

Agriculture, &c.

WINDOW GARDENING.

Many of our readers take much pleasure in keeping a few plants in their windows, and are always glad of any hints that will help them in the pleasant task of caring for their favourites.

Plants are active during the hours of light, and absorb from the air carbonic acid gas, which is composed of carbon and oxygen. Animals retain the oxygen and give out the carbon, hence plants feed upon that—the carbon—which is injurious to us. At night, however, plants give out carbonic acid in small quantity, hence it is undesirable that they should be in our sitting-rooms or sleeping-rooms at night.

The size of the pot should conform to the size of the plant, but usually the most convenient size is the one that measures four or six inches across the top, inside the rim. A new pot should be placed for a few minutes in a pail of water to expel the dry air from the pores, and an old pot should be made perfectly clean inside and out.

Watering needs to be carefully done. The best water for plants is rain water, for it contains the larger supply of air and other matters calculated to advance the growth of a plant. If it becomes necessary to use hard water, put into it a little soda, and let it stand in the sun some time before it is used.

The Camella requires a cool and moist atmosphere, and will flourish with a northern exposure where it has little or no direct sunshine. The Rose will flourish with less moisture, but prefers a cool temperature. The Fuchsia is fond of both warmth and moisture, but does not like long exposure to the direct rays of the sun.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

October, 1870.

First Quarter, October 1st, 5h. 5m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 9th, 9h. 28m. morning. Last Quarter, " 17th, 1h. 59m. afternoon. New Moon, " 24th, 11h. 21m. morning. First Quarter, " 31st, 3h. 47m. morning.

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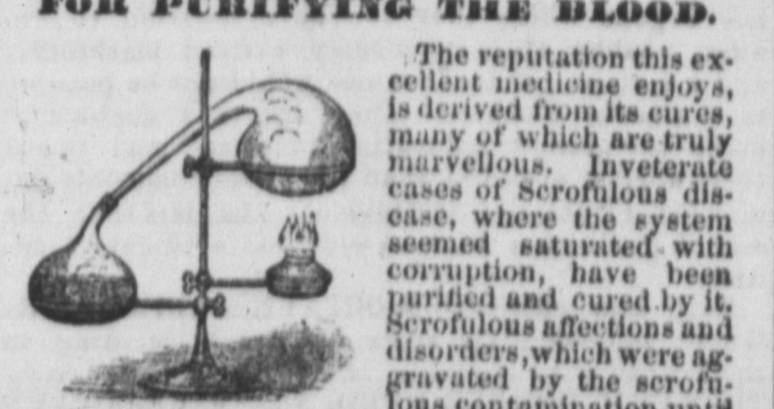
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