coming closer in tone with the growing things. It is practically indestructible and a tremendous addition to a garden. Every garden needs furniture as well as a house. Seats at convenient intervals to sit upon, sun-dials for the sun to mark the flight of time, bird baths for the feathered gardeners, jardinières for the flowers that can be removed to the house for the winter, are all indispensable articles of garden furniture.

People with a practical turn of mind can make many things for the gardens instead of buying them. Concrete is not difficult to handle and a little ingenuity will suggest how such simple things as square jars, sun-dial and bird pedestals might be made. However, for those who have no time for the pleasure of making their own garden furniture, nor the skill or inclination to do so can find many beautiful things now on the market ready and waiting. A few years ago it was almost impossible to buy garden pottery or furniture, but garden enthusiasm has developed so rapidly in the past few years that scarce a need of outdoor room but can be supplied quickly, economically and beautifully.

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ments arranged for. To these projects the efforts spent on the individual homes and waste places gave the needed finish—the final touch of beauty.

The use of non-producing land increased the community wealth. The removal of disease-breeding dump heaps and the cleaning of backyards improved hygienic conditions and therefore lessened the work of the health department. It is impossible to estimate the far-reaching beneficent effects of this civic house-cleaning and garden-making campaign.

The general conclusions arrived at by the committee are: that the chief lesson of the garden—paying for things through work—is within the understanding of even young children. A contestant, a girl of thirteen who had had three years of instruction in a school garden, when asked what she was going to put in her home garden replied: "Well, my father is out of work, so I shall have to buy the very cheapest seeds, but that does not matter. If they are the best of their kind and I

work, cultivate and irrigate well, I can have a good garden." She won a prize, which incidentally now adorns her pretty head in the form of a stylish new winter hat. Why not? She paid for it with her hoe and watering pot; that contests of some sort should be carried on each year to teach the special culture of such plants as peppers, tomatoes, corn, etc.; that the organizing of garden clubs, rabbit clubs, poultry clubs, and so on, should be encouraged and that exhibits should be arranged from time to time at the stores of local merchants, in the parks, or suitable places; that all possible aid should be secured from parent and teacher associations, civic and improvement associations; that children should be credited at school for supervised home activities; that more attention should be given the teaching of agriculture in the intermediate schools for the purpose of unifying home and community interests with those of the school; that throughout the entire country agriculture should be made a regular part of the curriculum of every school system.