

Perennials for Perpetual Bloom

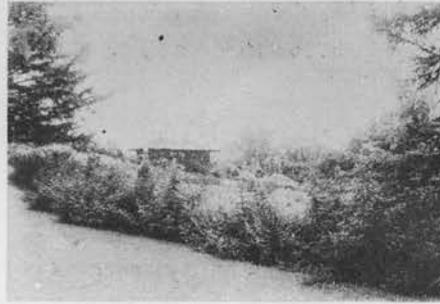
By JUANITA BEARD

"Here in this sequestered close
Bloom the hyacinth and rose
Here beside the modest stock
Flaunts the flaring hollyhock.
All the seasons run their race
In this quiet resting place.
All is quiet else—afar
Sounds of toil and tumult are."

WHAT a joy to own such a garden where one may watch nature's pageant of color moving on and on—the first little *Iris pumila* bearing their flags of royal purple; the Oriental poppies, with their flaming torches, marching over the crest of the hill; the larkspur with steel-blue spears gleaming beneath the noon-day sun and canterbury-bells with tinkling chimes. "Ten thousand saw I at a glance"—the wondrous array of the flower kingdom.

The mind of the gardener is much like that of the chess player. Each move is carefully considered before any move is made. To help you in this game of perennial gardening, the object of which is success on of bloom and color combinations, the following chart has been compiled.

Perhaps you are not fully acquainted with the layout of a perennial garden. The most effective groupings are in borders facing down a shrubby planting or in a formal bed arrangement. If the formal garden path is developed remember to have the flower beds accessible by little paths—the beds being from three to five feet wide and the paths not less than two feet wide.



Any good loose garden soil will grow perennials successfully. It is well to spade and reset all the perennials every three years. Some of the plants, however, such as peonies and bleeding heart, are benefited by being allowed to stay in one place permanently, but the others are greatly improved by taking up, dividing and resetting in the fall. The dead tops and stalks should remain on the plants until spring. Cultivation should cease in the fall after danger from weed seeds maturing is past. It is safest to cover plants after the first heavy frosts, as mulches applied too early are very injurious to the plants, encouraging top growth which decays during the winter. The time for removal of the mulch depends on local conditions, but one should be sure that all danger from extreme weather is past, and then the mulch can be removed gradually.

In the group of plants which should be divided at least every two years are the vigorous types of the garden phlox and boltonia. Those to be divided every three years are common garden phlox, painted daisy, larkspur, lily-of-the-valley, and some of the asters.

Summer care of the perennial garden consists of watering well at least once a week, and of removing all dead flowers in late September. It is a common back to a height of four to six inches immediately after blooming so that new shoots will form, bearing excellent flowers in last September. It is a common mistake to treat campanulas in the same manner—they should have each withered flower removed, one stem often bearing flowers for several weeks under this treatment.

It is a fascinating study to observe color combinations, and a source of endless pleasure to strive to mix these pigments from nature's paint box in a manner unexcelled by nature's most "gardenesque" neighbors. The following list will give some suggestions of effective combinations,—

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COLOR	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN
Blue Lavendar Purple	<i>Delphinium belladonna</i> <i>Aquilegia coerulea</i> <i>Iris</i> in variety	<i>Monkshood</i> <i>Anchusa</i> <i>Campanula carpatica</i> <i>Campanula pyramidalis</i> <i>Delphinium chinese</i> <i>Funkia coerulea</i> <i>Platycodon grandiflorum</i> <i>Scabiosa caucasica</i>	<i>Aster Novae Angliae</i> <i>Aster Novae Belgii</i> <i>Boltonia latissuama</i> <i>Clematis davidiana</i> <i>Statice</i>
Yellow Orange Red	<i>Hemerocallis florham</i> <i>Iris</i>	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> <i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i> <i>Belamcanda chinensis</i> <i>Coreopsis</i> <i>Gaillardia</i> <i>Shasta Daisy</i>	<i>Coreopsis</i> <i>Gaillardia</i> <i>Helenium</i> <i>Giant Daisy</i>
Rose Pink	<i>Coral Bells</i> <i>Oriental Poppy</i> <i>Persian Daisy</i>	<i>Dianthus plumarius</i> <i>Coral Bells</i> <i>Lychnis chalcedonia</i> <i>Penstemon barbatus</i> <i>torreyi</i> <i>Persian Daisy</i>	<i>Phlox</i>

The Homemaker's Bookshelf

By GERTRUDE McARTHUR

Shall the home library include only books of fiction, biographies and history? The up-to-the-minute homemaker today is doing her work more efficiently by consulting authorities in her profession and in the home library we find the Homemaker's Bookshelf.

The books suggested below are recommended by members of the Home Economics faculty as being ones which should be helpful to the woman in her home.

Family Relationships

1. *The Family and Its Members*, by Anna Garlin Spencer. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1923. \$1.50.

The author discusses the responsibilities of each member of the family and their relationships to one another.

2. *Successful Family Life*, by Mary Hinman Abel. J. B. Lippincott Company, 1921. \$2.25.

Mrs. Abel considers the financial problems, individual responsibilities and the obligations of the family to the community.

Family Financing

1. *Spending the Family Income*, by S. Agnes Donham. Little Brown and Company, Boston, 1923. \$1.32.

A very helpful book written for those who have questions on the family or individual budget.

2. *Getting Your Money's Worth*, by Isabel Ely Lord. Harcourt, Brace Co., New York, 1922. \$1.50.

Another valuable book on ways and

means of spending the family income wisely.

Time Engineering

1. *Scientific Management in the Home*, by Christine Frederick. American School of Home Economics, Chicago, 1921. \$1.90.

A study of time saving methods in managing the home.

Health

1. *Personal Hygiene Applied*, by Jesse Williams. W. B. Saunders Co., 1924. \$2.50.

A book on the general hygiene of the body and prevention of diseases.

2. *A Manual of First Aid in Accident and Disease*, by Edward L. Gainsburgh, M. D. Stearns and Beale, New York, 1919. \$1.35.

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THE HOMEMAKER'S BOOKSHELF

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The purpose of this manual is to enable one to render immediate, temporary assistance to persons suffering from an accident or from illness.

Nutrition

1. Feeding the Family, by Mary Swartz Rose. Macmillan Company, Chicago, 1916. \$2.60.

Several chapters are devoted to the food requirements of the individual members of a typical family group, and other chapters deal with the food problems of the family group as a whole.

Foods—Buying, Preparing and Serving

1. The Boston Cooking School Cook Book, by Fannie Merritt Farmer. Little Brown and Company, Boston, 1922. \$2.50.

A usable book on food preparation for the economical housewife.

2. Practical Cooking and Serving, by Janet McKenzie Hill. Doubleday, Page & Company, 1923. \$2.25.

3. The New Butterick Cook Book, by Flora Rose. Butterick Publishing Company, New York, 1924. \$2.50.

A new book for the homemaker on buying, preparing and serving of meals.

4. Marketing and Housework Manual, by S. Agnes Donham. Little Brown and Company, 1917. \$1.50.

Helpful suggestions on marketing and ways of making the household tasks easier are found here.

Textiles and Clothing

1. Textile Fabrics, by Elizabeth Dyer Doughton. Mifflin Company, Chicago, 1923. \$1.35.

An extremely helpful book on the selection of materials.

2. Essentials of Sewing, by Rosalind Cook, 1924. \$1.25.

3. Clothing, Choice, Care and Cost, by Mary S. Woolman. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1920. \$2.25.

The information in this book will be helpful in the selection of appropriate clothing and in the care of that clothing.

Household Processes

1. Housewifery, by Lydia Ray Balderston. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, 1919. \$2.00.

A very practical guide for performance of daily tasks and for selection of equipment and labor saving devices.

Child Care and Training

1. Child Training, by Angelo Patri. D. Appleton and Company, New York, 1922. \$2.00.

A book of short stories which are extremely readable as well as valuable for use in the training of children.

2. Character Training in Childhood, by Mary S. Haviland. Small, Maynard and Company, 1921. \$1.50.

A book on the training of the child from birth until he has chosen his vocation.

Interior Decoration

1. Interior Decoration, by Frank Alvah Parsons. Doubleday Page and Company, New York, 1916.

A practical book for those who are decorating or furnishing their homes.

Jeanette Beyer, formerly editor of the Iowa Homemaker, who has been working for the Washburn-Crosby Company in Cleveland, Ohio, has been transferred to Montana, where she will have her headquarters.



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