# Now about the white marigold



down to earth Alice Burlingame We have a contingent of readers who are enjoy-ing whiter sports up north. Our "lake land" is an excellent source for pieces of driftwood. When cleaned up and the wood waxed, this makes excel-lent containers for cut flower arrangements as well

in containers for cut flower arrangements as well as plants.

Driltwood as informal containers for flowers has sales appeal for garden club benefits. Ferns are beautiful planted in driftwood. Or, scoop out an area for low-growing flowering plants.

In most homes there are wicker baskets that some "asvert" couldn't throw away. Recently I had a large gift of fruit delivered in a handsome wicker basket. Mine will be used to be a container for audy small potted plants.

First it will be lined with plastic or aluminum foll covered with a couple inches of peat moss (the moisture from the moss will benefit the small poil of plants). It is wise to have the "composition" sitting on an attractive, appropriate size plate to precet the table top.

et the table top. This is garden planning-dreaming time. Most ev-

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WE KNOW there are ground covers to fill that special need, but you may want to use irregular beds. Consider impatiens, which are coming out in interesting shades of red, pink and white and begoni-as which can provide good accents.

is which can provide good access.

We see so many interesting patterns in coleus
leaves these days and they are an attractive eyecatcher when are grouped together. Don't forget
that salvia can take lots of shade and new color
tones are appearing on our spring market.

With my years behind me in designing I find
myself using clumps of one kind of flower rather
than stringing the effect. Of course there are landscape situations which call for borders 'to contain'
taller plants such as perennials.

Review the contents of your refrigerator and if
you have small containiers of this and that 'over the
lill,' remember that anything with a sugary base is
a plus item for your compost pile as carbohydrates

OSE: (S.F.3EXO): (S.F.3EXO): Tound in sugar hasten decomposition. I wonder, does it tell us somethings about ourselves? Too much sugar can break down our tissues, replacing the carbohydrates with fat. BURPEES, the well-known seed company, had a contest a few years back to find a pure white mari-

cootest a few years back to flod a pure white marigold.

The company paid Mrs. Alice Volk, of Sully,
lows, \$10,000 for her successful cross development
of the perfect white marigold.

I have never tried it because I guess I am wedded
to the gold color of marigolds. In other words, I expect specific flowers to satisfy me with specific
colors—in this instance gold for marigolds.
Have any of you readers tried the white marigold
and how does it satisfy you after years of expecting
yellow marigolds? Please int me know. I am
hooked on the psychlogy of color.

There is a new publication out which will be very
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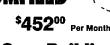
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