



SNAPDRAGONS ARE EASILY GROWN.

Many beautiful flowers are hand-capped by a delicate constitution which prevents their wide use, but snapdragons, or antirrhinums, are not one of them. On the contrary they are one of the healthiest and most vigorous annual flowers, and will respond to good treatment with a blaze

of color that is equaled by few other flowers.

Being an old flower which we know well in grandmother's garden, we are inclined to think of it as old-fashioned, but this is not its true status. The flower is old to be sure, but the modern strains are so entirely new and different, and take so many shapes, sizes and colors that it is almost a new flower. Today we can buy the dwarf strains which grow only 8 inches tall, or the large flowering types which reach over 36 inches.

Snapdragons are slow to germinate, and one must be careful in sowing them to mark out their location, so they will not be disturbed. At first they give little indication of the size they will eventually attain, but in the last stages of growth they will perk up with amazing speed.

They like rich soil and liberal moisture, as well as the full sun. Many of the tall types might well be staked when they rise over 18 inches.

Beautiful effects are produced by growing the giant sorts, pinching out the tops when they are about 6 or 8 inches tall, staking them firmly, whereupon they branch freely and make a bush 2 feet through, and about the same height covered with spikes of bloom. The spikes are not of the length or size that would be produced if the plant were allowed to grow naturally and devote its

strength to the one long spike of giant flower such as the florists grow.

The snaps have a wide range of light colors, and the pinks favorites and the yellows and flame colored ones next in demand. To get them in bloom earlier, they might well be started indoors or in the cold frame although this is not at all necessary.

Festival of Tulips Will Open May 16

Eight miles of tulip-bordered streets will feature Tulip Time in Holland, Michigan, May 16 to 24. The annual festival this year is expected to attract thousands to this resort city on Lake Macatawa.

Holland's woodworking factories are working overtime to turn out thousands of pairs of wooden shoes for souvenirs for the visitors.

Descendants of the original Dutch settlers of the city will be in costume for the entire week of the celebration, which welcomes spring to Michigan.

At St. Joseph, Mich., beauties from all over Southwestern Michigan will gather Wednesday for the selection of the Blossom Queen, who will rule over the Blossom Festival there May 3 to 10. A full week of music, parades and festivities is scheduled for the blossom-laden fruit belt.

RECORDS REVEAL NAME OF TOWN LONG MISPELLED

The name of Centerville, Iowa, has been spelled with a "C" for years when, as a matter of fact, it should have been an "S."

The error was discovered by County Clerk Howard D. Evans, when he searched through the records after receiving a letter addressed to Senterville.

A history of Appenose county shows says Evans, that early day residents there decided to name the community Senterville in honor of Governor Senter of Tennessee.

Later, the state legislature, not knowing about the connection with Governor Senter, thought it was just a case of bad spelling on the part of the old timers and made it Centerville, which, in all probability, it will remain.

HIS ANCESTRY WAS LOST IN ANTIQUITY

Miss Bloobud: "My ancestry dates back to before the days of Charlemagne. How old is your family?"

Count Nococt: "I really can't say. You see, all our family records were lost in the flood."

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Moral for the Immoral

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FRANKIE AMORY had never been in love. He did not believe in love. He said there was no such thing. At least, not for him. He was right.

For Frankie, alas, was a professional gentleman, a gigolo—a genteel swindler, clever at the precarious art of blackmail. He could not afford to believe in love. It would not be wise.

But Frankie, despite all his wisdom, had erred, and the police were after him. He had made the sad mistake of pretending to make love to a police commissioner's wife, a very wealthy woman. Unfortunately, however, her husband happened to be a remarkably perceptive man and in a short time Frankie was very hurriedly leaving the city.

Frankie alighted at a summer resort high in the mountains. He took a room at the leading hotel and slept through most of the day. That night, at a costume masquerade he met Mrs. Winters, a wealthy, middle-aged divorcee. Frankie immediately went to work.

That week-end he was a guest at a house party in the great white castle on the mountainside that was the Winters' mansion. And there he met Stephanie. He had been strolling among the guests with the possessive and almost girlish Mrs. Winters and they had come upon a large group at one end of the drawing room. Mrs. Winters playfully grasped one of the men by the sleeve.

"This is my bad, bad nephew Lyle," she said to Frankie, smiling broadly.

"Lyle, this is Mr. Amory." "Lyle has brought a charming young thing for the week-end," said Mrs. Winters. "I hear he has been paying a great deal of attention to her in the city." She smiled insinuatingly.

Frankie could catch only an occasional glimpse of the shoulder of the girl beyond Lyle. She was almost entirely screened by the men about her. Lyle turned toward her. "Oh, Stephanie. . . . The girl emerged from the circle smiling. Her eyes met Frankie's. Frankie gasped. His heart seemed to stand still.

The next morning he sought out Stephanie. "I must talk to you," he implored. "Can't we walk some where?"

She nodded eagerly, her eyes very bright, very innocent, very young. "I'll get a jacket—" She touched his arm in a gesture of confidence—"I won't be a moment!"

He watched as she hurried away. She was so sweet!

They followed a little path up the mountainside and sat for hours in a cleared space overlooking the broad, far valley below.

After dinner they went for a drive. In the gradually gathering darkness they drove slowly up the mountain road. Passing a smooth stretch of gravel Frankie accelerated the car, and the wind whipped about them. Stephanie laughed, moving close to him. He laughed with her. His arm, in an unconscious motion, dropped over her shoulder. She leaned her head against the soft pad of his coat.

Farther on they stopped and watched the moonlit valley below. They sat there a long while. Once Stephanie said, "Oh, Frankie, isn't it grand! Couldn't you just stay here forever and ever?"

He looked at her. Everything within him seemed to fall away and leave him limp and lifeless. He took her hand. "Stevie," he whispered, "you're adorable!"

She looked shyly up at him. She said nothing, but he could feel her move to him. She held her eyes to his lips. "I like you, too, Frankie. . . ." She came very close to him. The moon's light was silver on her moist, parted lips, luminous from her night-shadowed eyes.

He drew her to him, tight, tight. He could feel her soft fingers over his face, tracing the line of his lips, his chin. His words were lost in the slithering cascade of her hair, but she heard them—"I love you, Stevie. I love you. . . ."

Lyle Winters slumped down in a chair with a shrug of resignation. Stephanie came across the room drawing on her gloves. She was a different Stephanie. There was an alien air of icy briskness about her. She spoke calmly to the man in the chair, but her tone was brittle. "Well, did you get the dough from your aunt?"

Winters nodded. He reached into an inside pocket and brought forth a neat parcel of currency. "Got the letters?"

"Yeah," Stephanie opened her handbag and produced a packet of envelopes. "Let's have the dough."

Envelopes and money changed hands. Winters sighed with relief. "Why the big rush, anyway?" he asked. A horn tooted outside.

The girl nodded toward the window. "The fish are biting." Winters rose and went to the window. "Amory?"

The girl nodded. "Yeah." She crossed the room and paused by the door. "Well, so long." She smiled. "And say, never write love letters to girls you don't know anything about." And she was gone.

Winters saw Stephanie bend over and kiss Frankie. He watched as the car slid down the driveway. "Well," he murmured, half aloud. "I wonder how much she'll get out of that sucker. . . ."

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