

## Gardening Has Its Dangers

"Gardening can be most enjoyable and free of injury if you work at it the right way," advises Dr. W. C. Jenkins, medical director of an insurance company.

"But if you're an office worker and then turn to a full day of hard manual labor on a weekend, you could transplant yourself into the sick bay," Jenkins points out. "Instead, take it slow and easy during your gardening sessions, and don't overdo it."

Cuts, scratches and bruises, the inescapable fate of most gardeners, should not be ignored, warns Jenkins. Since tetanus is present in soil, a booster shot of tetanus toxoid may be called for if you have not kept your immunization record up to date.

"Check with your doctor," he advises.

"TO PREVENT blisters, it's wise to wear gloves when digging or pruning shrubs or trees. Wear a hat and glasses to prevent eye injury."

All power tools should be handled with respect. Safety instructions usually accompany power tools and should be read and followed carefully. Youngsters should not be allowed to operate them.

Misuse and improper storage of pesticides can lead to serious accidents, the medical director warns. "Carefully read the instructions on all pesticide packages, follow their safety instructions and always keep them away from children."

He also cautions gardeners to keep an eye open for poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac. "Look for the three leaf sprigs that make poison ivy and poison oak. If you're unsure, consult a botany handbook or garden encyclopedia."

"You can remove poison ivy from your yard by digging it out, roots and all, being careful not to touch it. If you are unlucky enough to get a poison ivy rash, your doctor can suggest medications to ease the itching and discomfort while healing progresses."

Avoid Blindness

Fifty percent of all blindness is preventable, according to the Detroit Society for the Prevention of Blindness, a Torch Drive service. An eye examination every two years and good eye safety standards are the best insurance against blindness.

Before buying equipment, keep in mind the size of the job, kind of performance desired, kinds and amounts of insecticides to use, amount of water needed per spraying, size of plants to be treated, and amount of money you want to "shell out," advise the specialists.

They offer the following information on certain kinds of spray equipment available today:

HOSE - END sprayers are small and are attached to the end of a garden hose. The spray container varies in size from one-half pint to one quart and usually delivers one to 15 gallons of finished spray. Material is drawn from the jar by a pump and mixed with water as it flows out of the nozzle.

A hose-end sprayer is a good piece of equipment which requires no backbreaking pumping. However, it may plug with wettable powder formulations and result in contamination of the end of the hose.

COMPRESSED air sprayers are metal tanks with one to three gallon capacities. Air is pumped inside the tank with a plunger, and spray is delivered through an attached hose and nozzle.

This is a good kind of sprayer which can apply the chemical to both the top and bottom of the leaves, but requires pumping.



## Pest Of The Week

Sycamore Anthracnose, a fungus leaf and twig disease, is severe this year due to low temperatures (55 degrees F and below) at the time of bud initiation. Leaves wilt, often causing the complete loss of the first set of leaves. Twigs and small branches will be killed back and small cankers will appear at the base of the twigs. Powdery mildew is often associated with the anthracnose in early summer.

When leaves are fully developed another phase of the disease appears, causing triangular brown areas in the leaves which eventually cause browning and death of the entire leaf. Infected leaves fall throughout the summer.

CONTROL: Spray as leaf buds swell in the spring of the year with two tablespoons per gallon of Benlate 50 per cent W.P. Although sprays should have started just as the leaf buds begin to swell, one spray at this time will be beneficial in reduction of leaf loss during the rest of the year.

## Select Proper Spray Equipment

EAST LANSING  
Selecting the proper spray equipment is an important step in effective insect control, say entomologists at Michigan State University.

"If you don't have the proper application equipment, you're licked before you get started, and it doesn't really make any difference how good the insecticide is," says one of MSU's lawn and garden specialists.

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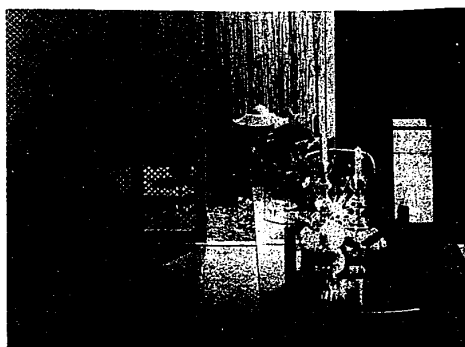
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DINERS IN THIS small but exotic dining room have in view a miniature oriental tea garden as sliding doors of filigree hardboard are pushed aside. When in closed position, the perforated panels diffuse natural light and contribute to the spacious effect.

## Suburban Gardener

## Little Summer Bulbs Lend Exotic Touch

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Are you looking for something different to grow in your garden? Why not try ismenes, munbetrias, achimenes or kniphofias? They certainly sound unusual-and they are.

They are known as summer bulbs and are tropical plants that produce their blooms in our gardens from bulbs that are planted after warm weather has arrived. Because they are tender the bulbs are lifted in fall and stored indoors during the winter.

Better known summer bulbs are gladioli, dahlias and tuberous begonias. Others include calla lilies, canna and fancy leaved caladium.

The summer bulbs - either the well-known ones or the unusual exotics - are easy to grow and give great results for very little effort.

Gladioli require no special care but need a sunny spot. Everyone knows their long spikes of ruffled blooms. There is a wide array of colors so you can choose shades that complement your indoor decor. They make excellent cut flowers.

DAHLIAS are among the most spectacular flowers. There are dwarf kinds with flowers a couple of inches in diameter on plants a foot high.

and there are kinds that grow as tall as a man and have blooms as large as a dinner plate.

There is a gorgeous array of colors and a variety of flower forms including singles, quilled, ruffled and pompons. Dahlias have attractive dark, glossy leaves. Plant them in full sun and plan to stake the tall kinds.

Tuberous begonias have exotic blooms in tropical shades of coral, scarlet or yellow. The plants, which are less than a foot high, can be grown in garden beds, in planter boxes, or in pots. Hanging baskets are ideal because the blossoms tend to droop. Partial shade is required, but in too heavy shade the plants become spindly and bloom is sparse.

ISMENES, known also as Peruvian daffodils, have broad strap-like light green leaves. The large funnel-shaped white flowers are borne at the top of 18 inches tall, stout leafless stems. They have a sweet, pleasant fragrance. Ismenes can be grown in pots, but they are especially striking against dark evergreen foliage. Full sun is needed.

Kniphofia is also called torches or red-hot poker. The spikes of brilliant red and yellow flowers are very

striking and are often used by florists. The dwarf types are about 18 inches tall. Others are three to four feet.

Achimenes are quite different, being small and delicate. They are relatives of the African violets, and need a semi-shade situation with protection from the mid-day sun. Good drainage is essential. The dainty tubular flowers are pale pink, violet, purple, or scarlet and bloom for a very long period of time. Achimenes can be planted in garden beds, but are most delightful in window boxes, patio pots or in hanging baskets.

MONTBRETIAS are among the most beautiful and decorative of the summer bulbs. The scarlet, orange, yellow or salmon flowers are produced on graceful spikes two to four feet long. They are like miniature gladioli and make excellent cut flowers. They need full sun and lots of moisture.

Cannas were a great favorite in Victorian times. Every park had a bed of canna. They are experiencing a new popularity because new kinds have been developed. The older ones were about five feet high and had either blaring red or bright yellow flowers.

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