Rev. Frick Has An Eye For Beauty In Nature

Rev. Charles H. Frick, pastor of Huntsville Christian Church, and straight as a ramrod despite his eighty-plus years, lent some of his dearest treasures to the Dallas Post for the Garden Issue.

Some years ago Rev. Frick patiently scoured the woods for nature at its best, finding baby ruffed grouse, shy ladyslippers, trailing arbutus, cool ferns. Everywhere, he took pictures. Dometimes with a telescopic lens, sometimes without, depending upon the shyness of his subjects.

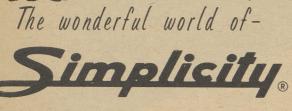
Rev. Frick has an eye for beauty in the smallest bits of nature. To him, a pink ladyslipper or a delicate moth is more important than the most costly hothouse product. Over the field of bluets, he and Gene Stratton Porter had a considerable correspondence, and the upshot was that Rev. Frick was able to gather for her some ladyslipper seeds, extremely rare. (Gene Stratton Porter was well known as an author and nature lover a good many years ago.)

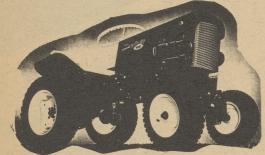
Enlarged and mounted, Mr. Frick's nature pictures have been shown to many a garden dub. One picture of a moth with wide-spread wings appeared in a number of exhibits, and always with a handicap, because nobody could hope to compete on equal terms with it. The moth, on its delicate twig, was too dark to reproduce properly in an issue such as this. It was regretfully sidetracked in favor of pictures with greater contrast.

The cover picture, beautifully composed by nature itself, was taken several years ago at his farm on Pikes Creek. Sleek cattle posed against a rugged background of rock outcropping. And as today, the dogwood was in bloom, a drift of snow against a somber background.

Lacy Culvers Root against a background of fern.







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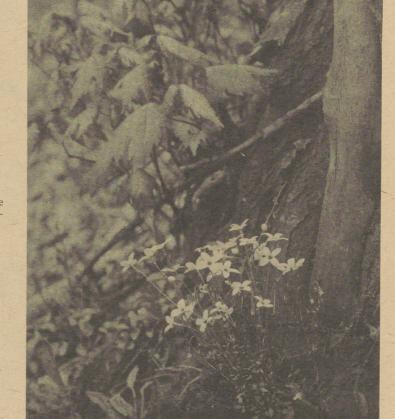
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Gold-crest orchids, furred yellow tongues contrasting with pale pink petals.



A simple clump of bluets at the base of a tree, with new leaves unfurling on the saplings.



This is the big green bullfrog that says, "Better go round, better go round," when the peepers are insisting that the water is only "knee deep, knee deep, knee deep."