

### An Old-Fashioned Cottage Garden

(London Advertiser).

"The kiss of the sun for pastor,  
The song of the birds for mirth—  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth."

Of all gardens perhaps the old-fashioned cottage garden is the most interesting and at the present time the rarest. Though not intentionally, it carries out most perfectly the freedom and beauty of the bloom of the summer woods, but its real purpose is to produce a tangle of loveliness entirely free from measured plots and straightly marked paths. It revels in the charm of old-fashioned flowers and in arrangement undersigned. Tall plants and lowly, brilliant-hued blooms and delicately-tinted flowers grow luxuriantly side by side in irregular little clumps, and following each its own loved way. One could imagine a dreamer had scattered seedlings idly in days long gone with never a memory of what had been sown or where they are. In June sunshine are sweet-scented pinks, sweet william, lowly bleeding-heart, clambering purple lupin, fluttering bachelor's buttons, gaudy lilies, iris almost past blooming, brilliant marigolds, larkspur and hollyhocks, lack-like geraniums, jolly little Johnnie-jumpers, swaying Canterbury bells and gorgeous blooms of peonies, and "flaming poppies their soft petals strewn, then stand and shiver all their bravery gone."

There is a story of sweet sentiment about a certain old-fashioned garden in London. Nearly every bloom and shrub finding its own particular place therein has been brought with loving care from a garden older and very much loved. Not one beautiful memory of the other old garden has been overlooked in the new, and thus do the flowers and shrubs we have planted and reared live on after we have passed them with regret to those who will love them in the days to come.

Near to this garden of old memories is a bit of clover meadow and in a small cultivated field a little tangle of tall grass attracts one's attention. Investigation reveals a plover brooding on her ground nest, which is but a lump of earth beside which is her nest. Hearing approach, she stands and screams protest, flutters in pretended broken-wing fashion away a few feet to return to her three bits of nestlings and one unhatched egg. Her beautiful gold-tinted wings and deeper gold breast and ruffled feathers. Her snow-white throat with its narrow black bars swells with indignation as she watches, with great golden-eyed alarm, the process of taking her picture. While the horses and plow went up and down near her little ground home she stared bravely by her chosen nesting place, and so small and defiant were she and her mate, the horses were afraid to go even around the carefully preserved spot. The screaming protests of possession were entirely justified by three successive years' occupancy.

Not far from the plover's nest over in the strawberry patch is a sand-piper's nest, which careful searching proved to be unoccupied. Stealthy lifting of the canopy of green leaves revealed a neat nest in which lay three speckled eggs, shadowed by clinging red berries and wind-torn leaves. So careful is the sand-piper of this particular little nest, the strawberries may be picked by careful fingers while she watches with alert interest but apparent fearlessness.

Just a continuation of the joys of the cottage garden were the visits to the two nests on a June day of rare beauty, and the confidence of the birds a part of the reward of those who give nature her way in the planting of sweet old-fashioned flowers.

**Love's Labor Lost.**

A young and enthusiastic golfer at a dinner party started to enumerate to his partner the details of a golf match that he had been playing that day. It was not until dessert was brought in that he suddenly bethought himself that he had been talking all the time; indeed, the young lady at his side had not said a single word during the progress of the meal. "I am afraid I have been boring you with this talk," he said in half apology. "Oh, no—not at all!" was the polite response. "Only, what is Minard's Liniment Relieves Garglet in Cows."

**A DIFFERENCE.**

(Silly Stories.)

"What did Columbus prove by standing an egg on end?"

"That in his day were cheap enough to be handled carelessly."

### Strawberries for Winter Use

As soon as strawberries get to their peak in price is the time to put them up for winter use. More things can be done with this luscious berry than one would suppose, and in the case of vinegar and pickles the ripest fruit can be used, enabling one to pick up a bargain in berries some afternoon and get up early the next day to prepare them for winter use.

**STRAWBERRY PICKLE.**

Seven pounds of strawberries, three and a half pints of cider vinegar, one and a half pints of cider vinegar, one ounce each of cloves and stick cinnamon. Place the strawberries and spices in alternate layers in a deep glass or stone crock. Boil the sugar and vinegar three minutes and pour over strawberries.

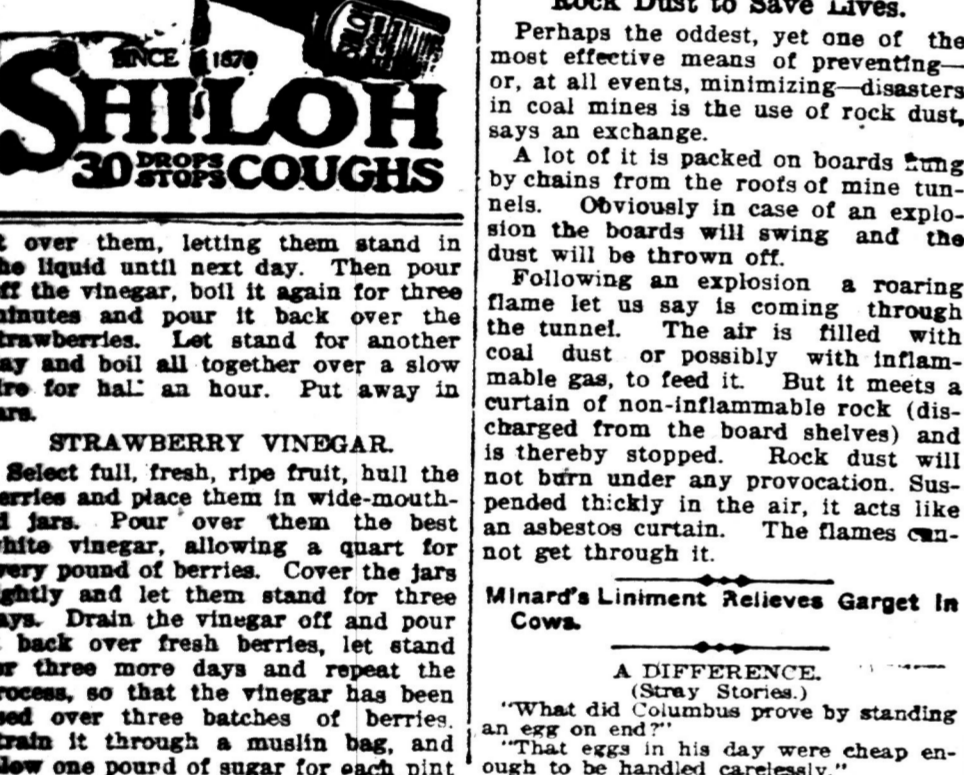
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Perhaps the oddest, yet one of the most effective means of preventing—or, at all events, minimizing—disasters in coal mines is the use of rock dust, says an exchange.

A lot of it is packed on boards hung by chains from the roofs of mine tunnels. Obviously in case of an explosion the boards will swing and the dust will be thrown off.

Following an explosion a roaring flame let us say is coming through the tunnel. The air is filled with coal dust or possibly with inflammable gas, to feed it. But it meets a curtain of non-inflammable rock (discharged from the board shelves) and is thereby stopped. Rock dust will not burn under any provocation. Suspended thickly in the air, it acts like an asbestos curtain. The flames cannot get through it.

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It over them, letting them stand in the liquid until next day. Then pour off the vinegar, boil it again for three minutes and pour it back over the strawberries. Let stand for another day and boil all together over a slow fire for half an hour. Put away in jars.

**STRAWBERRY VINEGAR.**

Select full, fresh, ripe fruit, hull the berries and place them in wide-mouthed jars. Pour over them the best white vinegar, allowing a quart for every pound of berries. Cover the jars tightly and let them stand for three days. Drain the vinegar off and pour it back over fresh berries, let stand for three more days and repeat the process, so that the vinegar has been used over three batches of berries. Strain it through a muslin bag, and allow one pound of sugar for each pint



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