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THE YELLOW SHEETS

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The weather reports show the season of 1945 to have been the wettest since 1892, and it is possible that that record may have been reached before the New Year. The continued rains have made fall gardens almost an impossibility in many places. My garden has been too wet to work much of the time; and until my son's return, the danger from breachy stock was so great that planting a fall garden in the open was hardly worth while.

But breachy stock paid little attention to plants on the stand, and last winter I kept two old women pretty well supplied with fresh lettuce from successive plantings in leaky slop jars. This season I am planning more salad stuff—lettuce and green onions. Did you ever try perennial onions as pot plants? Last fall I received about a dozen plants from Mrs. B. A. Asmus, one of our advertisers. These were planted in half-gallon oil cans rescued from dump heaps, and made good growth through the winter, giving us a few treats. When spring came they were set in the open about 12 inches apart. Made fine growth the main bulb dividing into several, and big clumps of small sets forming on top of tall bloom stalks.

Recently I filled a leaky preserving kettle about two-thirds full of leaf mat from the woods, and filled up to near the top with rich soil, adding a liberal dash of a mixture of Lime, Superphosphate and Vigoro, and then planted the tiny sets rather thickly and set on one of the stands. They are growing rapidly and I think can stand thinning before Christmas. In severe climates they should probably

stand on a south porch.

During my visit to Texarkana last June, my hostess, Mrs. J. D. Cook, gave me a number of fall-blooming Crocus. The green leaves were then several inches tall. Not having ground ready, I had to plant them in cans. Naturally I did not expect bloom this year, but that proved a delightful mistake. They are blooming as nicely as though never moved. The big white blooms are quite showy and the long stems make them good cut flowers, though not as long lasting as some. I think they would serve better planted in decorative pots with some other plant having decorative foliage and used for decoration without cutting. The bulbs are so small that they can well share the same pot with another plant, and their foliage is very neat. One of my neighbors admired them so much that she swapped me a rooted Poinsettia for one blooming bulb. This Crocus is hardy.

PARTRIDGE BERRY (*Michella repens*). Hardy evergreen, ground cover. Needs acid soil, deep shade in the south, berries edible, ideal for terrariums.

RED TRADESCANTIA, so-called from cold weather coloring of the leaves. Color of blossoms seems to depend upon the nature of the soil and amount of the sun. One of the spider worts. Hardy perennial.

GREEN BRIAR, vine stickery; medicinal vine, with rather attractive foliage and yellow flowers in early summer.

VIRGINIA CREEPER, native vine; good cover for buildings, takes brilliant autumn coloring.

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CONFEDERATE VIOLETS, grey effect, thrive in poor soil and can stand more sun than others.

WHITE VIOLETS have awakened from their summer nap, and for a few weeks I can furnish them at 5c each.

HARDY ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

HARDY SEDUMS. All Sedums I call hardy can survive 15 below zero without protection. Some of them are hardy in the sub-Arctic. Most are fine for rock garden plants. Last year my Sempervivums made almost no increase. This year most are "hatching" chicks, and when my backlog of orders left from last year are filled, I hope to have a number of varieties of hardy Semps to offer. There is a rock garden plant par excellence. Most of the dwarf plants listed under other heads, and many of the wildlings, are also good for rock gardens.

I have a few plants of alum root to share. This is a fine rock garden plant and also good as a pot plant. 10c each.

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OPUNTIA VASEYII, hardy on the Colorado desert.

OPUNTIA ROBUSTA, stately lawn plant, hardy here to 15 below.

OPUNTA RAMOSISSIMA, hardy and dwarf, good in full sun in rock gardens, also good as pot plant.

An almost spineless Opuntia found here in only one spot that I know of.

I have wholesale quantities of the following Sedums: Sarmentosum, hardy to subarctic, pendant effect. One sent me Glaucum, much like album, but different flowers and winter

coloring; Album white flowers; ever-green with us, an album hybrid has never bloomed for me, color of foliage slightly different, a grey green one which I think is altissum, good in rock garden, dish garden or as a pot plant; Acre and Sexanfulare much alike but different, both dwarf and good ground cover for clayey spots; Maximoiczi, little known in U.S.A.—two varieties which are in dispute among the botanists who have seen them. The dealer from whom I bought them identified them as the rare pink-flowered Stoloneferum, and No. 28 as Stoloneferum coccinea; and the faculty of our State Experiment Station at Hope, Ark., agrees with him. Other botanists just as well posted say that both are unusual Spurium hybrids.

Have from one to a dozen plants of other varieties. I have only one plant of the Sedum Spectabile Alba, the tall White Houseleek. Will trade other Sedums for small-rooted plants of pink, red and purple Spectabiles. Have had all three and put them out in the yard where Bermuda grass killed them.

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Mrs. Laura D. Cole
Grannis, Arkansas

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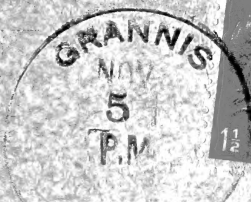
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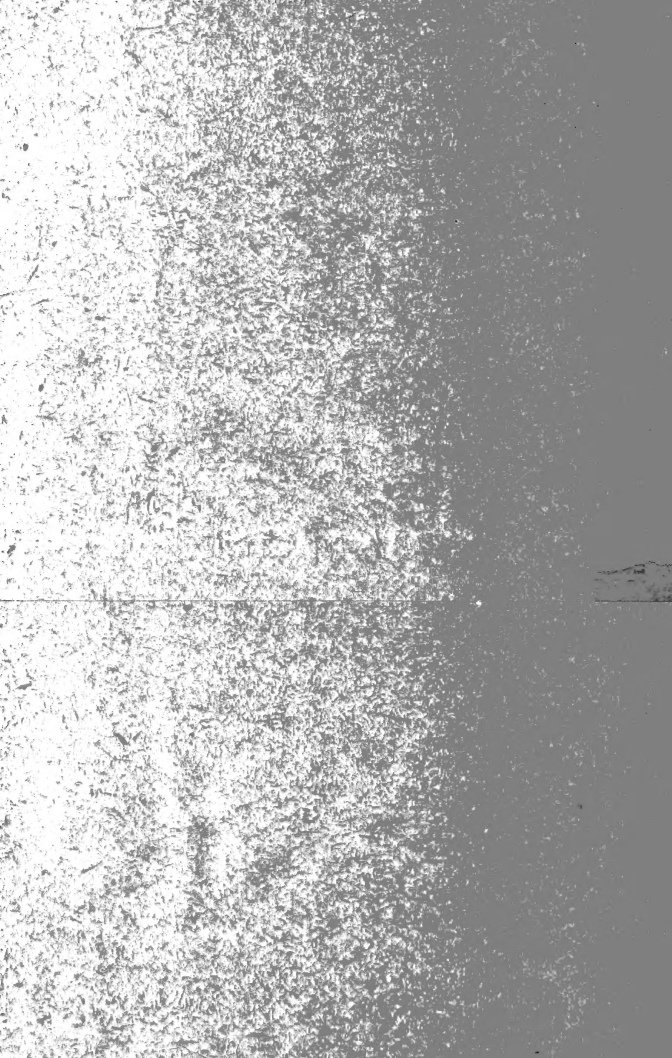
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of Satan, masquerading as angels of light, are penalizing this vision and discrediting such character.

Care of the Spirit Temple

Prof. Edward W. Buehl

FIGS

We do not live by bread alone, but by the Spirit of God. So we should relax and mediate thus: "I know that I do not live by bread alone, therefore I desire the blessing of the Truth of God." We attract the Spirit of Life by living on natural food. Natural diet has much influence on the mind, emotions and passions. Natural diet will keep one well.

Figs are one of the best natural foods one can eat, and the sun will dry and preserve them. Every man under his own Fig tree in the Millennium, which is only fifty-five years hence, and peace will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Why worry about building a new World?

While living in Chicago, I went to Memphis, Tenn., to celebrate Christmas. In buying holiday goods I spied some dried Smyrna Figs in 10-pound boxes. I bought a box and for the next few days I lived on dried Figs, which broke up my constipation. I wakened to the fact that fruit is our natural food, so treked to California, where I could get lots of it.

Saturday is the real Sabbath, and he who keeps it will prosper, so I make it my fruit-juice day and every two hours drink a glassful and take a walk to get breathing exercise. Both help to clear the blood of toxic waste, hence nothing left for a cold to work on, so I am free from that detriment.

It was thirty-five years ago when I arrived in California and was much amused to see Black Mission Figs in their dried state. They were new to

me, yet I prize any kind of Figs. The Black has something the White Fig lacks.

To make a good laxative, run a handful of dry ones through a food chopper twice, using the finest knife. Put in a bowl and fill with milk to over half an inch above the Figs. Let stand three hours, then beat until smooth. This makes a fine ice cream, minus ice and sugar.

(Editor suggests a stay in the refrigerator before serving.)

Prof. Arnold Erhart, an efficient dietician, stated in his class one day that he and a companion were traveling through Palestine one day on bicycles, and came to a large Fig tree with the roots bedded in lime rock. They were the most delicious Figs we ever ate, hence filled up to capacity. The companion got sick and vomited but it cured his stuttering. Use plenty of lime on Fig Tree grounds.

Prof. Erhart has written a book on Diet Healing, sells for \$1.00 but is worth a hundred, as I paid him \$100 for his lessons, now to be had in the dollar book. To be obtained through the Health Book Exchange, 79 Roosevelt Rd., Banning, Cal.

Fresh fruit can be home raised in Arkansas to supply a family the year around, beginning with earliest Strawberries in late April and ending with winter keeping Apples and Pears.

Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi is propagated by leaves and also stem rooting. Must be a terrible pest in the tropics, but not where frost occurs, as it is tender. Must be staked to keep it erect, else it falls over and roots wherever the stem touches the ground. The fallen leaves also put up young plants from the edges. The mature

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plants can stand full sun even here, but the young ones should have more than half shade. The leaves that I have fixed for propagation usually rot if placed in the full sun; or if they make new plants at all, the young ones are little good.

White Violets become dormant through the worst of summer, but are now putting up again. For a few weeks I can furnish them at 5c each. While a hardy plant, they are also good in pots. Mature ones bloom in late winter if you can keep mice away from the tiny buds. I had to let the cat sleep in the room to get any bloom from mine. Mild freezing does not hurt them nor seriously delay blooming, but severe weather will make them dormant.

Have recently been asked how to make a young Chinese Temple (*Kalanchoe daigermontiana*) branch. So far as I know, it won't. Grows straight up, leaves getting bigger and bigger, until they pull it over unless staked. Begins to branch and bloom the second winter, and, curiously, sometimes blooms from the main stem, near the ground. A very nice winter bloomer. Makes seed on the edge of the leaves, and I have occasionally found tiny plants growing from the edge of old leaves; but usually the leaf drops before that. An interesting plant and needing little care except that it is tender, cannot stand near frost.

The common Wood Sorrel does not get the attention it deserves. Needs rather more than half shade, but does not seem finicky as to soil. Puts up early in the spring, attractive, clover-like leaves usually showing consider-

able red. Pretty flowers on nice stems, color varies through pink to deep cream. Leaves finely minced, nice with Lettuce in salads. Then the whole plant goes to sleep until cold fall rains. Now mine are in full bloom again and no sign of leaves. Very hardy. Will not have any to sell until spring, about late February or early March.

Was recently amazed to see, in a newspaper of considerable circulation, the positive statement that all business, including food and clothing, has made from 90 to over 500 per cent during the war. How on earth did they keep the Treasury boys from grabbing it under some tax pretext? Now that the politicians have come out brazenly with their plan for a gigantic WPA after this war, we can understand the harrasing and elimination of small business. If business is allowed to prosper unfettered by politicians, there will be too many jobs for much of a WPA. And we know what a vote-getter the old one was, hence the determination to put one over on a big scale, over a thousand million dollars for a starter, no telling how much more in the future. Of course it will be buttered over with the smooth talk of super highways and elegant public buildings, but if you are a taxpayer, just figure how much you will have to hand over. With the public works they are planning and the Political Action Committee of the CIO, they can put anything over as legally as the Nazis did. Do you like the prospect? If not, then direct your Congressmen to protect business against low ceilings and other harassments.