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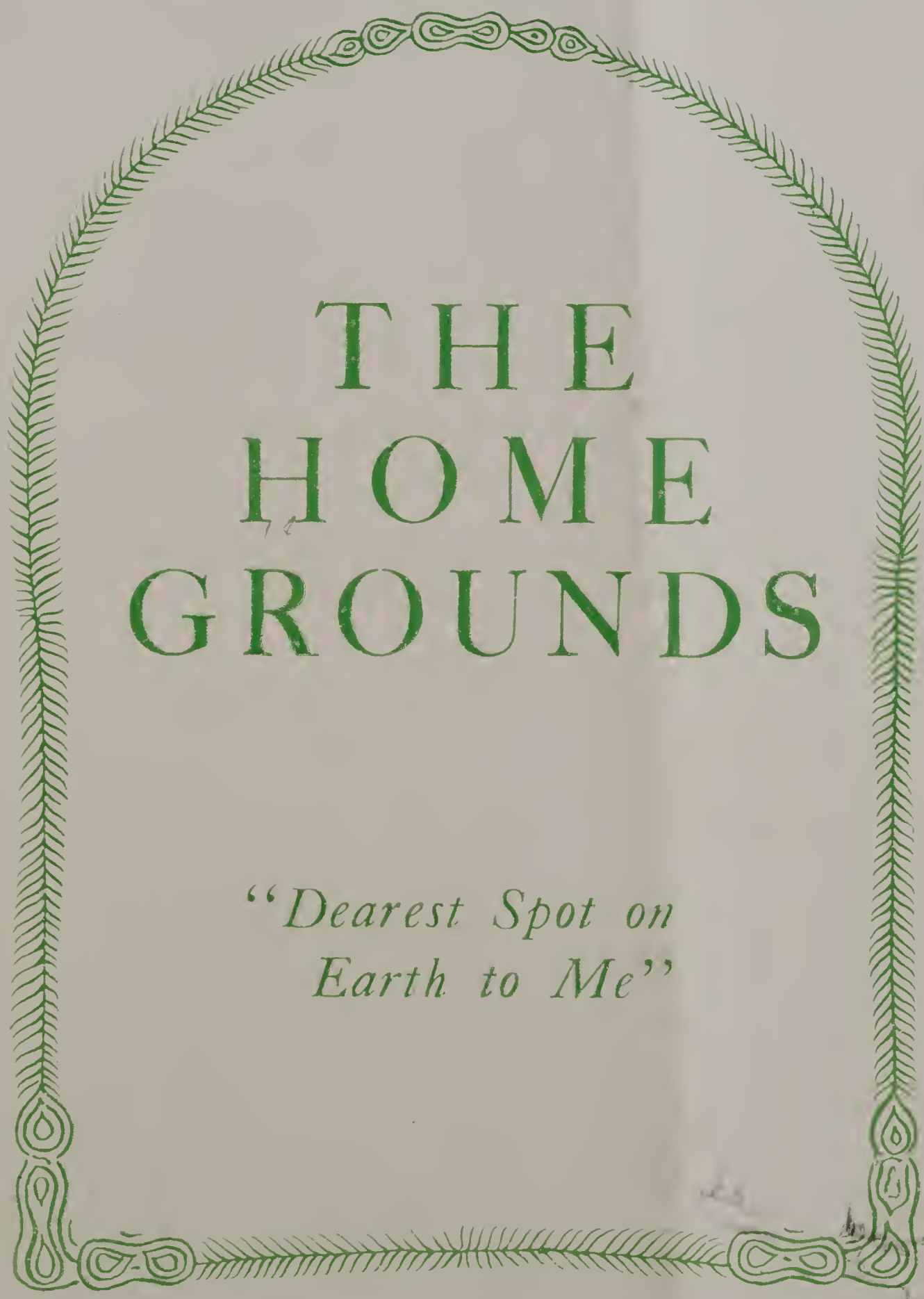
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THE HOME GROUNDS

“Dearest Spot on Earth to Me”

A HOUSE---*But Oh, so bare and bleak.*



A HOME---*Now planted, quite snug and neat.*

THE TORCH OF SPRING

King Winter had reigned with a high hand, O,
For three long months with his ice and snow
And winds so high and mercury low.
The flowering Quince bush near the gate
Was bent to earth by the frigid weight.
Though a few gnarled branches stuck out straight
It looked much like a brush heap, small,
Carelessly dropped and left last Fall.

Hark! The musical chirp of a robin I hear
From the feathery boughs of a hemlock near.
South breeze blowing and skies are clear:
Winter's cruel blast with all its sting
Must soon give place to wonderful Spring;
For a million birds are on the wing
To their cooler northern nesting shrines
And their divers voices blend as chimes.

Down by the gate that heap of brush
Has raised its limbs from the snow and slush.
And as though ashamed, it's all a-blush,
A northeast storm brings cold, wet days
Followed by bright Sun's warmer rays.
Cydonia, O glorious, Thou'rt all ablaze!
And shine as a beacon—a fiery thing
Loudly proclaiming—Ho! 'Tis Spring!

L. T.

INTRODUCTION

AS a man who has lived out of doors, engaged in agricultural and horticultural work, and having gained a close acquaintance, with God's trees, shrubs, plants and flowers, I would consider it irreverent had I not learned to love them and to appreciate their many marvelous characteristics as they are slowly revealed in the study of the Creator's handiwork.

AS hired man, foreman, superintendent and manager, at institutions, private estates, public parks, farms and nurseries in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Long Island and New Jersey, I have gained a fairly wide experience in various construction, production, and maintenance operations.

I enjoy making things of God's brown earth and green plants, and to those who are interested in making their HOME GROUNDS more useful and beautiful, I submit these lines.

Respectfully,

LEROY TUTTLE.

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THE HOME GROUNDS

Of all the Earth's billions of acres, that small portion surrounding the house in which you live is of most concern to you. You see your own landscape from different viewpoints many times each day; though not always are you impressed with its beauty or lack of it,—yet if even a slight change were made your eye would quickly notice it.

You walk around on your small portion of earth much or little at your pleasure, and your interest in it depends largely on what there is growing there. If the plants living there are **not at home** (as to environment) they will not thrive; if they grow well, but as a whole, do not present an attractive and artistic landscape—they are not in the right place. Often a mere re-arrangement will effect a wonderful and pleasing change.

The average foundation planting needs changing more or less every four or five years, unless assisted by skillful shearing and pruning; though much damage may result from cutting at the wrong time and place. It is better not to prune than to do it injudiciously. Plants grow and in a few years become crowded, the smaller, less vigorous ones suffer most.

The planting near the foundation of the building is usually confined to the front and one side, and may comprise a variety of evergreens with a few flowering shrubs. The use of perennials near the foundation is not often satisfactory for permanency. Along the property line various hedge material is used to good effect and small plants as markers for walk and drive are, in many situations, desirable.

THE BACK YARD PLANTING

"The out door living room" should be the pride of a home and the favorite rendezvous of the entire family. Particularly is it appreciated by a woman: a place where she may dry clothes or air the rugs with a degree of privacy; and a convenient secluded spot where one may walk or lounge and swing at any time during the day. And in addition, this intimate little spot of God's earth affords a year round glimpse of Mother Nature.

And apart from all this—the many little flowering perennials, bulbs, and annuals afford no end of interest and color as they come and go throughout the whole season. Each plant is a living individual member of your particular spot of God's earth, and it is surprising how many (of those kinds suitable to the location) will thrive, even in the back yard of a hundred foot lot.

The success of landscape creation is the result of the cooperation of man and God's plants to the end that each may be happy. Each and all — from the tiny Alpine to the towering Pine—fills its own place so perfectly that there is scarcely a superior among the thousands.

The wonders of God's creation are ever expanding according as one's acquaintance widens. For instance, consider a few seeds of *Portulaca*, as many as could be carried on a dime; Plant them at the right time and place, give them the right of way, by removing weeds, and in few weeks your reward is great. Such a profusion of color—red, yellow and white, and nearly every other shade that one could wish for, some double, most single and varying in size. In some miraculous manner, those tiny seeds contained that gorgeous

array of color. As compared to God's part, Man's is small indeed in producing the effect.

Surely the back yard of the Home Grounds should be the most beautiful, most useful, and most interesting portion of mother Earth to every member of the family.

HOME GROUNDS SERVICE

All work pertaining to the **beauty, utility, and comfort** of the outside surroundings of the house in which you live.

We keep the Home Grounds looking well all season by contract, payable monthly from April to December. Are you curious to know the cost? We will gladly tell you and you will not owe us a thing.

THE LAWN

WHY?

Because it is the most essential feature of the landscape work of your Home Grounds. A lawn enhances the value as well as the appearance of your home, and in addition affords comfort and usefulness to the occupants.

WHEN?

Any time when the soil is in workable condition. But there are five months when natural conditions of soil, moisture, and temperature are more favorable to the growth of lawn grasses and less favorable to weeds development: August, September, October, April and May in order of preference.

HOW?

Directions for lawn-making are much easier to obtain than for the inexperienced to carry out successfully. Plenty of hard work from start to finish with the right materials properly applied—that is all, but each step is of importance.

UPKEEP

The very best constructed lawn must have proper and frequent attention if it is to attain the thick velvety appearance that we all like to see.

The routine work of **rolling, mowing, weeding, and watering**, and the special work of **feeding** and **patching** must be attended to at the right time and place, if the good looks are maintained.

ROLLING

Rolling a lawn is done to facilitate the mowing and help the growing conditions of the finer grass plants as well as to create a smooth appearance.

MOWING

The cutting of the grass is really what makes a lawn out of a green-sward. Other things being equal, it is quite true that the more frequently and thoroughly a lawn is mowed, the better is the appearance.

WEEDING

The removing (root and branch) of the various coarse undesirable perennials which are always present in greater or less numbers is a necessary operation in order to keep the finer varieties of grass in the large majority.

WATERING

This is to keep the lawn green in dry times, and only those who have successfully carried out such a project have a proper understanding of the term, **watering**.

FERTILIZATION or FEEDING

The feeding of a lawn is to cause vigorous growth of those varieties of plants that are desired to make the greensward. The more completely the ground is occupied with fine grass, the less chance there is for weeds to get a start.

PATCHING

Due to the ravages of fungus, various animals, and sometimes unaccountable causes, there are bare spots that need repairing.

RENOVATION, RECONSTRUCTION, or NEW LAWN

A lawn may be successfully renovated when there is an established greensward of fairly good varieties (generally speaking) and on a good grade; but where there are also present many coarse plants, (usually perennials,) bare spots, here and there, and a decided unevenness in texture and growth . . . then renovation is a practical method.

RECONSTRUCTION

When a lawn is hopelessly infested with many varieties of undesirable plants or when the grade must be changed, then the lawn must be made over.

NEW LAWN

A new house must be at least partly surrounded by lawn. The usual soil condition is of uncertain quality, being largely sub-soil, and to insure evenness in the new growth, from 2 to 4 inches of live top soil is required over the entire area. This in addition to thorough preparation.

LAWN FOUNDATION

Probably no one feature of dressing the Home Grounds is as effective as the lawn when the work is well done. The **foundation of lawn construction** is quite as important as the foundation of a building, in relation to the quality, cost of maintenance and the years of satisfaction to follow.

An improperly or partly-made greensward is a source of trouble, expense, and dissatisfaction.

COOPERATION

To those who prefer to make their own lawn, but who feel the need of an experienced guiding hand—supervisory service will be cheerfully rendered on reasonable terms. The cost of supervising service is often saved in the matter of materials alone—not to mention the more certain success resulting. We Construct, Repair, Fertilize, and Maintain Lawns by Contract.

KNOWLEDGE + EXPERIENCE = SKILL

SKILLED WORKMEN + CORRECT MATERIAL + GOOD TOOLS = BEST JOB AT LEAST COST.

Estimate Without Obligation

PLANTING ALTERATIONS

Plants grow, and as the years pass they require more room, crowding results; and if they are not moved, some are stunted and die, the coarser, ranker growing varieties claim the space, and these become more or less leggy and ragged and perhaps they shut out too much light. In the advanced stage of this overgrown condition, a new planting is sometimes the only solution. Rearrangements are best effected before the smaller, dwarf varieties are spoiled by crowding.

A new planting that combines the artistic and the practical may be so arranged that only minor changes are necessary for ten years to come or even longer. Good work is not done by guess. A true craftsman knows what he is doing and how and why. There should be a happy relation between the price you pay and the job you get.

MAY YOUR PROBLEMS BE OURS

For Mutual Good

When business relations result in satisfaction—

It is **always** mutual

YOUR HOME GROUNDS HEDGE

A hedge is a living fence. Considering first cost, maintenance, and length of service, it is probably the cheapest of all types of fencing. A live fence is also more artistic and generally satisfactory, although it does occupy more area than most fences.

Variety in hedge material is quite wide, but California Privet and Japanese Barberry are the two varieties most generally used. The former is better for boundaries and the latter is preferred for groups, banks and road edgings. There is a dwarf Barberry also which is very useful. Other hedge materials are Hawthorne, Lilac, Aralia, VanHoute Spirea, Philadelphus, and Forsythia; and in evergreens are American Arborvitae, Box, Japanese Privet, Hemlock and certain Junipers.

The new Red Leaf Barberry is very effective in various settings—as a hedge, group or specimen.

We enjoy setting a hedge in a manner that assures good growth and then watching it grow.

OUT-OF-DOOR FLOWERS

For Your Home Grounds

PERENNIALS

What gives so much joy for so little outlay as a fine Hardy Garden of twenty-five or thirty varieties, supplying a constant bloom of color and cheer, and gracing the table for half the year? For large gardens, a hundred varieties or more may be used to good advantage. A properly planted Hardy Garden is invariably the work of one who knows his plants. Promiscuous planting is neither so pleasing to the eye nor so favorable to the plants' growth.

You might be surprised to learn how inexpensive an attractive Hardy Garden is.

Too long prices result in too short acquaintance.

Song to "Rose of Heaven"

A delicate plant with rootlets fine as silky hair
And shapely little leaves of softer green;
Such a tiny thing, you'd scarcely note 'twere there;
Or the beauty wrapped within you'd ne'er dream.

Its happy home is a sunny mound of any size,
Although 'twill grow well almost everywhere,
But its potential glory you cannot realize.
Aye, the little plant is worth the best of care.

Its growth is slow until the warmer days are here
But then the branch and leaves expand with rapid pace
And here and there—Oh, everywhere—the pretty buds appear.
The earth is now in hiding 'neath Petunia and her grace.

Behold, the buds have opened! Oh such heavenly rose!
As though each little flower were kissed by angel lips
Sprinkled o'er with fragrance and pink that glows and glows,
"Rose of Heaven" . . . thou'rt sweeter than nectar yon bee sips.

Your virtues are legion, your faults not known:
Your bright blossoms constant all summer long
In weather wet or very dry, you're always quite at home
O Petunia, "Rose of Heaven," thou'rt my song.

ANNUALS For Your Home Grounds

Though you had all the perennials—yet there would be room somewhere for the annuals, and they are so easy to get. A little seed sowed in a properly prepared soil, with careful cultivation for a few weeks, and the reward is great. In the matter of FLORAL LANDSCAPE PLANTING, potted plants are used for immediate and uniform effect.

It's a joy to work among the flowers even though the back aches, insects bite, and the sun's hot blast make the task irksome at times. It is wonderful to note the growth from time to time, and at last the bud is showing; and then the blooms of many dainty shades, rich dark colors of divers form and height.

If you need **assistance** with your flower garden problems, we'd be glad to have **you call us** and have us look into the matter.

THE ROCK GARDEN Of the Home Grounds

A rock garden may be small in area, yet very pretty and interesting for several months. And it isn't necessary that it be a mass of rock; neither must it be constructed on a terrace.

Your lot may be level, yet a very interesting mountainous effect can be had in many situations, thus entirely changing the landscape both as to form and color. Rocks may be either natural or artificial.

Rock plants are most interesting in a large variety of form and color and of different blooming season. Every rock garden is different (by design) if we make it. So, if you would like to have your back yard remodeled with a rock garden as the chief attraction, we are at your service. Contract work, or work by the hour. Estimate without obligation.

RUSTIC ARBORS, FENCES, TRELIS made of ALL-RED CEDAR

They last a lifetime when well made, and there are many places where nothing is so artistic. Therefore, the best is cheapest.

As a support for vigorous climbing roses, clematis, trumpet-vine, honeysuckle, Dutchman's pipe, Wisteria, and various ivy, a 12 foot to 15 foot pole 8 x 4 inches, butt and tip measurements, is very satisfactory both as to appearance and long life.

For the less vigorous climbing plants and grape vines, an 8¹/₂ foot post with two 2¹/₂ foot cross pieces fitted in near the center and top makes an attractive and serviceable support. In certain situations a two-rail cedar fence adds something of beauty to the landscape.

If your Home Grounds need something in the Rustic Cedar construction, we'll gladly furnish an estimate without obligation. When you build something to last a lifetime, you regard it as an investment, not an expense. A job that is worth doing is worth doing well.

HOME GROUNDS SERVICE

The lawn, shrubbery, trees, roses, hedges, drives, flowers and vegetables all need attention.

We do this work by **season contract**, payable monthly. If your work gets ahead of you, we'll lend assistance. We know how to care for the **Home Grounds** through long experience, but we are not too old to learn, and we do learn every day by contact with God's plants and people.

VEGETABLE GARDENING

For those people who are very fond of fresh vegetables, and who have suitable soil for gardening, and some time to care for a garden—to all such we would advise the planting of a home garden this year.

If you need help in fertilizing, planting, tilling, or weeding, let us know about it. We understand just what to do when we know what is wanted.

FERTILIZATION

All plant life needs nourishment. Oftentimes the soil is deficient; especially is this true around a new place where the sub-soil from the cellar comprises a large part of the fill. Very few plants will thrive in sub-soil and none of the kinds wanted will grow well.

REQUIREMENTS VARY:

Fertilizer is of many different formulae, qualities, and values. Some is very quickly available and soon spent; while other is slowly soluble and longer

lasting; yet both may be of equal value commercially speaking—and where properly applied fulfill the need.

The where, why, when, and how of fertilization would make a long story and uninteresting to many. Perhaps your lawn needs feeding? Is your shrubbery growing properly? Do your trees look healthy? How about the flower garden?

When plants do not thrive, something is wrong:—When the cause is removed, good growth results. **The reward of a poor job is a sore spot.**

DRAINAGE OF THE HOME GROUNDS

If you have a drainage problem, we can help you.

A long time ago we learned that **water runs down hill**. There are places where water is seen for several days after a rain. Why? Because there is no hill for it to run down. We make the hill and the water runs away. Very simple, but there are different ways of doing it, and one way is best. Estimate furnished without obligation. **Work done by guess is both unsatisfactory and expensive.**

GRADING AND TERRACE-BUILDING

Grading consists of making rough places smooth or vice-versa. Perhaps a better definition is—grading is the placing of earth where it is wanted for specific effect. Verily, a mountain may be made of mole-holls, and level places made rolling by merely shifting earth according to design.

For hillside situations, a type of construction called terrace may be employed for practical and artistic results.

Terrace construction is work requiring skillful planning, carefully carried out in detail, and even then the job is not always successful at the outset, due to adverse weather conditions.

We make things out of God's Brown earth and green plants. Yes, for you, perhaps. Estimate without obligation.

BACK YARD LANDSCAPE PLANTING

Your front yard is planted for effect **from the street**. If you want to see it at its best, you must go across the street. Isn't that true?

Your back yard is landscaped for **your** especial benefit—to be seen from your own kitchen or workshop windows and visited often for convenience and pleasure.

Back Yard Landscape Planting is quite as necessary for home happiness as is front yard planting, and from it may be gathered a wealth of flowers to brighten the home interior.

Our front yards are dressed up for the benefit of our neighbors across the street; and we hope that they will have their front yard looking fine for us to view when we look out of our front windows. Man cannot live to himself alone, unless he lives in remote seclusion. We do certain things because we want to; but perhaps others derive more benefit from our labors than we; and in turn, we are made happy by the efforts of others.

A Back-Yard Planting job would call for more flowering shrubs, perennials, annuals, bulbs, and a smaller proportion of evergreens. Also a few

fruit trees could be had, according to the area available. In many places a Rock Garden might be the central or even main feature according to preference and lay of land. But whatever the material might be, the work should be done for the full benefit of **Mother** during her busy hours, and convenient for her to step out informally in partial seclusion at will.

A plant is quite as much a living thing as is man.

If we could regard our trees and shrubs and flowers as mute companions (if only because we both live on earth) we would do more for them and they would mean more to us. "The sweetest pear grows on the topmost branch."

The cost of good work is soon forgotten.

(1) There are many back yards planted to flowers, shrubs and fruit trees, but too few that are artistically arranged for beauty of landscape and usefulness.

Your Back Yard may be converted into a beautiful garden, productive, attractive, and so pleasing that you will want to spend much of your leisure time there.

THE HOME GROUNDS TREES

CARE

Trees are live things and can suffer from thirst, hunger, insect ravages, fungus attack, and mechanical injury. Trees respond to good care—that is, proper feeding, watering, pruning, spraying, and surgery.

PRUNING

This work is best accomplished during the dormant or winter months, and consists of removing (in the right manner) all dead, diseased and superfluous branches, and sometimes changing the general form for specific effect, and improving the balance. Large wounds are painted for protection against fungus. All brush is disposed of and the result is pleasing to the eye and of much physical benefit to the tree. Sometimes a large dead limb is a source of danger.

TAKING DOWN TREES

Dead trees and trees that are hollow and in danger of being blown over should be removed. Frequently, such trees are near buildings and wires or overhang the street where skill, extra care and special equipment are factors of much importance.

SPRAYING

All fruit trees and many shade trees need spraying from one to several times annually according to variety and prevalence of various pests. Nice fruit cannot be produced without the use of insecticides and fungicides. Your shade trees may be eaten alive by various insects, until suddenly you find they are dead.

The cost of good work is soon forgotten.

PRUNING FRUIT TREES, VINES AND BUSHES

All fruit trees should be gone over every other year. The cost is small and the benefit large when the work is properly done. Apple trees, especially old ones, when neglected, become so badly entangled as to shut out the sun from the interior, resulting in many dead branches and but little good fruit.

But what wonderful response to thorough judicious pruning! Some seemingly hopeless specimens are so changed by rejuvenation process, that within three years there remains no resemblance to the original tree except the trunk; and the finest of fruit is the reward.

Grapevines, Raspberries and Blackberries require annual pruning, while Currants and Gooseberries may be pruned every other year.

TREE SURGERY

Hollow trees sometimes live for many years until at last a strong wind lays them low. A tree in the Home Grounds is often highly valued, and reasonably so. In some instances the loss of an old tree quite spoils the comfort and interest of the home; and always is keenly felt. Hence the practice of tree surgery, which has grown in the past twenty years by leaps and bounds.

A skilled tree-surgeon can actually put an artificial heart in a hollow tree, thereby strengthening the whole body and adding many years to its life. Split crotches and large limbs are often supported by iron rods and links in order to retain the symmetry of the tree from the devastating effect of a heavy storm.

TREE MOVING

Not all varieties of trees can be moved with equal chances of success, but many trees, (up to twenty-five feet high), may be moved to a new location quite safely when the work is skillfully executed. The transplanting of a tree is not difficult; but to do the work in a manner that assures success is a skillful operation.

TREE FEEDING

As the term indicates—consists of placing the right food in the right place in the right quantity at the right time, and the tree helps itself. Not all trees need to be fed. Some are thriving and need no assistance; others are merely alive and need help in order to grow well. Generally speaking, the older, larger trees suffer most, and slowly die from lack of plant food, having exhausted the soil within reach of its rootlets. Noticeable results follow correct tree-feeding.

WATERING TREES

Trees often suffer from lack of moisture, especially when living near the sunny side of a foundation and other dry locations. Then when a long drought comes they sometimes die. Contrary to general supposition the watering of trees and plants is not a simple, easy task; but rather it is a tedious operation, requiring knowledge, skill and patience, else the job is poorly done.

PLANTING SPECIMEN TREES

The Home Grounds need specimen trees, one or more, according to area. A sizeable tree (15 to 25 feet) gives a new home distinction and dignity as well as beauty and shade. A specimen tree may be evergreen or deciduous in many varieties, selected according to adaptibility and preference.

In all work pertaining to trees—We are at your service.

Of a job large or small,
We'll tell you the cost;
And there's nothing lost,
For we've met, that's all.

Weeping Golden Bell

A Forsythia bush for twenty years and more
Lived under the branch of a dogwood old.
And its gracefully bending boughs crept o'er
The ground, and in April 'twas draped with gold.
Yes, as sure as the bluebirds came each Spring,
They would light on its swaying branch and sing.
Alas! A man with pruning shears came near;
He began to cut and clip and snip and pull and cut again!
The shears were sharp and he worked right smart. Oh dear!
Poor Weeping Bell! What a shame! Now rugged, stiff, and
 all but slain.
Thy beauty's gone, Ah, who can tell when to return?
Any man may prune, but how? Not all can learn.

FLOWERING SHRUBS AND EVERGREENS

Foundation Plantings:

The plants set near the foundation of the house may be all evergreen or they may be part flowering shrubs, depending on the local soil and the sun conditions and preference of the owner. Plenty of variety is easily obtainable to suit various tastes.

A home is naked until dressed by planting. And then (if the job is well done as regards variety, material, and workmanship) it is nicely dressed for several years to come.

A \$10.00 suit of clothes covers a man quite as completely as does an outfit costing \$50.00; but there is a vast difference in general appearance, fit, and wearing qualities, not to mention satisfaction.

In our town there is a man
And though he's not all wise
He works according to the plan
And every job he does, he tries
To do so well—in such a way
That it will help to advertise
"The Gardener." Call today.

WALKS AND DRIVES

We construct and repair drives and walks of hard surface, macadam types, gravel, and stepping stones.

CEMETERY WORK . . . GRAVE COVERS

The lot may need re-seeding or sodding. Most of us like to see the grave green at all seasons. Various material may be used for this purpose; ivy, myrtle, spurge, various seedums, and junipers are all suitable in certain situations.

BLUE DAYS

Trying days are these with time so plentiful and money so scarce: And so many house to house solicitors as to be troublesome to everybody: It is hard to refuse yet impossible to patronize or satisfy them.

It is probably more profitable to donate directly than to hire work done by one who is not qualified to do it.

You select a plumber, lawyer, doctor, painter or carpenter according to their reputation—your confidence in them—rather than by their appearance, or what they claim of themselves. Select your gardener likewise in the interest of your plants, trees, shrubs and flowers, and the general appearance of the **Home Grounds**.

A man's **work** may live for long
After he is dead and gone
But the **price** received
For the thing achieved
Will soon be lost in the throng.

A GARDENER'S QUALIFICATIONS

Any person claiming to be a gardener, who does not possess a deep interest, a true affection for the plant life that surrounds him every hour of his work—is lacking the essential requirements.

A good gardener must be experienced and trained in the work: He is careful, quiet and efficient in his work, obliging in his manner and trustworthy always. We use this standard in the employment of our assistants, and give all work our personal supervision.

If you want something nice
At a reasonable price.
Let's work together
In fair wind and weather.
We gladly submit an estimate free
But never a grouch if we can't agree.

We are more interested in the quality of work we do than in the amount of money we receive for doing it.

Every piece of finished work is a living example of the art and skill of the craftsman; while the price received for doing it—is soon spent.

If you are particular and fussy about your plants,—well—so are we.

READY — AIM — FIRE ! WITHOUT IRE

If the foregoing lines your soul inspire
Thus creating an ardent desire
For landscape beauty to see and admire
And to this end perchance you hire
“The Gardener”, to please you he'll aspire
By skillfull work, and never tire;
Till the dream is made to transpire,
And the living picture you now acquire.

LEROY TUTTLE, “The Gardener”

465 Morris Avenue, Elizabeth, N. J.

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OLD GARDENER KNOWS

Old Gardener knows each bush and tree—
How high they grow
And when they blow,
And the very place where each should be
So it could thrive
And serve to hide
The bareness of a bank or wall.

And all the flowers, large and small—
The time they bloom
And just how soon
Each one will fade and change to seed;
Their food, drink, sun, shade—every need,
Their divers colors soft or bright,
The deeper shades and purest white.

One so tiny, another that towers,
Some form bushes, others bowers;
This with splendid ardour glows;
That, the sweetest fragrance sows
Upon the air with every breeze that blows
To make a summer storm of scented snows
The gardener who loves them all, he knows.

He knows the kinds that trail the ground,
And those most happy on a mound.
And every plant found near a brook,
Or one that likes a shady nook;
And when the aphids suck with zeal
In hoards enmasse to spoil their weal
He knows with them just how to deal.

It may be mildew, rust or worm,
Soil sweet or sour, a bruise, a burn;
He's doctor, nurse, each one in turn.
He knows the sorts to use for border
And how to set them all in order
To make a bed of colors bright,
Yet all to harmonize just right.

He knows how long each kind will bloom,
The form of flower and need for room;
And some that are not quite so strong,
That need protection in a storm.
He knows their need, their frown, their smile.
Because he studies oft, the while
He toils, blending brain and brawn.

He, too, knows how to make a lawn
And keep it always closely shorn—
So fine and smooth and green
With brilliant, soft, and silky sheen.
And ever where the crab grass grows,
Or beetle hies, or mole burrows
All these things Old Gardener knows.

But oh, so much Old Gardner doesn't know, ah me!
He knows not why the tide of sea
Or from whence the wind sweeps o'er the lea,
Or how the color is wrapped in seed,
Nor why man's heart is full of greed.
But all his blessings, love and joy, he knows
To his Creator, God above he owes.

Leroy Tuttle, the Gardener.

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