

of his friends spend for cigars, and maybe for liquor, and use it to add, to the attractions of the wild wood, a fountain supplied from the wind-mill tank. This will be a beauty spot and a pleasure resort for the entire neighborhood, and thus by this wild wood, lessons of nature, with love of home and love of country, will be taught quite as effectually as by burning fire crackers and the noise of gun powder.

The duties and realities of life may take young men and maidens from the old home but they will never forget the sacred memories, and the return visits will be the more frequent because of this "Bit of Wild Wood."

NOTES ON FLOWERS.

By Frederic Cranefield.

The hose and watering can are in great demand about this time of the year. The lawn is sprinkled, the flower beds are sprinkled and all is sprinkle, sprinkle! How grateful the grass and flowers would be if they could be watered just for once!

If a flower bed is thoroughly watered once a week more good will result than from a daily sprinkling that only serves to wet the surface to the depth of an inch or less, encouraging the growth of rootlets near the surface. The surface of all beds should be level.

Supply a quantity of water that would be sufficient to cover the bed to a depth of three inches. Do not be alarmed if the surface becomes muddy but keep on until the soil is wet about the roots of the plants. The surface should be broken as soon as it begins to get dry.

Many other points about the garden culture of flowers occur to me but nothing to my mind is of as much importance as this. Water thoroughly or not at all. The same is true of watering grass.

The black aphid is quite sure to be paying close attention to chrysanthemums at this season. The "filthy weed" is very effective in driving them away. Very fine tobacco dust sprin-

kled over the plants once a week is generally sufficient, but in extreme cases use tobacco water. Pour one gallon of boiling water over one pound of leaves or stems and let it stand 24 hours. Then add five gallons of water and thoroughly sprinkle the plants with the solution.

From the middle to the end of August is a good time to sow pansy seed. The seed may be sowed in the open ground and the plants covered with straw or leaves in November. A better plan is to construct a small frame near the kitchen door or well and fill it with at least four inches of rich soil. Sow seeds in this and keep constantly moist. When cold weather comes cover the frame with boards and these with straw or manure. The plants may be transplanted next spring and will produce bushels of blossoms before the burning weather comes. This reminds me to remark that the pansy is a cool and moist weather plant. Plants that have blossomed freely until July should be cut back close to the ground and new shoots will start that will give another crop of flowers in September and October.

If you want hollyhocks that will bloom next summer sow the seed now. This is an old fashioned flower from "grandmother's garden," but grandmother never dreamed of the beautiful forms of the present day. For a border nothing can be finer than groups of hollyhocks with flower stem six feet tall, thickly set with rosettes of white, yellow, crimson or the softest shades of pink.

Callas that have been in retirement since last spring should now be started into growth. Shake off all the old soil and repot in very rich soil with an abundance of crocks, pebbles or charcoal in the bottom of the pot. Callas require an immense amount of water and the soil is apt to become "soggy" or "water logged" unless sufficient drainage is supplied. If it is desired to increase the stock save the little offsets that will be found in repotting and put them into small pots. A year from now if well grown these will be flowering plants.

This is an excellent time to shift begonias into larger pots so that they may become well established before winter.

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