GERANIUMS OF DIFFERENT COLOR

RCHIE HILTON snapped on the lights in his dining room and hastily tore open the letter in his hand. One glance at the contents and a wave of joy swept his being. He was glad, in spite of the good time he had been having, for the letter was from his wife, to whom he had been married but six months. She was coming home the next day, from a three-weeks' visit at the seashore. The next day was Sunday.

He dropped into a chair and sank into a pleasant reverie, staring and smiling into the dreamy distance. He visioned his little, dark-haired wife, brightly-gowned, eyes like black pansies, glowing above her cheeks lovelier than early peaches, sitting beside him at the breakfast table. He saw the greetings at the end of the day, and the evenings at the theater or opera.

But, at length, a disturbing element erept into his dreams. It caused the wave of joy to recede and the reverie to take wings. His eyes took on a wild. reminiscent expression. The letter fell to the floor, where the warm summer breeze floating through the open window flopped it along unheeded.

"Whe-e-e," he whistled. "What was it she told me to do?" he muttered desperately. "If I didn't do it she'd know I didn't love her. Wint the deuce was it!"

He plunged his hands into his pockets, bent his broad shoulders and blond head and began to wander up and down the room.

Suddenly, with a startled gesture. he raised his head. "My gosh," he gasped, "it was water the geraniumsevery other day. If I didn't-Oh, my gosh, its' lucky I remembered 'em

He fled into the kitchen, filled a pail with water and entered, for the first time since his wife's absence, the

little living room. The room was in semidarkness, a glimmer of light reflecting in from the dining room. When he tipped the pail on the edge of the jardiniere at the first window his mouth dropped apart with astonished bewilderment. For three weeks the plants had stood in a hot afternoon sun without fresh air and water; all that remained of them was a few yellow stems with a num-

ber of rattling brown leaves adhering. He slowly put the pail on the floor and sank into a big chair to consider the matter. And now to make the situation more complicated, more detrimental to his future happiness, he remembered that Corrine had bought the plants on the day they had gone housekeeping. Also, he recalled that she had soulfully remarked that she was sentimental about them and was always going to keep them to remind

her of the eventful day. This statement of his wife's echoed back and forth in his mind until he alternately got feverish and cold. Reproachfully he gazed at the little yellow stubs. What would Corrine do? He had forgotten to water the geraniams! She'd vow that he hadn't been thinking of her, when, in truth, he had been counting the minutes until her

In a short while, however, the cloudy forecasting and the self-accusation he was inflicting upon himself ran their course. The logical plan occurred to him to run out and buy a couple of plants and put them in the jardinieres. "She'll never know," he reasoned, "It's the goods!"

Accordingly, he snatched his hat and hurried down the street toward the main thoroughfare, his destination being a well-known Forist's. Half a block away his gait took on extra speed, for he saw the windows were brilliantly illuminated and mountains of variegated blossoms glittered in the

The evening, however, was further advanced than Archie had conjectured. When he placed his finger on the latch of the door it refused to admit him. The store was closed for the night.

He rushed toward the store of a lesser dealer on a side street. He met with the same fate; windows stacked with beauties and the barred door.

With a countenance eloquent of misery and anxiety, with a soul compressed into a single desire-geranimus-he journeyed up and down more side streets and alleys. He found many florist shops-all closed tight.

Now he walked aimlessly along. Once he checked his momentum to gaze longingly at a great pink curve of geranisms gracing a lawn before an imposing residence. After a moment's thought he considered going in and offering a week's salary for two plants, Just then a man in evening clothes opened the front door with a menacing cilck. Archie moved on,

Some minutes later he felt a vague Impression of stretching trees, terraced lawns and perfused atmosphere and found that he was crunching the grayel on a path of the city park.

He sat down on a bench to evolve a new line of action. After many plans had been considered and discarded be decided that he would throw out the Kots and tell Corinne somebody had stolen the geraniums because they had grown so fine. Monday he would buy two of the finest geraniums on the market.

He rose; relaxing with relief. As he swang into the path he caught a a variety of sweet potatoes, but all liage of a weeping willow that fascin- real yam is deeper in color, sweeter ated him, moored him to the spot. Wavering in the glow and the shadows | sweet potato.

of a row of white-globed electric lights were crammed wealth of ge-raniums in the shape of an immense

bed of several colors. His well-thought-out plan now seemed childish, foolish, revenling. A deep desire expressed itself in his eyes, superseded by a deep determination. There were a few scattered couples sitting or strolling in the aromatic night. No one was quite near him. But just as he made a suggestive movement in the aisle between the bench and the weeping willow a policeman hove around a massed bush. In spite, of the balmy night Archie shivered, nonchalantly settled himself on the

bench and lit a cigar. The officer passed carelessly by, swinging his club. When his footsteps had crunched out of hearing, Archie once more scanned his vicinity. Now he darted beneath the willow. While its long strands tickled the back, of his neck, he crawled on hands and knees close to the edge of the flower bed. Twice he surged forward. Each time, where the shadows lay darkest, he conscripted a plant.

In less than an hour the substitute plants were rearing their heads where formerly had gloomed the withered ones. Now, with enthusiastic enjoyment, he drowned them in water, got a towel and streaked the dust on the furniture and opened wide the win-

Late the next morning his wife arrived home. Lefore retiring, she stood in the living room doorway a few moments to view the geraniums. They were fresh and green. Her eyes sparkied like morning dew on real pansies.

"What good care you've taken of them," she cried, snuggling her cheek against his shoulder. "How they have grown! Myra vowed you would never think of them. I knew you wouldn't

"I know-I forgot to feed sister Myra's bird once. But this is different. If anything, I'm afraid I watered 'em too much," he attested bombastically,

patting her bair. The following evening when he blithesomely breezed in from the office his wife met him with averted eyes and merely suffered him to kiss her cheek when he had expected a glad

Archie was mystified. They sat down to a meal eaten almost in silence. He asked all the questions that occurred to him and always received a strained

After an unusually long period of silence she broke into tears. Between sobs he made out. "You don't love me

-I-I trusted you." "Come," he murmured, "poor little girl-you've been trying to straighten up an-don't try." He drew her into the living room and to a restful

"It's strange! It's strange!" She sobbed, her eyes evidently on the setting sun painting a golden glow on the windows.

His eyes traveled along the line of vision where hers had been focusedand that was on the geraniums. His eyes dilated with horror and his heart jumped with apprehensive misgivings, for two buds were unfolding on the geraniums-buds as red as blood -and he remembered that the blossoms on the original plants had been as white as the driven snow.

German Lines to Use Powerful Fog Lights

German railroads are experimenting with fog lights, such as are already used on Belgian lines and supplied by a German producer of electrical apparatus. Belgium was forced to use fog signal lights due to the heavy fogs rolling in from the sea.

At certain times in the year and in low-lying districts German railroads have experienced long delays from fogs, so it is considered that trains will be kept on schedule and accidents avoided if fog signal lights are installed. The lights are high candle power electric lights, placed about 10 feet above the tracks. The reflectors are about the size of a saucer.

The electric beam is much stronger than the usual gas light or oil lamp, and pierces the fog. Two yellow lights mean stop and two green mean the line is free. An infra-red headlight is also being made the subject of experiments. If this proves practical the locomotive engineer will watch a photoelectric plate on which the objects caught by the infra-red rays will be reproduced. As the infra-red rays pierce darkness and fog the plate should show the track ahead.

"Levees" and "Dikes"

The army engineer corps says that the local use of the terms "levee" and "dike" as applied to the Mississippi river is as follows: "Levee" is the French word signifying mound of earth; hence, it designates an embankment on the side of a river used to protect land from high water, A "dike" is usually constructed from rock or timber to contract and regulate the channel. The Holland dikes are synonymous with our levees.

Literary Quacks

Literature has her quacks no less than medicine, and they are divided dition without genlus, and those who shall get second-hand sense from the plain and made to match the lining of one, and original nonsense from the a rich cloak. A navy blue silk coat other.-Colton.

Yam Not Sweet Potato

Yams are a kind of sweet potato. and more watery than the ordinary

Summer Duds for City and Country

Interesting Variety of Materials Offered for Warm Weather Season.

For those who spend a major part of the summer in cities, with just weekends or vacations in the country, the wardrobe presents a doubly troublesome aspect. The clothes suitable for sports and country clubs are of course out of the question in great cities. Pastel tints and brilliant shades are all very well where green grass lends a soft background but where the asphalt pavements sizzle in the heat dull or neutral tones are decidedly better.

For many reasons the flowered crepes and chiffons that are so conveniently introduced in warm weather form the most successful of town dresses, with navy blue and black chiffon and silks also seen in trimly designed costumes. There is an absence of the sports feeling in these clothes, too. They are decidedly trimmer, and in some cases, dressler than those chosen for country walks or the sea-

The polka-dotted silk dress is exceptionally fashionable this season. It gains an ensemble effect in matching coat or cape, or has a finished appearance with the aid of a fox scarf. The georgette ensembles, too, are good for days in town. These are successfully shown in navy, black or beige tones,



Simple Dress of Black Acceptable for Town Wear.

The frocks, while simple in line, possess a feminine feeling and are generally accompanied by matching coats of georgette or crepe.

Short sleeves, too, have returned to a somewhat prominent place in summer fashions and also are shown in town dresses. Alice White, featured "movie" star, in "Harold Teen," wears a simple dress of black particularly acceptable for town wear. It has the new short sleeves, too.

Swing Toward Restraint Is Again in Evidence

More dining and less dancing on the part of society is indicated by the Paris dressmakers' order books. Evening gowns are noticeably more formal, and restraint, which disappeared when the black bottom and charles-

ton raged, is again in evidence. Only the robes de style seem designed with dancing in mind. Full skirts, made from net, taffeta, chiffon or velvet, usually indicate the ballroom frock. Most of the robes de style are elaborate and meant for private ballrooms instead of public dancing places. Simple elegance is prdferred for night clubs.

Just why the change in evening styles has taken place dressmakers fail to explain, except that cold weather has retarded the appearance of diapahanous evening dresses at the outdoor dancing clubs, or the fashionable restaurants in the Bois de Boulogne. Society nightly crams itself into small, warm night clubs where the dance floors are so small and the crowds so great that only the simplest and sturdiest evening dresses survive the crush.

Jeweled Ornaments on

Out-of-Door Garments One of the most interesting innovations of the summer fashion season is the wearing of jeweled ornaments on out-of-door garments. Nothing of the kind has been seen hitherto even in prewar days. Satin and silk wraps are fashioned with silver or gold buckles. They are trimmed with silver or gold beads, and jet is used for into two classes; those who have eru- trimmings, all this being an extension of the jewel-trimmed hat and shoe have volubility without depth; we mode. The gown is frequently quite with a belt, to close with a silver buckle, opens to display a pink crepe de chine gown, the cloak being lined with the same shade of crepe. Circular designs down the front of the glimpse of something through the fo- sweet pointoes are not yams. The wrap and on the cuffs are sewed with silver beads, very tiny, while the wide rectangular collar, rolled to hide the neck, is also sewed with silver beads.

Smart Two-Piece Sports Frock; Gray Crepe Roma



Interesting plait-like applications feature this charming two-piece sports frock of gray crepe roma. A belt of self material with a pearl buckle is worn at the hips.

On Rearing Children from CRIB to COLLEGE Compiled by the Editors of "CHILDREN, The Magazine for PARENTS"

"Children are tomorrow in terms of

A father needs the child, almost if not quite, as much as the child needs the father.

The boy who has a good father will never go wrong. The fathers of boys who go wrong are often good men, but not good fathers.

There are times when a child's improved nutrition will show most clearly not in increased height and weight, but in a more alert mind, greater concentration and attention, better nervous control, increased resistance to colds, brighter eyes, and more frequent and natural laughter. These things cannot be "measured" like pounds and inches. They are the signs and symbols of a "healthy child," which it is the doctor's and the mother's art to understand.

The daily dressing and undressing of your children would seem like a hopeless business, were it not for two things: First, manufacturers of children's clothing are becoming increasingly aware of the child-dressing problem and are co-operating in a very satisfactory way by making garments that are much easier to put on and take off. Second, there is a growing recognition among mothers that the normal child can do a great deal more towards dressing himself than is generally expected of him. A small child's clothes should be laid out for him every day. He should then be encouraged to get into them himself. He will need help with the buttons at first, but even these he will soon master because of his pride in the accomplish-

A child trained in careless spending will follow those ways, and presentday parents often give definite training in wastefulness by what seems to them only kindly consideration of youthful lack of judgment and experience. "Let them be free and happy when they can; care will come soon enough." Why use these excuses in explanation of our failure to teach children care in the use of money. By inaction and silence we approve the four-year-old's careless attitude toward his nickel. By scolding and bitter reproaches we condemn the same attitude in the adolescent, and find it inexcusable in the adult.

Teach your children to recognize and avoid poison ivy, Prevention of poisoning after a known contact can sometimes be effected by a thorough bathing with soap and hot water. It is also helpful to apply a solution of lead acetate. Lead acetate is always effective in treating ivy poisoning during the initial stages as it discourages spreading. Afterward use a solution of zinc oxide. Other treatments are a wash of 2 or 3 per cent boracic acid solution followed by zinc ointment. Lime water for the wash and carbolized ointment also are fairly good remedies. Ivy poisoning is recognized by severe inflammation of the skin, itching, swelling and blistering. When it is severe it is best to consult a physician.

Vacation time offers countless opportunities for children to learn that actually to enjoy themselves it is necessary to take on their share of work, to learn by doing rather than by being told what to do, to be loyal to friends, to give as well as to take, to be responsible young members of society. Help your children to make the most of these opportunities.

SHIPPING FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

In Certain Eastern Areas Smaller Markets Appear to Be Well Served.

(Prepared by the United States Department The larger cities receive so great a proportion of the car load shipments of fruits and vegetables in the United States that the rest of the country might seem at first glance to be rather poorly supplied. In 1926, for example, 36 of our principal cities unloaded 58 per cent of the car lot shipments of 16 leading fruits and vegetables. Nevertheless, according to the Department of Agriculture, the distribution of fruits and vegetables throughout the country is more thorough than these figures would indicate. The explanation is largely the motor truck.

Enlarging the Demand. As a matter of fact, in certain eastern areas for which information is available, the smaller markets appear to be well served with fruits and vegetables. An average of from 40 to 45 per cent of the car load receipts of box apples in 17 southern cities in 1926 were shipped out again to the surrounding territory by auto truck or in less than car load shipments.

In general, the machinery for the redistribution of shipped-in fruits and vegetables to the small cities and to the rural population is fairly efficient, and the auto truck is constantly improving it. Thus in Pennsylvania from 10 to 50 per cent of the southern peaches used in 1926 in a number of cities with population ranging from 20,000 to 50,000 were brought in by truck or in less than car lot shipments from Philadelphia or Baltimore,

Southern peaches are on sale in most of the small towns and villages of eastern Pennsylvania during the heavy shipping season. Many dealers in the small cities have their own trucks and make regular trips to the larger markets for supplies.

It has been contended, from the fact that car lot markets, go principally to the larger markets, that more car lot shipments might profitably go to the smaller markets, many of which have cold-storage plants. This may be rather difficult with the more perishable products and these subject to sharp price fluctuations. In small markets it may take a dealer several days to dispose of a car load. Meantime, falling prices in the large, markets may enable competitors to bring in supplies by truck or in less than carload lots at prices which the car lot receiver cannot meet without heavy loss. Lower transportation charges on car lot shipments to small markets may be offset by the greater risk. By using the auto truck, the dealer in the small city often feels he has a better choice of fresh produce, and can be assured of better value in buy-

Auto Truck Used.

In short, much progress has been made in enlarging the demand for fruits and vegetables by effecting a wider and more thorough distribution among the consuming population. Dealers using their own or hired trucks, and hucksters and peddlers who handle locally grown as well as shipped-in produce, have widened the area and increased the intensiveness of distribution. Their task has been made easier by the general development of the fruit and vegetable industry, which has improved the quality of product offered, lessened waste, and made perishables available throughout a longer season.

Students Claim It Is Healthful Driving Cars

Automobile driving is a good exercise and is conducive to good health. That is the conclusion drawn from a series of tests made by the medical students of the University of Wisconsin.

In a bulletin issued following the

investigations it is declared that driving gives a great deal of exercise to the arms and shoulder muscles, while the leg muscles get in an important amount of work in operating the brakes and clutch, especially in downtown traffic. The exercise thus gained is not strenuous, but it is regular and this is said to be an additional advantage, according to the bulletin. It is also pointed out that the car driving of today requires less effort than ever before, but at the same vide good exercise.

Utopia for Pedestrians and Motorists Is Plan

A model community planned to meet the needs of this motor age is to be built within eighteen miles of New York city. The community, which is to be named Radburn, will be located between Paterson and Hackensack, N. J. This interesting project is being promoted by the City Housing corporation and its ultimate cost will be between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000. The first unit of the town will be ready in 1929 and will accommodate 600 families.

This settlement will be a self-contained community in which most of the residents will be employed locally or in the neighboring factories and business establishments. Through motor routes will be provided for fast traffic, but meetings of pedestrians with motor vehicles will be minimized by a series of parkways and garden paths by which children and their parents can walk to and from schools and shopping districts without crossing a street.

Unique Pedal-Mobile Is

Made Quite Convenient The photograph shows Luziarte, the famous Spanish painter, in his unique pedal-mobile. Inside are a comfortable cushion seat, his painting tools,



Luziarte and His Pedal-Mobile.

provisions and bedding. He will tour all over Europe to sketch. Luziarte's little coupe is propelled like a bicycle -only it's much more comfortable.

First Endurance Run of Auto Was Held in 1901

The first endurance run of an automobile was held in 1901, when A. I. Riker, an early maker of automobiles, started a trip from New York to Buffalo, a distance of less than 500 miles, in his own gasoline model, according to Betty Shannon and Elsie Johns in Liberty Magazine.

"The car was built for 50 miles an hour, but once out of sight of brick and cobblestone it made headway with the greatest difficulty," the authors continue. "This difficulty may be imagined when it is stated that it took from Wednesday morning to Saturday noon to cover the distance from Albany to Herkimer, less than 100 miles. At Rochester the plan was abandoned because of the death of President McKinley."

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Columbus had his difficulties, but engine trouble was not one of them.

It was said that the next war would be fought with gas. Correct. The auto war is now on.

The city resident has his choice of being run into by a car or driven crazy by honkers. The way that casings and tubes are

being reduced in price, the auto owners are having a snap. It is hardly fair to jump to the conclusion that the girl who is never

home is always away on an automo-

bile trip. She may have gone by air-

plane. Probably no one else can look any hotter in July than a motorist manipulating a demountable-rim tool by the roadside, unless it is the iceman's new

belper. Pete De Paolo, Tony Gulotta and Harry Hartz are outstanding examples of former auto mechanics who time requires enough effort to pro- have won places in the driver's seat of racing cars.

PRACTICAL HOME ON WHEELS IS BUILT



The photograph shows the odd home on wheels, which was an ordinar, truck before it sheltered this family on their tour of the country. It's a vonder they haven't been haled to court for blocking traffic, tlowever, it folds up when a stop is made in the street.