

Home & Garden



Bathroom greenery

DRAMATIC GARDEN BATH is one of many decorating ideas in a new planning guide called the "Garden Bath Book." Scores of

suggestions are included in the 32-page book which is available by sending \$1 to Dept. NR, 4556 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60646.

Plan storage flat on floor

Camping, golf, hunting and fishing gear all can be stored in a single unit, if it is designed with a little care.

One way to determine shelf spacing in tall, open storage for items of many sizes and shapes is first to "act" it out on the floor.

Define the perimeter first with actual boards or with lines on wrapping paper or newspaper to form a template.

Then arrange the gear within this box, starting with the heavier and larger items near the bottom, aligned as they'll rest in the unit after it is upright.

Lighter and smaller items will be easily put away on the upper shelves. Shelf locations can be adjusted for both appearance and to minimize the number needed.

After top, bottom and two sides are

fastened together, the verticle divider pieces generally can go in place ahead of the shelves. Western pine and hemlock are ideal shelving pieces.

To vary the appearance, doors can be installed readily in the front of one or two sections, or drawers can be set in. They will be useful for protecting small tools and sports gear, behind lock and key, if necessary.

Colonial homemakers' bouquets still popular

This Thanksgiving, as we decorate our table and home with flowers and fruit in anticipation of a happy family dinner, those same flowers can remind us that we have many reasons to be thankful for a land that remains beautiful in spite of pollution, and bountiful in spite of inflation.

The Pilgrim's had scant sugar with which to sweeten the tart wild berries they gathered during the early years when taming the wilderness was the first goal to be achieved in the new land. And their gardens were planted, of necessity, not for pleasure but for ingredients urgently needed for medicine, flavorings, dyes for handwoven cloth, and even insect repellents.

But even as we imagine the long hours the Pilgrim mother spent in creating a home for her family, we can imagine the pleasant fragrances and bright-colored flowers her garden produced.

MANY PLANTS that the early colonists brought from the old world in seed or root form have become favorite flowers today according to the Society of American Florists.

For example, the elusive "gillyflower" used for many medicinal purposes by colonial dames is today's carnation. And although the carnation that florists carry today has developed into a handsome, many-petaled flower, it still retains the spicy fragrance that perfumed the colonial homemaker's garden.

Another flower that links us with the Pilgrims is the "everlasting," a flower that colonial ladies picked, hung to dry in a dark corner and used in the home to protect precious handwoven clothing and blankets from moths.

LATER, when the early rigors of settling the land were over, colonial ladies used "everlastings" in bouquets of dried flowers and leaves to add color and decoration to their homes in winter.

Today we use "everlastings" in much the same way for their beauty and form, and for their pleasing reminder, when nature lies dormant, that each season has its turn and the

barren fields soon will be renewed with the bright flowers of spring.

So as we place the flowers and fruits upon our Thanksgiving table, we need not wonder whether a colonial Elizabeth or Matilda, far from her

birthland and family, once gave a sigh of thanks for the pleasing color and fragrance of her "gillyflowers" and "everlastings" as well as for their practical value.

We can be sure she did.



FALL HARVEST of dried materials makes an attractive fall arrangement. Gather your own and add exotic supplements from your florist.

Christmas decorating is topic

A two-part program on decorating for Christmas winds up the fall series of "How does your Garden Grow?" lectures.

Edmund J. Boell, floriculture supervisor for the Detroit Department of Recreation, will present "Christmas Decorations—Part One" from noon to 1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18, in the second floor auditorium of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, One Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

Boell will show how to make Christmas decorations for use indoors and outdoors. Part II will be presented on Monday, Nov. 25.

These free lectures are open to all and are sponsored jointly by the Michigan Horticultural Society, the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service and the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

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