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AN ENCLOSED GARDEN

*Now there was . . . a garden fair . . . Walled all about; and so with trees close set, Was all the place . . .
That no one though he were near walking by, Might there within scarce any one espy.*

King James I of Scotland.

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*"God Almighty first planted a Garden, . . .
and indeed it is the Purest of Humane Pleasures,
it is the Greatest
Refreshment to the Spirits of Man."*



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TO
DOCTOR WALTER LINDLEY

PHYSICIAN AND FRIEND,
THIS BOOK IS INSCRIBED IN SINCERE APPRECIATION
OF A KINDLY ENCOURAGEMENT WHICH
MADE POSSIBLE ITS COMPLETION
AT A TIME WHEN UNTOWARD CIRCUMSTANCES
THREATENED ITS VERY EXISTENCE.



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THE FLOWER GARDEN AS A FACTOR IN HOME-MAKING



HE hope of America is in the homes of America. Whatever will lead to the betterment of our home life is to be sought after.

The garden of the world is California, and the ideal home may be made here. I am fearful at times, however, that home-makers, and this means especially the women, for they are the home-keepers of the land, fail to appreciate the very large influence that the garden, and especially the flower garden, has on the life of the family and of the community.

I believe that nine out of ten people that come to California come because of our fine climate, and they come expecting to live out-of-doors the greater part of each year; but the same strenuous conditions that surround life elsewhere are found here. Just as many hours must be put into the daily grind as in New York City, if the livelihood is to be made for the family. In the farming communities the men of the family seem to find scope for their activities in just as strenuous a manner as if they were seeding hundreds of acres of Dakota farm lands, or covering early spring crops from the frost in some other locality. The housewife finds that