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WINDOW GARDENING.

An Essay by Robert Scott, Esq., Read Before the Horticultural Society, Last Evening. Last evening a goodly number of persons assembled in the Horticultural Hall, the occasion being the reading of an essay, by Robert Scott, Esq., a gentleman of large experience in the cultivation of flowers, and a resident of this city.

Ladies and Gentlemen—There are perhaps few subjects connected with gardening better deserving our attention than the one before us to-day, the cultivation of flowers, when we consider the almost universal love for flowers and the desire to have them, however adverse the circumstances attend their management.

There is, perhaps, nothing in nature which tends more to soothe and bring into play the better feelings of his nature than the love and cultivation of flowers. Every seed that sows, every leaf that expands, every shoot that develops its leaves, every flower that bursts into bloom, is a lesson in life.

In treating this subject I shall endeavor to be brief and to the point. I shall try to answer a few queries, asked me perhaps a hundred times in a year. The first generally is, "How often should I water them?"

First, in watering, there are, perhaps, more blunders made than in any other part of their treatment, most taking it for granted they should receive water every day, besides having the saucer or the pot set in a cup filled with water.

The temperature of the room has also much to do with the matter. If the soil is very dry, some manure should be thrown over it once a day, but never water a plant that is not dry.

In watering hanging baskets or vases it is better to take them down and water them well over with the watering-pot; but if very dry dip them in a bucket until thoroughly wet through.

Some plants are benefited by guano and other liquid manures in a liquid state; but it requires considerable experience in applying them. Geraniums, mignonettes, and other soft-wooded plants may receive once a week a watering steeped in either cow or horse manure two or three times before applying it.

In providing soil when there are only a few pots, it is better to get what is wanted from the nearest florists to suit the kind of plants then requiring. But when there is a number, it will be better to have a supply on hand.

The nature of plants and the food they require are as various as that of animals; but all plants, whatever their nature, require fresh soil. To have this always at hand, have two wheelbarrow loads of good soil, one of barrow load of good cow or horse manure, one of barrow load of half barrow load of peat.

When a plant wants repotting turn it carefully out of the pot, and see the kind of soil it has been growing in. It is better to have a supply of soil in a sack, and see the kind of soil it has been growing in.

placed on this, and the pot itself. The vines running up the sides and baskets suspended from the tops. Another method of window gardening, carried on more in London than in Philadelphia, is to have boxes resting on the sill and brackets outside the box generally ten inches across the top and nine inches deep. This is filled with good soil, and mignonette, sweet alyssum, lobelia, petunia, heliotrope, and geraniums planted in the whole summer.

For carnations, dahlias, anemones, and gladioli, another method has been tried successfully. Where there is a spare room, have a large shallow box fixed near the window, making it perfectly light, by covering the front with water getting in through the lower-box, then fill it with tan and plants the pots in it.

For baskets—Ficus, reptans, Kenilworth, Buxus, and Irish ivy and ferns, most of the varieties, Yucca, nummularia, cyclopuntia denticulata, coccineum, argenteo-umbellatum, sedum variegatum, salsola tetanifolia, tradescantia discolor, zebra, vinca, eleocharis major, verbenia, imperatrice, Elizabeth, and lobelia. All of the above are easy of cultivation. Beginners should select from this list.

The following are very pretty and suitable for the window, but they require a little more knowledge and experience in their cultivation: Ardisia, corallina, almandra, nerifolia, bouvardia, leucantha, geranium, calceolaria, coronilla, diffebachia, calceolaria, candicans, Sarah Frost, Henry Letavre, Mrs. Gope, saco, Lady Home's bluish, miniata, and Dunlop's embracata. More might be added to this list of ornamentals, but these are the best.

An ATTACK ON A TAVERN—A MAN SHOT.—Yesterday afternoon a large number of men, dressed in civilian clothes, but some wearing the hotel kept by Mr. Petchel, opposite Manayunk street, and after partaking freely of liquor left the premises. Soon after they returned, and made an attack on the house, using stones and other missiles.

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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS. FOR AMERICA. C. of N. York, Liverpool, New York, July 20. The Queen, Liverpool, New York, July 24. Morning Star, Liverpool, New York, July 27. Tripoli, Liverpool, New York, July 30.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF MESSRS. BARNES AND McMULLIN FOR ALLEGED MISCONDUCT DURING A FUGITIVE'S RIOT.—The committee of Common Council appointed to take testimony in the case of Alderman McMullin and Councilman Barnes held a final hearing yesterday afternoon.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY. Steamship Wyoming, Teal, 70 hours from Savannah, with cotton, etc., to Philadelphia and Southern Mail for New York, via Boston, 24 hours from Boston for Philadelphia, with a general cargo, disabled, took her way and brought her to this port.

MEMORANDA. Ships A. E. Campbell, Wilbur, Florence, Baltimore and L. E. Gibbs, Philadelphia, sailed from Liverpool 24th ult. Ship Mary Whirlig, Cutter, hence, at Shanghai 24th ult.

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GOVERNMENT SALES. GOVERNMENT SALE OF THE MILITARY CHIEF QUARTERMASTER FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, NEW ORLEANS, LA., July 2, 1887.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 12 M., August 10, 1887, for the purchase of all the rights, title and interest of the United States in and to the United States Military Railroad from Brazos Santiago to White's Landing.

The sale will include the entire track and sidings, buildings, water stations, turn-tables, bridges, etc., the railroad materials, the supplies pertaining to the road, together with the rolling stock, cars, machinery, and other equipment as follows:

25 miles Railroad Track, 2 Turn-Tables, 23,000 pounds Railroad Chairs, 8,000 pounds Railroad Iron, 4 Railroad Frogs and Switch Stands, 1 Locomotive and Tender (named "West"), 1 Flat Car, 2 Hand Cars, 1 Wash Car, 500 pounds Car Springs, 2 Crock Feet, 2 Spike Mails, 1000 Iron Nuts, 1 Fire Tongs, 1 Railroad Depot Building, Foreman's Quarters, 1 Water Tank, 157 pounds American Packing, 55 pounds Jute Packing, 1000 feet Rubber Hose, 1 Douglas Pipe, 2 Water Casks, 1 Feed Pipe, 1000 Feet of Pipe, 2 Office Desks, 1 Cooking Stove, 1 Shovel, 1 Claw Bar, 1 Set Blacksmith's Tools, 1 Lantern, 2 Spikes, 2000 Nails, 2 Grind Stones, 2 Padlocks, 1 Turning Lath, 5 Spades, 45 Shovels, 1 set Carpenters' Tools, 1 set Water Buckets, 2 Axes, 2000 Screws and Levers, 8 Anvils, 7 Bellows, 1000 Pins, 1000 Chisels, 1 Cold Chisel, 2 Blacksmith's Hammers, 2 Sledge Hammers, 1 Hammer Horse, 2 Spike Pincers, 1 set Blacksmith's Tools, 6 Blacksmith's Tongs, 1 Vise, 1 Cross-cut Saw, 173 Pick Axes, 1000 Pick Axes Handles, 4 Square Brasses, 2 Bluffing Boxes, 1 Spikes Fanner, 1 Horse Nostrils.

The sale will not include the title to the land which does not belong to the United States. This road is about ten miles in length and extends from Brazos Santiago to White's Landing, on the Rio Grande. From this point connection is made by steamer with Brownsville and Matamoros.

The route is the shortest and best for the immense traffic between the Gulf of Mexico and the interior of Southern Texas and Northern Mexico, and the communication by rail alone can readily be extended to Brownsville. The road already completed saves thirty miles of difficult and tortuous navigation. The road is 15 to 20 feet gauge, good track, T. rail, and full spiked.

The property may be inspected on application to Captain C. E. Hoyt, at Brownsville, Texas, and any information desired may be obtained from that officer, or from the office of the Chief Quartermaster, Fifth Military District, New Orleans, La.

A condition of the sale will be that transportation shall be furnished for all Government troops and supplies whenever required, at rates not to exceed those paid by the United States to other railroad companies in the Fifth Military District. The terms of payment accepted will be those considered the most favorable to the Government.

Proposals should be indorsed "Proposals for the purchase of Brazos Santiago and Rio Grande Railroad," and addressed "Brev. Lieut.-Col. A. J. McGonigle, Chief Quartermaster, Fifth Military District, New Orleans, La."

QUARTERMASTER STORES AT AUCTION. DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., August 6, 1887. Will be sold at public auction, under the supervision of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel James M. Moore, U. S. A., at Lincoln Depot, on MONDAY, August 19, at 10 A. M., a large lot of quartermaster stores, all of which are serviceable, among which are the following:

30 2-h. ambulances, 55 lanterns, 63 4-h. ambulances, 2,688 horse and mule harness, 10 1/2 lb. spring iron, 1,094 trace chains, 30,000 lb. strap iron, 3,610 halter chains, 9,000 lb. old horse shoes, 421 ass. bridles, 1,500 lbs. iron wire, 248 saddle bags, 15,912 carriage bolts, 115 saddle blankets, 800 lb. old rope, 237 horse covers, 600 yds. cocoa matting, 1,646 wagon covers, 28 yds. carpet, 2,475 head halters, 200 hand trucks, 405 ass. saddles, 200 ass. saddles, 54 5-h. wagon whips, 101 McC. saddles, 55 vises, assorted, 23 scowls, platform scales, assorted, 100 shovels, L. and S., 185 saws, assorted, 100 handles, 126 oil stones, with tools of all kinds, bridles, bits, horse medicines, wagon tongues, chisels, axes, saddlers, blacksmiths, and carpenters' tools, etc. etc. Terms—Cash, in Government funds, at rates of 87 1/2 cts. per 100 lbs. of gold, and 87 cts. per 100 lbs. of silver.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT VESSEL. DEPUTY QUARTERMASTER-GEN.'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE, Md., July 27, 1887. Proposals are invited, and will be received by the undersigned, at the office of the Deputy Quartermaster General, U. S. A., at Baltimore, Md., on MONDAY, August 15, 1887, for the purchase at private sale of the side-wheel steamer COSMOS, 200 tons, being on the stocks of the MARYLAND STEAMSHIP CO., and now lying at Fard's Wharf, South Baltimore, 731 1/2 STEWART VAN VLIET, Deputy Quartermaster General U. S. A.

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