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GARDENER'S BUSY SEASON IS ON

The old gardener says: Spring is just around the corner! But until Jack Frost becomes less persistent, it is not advisable to remove too soon any barrier or protection given to tender plants like hydrangeas, boxwood, roses and certain evergreens.

And don't burn these leaves. Turn them under in digging the beds or place them on a compost pile in an inconspicuous place. Mix manure and soil with them if possible, turning over the entire mass as the leaves decay and you will have a splendid lot of soil available for potting, planting around trees and shrubs in plant-beds and useful in many other ways.

Start Tuberous Begonias Indoors It's too early to plant dahlias, though look over the tubers in storage to make sure that they are not too dry. Tuberous begonias make nice plants for a cool location in partial shade and now is the time to start them in pots indoors.

Early April is a good time to set out dormant roses, which are cheaper than those obtained in pots, though the latter may be planted later when in leaf and there is less risk of loss in transplanting. Dormant roses should be cut back rather severely in planting and be sure to dig deeply and place good loam with a little decayed manure well beneath the roots so that plants will have something to feed upon in years to come.

Any day now the ground will have dried out sufficiently to dig the garden. An application of lime every three years is desirable to sweeten the soil and render plant foods available. Turning under well-rotted manure is a good practice though some will prefer to use the proprietary complete plant foods. Dig up full depth of spade, breaking up the lumps. This insures well-prepared soil for the roots.

REMOVER

Four ounces benzol, 3 ounces fusel oil, 1 ounce denatured alcohol. This is a very powerful remover, but is highly inflammable. The fusel oil, which is also used for making high explosives, such as gun cotton and for collodion, is replaced in the former recipe with other materials for this reason. However, used with care in small quantities (this recipe is small, as you will notice) it is an excellent preparation.

- 1. Rub hard with salted butter.
2. Hold a heated iron over the place, being careful not to melt the varnish (the heat causes the gums in the varnish to fuse, thus the white disappears).
3. Rub with oxalic acid as soon as white is formed. Then rub with sweet oil.
4. Rub with spirits of camphor, then with sweet or linseed oil.
5. White spots on mahogany caused by damp will often yield to a rub with sweet oil.
6. The 'bloom' on mahogany may be removed with vinegar. Dull, dirty varnished surfaces may be freshened and cleaned by wiping with benzine. Leave for one hour and then wash with white soap. Rinse with clean water and polish.

MONTREAL, April 17—The gross revenues of the all inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending April 14, 1937, were \$3,882,271, as compared with \$3,203,752 for 1936, an increase of \$678,519.

... OF ... Interest to Women DIFFERENT CONCEPTIONS FAMILY TIES

(By Ruth Cameron) What a different kind family ties have on different people! Blood is asserted to be always thicker than water, but there seem to be a very great many varying thicknesses of blood, from something only a shade less watery than water, to something about as coagulative as molasses.

There are some people to whom the family imperative to look out for one another, be with one another whenever possible, defend one another from attack of outsiders, is as a ruling passion. They never really leave their families, even when they marry and have families of their own they carry them with them in their hearts, and if possible arrange for physical proximity, or if not that, for frequent visits.

And there are others, who, with maturity, cut off completely from their families, so far as feeling goes. They may in deference to the mores of society, keep up some slight contact, may if the need arises help, but it is done without feeling. There are some families who are so united that they always speak well of one another, always are singing one another's praises. One for all, and all for one, is their motto.

And there are others who enjoy criticizing one another, to other people, and yet quite often, even these will not tolerate other people's criticism of the very ones with whom they have quarrelled. They can do it if they like, but any one else does it at peril of finding himself persona non grata, when the temporary irritation which expresses itself has passed, and family feeling has reasserted itself.

THE BOY OR GIRL WHO IS TOO FAT

(By Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, Former President American Public Health Association) If you are a boy or girl who is very fat and who has a hard time in play and work because you weigh more than most of the other children, perhaps I can help you.

You probably do not know that the extra pounds you weigh are a serious strain on the heart and the rest of the body. They cause you to tire more quickly, and it is much harder for you to study your lessons. The first thing you must do to take off that extra weight is to make up your mind that you yourself must help. I mean, that you will faithfully do what doctors have found out you must do to get thinner.

Dr. Patrick Mallam of Oxford, England, has studied many overweight children and has helped them to reduce their weight. He says that when he began to help these children, he found them very reasonable and intelligent and most of them did just what he asked them to do. I know that this is very important, and that is why I am asking you to do just what these other children did.

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HOW TO GET RID OF 'THE ITCH' TECHNIQUE OF ACCEPTING A COMPLIMENT

(By Ruth Cameron) How is your technique at accepting compliments? It's funny, isn't it? when there's nothing in the world most of us like to get more than a compliment, nothing that we treasure so carefully, we turn our heart with it against the cold moments of discouragement and self-doubt, that so many of us never learn to receive them other than awkwardly.

One of the most ungracious forms of reception is to accuse the giver of flattery. "You are always saying things like that. You must have kissed the Blarney stone." Or, worse, of having an axe to grind. "What can I do for you? Must be some reason for you to be so terribly complimentary. Come on, tell us, I'll do it, it's worth it."

This is done, of course, with a jocular air, but it puts the giver of the compliment on the defensive. When he should be receiving thanks, he is defending himself against charges of insincerity and axe-grinding. Of course he knows, and you know and I know, that it is done out of embarrassment. That the person who says that, says it because he is ashamed by the compliment and hasn't enough smoothness and savior-faire to produce a gracious answer on the spur of the moment.

Sometimes, indeed, this embarrassment will go so far as to make a person actually sound cross. "Don't talk such nonsense, you make me sick." I wish you wouldn't say such things, etc. He isn't really cross. He may think he is, but it is just a transferred emotion. He's cross with himself because he doesn't know what to say.

The other extreme, of course, is the fatuous person who receives all compliments with a beaming smugness that shows he thinks they are no more than his due, that he agrees with everything you say. Though perhaps he doesn't think you put it strongly enough. And somewhere in between is the gracious receiver who receives a compliment as he would any gift, with gratitude and pleasure and grace.

He is delighted and isn't afraid to say so. "Isn't that nice? I'm thrilled. Why, that's the nicest thing anyone has said to me for a long while. How wonderful! Gee, that makes me feel good."

He recognizes the giver's right to be thanked. Aren't you sweet to tell me so? Well, you certainly know how to cheer anyone up. You're a peach. I hope someone will do something as nice for you as you did for me in telling me that. Oh, I'm so glad you told me, I was a little afraid I had brought the wrong thing.

Possibly he depreciates the compliment to some extent, but not emphatically or awkwardly. "Well, I do not think my voice is that good, but I'm awfully glad you do. It's just an inexpensive dress, but I thought the color was rather nice. I've always loved those soft blues, too."

(Special to The Daily Mail) OSHAWA, April 16—The United States branch of the General Motors will not co-operate with the Canadian branch in the Oshawa strike. No cars will be shipped from the United States until the strike is settled. Lr. Queensbury The ice in the main channel of the St. John river has run out but owing to the low water there is still a lot on the shores and bars. Mellow Pond and sons have finished with their saw mill for this season. Mrs. Clarence Dykeman has been spending a few days with friends at Fredericton and Kingsclear. Misses Ruth Moore, Georgia Pond, Lena Joslin and Evelyn Perley enjoyed an afternoon at McNally Bros.' sugar camp. Mrs. Amos Jordan has returned home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lorne Brown. Sherman Davina was a recent visitor to Saint John. Mellow Pond had the misfortune to stick a spike in his foot. Mrs. H. A. Slipp is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Donald Knox, Harvey Station. The roads from here to Fredericton are in bad condition for cars, several having to be pulled through by team. All are hoping it will soon be possible to use the ferry at McNally's. Miss Georgia Pond is spending a

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