

Feast on your labors, but think spring

First of six articles.
It's September already.
Those six spindly little tomato plants you set out last May have given you a crop that could feed all of Southeast Asia and are finally through bearing.
You really don't want to look at another green bean for a long time, and the melons and squash that looked so cute only two short months ago now need a machete just so you can get onto the back porch.
But the roses haven't tipped yet, and the cabbage, Brussels sprouts and grapes are still waiting patiently for the first frost or two to quicken their sugars.
It's too soon by months yet to prune, and you have stopped fertilizing the perennials so they can segue quietly into dormancy.
The weather has toned down just enough so that you can venture out of the air-conditioning for more than 30 minutes at a time without suffering sunstroke. Like the grapes, you too are quickening

— you have weeded and hoed; fumigated, fussed and fumed. There must be something you can still do for the garden before the snow comes.

THERE IS — plant spring bulbs.
Do your best at this point to remember February. It's the shortest month of the year, and you know in your heart of hearts there's a reason for that.
Now remember March and the first hardy shoots of crocus, hyacinth, daffodil, jonquil, tulip, Dutch iris and narcissus.

Plant them all now. Even supermarkets at this time of year carry these bulbs. Except for the fact that after four or five years you will have to dig up, separate, and replant the bulbs, they are virtually maintenance-free. And the promise that they will eventually come up almost makes February worthwhile.

When you buy the bulbs, get a bulb planter along with them. This is a simple device with a handle that ends up doing most of the work.

Loosen your soil and mix in a little bone meal. Use the planter or a trowel to dig a hole approximately three times as deep as the bulb is wide. Drop the bulb in and cover with soil. Presto. Flowers for spring.

TRY TO GROUP tulips and daffodils.

Although one tulip is better than none, four or five together make a really nice stand. A dozen or more in a bed become a spring showpiece.

Daffodils stay in bloom for about four weeks, and tulips can be had with varying blooming dates to stretch the season out for two or three months.

Hyacinths have a perfume that will keep you going until the lilacs bloom and summer finally arrives. Dutch iris are hardy enough to come through the snow, but the flower is as delicate-looking as an orchid.



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For something a little different, try an allium or two and a Crown Imperial. Alliums can be had from daffodil to the Allium giganteum which has a large ball of purple flowers atop a four-foot stock.

Crown Imperials stand on a stalk about three feet tall topped with a pineapple-like crown under which hang eight or more large bell-shaped flowers of red or yellow. One or two of either easily become a centerpiece for the entire garden in the early summer.

THE ONLY THING to remember about your spring bulbs is that they store their food in the bulb — food they can only get from their above ground foliage which must be allowed to die back down to the ground in the summer. The flowers can be cut for bouquets, but the leaves should be left alone or the bulb won't flower again.

Crocus among the leaves of grass in early spring may make you wax poetic until you discover that if you cut the grass — and the crocus — before the crocus' leaves die down in mid-June, the crocus won't bloom again the following spring unless you plant new bulbs every fall.

The writer learned horticulture at his grandmother's knee, in college at Michigan State University and as a weekend gardener.

Use Home Eye Test to check tots' vision

One in every 20 preschoolers — nearly half a million throughout the country — has an eye disorder. Many of these defects are most effectively treated in the early years, and some, such as amblyopia ("lazy eye"), may lead to permanent vision loss if not discovered and treated before age 6.

To facilitate early identification of vision disorders, the National Society to Prevent Blindness (NSPB) has developed the Home Eye Test for preschoolers.

Directed at the parents of the nearly 3½ million 3-5-year-old children in the United States, the test is a simple way to check a child's sight in the home setting.

It is designed as a simple game for children too young to read. The Home Eye Test kit consists of an eye chart, instructions for playing the "game" and interpreting the results.

"Children usually don't complain about vision problems since they don't know how well they should see. Like any other screening," said Virginia S. Boyce, executive director of NSPB, "this test does not take the place of a professional eye examination, but it can tip off parents that a problem may exist."

Since its introduction in 1972, al-

most seven million copies of the home eye test have been distributed, dramatically increasing the number of children whose eyes are being checked in the crucial early years.

The society credits the test's success to three factors. "It is accessible to everyone, providing a means to test vision at home, it motivates parents to perform this service for their children and it educates the family to the need for early eye attention," Mrs. Boyce said.

"With some three million more children reaching their third birthday each year, the challenge of finding those with vision problems continues to be a formidable one. The Home Eye Test serves as a direct introduction for a child and adult to a youngster's eye care needs," she added.

For a free copy of the Home Eye Test for Preschoolers, available in English or Spanish, write: National Society to Prevent Blindness, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

The National Society, established in 1908, is the oldest voluntary health agency nationally engaged in preventing blindness through community service programs, public and professional education and research.

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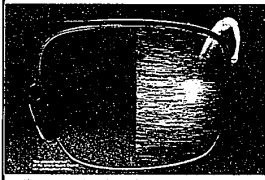
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