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THE YELLOW SHEETS

Vol. 1., No. 9. — — Laura D. Cole, Grannis, Ark., Owner and Editor.

Our winter will supposedly be over tomorrow. Coldest we have had this winter was 19 above zero. Two sleet and three light snows. A mild winter for us but frequent cold drizzles made it uncomfortable. Price of heater wood skyrocketed and size of ricks diminished, so we burned soft coal this season. I think the Lord will have something to say in the next world, about the size of the ricks, for you remember that the Bible has some mention of His opinion of short weights and measures.

100 IRIS, many varieties, \$1.25 postpaid.

PARTRIDGEberry (*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; berries black; nodules on roots grow quite large and are used to make pipes.

HARDY CACTI — 10c EACH

OPUNTIA VULGARE (Common Prickly Pear) hardy, flower creamy yellow, fruit edible. Can be used as pot plant. Thrives well in poor soil.

OPUNTIA ROBUSTA. Much taller plant and bigger pads. Stately lawn decoration.

OPUNTIA VASEII, native to Colorado deserts. Much thicker pads. Does well in pots.

OPUNTIA ERINACEA (Grizzly Bear) plenty stickery, hardy.

CHRISTMAS and EBONY Splenwort Ferns, nearly evergreen with us. Other varieties either dormant now or soon will be.

Hemerocalis Kwanso — 5c.

Sempervivum tectorum.

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. This 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 spare. This is a fine rock garden plant and also good as a pot plant. 10c each.

Any of the above plants, 5c each unless otherwise noted.

FIVE FINGERS, (*Potentilla*), medicinal vine, with rather attractive foliage and yellow flowers in early summer.

VIRGINIA CREEPER, Native Vine; good cover for buildings, takes brilliant autumn coloring.

WHITE VIOLETS good in yard or as pot plants. Does not require rich soil and can stand over half sun.

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

OPUNTIA Ramossissima, hardy and dwarf, good in full sun in rock garden, also good as pot plant.

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

Any Sedum listed, labeled to the best of my knowledge 5c.

If selection is left to me, 50 well-rooted Sedums, 10 varieties labeled \$1.00.

If unlabeled 1c each in lot of 25.

SEDUM COLLECTION, 7 varieties, my selection 25c.

HOUSE PLANTS

Common Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Large Green Leaf Wandering Jew, Purple and grey-striped Wandering Jew, 5c.

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Kalanchoe fedshenkoi (don't know common name for it) 10c.

Chinese Temple (Kalanchoe daigermontiana) 10c.

Red Bird Cactus (Green Pedilanthus) 10c.

Variegated Pedilanthus, 10c.

Peanut Cactus (Chamecerous Sylvestris) 10c.

Opuntia Vilyi (dwarf tender) 10c.

Opuntia, either elata or subelata. not sure which, 10c.

An almost spineless opuntia, I haven't yet identified, 10c.

Opuntia fincus indica (Indian fig) fruit edible, 10c.

Christmas Cactus 10c.

Cactus Echinopsis, 10c.

Unless otherwise stated, all plants whose prices are not given, are 5c each. Postage paid on orders of 50c or more. For less than that amount, please add 5c.

I will swap plants, your selection, to amount of \$2 postpaid for strong three-eye division of Mons Martin Chahusac Peony.

I will swap plants, your selection, to amount of \$1.50 for a strong three eye division of Philip Revoir Peony.

I will swap plants, your selection, to amount of 50c for a strong three-eye division of Edulis Superba Peony.

Peonies to be sent in fall when dormant. Each party to pay postage on what we send.

Until income is bigger, the Yellow Sheets will be published bi-monthly; and until my cubs are home from the war, more attention will be paid to unusual plants, many from other

lands, than to our wildlings.

Subscription 25c for 12 issues. — Nice present for your garden-loving friends.

Mrs. Laura D. Cole
Grannis, Arkansas

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They shall sit every man under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of Host hath spoken it. —Micah 4;4.

It is really surprising the number of hints we are given as to every day living conditions in the Kingdom of God here on earth after the last World War.

From the above promise it is evident that there will be an increase of home ownership among the low income group; and also an increase in home fruit production. We see many starts towards these goals being developed in the present time. The increasing use of dwarf fruit trees is along that line; also the increasing custom of budding several varieties on the one tree. But to my motion the most striking instance is the development of the New Delta fig.

We know from the Gospels that figs were a favorite fruit of Jesus. Dieticians tell us that they are one of the most wholesome, being Nature's laxative. But heretofore, their cultivation has been limited to mild climates because the fruit buds were borne on second year wood. The Delta is the first that I know of to bear its fruit on a wood produced that year.

I made the acquaintance of this variety in Memphis, Tenn. My hostess told me they had bought one tree and set it out in their backyard. At the approach of cold weather the limbs were cut off close to the stump and set out where wanted. Some rooted and some did not. The stump was mulched for winter protection. At the time of my visit the yard was pretty well filled with Fig trees. My hostess told me that after all family needs were supplied, the remainder

of the crop was sold to their grocer, and enough was received therefor to pay the entire taxes on the whole lot and residence.

This characteristic vastly increases the range of profitable production, but same is still limited by length of growing season. The New Delta is rather late, but doubtless the horticulturists will produce earlier varieties so that it may be grown over most of the U. S.

The fig shows up well in mixed hedges where a rather large shrub is needed.

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I do not make any special effort for winter bloom among my plants now, mid February, the three Kalanchoes, an Amaryllis, common Semperflorens and an African wildling I cannot identify, are in bloom, and Bilbergia nutans in bud. I find the Kalanchoes nearly fool-proof if protected from frost. The young plants need about as much water as Begonias, but when well established need little care.

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When visiting Garden Clubs in neighboring cities, I am usually taken on a ride, and am impressed with the beauty of garden hedges. Many home owners prefer to use only one or at most three kinds of shrubs. — Others have mixed hedges. Personally I prefer the latter, seem to me to indicate more independent thinking on the part of the owner. When a mixed hedge is used, it is possible to include fruit-bearing shrubs, for many are really ornamental. The cultivated Blueberries are really handsome in fruiting season, a self respecting green in summer, and gorgeous autumn coloring. I have grown the June Berry, growth much like an Alder, white flowers in spring,

and highly colored fruits in early summer. Quite as ornamental as a Spirea and excellent pie material. — Elderberries are both ornamental and a good pie fruit. I have two bushes. Bush Cherries are also recommended, but I have not tried them yet. Received four bushes this past winter, from Mrs. Asmus. She can tell you about their looks, and I will later.

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Some of my readers have inquired about details of my leaky tubs and slop jar gardening. Really it is simple and very much worth while for a small family. Tub or jar must be really badly leaky for good drainage. For ordinary washtub, I put into it two water buckets of wood or coal ashes, and fill up with dead leaves, pressing them down with my hands. In a few weeks they have settled some inches. Put in two water buckets of fresh barnyard manure and let that settle for at least two weeks. Then fill up with contents of tubs similarly filled the previous year.— Sprinkle a trowel of acid phosphate and some lime on top and mix with this surface soil. Lay off rows about two inches apart and plant, alternating vegetables and flower seed. — Early vegetables will give needed shade to tiny flower plants and be out of the way before the flowers need the room. By the next year, the contents will be rotted enough to fill other tubs.

I ast year I had fine success with beets in one tub and no good in another. Found I had mixed plenty of wood ashes in the first, providing needed lime. Am adding straight lime this year to tubs carrying Beets. Radishes did no good in any tub last year.. I think lack of water was the trouble. Am trying again this year. The yield from this very rich dirt

is surprising. One row of turnips across one tub, gave us two old women (my family) four meals of creamed Turnips, two turnips, two cookings, and fresh salad from the leaves for several more. I include one row of Lettuce in every tub, and thus raise plenty while it lasts, several weeks. White Big Boston is a good variety.

It is easier to protect the tubs than open ground, through blizzards, hence much earlier planting is in order. We have Lettuce, Radishes and Turnips, planted this year, already up and thriving. I set some plants like Hemerocalis in leaky slop jars, very rich dirt, handled same as tub dirt. Plants become dormant with hard freezing weather. I set jar in a somewhat sheltered spot out of doors, where it can get winter rain, work the soil surface fine, sprinkly thinly with Big Boston Lettuce seed, cover lightly with more rich dirt and let Nature take its course. Growth is much slower than from spring planting, but we have begun on ours, two servings each, of salad, from seed planted early in winter. Intend to try Celeriac this year. No idea how it will do. — A neighbor had good success with Chinese Cabbage in small box.

Am culling my hens severely, intending to keep less than a dozen. An expert may be able to make a profit under present conditions, but the risk is greater than I care to undertake. Ceiling prices and directives from Washington are too heavy a handicap. Besides, while there is good sense in risking a hundred dollars to make a hundred dollars profit; there is no sense at all in risking one's money to hand the profit over to the politicians. Hence I expect to keep enough hens for our own table use, but not for market.

I have lately been much interested in the plan put forth by the American Federation of Labor for social reconstructions after the war. Most of the suggestions seem to me sound and practical, but there is one which needs clarification. They strongly advocate freedom to organize and bargain collectively, but just how far is that freedom to extend is not made plain.

The voters of Arkansas have become indignant over the abuses of the closed shop, and at the November elections, voted to prohibit it. — Such action requires implementation by the legislature. I have read advertisements claiming that such implementation would destroy the farmer's market, which is obviously false. I have read threats that if such measures are passed skilled labor will leave the state. Since important war factories are here, that means that union labor will give aid and comfort to the enemy in time of war if the legislation to which they object is passed; for interruption of manufacture of war materials would surely aid and comfort the Axis. Ap-

parently freedom to organize and bargain collectively means freedom to coerce others into paying tribute to the union, and the right to prevent those who prefer to manage their own affairs, from working at their trade. Also it is evident that the men who must meet the payroll are not to be free to decide the size of the payroll. Altogether, the freedom demanded does not seem to me exactly the freedom Jesus sought to bring to earth, nor the evenhanded justice demaded by the Bible.

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If you are troubled with big rats, the kind that bluff common house cats, my friend, Mrs. Alice Lee Miller, Grannis, Ark., has two half grown, eighth-blood Bob Cats, which she will give either both or singly, to anyone who will pay transportation and give the cat a good home. Grade Bobcats are wonderful ratters, far ahead of common cats, but gentle and affectionate as any. Their courage is high, and they even hunt and kill rattlesnakes. If you need such a ratter, write to her.

