

HORTICULTURE



FALL CARE FOR CALLA LILY

Size of Plant and Flowers Are Largely Governed by Size of Pot in Which Placed.

When a calla has bloomed in the house during the winter, it should be kept watered until summer, then bedded out in a sunny situation in the garden. There let nature care for it until fall, when it should be repotted.



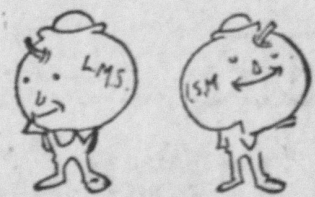
Calla Lily.

says Park's Floral Magazine. If you have a large tuber, and you wish large flowers, then use a large pot. If you want a dwarf plant, use a small pot. The size of the plant and the flowers are largely governed by the size of the pot. When a plant fails to develop properly, it is mostly because the soil is sour or unfit for the growth and development of the plant.

MONOGRAMS ON CHOICE FRUIT

Clever Little Trick Performed by Pasting on Perforated Paper Before Apples Color.

A story comes from Oregon to the effect that the big fruit growers in that section are now growing monograms on their choice fruit. It enhances their value in the big markets in the east. It is claimed that a large grower of fancy apples at Hood River now places the monogram of a prominent New York hotel on a large portion of his crop. This is done by pasting perforated paper labels containing the monogram on the cheek of the apples while green. When the



Individual Brands of Apples.

fruit colors in the sun the words are left in red on a green background, and the whole design has the appearance of having been stamped on in dainty ink.

The Best Grafting Wax.

Rosin four parts (ounces or pounds); beeswax two parts; tallow one part; melted slowly in an iron vessel, putting in the rosin five or ten minutes before the beeswax; and all completely mixed together by much stirring.

In 20 minutes or so it will be thoroughly mixed, and a convenient portion is to be poured into a bucket of cold water. In a minute or less it will be cool enough to take up with the hands (which must be greased with tallow) and pulled like taffy. When it becomes light yellow in color it is done and can be made into sticks or balls and put into another vessel of cold water to harden.

Other portions can be treated in the same way until all is used up. These balls, or sticks, of convenient size can be laid away until required for use.

The Brown Slug.

The little brown slug that defoliates the pear, plum and cherry trees during the summer season is one of the easiest of our insects to control. No one need allow this insect to do any serious harm to his trees, if he will thoroughly use the remedy here given. Steep two ounces of fresh white hellebore in one gallon of water, and use as a spray when the slugs are first seen. Stir the mixture often; or, better yet, have an agitator attachment on the pump. Sometimes there is a second brood of the slugs, necessitating a second spraying.

Norway Spruce.

Great importance is attached to the experiment of planting Norway spruce in Maine. This is the first attempt of the kind in New England, but experimenters believe that the future supply of the denuded states may be replaced in this way.

Whitewashed Trees.

A little whitewash on the trunks of the shade trees will make the trees look attractive and give the place an appearance of refinement. The lime in the whitewash will be repulsive to bark beetles and borers for a while.

KEEPING BULBS OVER WINTER

To Grow Well Following Spring When They Are Planted They Must Be Given Special Care.

For bulbs to keep well over winter and grow well the following spring or summer when they are planted they must have special care before storing. First, as soon as the stalks have been killed by frost cut them off a few inches above the ground. The bulbs or tubers will have matured before this time and they cannot secure more nourishment from the frosted and dead stems. Injury may result if the frosted stems are allowed to remain. Let the bulbs and tubers remain in the soil till late in the fall or till just before the ground begins to freeze hard. They will keep better in their natural home in the soil, under normal moisture conditions, than they will out of the soil. If the soil becomes very wet after the first frosts, then it will be better to dig them immediately.

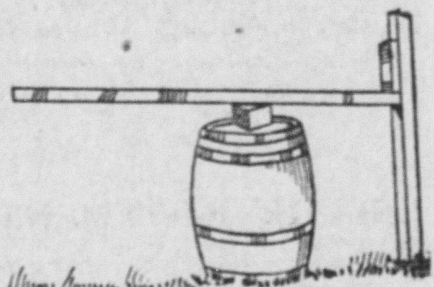
Select bright, clear weather for digging the bulbs. Begin the work in the morning after the dew is off the dead grass. Lift the clump or single bulb with a garden spade, being careful not to injure any of the underground parts, shake off any excess of adhering soil and lay the tubers and bulbs on the dry ground for sunning. If the ground is wet or very damp place dry straw or leaves under them so that they will dry on all sides. At night protect them with straw, canvas or some covering to keep out dampness and prevent possible freezing. Uncover them each morning for exposure to air and sun and let them cure in this manner from three to five days. Be sure that any soil that may be remaining on them is perfectly dry before they are placed in storage.

APPLES PACKED IN BARRELS

Header Can Quickly Be Constructed by Using Piece of Scantling Reaching to Shed.

(By F. L. ROBINSON.)

To make a barrel-header such as can be quickly rigged, use a plank or scantling with one end under a stud reaching to the shed plate and nailed



Packing Apples in Barrels.

temporarily in place. The barrel to be headed forms the fulcrum. Don't press fruit too hard.

TIME FOR PICKING APPLES

Red Variety Is Often Left for Some Time to Allow Them to Put on More Color.

The time for picking red apples is commonly gauged by their color, and that of yellow apples by the color of the seeds. The latter is the only reliable test of ripeness, for an apple picked just as the seeds are turned light brown, and before they become dark around the edges, will be found to have not only full flavor but the best keeping quality. But red apples are often left for some time after the seeds indicate maturity to allow them to put on more color, which they do rapidly under the influence of the bright days and cool nights of autumn.

Growers should bear in mind, however, that to defer picking after the seeds indicate ripeness, invites water-core and shortens the life of the fruit in storage, often to a serious extent with the mid-winter varieties.



HORTICULTURAL NOTES

A spraying of the currant and other small fruit bushes will help. Canning fruits and vegetables has become a great industry in certain sections of the country.

A little nitrate of soda worked in well with the soil around the roots will keep things going.

In trimming trees the wound made by cutting off a limb close to the trunk will soon heal over.

It pays to pack fruit in clean baskets for the local market and it pays also to wrap them in paper.

Just as soon as possible after raspberry picking is the time to look after the old canes among the new ones.

The small grower will find it expensive, and in the long run unsatisfactory, to use both the barrel and the box.

Do not be stingy of water for the plants. Soak them plenty once or twice a week, and don't dribble once a day.

Grapes must be left on the vines until fully ripe and sweet if they are to be enjoyed, for they improve but little after picking.

The quantity of raspberry, blackberry and other small fruits can be doubled if you will bend down the canes and branches now until the ends touch the earth, where they should be securely fastened by a stone or peg.

SYMPATHY WASTED ON PREMIER PITCHER



Christy Mathewson.

If the scribes and fans only knew how little "Big Six" cared or thought of this "all-in" stuff, they would save their sympathy for Mathewson. On the way to a recent game a bug recognized Matty, and his attitude and expression seemed to convey sympathy for the great hurler, who, he thought, was on the backward trail. The bug pulled a bunch of clippings from his pocket and handed them to

Mathewson without comment. The papers contained a lot of "good-bye" literature, headed: "Matty's career closing; he was a good old wagon, but he's all in now." Matty read the stuff carefully and then asked: "Where did you find this?" "In the New York Oamptarum." "Yes?" replied Matty. "Of what year?"

SMITH ON YOUNG CATCHERS

Would Have Law Enacted Permitting Hunting of Them in Season, Like Wild Game.

"Young catchers are great stuff," says Frank Smith, now with Cincinnati. "The more I see of them the more I wish that the laws permitted the hunting of them. In season, same as partridges or snipe. Over in Boston they assigned a kid catcher to backstop me. Pretty soon there was



Frank Smith.

a runner on first, and this boy signalled me for three successive pitches. I sent three wild ones, the runner never moving, and then settled myself to get them over, when that kid signalled for a fourth pitch. I walked over to him. "Kid," said I, "you are signalling for a base on balls. Lost your nerve or lost your memory?" The boy had lost all track of the number of balls I had thrown to him.

Pitchers Keep Ball Low.

It is a noticeable fact that the most successful pitchers these days are those who seldom pitch a high ball, and yet there was a time when the high ball had the batters guessing. Today, however, the pitcher with the high ones does not last long. The batters have mastered this delivery and the pitchers have been forced to change their style of pitching entirely. There are decidedly few players these days who hit the low balls and very few who cannot hit a high one. Most of the long hits made during a season are on balls that are pitched above the waist. Not only is it easier to follow the course of a ball which is pitched on about a level with the waist line, but the swing in most instances is more natural.

Unusual Incident.

It isn't often that five ball players reach first in one inning without a member of the quintet eventually reaching the plate. This happened in a New York-St. Louis game. The first five men up—Daniels, Wolter, Hartzell, Cree and Knight—all reached first, but Wolter was nailed stretching a single. Daniels was shot down at the plate and Chase passed away on a fly with the bases full.

ONE FLASH OF FORM

Brilliant Achievements Often Followed by Oblivion.

Case of Neal Ball, Who Performed Remarkable Feat of Triple Play Unassisted, Is Cited as One Instance.

There is a risk about doing the sensational in baseball. Though it is the proper aim of every player in the game to do the unusual and remarkable, enough deadly instances could be furnished of notable achievement followed by oblivion to make the diamond workmen strive to keep out of the limelight all the time.

A case is furnished in Neal Ball. Ball was idolized, but he did not last. It is only a couple of years ago since Ball was the principal figure in a remarkable celebration on the Cleveland grounds.

He had performed the remarkable feat of making a triple play unassisted. The town turned out to do him honor. A medal was presented to the shortstop on a day set apart as "Neal Ball day."

In the world's series of 1906 the White Sox won because at timely stages Third Baseman Robe, playing as a substitute for Tammehill, let loose two triples. Chicago hailed Robe as one of the great men of baseball, but a year later found him playing third base on the New Orleans team in the Southern league.

Bill Harris of Boston had the honor of pitching twenty-four innings, the longest contest in the history of baseball, in the memorable game in which Jack Coombs beat Boston in 1906. Bill looked like another phenom to take the place of Dineen, whom he somewhat resembled in appearance and movements. But the twenty-four-inning game was the last important piece of work to the credit of Harris, and he shot back to the minors the next year.

Babe Adams climbed the very summit of baseball fame when he took three games from Detroit in 1909 and won the world's championship for the Pirates. But Babe was far from being a notable performer last season.

Covaleskie was another man who had a great fall. The big Pole, who had been signed by the Phillies in 1907, only pitched a game or two and was sent back to Lancaster to get a little more experience. He came to the Phillies at the end of the year while New York was making its terrific battle for the National league pennant. The large number of games the Phillies had to play the Giants in the closing days of the season put them in a position to decide whether or not the pennant should go to New York. After Corridon and McQuillan had mysteriously failed to show their usual effectiveness against New York, Covaleskie was tried on a chance. He pitched amazing ball and beat the Giants three times in a series, thereby putting them out of the race.

ODDITY IN BASEBALL SHIFTS

Germany Schaefer and Jim Delehanty Traded Jobs as Second Basemen Now Play First.

Crack first basemen are mighty scarce, so scarce in fact that two clubs played second basemen on the initial sacks during the greater part of the season. Peculiarly, the two second basemen thus transferred figured in a deal two years ago. Jim Delehanty being traded by Washington to Detroit for Germany Schaefer and Red Killifer. Now Germany is playing the first cushion for the Nationals, while



Germany Schaefer.

Del took Garner's place for the Tigers.

Other men in the big leagues playing first that started elsewhere are George Stovall of the Naps, Frank Chance of the Cubs, Fred Tenney of the Boston Rustlers, and Jake Daubert of the Brooklyn. Chance and Tenney were catchers, Stovall and Daubert pitchers.

Won a Double-Header.

Rube Waddell pitched a double-header for Minneapolis at Louisville and won both games.

WOMAN ESCAPES OPERATION

Was Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Elwood, Ind.—"Your remedies have cured me and I have only taken six bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I was sick three months and could not walk. I suffered all the time. The doctors said I could not get well without an operation, for I could hardly stand the pains in my sides, especially my right one, and down my right leg. I began to feel better when I had taken only one bottle of Compound, but kept on as I was afraid to stop too soon."—Mrs. SARIE MULLEN, 2723 N. B. St., Elwood, Ind.

Why will women take chances with an operation or drag out a sickly, half-beat existence, missing three-fourths of the joy of living, when they can find health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?

For thirty years it has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has cured thousands of women who have been troubled with such ailments as displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, indigestion, and nervous prostration. If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be absolutely confidential, and the advice free.

ADDED 'EM UP.



Hix—You said your gun would shoot 900 yards.

Dix—I know I did.

Hix—It's marked to shoot only 450 yards.

Dix—I know, but there are two barrels.

Lingering.

"Did you have a trial before you banged that horse thief?" "We sure did," replied Plute Pete. "He was a mighty bad man, and we wanted to give him all the unpleasant suspense possible."

No Doubt About It.

"Do you consider yourself good enough for my daughter?" "I am if, as you say, she is like you."

Too many officeholders who pretend to be working for their country are merely working it.

A HIT

What She Gained by Trying Again.

A failure at first makes us esteem final success.

A family in Minnesota that now enjoys Postum would never have known how good it is if the mother had been discouraged by the failure of her first attempt to prepare it. Her son tells the story:

"We had never used Postum till last spring when father brought home a package one evening just to try it. We had heard from our neighbors, and in fact every one who used it, how well they liked it.

"Well, the next morning Mother brewed it about five minutes, just as she had been in the habit of doing with coffee without paying special attention to the directions printed on the package. It looked weak and didn't have a very promising color, but nevertheless father raised his cup with an air of expectancy. It certainly did give him a great surprise, but I'm afraid it wasn't a very pleasant one, for he put down his cup with a look of disgust.

Mother wasn't discouraged though, and next morning gave it another trial, letting it stand on the stove till boiling began and then letting it boil for fifteen or twenty minutes, and this time we were all so pleased with it that we have used it ever since.

"Father was a confirmed dyspeptic and a cup of coffee was to him like poison. So he never drinks it any more, but drinks Postum regularly. He isn't troubled with dyspepsia now and is actually growing fat, and I'm sure Postum is the cause of it. All the children are allowed to drink it and they are perfect pictures of health." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.