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A 30-PAGE MONTHLY JOURNAL

We are still, early August, in our usual summer dry spell. Heavy thunder showers late in July broke the heat wave for a short while, but we are again sweltering in 100-plus weather.

This makes plain the great need for water for plants at this season. I have read that soil six feet deep, rich in humus for that depth, will carry plants safely through several months of drought. Very few of us have made our gardens as much as two feet deep. Leaves are burned instead of being buried and gardens wilt for lack of water.

To The Readers of The Yellow Sheets:

Let us all do ourselves a big favor by doubling the circulation of The Yellow Sheets. We can do this by each giving a friend a subscription to it. It is only 30c and not only will we have the pleasure of the gift to a friend, we will help Mrs. Cole in her struggle to give us an interesting magazine. For the greater the circulation, the greater will be the articles of interest, and response to ads published.

After all it is the subscribers' magazine, and it is up to us to help make a good little magazine better. I am sending a friend's name and 30c with this letter. I hope ever subscriber will do likewise.

—Mrs. R. Gable, Haralson, Ga.

When I read Mrs. Gable's letter, I right straight thanked the Lord, for I am sure He directly inspired it, used her as his assistant. You know we are promised the chance of working with the Lord as well as for Him.

And this letter is also a token to me that the Lord accepts my offering, for The Yellow Sheets is defi-

nitely a service for the Kingdom of God, NOT a money-making business for myself. You know the Old Testament gives us many glimpses of economic conditions in the Kingdom of God. Among other points, home owning and gardening will have prominent places. And our life here is surely a training for the next, for, in the parable of Dives and Lazarus, Jesus makes it plain that we take our memories with us.

The Yellow Sheets is intended to help, by helping the busy, hard working woman, who must closely count the pennies, get more soul satisfying enjoyment out of her garden. There is plenty of literature for the woman who can hire a yard man occasionally, but I know of no other intended for the woman who must carefully consider if she can afford another packet of seed.

If you approve of this objective and want to help, there are several ways in which you can. Firstly, as Mrs. Gable suggests, use subscriptions as gifts to your friends. Secondly, advertise in it. The paper carries no ads for liquor, pornographic literature, nor anything else out of the range of good women; but anything of interest to good women is welcome and appreciated.

You may not have anything to sell, but I never knew of an honest-to-goodness gardener who did not like to swap plants. If you have a really nice plant to spare and would like to swap it for something else, please advertise in The Yellow Sheets. Then another way, if you are a dealer and issue circulars, please hire me to mail out some of them. My rates will be found in this issue. I have a big mailing list of garden lovers and other hobbyists. And last, but not least, speak a good

word for the little paper among your friends.

I am an old woman, in my seventies, very deaf and a stay-at-home. Am dependent on my sons, laboring men, for my personal expenses. When the income from plants and the paper fail to meet their own expenses, I do without something to make up the difference. Would be glad if my labor income should be enough to relieve my sons of my support, all else will go right into making the paper bigger and better. I thank you.

AFRICAN VIOLETS

W. W. McEver

The African Violet is especially suited to the atmosphere of the average well kept home. It is the Queen of house plants, ever-blooming in its nature, and doesn't like sunlight much. With proper care it will bloom in the house the year around. Bright sun will kill them, but indirect light will make them grow. They do not like to be in a draft. Keep them well watered but not wet. Do not water the plant, but put the pot in a plate, or anything that holds water, so they will get wet from the bottom up.

The leaves will root in clean sand in a few weeks. Take the leaves off with one inch of stem; stick loosely in sand, and keep sand wet. As soon as the stem roots, pot up in good rich dirt, no fertilizer, and you will soon have young plants.

The African Violet is not a Violet at all, but belongs to the Gloxinia family, and the same treatment suits the African Violet. They will grow in any rich garden soil. Do not water with water colder than the temperature of the house. They bloom in Blue, White, Pink and Purple. There are some fifty varieties, with different shaped leaves, and different colors of leaves. New ones are from seed, but that is a slow way to get started.

The African Violet is not a weakling as some people think, but will stand a lot of rough treatment when you understand them. I have some plants that have been blooming for over three years. If you once grow them, you will never be without one, and in most cases you will want several, because they will grow and bloom where no other plant will. No matter where you live, you can have it and grow it to perfection in any living or bedroom. It won't grow out of doors unless protected from sun, rain and wind.

Mr. McEver is a large scale grower and we are fortunate to get information from headquarters.

GASTERALOES AND ECHEVERIAS

Mrs. E. J. Peterson,
Eagle Bend, Minn.

Gasteraloes are a cross between Aloes and Gasterias and seem to be stronger and live longer than Aloes. And with our long winters when it is so difficult to find window space for all the plants, the Gasteraloes seem quite content away from any window, not even a good light. They are usually in a cool place, so are watered every six weeks. I try to keep them in a semi-dormant condition. If window space is available, they will be happier. When out-of-doors in summer they require about as much water as a Geranium. This variety of plants seems to like dark loam from the woods, and when well established, appreciate liquid fertilizer.

Echeverias always require good light both winter and summer. Those with the colored leaves need the sun to bring out the color. Some of those with plush like leaves do best in a north window; direct sun is too strong for some of that variety. If the plants, with age, become "leggy" and un-attractive, cut ro-

sette off leaving 2 or 3 in. stem, dry for several days, and replant in dark loam with coarse sand where stub is planted. The most important item for Echeverias is good light at all times.

Mrs. Peterson has made a hobby of unusual Succulents for years and knows whereof she writes. The above article shows me my mistake with my Gasteraloes. I did not give them a dormant spell but handled like Geranuims, and when the blizzard of December, '45, came, they all departed this life.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might."

"Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God."

These commands from the Old and from the New Testaments seem to make plain our duty to always do our best. That way lies improvement and self respect. Slighted, careless work, feather bedding, slow downs and such hindrances to increase of production in little matters as well as in big, are against the scheme of God, and will work against us here and hereafter.

This summer's heat wave has made plain the need for plenty of water for tub gardens. In our climate, natural rainfall is not nearly enough. Until since the last issue of The Yellow Sheets, we had to carry all water we used from a well about 100 feet from the house. More than that, the way we had to go. We saved all we could and I carefully watered plants, but it was not nearly enough.

Early Lettuce did well. Later plantings no good. Carrots grew too slowly and I fed them to the goat. Beets gave us all we wanted to eat and have canned nearly enough for winter. Made the mistake of putting the tubs of Tomatoes and Cucumbers in full sun. Yield not good.

Cukes bloomed heavily but set little fruit. Find they will do better with morning sun and afternoon shade.

The hot weather has taken heavy toll of my supposedly hardy Sedums. Proved hardy to our worst winter cold, but not to summer heat.

Ralph, my son, works during the day to make a living for us, then after supper, in the long evenings, has deepened the well 9 feet; installed an automatic electric pump, and put running water in the house. Doing the work himself brought the cost down to what we can afford. Now I hope to take better care of the plants.

I copied prices for my circular mailing ad from an imprint sent me. More study of M. O. magazines showed me that those prices are out of line with usual rates. The following are right.

CIRCULAR MAILING

I have a big mailing list of garden lovers and other hobbyists. Only clean, decent matter accepted. My rates:

	100	250	500	1000
3x6	.20	.45	.85	1.50
6x9	.30	.70	1.30	2.50
9x12	.50	1.00	1.75	3.00

Laura D. Cole - - - Grannis, Ark.

Some kind friend paid for a subscription for me to Human Events, published at 1323 M St., Washington 5, D. C. A fine weekly publication devoted to discussion of current events. Well worth the price to any person who thinks and has the money for it.

Have a hen sitting in a brood coop with covered yard. Bought it of the E. C. Young Co., Randolph, Mass. A man can make one for considerably less than this cost, but a woman would have to buy material, get it hauled, then find a man who wanted to work badly enough to work for a woman, and then no

telling what she would have to make out with. This coop is easily moved to fresh ground and very practical in other respects.

Our normal summer drought, prolonged this year, and current heat wave has put most of the wildlings to sleep for the present. Will let you hear about them later.

Am sold out of Prickly Pear (*Opuntia Vulgare*) and Cholla Cactus until youngsters are rooted.

Have only a very few, each of following items, and when these are sold, first come first served, there will be no more until youngsters are rooted.

Beaver Tail Cactus (*Opuntia Basilaris*), 10c.

Cactus *Echinopsis Schelasi*, 10c.

Cactus *Echinocereous Reichenbachii*, 10c.

Alum Root, hardy perennial, 10c.

Aloe Davyanna, tender to frost, 10c.

Huernia *Schnerdrianla*, tender African, 15c.

Another tender African, cannot identify, looks like a *Bryophyllum*, but propogates like a *Geranium*, 10c.

Opuntia Elata, tender to frost, 10c.

HARDY ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

Confederate Violets, 5c each.

Sold out down to mother plants of *Sedum Maximowiczii* and the two in dispute. Have plenty of *Mexicanum* and the perennial form of *Puchellum*. Have just a start of three more *Spectabiles*, *Kamchaticum*, *Midendorffianum* and *Hybreddum*.

Will trade, plant for plant, any *Sedum* listed for starts of others I do not have.

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

Seven well-rooted, small clumps, all different, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 25c, postpaid.

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

If unlabeled, 1c each in lot of 25.

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; 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; *Maximoiczi*,

HOUSE PLANTS

Common Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Large Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Green and White Wandering Jew, 5c.

Kalanchoe Fedschenkoi, some say this also is a *Bryophyllum*. In bloom now, dark orange colored small flowers. 10c.

Green *Pedilanthus*, common name Red Bird Cactus.

Variegated *Pedilanthus*, tender to frost.

Talinum, tender perennial, blooming early from seed. Tall, with pink flowers much like *Baby's Breath*. Seeds itself as far north as Topeka, Kansas. 5c each; 30c per doz.

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.

Until income is bigger, the Yellow Sheets will be published bi-monthly.

CLASSIFIED ADS

1c per word one insertion. Three insertions for the cost of two. Numbers and initials count as words.

When answering ads, please mention that you saw their ad in **THE YELLOW SHEETS**.

Wanted—Old material, lace, any kind, for doll clothes. Must be in good condition. Will pay cash on approval or dress a doll for you. These dolls are in "period" costume, so, please give approximate date. Want old white cotton petticoats, too. Will buy old China dolls, doll heads or complete dolls, or any really old doll. Fisher, 112 Middlefield, Middletown, Conn.

Daffodils, Narcissus, dozen, 25c; 60, \$1.00. **Iris**, 50 different colors, dozen, 40c; 36, \$1.00. **Fox Glove**, blue, yellow, daisy, dozen, 35c. Postpaid. Valleyview Farm, Hawesville, Ky.

Nancy Hall, Porto Rico Sweet Potato, Cabbage and Tomato plants, 200, \$1.00; 500, \$1.75; 1,000, \$3.00. Postpaid. Sunset Plant Farm, Hawesville, Ky.

All Kinds of Flowers, 30 Canary Birds; cages, etc.; Gold Fish; Angora Rabbits; White Flemish Rabbits; all kinds vegetable plants. Write for list. Visitors always welcome. "Wills' Place of Flowers," R. 3, Harrodsburg, Mercer Co., Ky.

Tell Your Friends to write for free samples to Sylvis, 3 Stanton Court, New Bedford, Mass.

100 Large Sized Quilt Pieces for patchwork, 25c; 500 for \$1.00, all fast colors; 6 designs given. Single tatting, 35c a yard. Double thread, 50c to 75c, all colors. Handkerchiefs made up, \$1.00 to \$2.50, all linen. Pinetree, 1037 Elm, Manchester, N. H.

Kwanso Day Lily; Lemon Lily; Lily of the Valley; Chrysanthemums; Iris; Feverfew; 40c doz. Blue Siberian Iris; Blue Plantain Lily; white Easter Rose, 15c each. \$1.50 orders

postpaid. Mrs. G. Y. Tate, Belmont, N. Car.

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED TO—

The Garden Exchange Club Magazine! With each subscription to the GC Magazine, you receive FREE SUBSCRIPTION to the Garden Exchange Club Shopping News. Six issues per year of the bi-monthly GECSN, plus the quarterly GC magazine. All for 50c per year. The GECSN—all advertisements, keeps you up to date on the latest seed, plant, bulb and garden offers. Those that sell as a hobby and cater to the low income gardener, as well as the large dealers, should investigate the advertising possibilities of this Shopping News Reminder that goes free to anyone sending a 3c postage stamp or stamped, self-addressed envelope. But why waste 36c in stamps to get 6 issues (you have to mail the stamp, too!) when you can get the GECSN for a year PLUS BOTH—18c in stamps. Or get BOTH for a year for only 50c. E. Johnson, 683 Nevada St., Reno, Nev.

Talisman—Made by Indians in the jungles of South America from Balsa, the lightest wood known to mankind. Handpainted with your own sign of the Zodiac. Believed by Natives to bring Good Luck and ward off Evil. A beautiful curosum you'll be happy to own. One Dollar Postpaid. To introduce this Talisman we include without additional charge a special 4-page astrological reading that tells what type of person you should marry, your lucky days, numbers, etc., your faults and how to overcome them and many other things that you are not aware of. (It is necessary that we know your birthday). The Lighthouse Mart, Minot 7, Mass.

Wanted—Small, used kerosene incubator, also small electric incubator suitable for Bantam eggs.

FOR SALE—Tree ripe, juicy and sweet, no coloring added, direct from our small grove, Oranges, Tangerines, Grapefruit, any kind or any mixture, f.o.b. \$3.50 bushel basket. Will barter for Incubator or fancy Bantam. Ed Illsche, P. O. Box 727, Sanford, Fla.

For Sale—Five acres unimproved land inside limits of Grannis. Clear title; no back taxes. Stock water and much standing fuel on place. \$150 cash. Ralph L. Cole, Grannis, Ark.

Rare Mysterious MAGIC PLANT—touch it and leaves fold up like an UMBRELLA to open in about 15 minutes. All who see and touch this mysterious plant need no persuasion to buy. For pleasure and profit grow these MAGIC PLANTS at TOP prices from \$1.00 to \$5.00 each. At 8 weeks plants attain height of 12 inches, flowers are rose-purple or lavender. 1 pkt., 60 to 80 seeds with E-Z directions, \$1.00 or 6 pkts. for \$5.00. Folder free. Order today. Lightning Speed Mfg. Co., P. O. Box 115-A, Streator, Ill.

Flower Magazine—Small but interesting: house, garden, wild flowers. Bargain ads. Bird and Nature notes. 50c per year. Sample, dime. Garden Gleamings 49, New Troy, Mich.

N. B. The above is a fine little paper.

Seed for Sale—Twenty packets choice fresh flower seed 25c. My bargain seed catalog free. Joe Smith, 3241 28th Avenue West, Seattle, Wash.

African Violets—Leaves, 5 unlabelled for \$1.00 postpaid. Labelled varieties, Blue Boy, Blue Girls, White Lady, Pink Lady, Ionantha, 3 for \$1.00. Rooted divisions, \$1.00 each. From 2¼ in pots \$1.50; 3 in pots in bud and bloom \$2.50; postpaid. Printed instruction on how to care with each order. I also grow Primrose, Cyclamen, Cinerarias, Kalanchoes and other winter bloom-

ing plants, Pansy plants and perennials; fall planting bulbs. A post card will bring you my Price List. W. W. McEver, Gainesville, Ga.

\$100.00 F.O.B. buys 10x15 Lightning Jobber (no motor). 1 chase and set, worn rollers. Has few welds, but does nice work. Wt. 900 lbs. Twenty dollars extra if to be crated. Built by Colts Armour. CASH, or no go. E. H. Kent, 3414 Spring, Dallas 10, Texas. (Sample work, 3c).

40 Mail Order Magazines and Circulars sent for only 25c coin or postage stamps. John E. Heenan, Box 701, Troy, N. Y.

Large Stucco Country Home, carpeted and furnished, landscaped. Producing orchard, 280 acres meadow and timberland, 3 barns. Included 5 milk goats free to buyer. Write Aster Lane Farm, Cove, Ark.

Fine, Exotic Perfumes! Women cannot resist. Duplicates of nationally advertised odors with highest quality. A drop last days! Agents and dealers wanted. Details free. Generous wholesale samples \$1.00. R. G. Wilborn, 706-LC, Judson Rives Bldg., Los Angeles 13, Cal.

Madonna Lilies, 40c each. Blue Dutch Hyacinths; Lycoris Radiata, \$1.50 doz. Daffodil Mixture, many fine varieties, \$2.50 per 100. Spanish Iris; red Montbretias; white Rain Lilies, 50c doz. All blooming size. 2.00 orders postpaid. Mrs. R. Gable, Haralson, Ga.

Daffodils—Gold Phoenix, double pure yellow; Star tall yellow, white center, late, fragrant, 6 per 30c, 15 per 50c, alike or assorted. Elegans Lilies, orange red, 2 ft., 25c each, 5 for 1.00. Kwanso Virginica, triple, pinkish Day Lily 25c, 5 for 1.00. Iris, Autumn Surprise, Talisman, Crimson King, Hussard's Corrida, Chalice, Celeste, Kochii, 10c each, 7 for 50c. Postpaid, 50c up. Mrs. Irene Hazeltine, 927 West Walnut, Springfield, Mo.

From Fabulous Florida—Wonder

Leaf, lives on air, grows anywhere, strangest tropical oddity. Given with 10 Floridian Viewcards of Odd Trees and Tropical Flowers at 25c. The Tropical Trader, Box 2511, Tampa, Fla.

For Sale—Named African Violet

leaves 15c each. Rooted leaves of Purple Slipped Gloxinia 20c each. Named varieties of Geraniums, variegated and Zonale 10c a cutting. 6 colors of Holsti Hybrid Impatiens cuttings 10c. 70 different named Haworthias, small plants at 15c each. Also many other named varieties of Succulents and Cacti—mostly 15c each. Mrs. E. J. Peterson, R. 1, Eagle Bend, Minn.

Indian Maid, Pink Semperflorens,

and Manda's Woolly Bear Begonia seed. Fresh seed packet 15c and stamped envelope. Write for list of choice house plants available and state what kind you prefer. Vida E. McKey, Hop Bottom, Pa.

I have several times mentioned the big difference in technique for the back yarder from the farm poultry raiser. Sitting hens are one of these differences.

The farm woman has her time arranged to include tending the baby chicks, and she can take care of hundreds in a fraction of the time needed to raise that many from hens. But the woman with only a few hens, and raising chicks for her own table, will find it a big saving of time and nerve strength to let a hen do the clucking. My aunt and I made a practice of setting a hen every month, as nearly as possible. That gave us plenty of fried chicken for our eats, and a few to sell.

I think the big advances in poultry come mainly from flocks small enough for the owner to know the hens individually. Hens usually lay best the first twelve months after starting; hence the very sound farm practice of disposing of old hens. But one who knows her chickens

and judges them as individuals, will occasionally find a hen who remains profitable for years.

I had a hen which laid over 200 eggs in her pullet year; less each year until she was five years old, when she laid 90 that year, in 3 clutches of 30 each, set three times and raised 3 families; beginning to set at start of moulting and was ready for another clutch when feathered out. A peculiar feature was that she kept to this schedule, 90 eggs a year through her 12th year. Then I felt that she had earned a pension and she lived well, boss of the chicken yard until a little past thirteen. Her funeral was conducted by the kids of the neighborhood with vocal music and flowers, and her grave was long marked by a blue glass bottle for a tombstone.

Another advantage of the back yarder is the ease of raising exhibition birds. Many persons are not aware that a hen marks her eggs as surely as finger printing. Some slight difference in color; or size; or shape; or tiny specks; or the little whorls at the end of the egg; some slight difference which remains the same through her life. The commercial poultry keeper, to secure the same results, will need to invest in trap nests, and then the added labor of looking at them. A few days of close observation will show the back yarder which hen laid which egg.

I used the old time manilla counter book. At right side of page ruled for seven tiny spaces. To the left wrote the hen's name. A few lines were left blank at bottom of each page. I kept fifty hens and found my plan worked well. When eggs were gathered each evening, I looked them over and credited each hen with her egg. Small and misshapen eggs were laid out for home use, and the nice big ones put in the container for that day. I used seven containers, one for each day of the

week. If the cull eggs were not enough, we used from the oldest. In that way, the eggs I sold were always at least one day fresher than those we were using.

On Saturdays, entry was made of total number of eggs laid, number sold, price obtained; feed bought, price; if hen went broody; if set; how well she hatched; how good a mother; and any other information needed. Eggs from the best hens were used for hatching, and young roosters chosen, for health, vigor and fancy points. In that way we ate the least profitable and the flock was steadily improving.

Few realize the big money income which may be obtained from backyard flocks. Mr. Kellerstraus, the developer of the Crystal White strain of Orpingtons remarked to a reporter that during the preceding twelve months, he had sold a little over \$2000 worth of eggs from a plot 40x40 feet. The publisher of a poultry magazine ridiculed the statement in an editorial. Mr. Kellerstraus promptly sued the magazine for 5c damage and proved the truth of his statement in court.

The editor ceremoniously paid him a bright new nickel and all parties to the suit, plaintiff, defendant, lawyers and court adjourned to a hotel for a banquet and love feast. I do not advise my readers to try to reach his goal. Investment too heavy and risks too big.

At the back of his poultry lot was a 10x40 ft. henhouse divided into four 10x10 pens. In front were four 10x30 ft. runs. Pen No. 1 contained the great Peggy, for whom he refused an offer of \$10,000 cash; her best daughters, and Crystal Prince, best rooster in the International poultry show in London. Eggs from this pen sold at \$150 a setting.

Pen No. 2 contained other daughters of Peggy and a son of Crystal

Prince. These eggs sold for \$75 a setting. Eggs from the other two pens brought only \$30 a setting.

But against these enormous sales must be charged the service of an armed guard each night; and when Peggy was away from home at exhibitions, she had a personal guard, who carried her in a special locked basket handcuffed to his wrist. Too much expense for most of us, but anyone with intelligence and integrity can breed up a strain whose choice eggs will be worth from \$1.50 to \$3.50 a setting, and there is good profit in that.

Frost will be coming to many gardens now and we should save all we can. Food is needed to win the peace as badly as to win the war, and a lot of silly advice gets into print. I have read several times that only those tomatoes beginning to ripen should be saved. I save even the tiny ones. And I don't wrap them in paper, nor any extras; but I am extra careful not to bruise them. When frost threatens I raid near by dump heaps for leaky buckets: strip the vines, but handle them like thin shelled eggs. Each following Saturday, they are looked over carefully and those showing color are put on a window ledge to finish. Others gently returned to the buckets. Naturally those nearest ripening will ripen first, the little ones last. But even if small they are nice in cooking and my gang liked to eat them.

Another garden product which should be saved, big or little, is Honey Dew melons. With us, they are a good succession crop to Bush Beans, and some of them will ripen before frost. Pick them all and put up on a frost free shelf. I was never able to raise enough to last my gang past early December, but the last we ate were sound and would have kept longer.