkins, the bird man on the
matter, and he informs us that
was only a young goose, as geese
if not killed lived to be a hundred
years old.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gaudet, were
Sunday visitors here from the City,
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick
Murphy.

Among the Takull group of Atha-
baskan tribes of British Columbia
a 11 property rights descended
through the mother.

What to do with cards is a fav-
orite question about now. We
always like to make these lovely and
colorful holiday sentiments part of
our decorating scheme.

Fireplace Arrangement

Some years we tape ribbon
lengths artistically arranged onto
the fireplace wall and leave the
mantel bare save for one ornament
such as an angel or Madonna deli-
cately framed in greenery. Cards
are attached to ribbon with trans-
parent tape.

Or else, we press a screen into
service, especially when there are
scores of cards. We use a plain
screen and we cover the panels
with silver, gold or green metallic
paper — whatever the color scheme
happens to be. Against this bright
background we arrange our cards.

Beautiful Containers

If you have salad bowls, tureens,
wicker bread baskets, why then you
can have simply beautiful contain-
ers. Brush the basket lightly with

gilt paint and fill it with pine,
colorful dried flowers or bitter-
sweet branches with colorful tree
ornaments interposed. It's beau-
tiful anywhere.

Mass branches of pine, huckle-
berry, holly in a soup tureen and
punctuate the branches with tied-
on ornaments or tiny colorful rib-
bon bows.

Frosted Fruit

Use a glass bowl for a beautiful
holiday centerpiece filled with
frosted fruit. Dip each piece in egg
whites beaten until frothy, then dip
each piece in granulated sugar.
Place to dry on cake racks placed
over waxed paper. Red apples,
oranges, pears, lemons and bunches
of green, and purple grapes are
lovely when the fruit is artistically
arranged with a few leaves.

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year. Some officials say the \$1
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